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FROM left: Former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Idris Kutigi, former Chief Justice, Justice Alfa Belgore, Vice President Goodluck Jonathan and former President Shehu Shagari after the elder statesmen met with Vice President Goodluck Jonathan at the State House in Abuja yesterday.

# Gowon, Shagari ask Yar'adua to hand over

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar & Nasidi A. Yahaya

THE country's most eminent statesmen, led by former Head of State General Yakubu Gowon, Second Republic president Alhaji Shehu Shagari and former Head of

the Interim National Government Chief Ernest Shonekan yesterday asked President Umaru Musa Yar'adua to transmit a letter of medical vacation to the National Assembly in line with Section 145 of the Constitution to enable Vice President Goodluck Jonathan act

as president.

The former rulers acted under the auspices of a new group called Eminent Elders Group (EEG), which also includes retired Chief Justices of Nigeria and several other eminent statesmen.

Their statement, signed by

General Gowon, was presented to the National Assembly by a delegation led by former President Shehu Shagari. They said in order to resolve the present political crisis in the country, President Yar'adua must comply with Section 145 of the Constitution. Shagari said a

similar letter had been sent to Yar'adua, Jonathan and House Speaker Oladimeji Bankole.

They said, "It is important to resolve this issue by inviting the President to formally issue the necessary communication that

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## Terrorism: 2 Nigerian students arrested in Malaysia

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

TWO Nigerians who are pursuing their Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees at the Islamic University of Malaysia were arrested by the Malaysian government

yesterday on suspicion of belonging to a terrorist group. Malam Muhammad Azuka, a staff of the Nigerian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia told the BBC Hausa Service that the students were apprehended on Wednesday but that the Malaysian authori-

ties have promised to brief embassy officials today about the suspects' full identity.

Azuka said they have not seen the arrested men but they presumed that the students were nabbed when they went to have a wider consultation in their field of

study. The Nigerian suspects who are under investigation by the Malaysian security agency, were arrested alongside eight other suspects from Jordan, Syria and Yemen.

He also said the Nigerian ambassador in **Continued on page 5**

# Hold states, LGs responsible for crises — ACF

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

THE Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) has urged the Federal Government to hold officials of state and local governments responsible for enforcement of the laws and freedom of movement and settlement on all Nigerians within their domains.

The forum in a communiqué issued at the end of its Board of Trustees (BOT) and the National Executive Council (NEC) meeting signed by the Vice Chairman Senator Ladan Abdullahi Shuni yesterday said such authorities should bear responsibility for any acts of commission, omission or dereliction of duty leading to breakdown

of law and order in their areas. It appealed to the Federal Government to make good on its promise to investigate, prosecute and met out stiff punishment on all persons found wanting. "Stiff punishment should be meted out to all persons, no matter their social or political status who masterminded, carried out, aided or abetted violence without any delay," they forum added.

The ACF which is the socio-cultural organisation of the north urged federal and state governments to do everything in their powers to enforce the constitution of Nigeria, particularly laws guaranteeing Nigerian citizens freedom to move and settle in any part of

the country. The meeting resolved to set up a technical committee to study and understand the underlying causes of the animosity and hatred that divides the ethnic or religious groups in Plateau State. It reaffirmed its stand on the constitution in addressing all issues relating to political development in the country.

PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE

## Niger to publish exam scores of directors

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

FOLLOWING discordant tunes on the recent elevation of directors to permanent secretaries in the Niger State civil service, the state governor, Dr Muazu Babangida Aliyu, has called on the Head of Service to publish the examination scores in its local newspaper. "I call on the Head of Service to publish all results from the examination score sheets in the Newline newspaper for all to know that the recent appointments were done on merit. Since the inception of this government, we have always made it a rule that no lobbying for any position would be condoned as promotion in the civil service will not be on number of years in the service but on merit through written examinations", he said. The governor made this public at a one day capacity training program organised by the Niger State Development Company on Public Private Partnership in Minna yesterday.

## Shekarau signs 2010 budget into law today

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Shekarau of Kano State will today sign into law this year's budget proposal he presented before the state House of Assembly on December 23 last year. This followed the passage of the budget proposal by the House on Wednesday.

The budget's total size stands at N110 billion. Christened, "Budget of Sustainable Economic Growth and Development", the budget is made up of 44.2 percent recurrent expenditure and 55.8 percent capital expenses. The proposal is expected to be funded from a total recurrent revenue receipts of N89 billion (Federally Collected Revenue and IGR) and capital receipts of N21 billion (Grants and Miscellaneous Capital Receipts). Passing the budget on the House floor, Speaker Alhaji Abdul Aziz Garba Gafasa said Governor Shekarau would assent to the approved budget at Africa House in Government House Kano today.



VICTOR Nwajeh, an alleged impersonator of the Economic Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) being carried away from the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Gudu, Abuja, after he collapsed in court when he was after remanded in prison by the court in Abuja yesterday.

# Jos: Northern traditional rulers want perpetrators punished

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

AN emergency meeting of the Northern Traditional Rulers' Council (NTRC) on the Jos crisis ended in Kaduna yesterday with a call on relevant authorities in the country to fish out perpetrators of the crisis and mete out appropriate punishments to them.

The council in a communiqué signed by the Sultan of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar condemned the crisis, describing it as unfortunate and inimical to the socio-economic development of the region. They

resolved to promote reconciliation and confidence among the people of the region, hoping that appropriate steps would be taken by all stakeholders to forestall future occurrence of such crisis. It recommended that a deliberate programme of rehabilitation, reconstruction and reconciliation be embarked upon by the Federal and Plateau State governments. "As part of this programme, the council recommends the setting up of a body of respectable and responsible Nigerians of various ethnic extractions to determine the historical genesis of such crises and thereafter embark on a meaningful reconciliation exercise", the communiqué said.

The council also recommended that a full inventory of properties destroyed including livestock be taken and that financial assistance should be offered those who could easily repair their property. It further called on the Plateau State government to always rise up to its responsibility of protecting the lives and properties of all the people in the state. The traditional rulers called for the implementation of recommendations of reports made by various commissions of

inquiries on Jos crises, just as they called for a deliberate campaign against settler/non indigene issues in the interest of peace and unity. They appealed to state governments to strengthen their security apparatus and arrangements at the grassroots in order to detect, forestall and resolve real and potential conflicts.

"We recommend the strengthening of national security establishments to accord traditional rulers in the country the opportunity to effectively contribute to solving the various security challenges facing the country.

# BASG hands over Specialist Hospital to FG

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State government has formally handed over the Specialist Hospital in Bauchi to the Federal Government in preparation for making it a teaching hospital. It has also donated the School of

Agric campus of the state polytechnic to serve as College of Medicine of the Teaching Hospital.

In his address at the handing over ceremony attended by the Minister of Health Professor Babatunde Osotimehin yesterday, Governor Isa Yuguda said his

administration had also approved N1 billion for the upgrade of infrastructure in the new College of Medicine at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi. Minister of Health Professor Babatunde Osotimehin, commended the state government for initiating the free

medical care for women and children under five, promising that the Federal Government would continue to support the health sector to ensure that pregnant women and under five children have access to quality health care services.

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PRO-YAR'ADUA demonstrators at the PDP national headquarters, Abuja, yesterday.

## Iwu wants to rig Anambra polls for Uba-AC

By Muideen Olaniji

THE Action Congress (AC) yesterday accused the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Maurice Iwu, of planning to rig the forthcoming governorship election in Anambra State in favour of Dr Andy Uba, Labour Party's (LP) candidate.

AC's reaction followed a statement credited to Iwu, saying that the process that threw up Andy Uba as governorship candidate of the LP for Anambra is a disgrace to democracy.

The party's National Publicity Secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, who is in Awka, said the comment was a ploy to deceive the public and set the stage for INEC to rig the election for Uba.

Mohammed also said the so-called independent election monitoring board set up by Iwu is part of the strategy to hoodwink the public by giving the impression that he wants the election to be free and fair.

He challenged the INEC chairman to tell Nigerians the relationship between him and the newly-deployed electoral Commissioner to Anambra state on one hand, and the relationship between Andy Uba and the same electoral Commissioner on the other hand.

He also said the election monitoring board, which Iwu set up to monitor the processes and proceedings before, during and after the Feb. 6 governorship election, is comprised mostly of people whose antecedents cannot allow them to carry out their duties fairly.

## Aondoakaa says no attempt to undermine Constitution

MINISTER of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation, Mr Michael Aondoakaa, said on Thursday that there was no attempt to undermine the Constitution.

Speaking at the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) Forum in Abuja, Aondoakaa said the Constitution would not be undermined even with the President's absence from office as a result of illness.

"I do not see an attempt to undermine the constitution," the minister said. He said that he would always follow the constitution and not the critics.

Aondoakaa also spoke on calls for the separation of the office of Minister of Justice and Attorney General, saying that there was no need for that.

"In the law, there is office of the Attorney General who must also be a Minister," he said.

The minister said that he had no problem holding both offices. (NAN)

# Yar'adua: Over 150 signatures collected over Section 145

From Abdullahi Yahaya Bello

WITH the controversy raging on regarding President Umaru Musa Yar'adu's ill-health, a new group known as the Patriots which has started collecting signatures of members towards enforcement of section 145 of the constitution has emerged in the House of Representatives.

So far, over 150 members of the House of Representatives as at yesterday morning have signed towards a motion to press for a compliance with section 145 of the 1999 constitution, the coordinator of the group, Abba Anas Adamu (PDP, Jigawa), has said.

Section 145 of the constitution states that "whenever the President transmits to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a written letter that he is proceeding on vacation or that he is otherwise unable to discharge his functions in the office, until he transmits to them declaration, such functions shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President."

He said the group which has a coordinator in each of the 36 states, was also working on a letter Mr. President to comply with the said section, adding that members of the Patriots are dissatisfied with the way the House leadership was handling the issue of President Umaru Musa

Yar'adua's ill-health.

Abba Anas told *Daily Trust* in Abuja that the new move was meant to save Nigeria's image and democracy as well as to avoid chaos in the country.

The member said the Patriots would not relent in their effort at obeying the constitution, specifically the relevant section as far as the current issue of Mr. President's ill-health was concerned, adding that it would amount to a disservice to the nation and democracy to disobey the constitution on a very important matter of this nature.

According to the coordinator of the group, they decided to act to save the situation given what he

described as the non challenge of the House leadership over the issue, saying "from available information, Bankole (Dimeji, Speaker of the House), told a meeting four days ago in the Villa that he would never allow the matter to be discussed on the floor of the House.

"We are collecting signatures from honourable members of the House to that effect, and we are going to write Mr. President asking him to comply with section 145 of the constitution requiring him to transmit to the National Assembly (NASS) when going on vacation or medical treatment for the Vice President to act as Acting President," the coordinator of Patriots said.

## Anambra guber poll: Soludo wants Option A4

By Muideen Olaniji

PEOPLES Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate in Anambra State, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, yesterday expressed his wish for the adoption of Option A4 in the conduct of February 6 election.

Soludo, who was reacting to questions from reporters at the PDP National Secretariat on his level of preparedness for the com-

ing poll, said the method would enable people to determine the clear winner without much delay.

He said: "I think we are getting set. It is not over until it is over. Preparations are in top gear and I think the campaign has gained a lot of momentum. All the opinion polls that have been released so far indicate that we are far ahead of the crowd and one is fairly optimistic that if the election is free and fair, we will have a resound-

ing victory at the poll.

"We are praying for free, fair and credible election. For me personally, I would have preferred option A4 for the purpose of this election so that it becomes loud and clear who has won and who has lost. I'm ready and set and I believe that come next week, Anambra people will vote for me.

Meanwhile, Senate President David Mark, Federal House of

Representatives Speaker Dimeji Bankole, 28 PDP governors and other party officials and members across all levels are expected to gather in Onitsha, Anambra State tomorrow for a grand rally in honour of its gubernatorial candidate, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo.

A statement by PDP National Publicity Secretary, Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali, called on all members of the party to grace the rally for a new Anambra State.

## Appointment of LGs caretaker committees unconstitutional-Reps

By Nasidi A. Yahaya

HOUSE of Representatives yesterday stated that the appointment of Caretaker committees at Local Government Councils instead of democratically elected executives by the state governments in the country was unconstitutional.

Mr. Barnabas Bala (AC, Kaduna) sponsored the motion which drew the attention of members to the fact that continued use of caretaker committees in the administration of local governments was in breach of section seven of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

"The system of local government by democratically elected local government councils is under this constitution guaranteed: and accordingly, the government of every state shall, subject to section 8 of this constitution, ensure their existence under the law which provides for the establishment, structure, composi-

tion, finance and functions of such councils." Section 7(1) said

The lawmakers called on the 36 state governors, and their Houses of Assembly to follow the provision of the 1999 Constitution of the country with regard to elections into the local councils and the constituting caretaker committees.

# Assembly wants Plateau indigenes to leave Bauchi

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State House of Assembly has recommended that indigenes of Plateau State currently residing in the state be made to return to their state. It also resolved that a state of emergency be imposed in Plateau State, the member of the House representing Tafawa constituency, Aminu Tukur, has said.

Speaking to our correspondent in Bauchi yesterday, the lawmaker said the House had a strong session on Wednesday where it deliberated on the Jos crisis and how it affected the state and country at large and recommended that indigenes of Plateau State be made to return to their state.

"They are not willing to live in peace with other Nigerians. They don't even recognize the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which, according to Sections 41 and 43 said Nigerians had the right to live in any part of the country and can own property anywhere they choose to live. We also resolved that a state of emergency be imposed on the state because they don't believe in democracy. They are not willing to accommodate others", he said.

The lawmaker said there were close to 50,000 Plateau indigenes in Bauchi with about 1,000 of them in the state's civil service. "These are of Berom and Angas extractions. In Bauchi Local Government alone there are close to 20,000 Angas", he said.

"The entire North-east sub-region is being cut off from the FCT as a result of the hostile actions of the people of Plateau. We hear how they attack innocent passers-by going to other states, especially the FCT through Jos. The crisis has led to the displacement of thousands into Bauchi State and this is telling on our economy", he added.

He said there were close to 10,000 displaced people taking shelter in the state with Boto in Tafawa Balewa LG housing over 3,000.

"Historically, Plateau was part of Bauchi emirate with the Chiroman Bauchi as the District Head of Jos. Wase was founded by an indigene of Bauchi, Madaki Hassan, about 200 years ago. We wonder why the people of this state now feel they own the place", he said.



ZAMBIAN Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Alexis Cadmars (middle) inspecting a guard of honour during presentation of his letters of credence to Vice President Goodluck Jonathan in Abuja yesterday.

## PLSG flays calls for state of emergency

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

THE Plateau State government says it is not fair for people to call on the Federal Government to impose a state of emergency on the state.

The state Commissioner for Information Mr Gregory Yenlong told newsmen in Jos yesterday, "People calling on the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the state are not being fair to the government considering our shortcomings since we have no control over the security apparatus like the police and

the army".

Mr Yenlong said the Jos crises was not beyond control but that the state government was handicapped since it could not control the security forces, and despite the shortcomings it was doing its best to maintain law order even during the last crisis. "We arrested people with arms inside a bus in Jos but later they were taken to Abuja and released", he said. He said the state government made several efforts and spoke with the National Security Adviser, the Attorney General of the Federation and the police

authorities but all efforts to bring those arrested to book did not yield result.

MR Yenlong however commended the Federal Government for the quick intervention to control the recent crisis, adding that government had taken many measures to ensure adequate protection of lives and properties, including meeting with all the relevant stakeholders and community and religious leaders and intensified joint patrol by police, Air Force and Army personnel in order to achieve permanent peace in the state.

## Fire guts General Hospital

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THE General Hospital in Bodinga Local Government Area of Sokoto State has been gutted by fire. The fire incident which was said to have occurred at about 8pm Wednesday, 27 January, 2010, completely destroyed the hospital theatre, labour room,

pharmacy and medical records office and store. No life was lost but drugs, medical equipment and facilities were destroyed.

Our correspondent learnt that it took men of the fire service several hours to put out the fire. The cause could not be ascertained but some staff of the hospital said it could be

as a result of use of mosquito coils or bush lamps by patients.

They said the fire was first noticed from one of the isolated rooms at the hospital. Commenting shortly after inspecting the hospital, the state Commissioner for Health, Dr. Muhammad Jabbi Kilgori described the incident as unfortunate.

## Kebbi gets new justice commissioner

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

THE Kebbi State government has appointed Barrister Abubakar Boyi Dikko as the new Commissioner for Justice. He is to replace the former Attorney General of the state Kasimu Baura who died in a motor accident along Bida road in Niger State last year.

Swearing in the new commissioner, Governor

Saidu Usman Dakingari said Dikko was appointed based on his experience and integrity as a learned Barrister at Law. He said the people of Kebbi State would benefit immensely from his rich experience. Dikko promised to help improve the judicial system in the state, saying the judiciary would be made to impact positively on every programme of the administration.

## New AIG assumes duty in Benin

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE new Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) for Zone 5, Mohammed Abubakar, yesterday arrived Benin City, the headquarters of the zone which comprises Edo, Delta and Bayelsa States.

Abubakar took over from Julian Okpaleke who has since retired as Assistant Inspector General of

police.

Before his deployment to the zone, AIG Abubakar served as Commissioner for Police for Lagos State.

He later became the AIG of Zone 2, Lagos before his recent deployment to head zone 5.

Abubakar told journalists on arrival that he would unfold his plans and strategies for crime prevention in the zone when he formally takes over.

## Sheriff plotting to make father emir – Group

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

THE recent proposal by Governor Ali Modu Sheriff for the state House of Assembly to give him powers to create new emirates in the state is a plot for the governor to make his father rise from a title holder of Galadima to become an emir of a new emirate to be carved out of the present Dikwa Emirate, a pressure group, the Borno State Unity Forum has alleged.

The group made the allegation in a statement yesterday signed by its

chairman, Alhaji Babagana Mohammed. The group declared its dissatisfaction with the proposed amendment.

"We totally reject it and we condemn it in its entirety. We call on the state legislature to identify with the poverty stricken, down trodden people of the state by shooting this bill down", the group said. Governor Sheriff's Special Adviser on Information and Media Shehu Mustapha Liberty told our correspondent yesterday that he was yet to examine the content of the proposed amendment.

# Lamido sacks Accountant General

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

JIGAWA State Governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido yesterday approved with immediate effect the removal of the state Accountant General, Alhaji Haruna Ahmad Amin.

The former Accountant General, according to a statement signed by the public relations officer to Head of Service, Malam Sufyanu Baba was also given another post as financial controller at the Jigawa State Agricultural and Rural Development Authority (JARDA).

The statement further revealed that, the state government had also approved the appointment of Alhaji Sani Ahmad Jahun as an acting Accountant General of

the state.

Until his appointment, Alhaji Sani was the Deputy Director Account in-charge of Local Government Pension. Although no reason was given by the government for the sudden removal of the former Accountant General, *Daily Trust* reliably gathered that, his removal might not be unconnected with his political activities.

A reliable source hinted told correspondent on condition of anonymity that, "Wallahi the removal of the former AG has nothing to do with fraud. It was purely political because government had noticed that, his political activities have been interfering with his official duty as AG, hence, they decided to relieve him".

Another source also hinted *Daily Trust* that, the removal of the former AG might not be unconnected with his ambition to contest for governorship come 2011 general election.

According to the source, the former AG had earlier formed a Youth Forum with which he has been strategizing his political activities ahead of the 2011 elections.

*Daily Trust* also recalled that, the PDP state chairman, Alhaji Isa Ahmad Duniya Ba-Hutu had during the launching of the ongoing local government election campaign in Dutse sounded a warning to politicians to desist from the habit of forming political Youth Forums in the state.

## 2 Nigerian students arrested in Malaysia

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Malaysia was working around the clock to discuss the matter with the Inspector General of Police as well as with the Malaysian Interior and Foreign Ministers.

The Australian newspaper *Sydney Morning Herald* reported yesterday that the terrorism suspects detained in Malaysia are believed to be linked to the Nigerian student responsible for the botched Christmas Day plane bombing near Detroit.

It quoted Malaysian officials as saying they arrested the 10, including nine foreigners, for "acts of terrorism" and that they were members of an international terror outfit tracked down in cooperation with foreign intelligence groups.

The government-linked *New Straits Times* said the 10, includ-

ing several Nigerians, were linked to Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who allegedly tried to detonate explosives on the Northwest Airlines plane approaching Detroit.

"It was learnt that foreign anti-terrorism agencies informed Malaysian authorities that the 10 were linked to Abdulmutallab and that they were in Malaysia," said the paper. The newspaper did not cite any sources for its front-page report. Malaysian police Chief Musa Hassan refused to confirm or dismiss the report. He said, "I cannot reveal anything, it's still under investigation. I am not denying anything."

Malaysian Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said ON Wednesday that the 10 were being held under the Internal Security Act (ISA), which allows for indefinite detention without trial.



NAVY Director of Information, Commodore David Nabaida (center) and his deputy, Captain Kabir Aliyu (left) and Lt Commodore Jerry Omorara during the press conference on the recent helicopter crash in Abuja, yesterday.

## FEC has breached the Constitution, says Nnamani

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE refusal of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) to declare that President Umaru Musa Yar'adua is incapable of exercising executive power and replace him with the Vice President Goodluck Jonathan is a breach of the Constitution, former Senate President and the Chairman, Steering Committee of Good Governance Group (3G), Senator Ken Nnamani has said.

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Abuja, Senator Nnamani said Section 145 of the Constitution which directed President to transmit letter to the National Assembly was no longer applicable. Flanked by former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Aminu Bello Masari, ex-Minister Adamu Maina Waziri and Hajia Najaatu Mohammed, Senator Nnamani said the current avoidable constitutional and political crisis could only be addressed by the application of Section 144 of the Constitution.

He said the failure of FEC to initiate action based on the provisions of Section 144 was a failure of leadership, adding that it was a big shame that a country pretending to aspire to become the 20th leading economy in the world cannot manage the transition of power.

He however said that the ongoing development did not call for any impeachment since there was no evidence that President Yar'adua was aware of the violation of the Constitution.

He called on FEC to go back and do the proper thing required by the Constitution, saying their decision lacked merit because it was not based on medical evidence or history of the President.

## Gowon, Shagari ask Yar'adua to hand over

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will enable the Vice President to be Acting President in accordance with Section 145 of the 1999 Constitution as soon as possible."

The former leaders said the long absence of President Yar'adua from the country on account of his illness has become a matter of concern, saying "for well over eight weeks now, our President has been ill and out of the country. This illness and long absence from the country is causing serious concern not only to Nigerian citizens but all those who do business with Nigeria and have the well-being of the country at heart."

EEG said it resolved to send the position letter to the Vice President, Senate President David Mark and Speaker Dimeji Bankole "following a critical review of the general political situation of the country in the recent past, but more especially since the illness of the President and his prolonged absence."

While presenting the letter on behalf of the group, Shagari said, "Ours is to give advice to the present leadership on the way forward. We are concerned about the development and decided to offer our own contributions to a resolution." The former President urged present leaders in the country to heed the group's advice to prevent

the political crisis brought about by Mr. President's illness from escalating.

Other members of the group include Second Republic Vice President Dr. Alex Ekwueme, former Chief Justices Mohammed Lawal Uwais, Alfa Belgore and Idris Kutigi, as well as former ministers General Theophilus Danjuma, Chief Solomon Lar, Chief Edwin Clark and Mallam Adamu Ciroma. Also in the group were Malam Ahmed Joda, Professor Jerry Gana and the group's facilitator, Senator Jonathan Zwingina. In his response after receiving the group's paper, Senate President David Mark said the decision of the Senate on the mat-

ter, which is in tandem with that of the EEG, was anchored upon national interest, security, peace, unity and stability of the nation. He said, "I am sure your words of wisdom will benefit all Nigerians. Our decision was based on the need for stability of the nation. I want to assure you that whatever we do in the Senate is always guided by national interest, unity, peace and progress of Nigeria."

In his own remarks after receiving the position paper, Speaker Oladimeji Bankole thanked the group for the visit and promised that the House of Representatives will take a critical look at it and take a stand on the matter.

## Anambra: Party agents' registration closes today, says INEC

By Abbas Jimoh

AS the registration of party agents for the February 6 Anambra governorship election closes

today, only the United Nigeria Peoples Party (UNPP) has registered its agents, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Deputy Secretary, Pub-

licity and Election Monitoring, Mr Steve Osemeke, told journalists at a press briefing yesterday in Abuja. This means that the Peoples Democratic Party

(PDP), Progressive Peoples Alliance (PPA), Action Congress (AC), All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) and other 20 political parties have not registered their

agents even as Osemeke threatens that, "The commission will not entertain last minute registration once the notice expires tomorrow (today)."

# Yar'adua: PDP backs FEC, opposes Senate's stand

By Muideen Olanlyi

THE ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday hailed the Federal Executive Council (FEC) for declaring that the health of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua has improved tremendously and that he is fit to rule in compliance with the order of the Federal High Court.

Briefing newsmen, PDP National Publicity Secretary, Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali, commended Vice President Goodluck Jonathan and FEC members for remaining united and focused in spite of what he called attempts by some elements outside government to derail the ship of state by

sowing seeds of discord amongst them.

Alkali said the resolutions of the Senate and FEC re-inforced the party's 'stand and belief that the machinery of state is still functioning optimally notwithstanding the temporary absence of President Yar'adua.'

He appealed to those allegedly capitalizing on the absence of President Yar'adua to threaten the stability of Nigeria to have a rethink, saying that no one stands to gain in an atmosphere of uncertainty and contrived political confusion.

He said: "We are particularly happy that His Excellency, the Vice President has risen to

the occasion and has effectively steered the ship of State. It is evident that with the Vice President effectively in charge, there is no vacuum whatsoever in the presidency. We wish to once again call on all Nigerians to continue praying for the quick recovery and return of the President.

"It is therefore high-time we called on politicians, particularly those who have held and are holding sensitive positions of responsibility to refrain from engaging in divisive tendencies capable of inflaming negative passions

"What Nigeria expects from all of us is statesmanship that is anchored on wise counsel, patriotism and collective efforts to

sustain our democracy," Alkali added.

PDP spokesman who was very cautious to attack the Senate on its decision, said: "What the FEC has done is in compliance with the court order and in compliance with the provisions of the constitution. So the Senate is giving advice. The constitution does not ask the Senate to take action in this circumstance it is the FEC that can take decision.

When asked if the party was afraid of Jonathan becoming President, Alkali replied: "I don't think the PDP as a party is afraid of giving support to the Vice President. I believe it is far from it. On the contrary this party has been giving

the Vice President all the support he needs; all the support and encouragement and we are in constant discussion with him on every matter concerning the party and concerning the country. And that is why we specifically commended him for taking very important steps.

"Most people don't seem to understand that already he has been doing a very good job in the sense that since the president left this country not a single Wednesday has passed without him chairing the FEC meeting and during these meetings a lot of approvals are being made which is part of governance.

## Jos: Onovo slams former CP

By Misbahu Bashir

INSPECTOR General of Police Ogbanna Onovo said the statement made by the former Plateau State Commissioner of Police Gregory Anyating at the initial stage of the recent clashes in Jos was uncalled for and shocking.

Mr. Anyating had promptly blamed the crisis on "some Muslim youth who attacked Christians in Church without provocation" even before the police began investigations into the matter.

The IGP made the remarks in Abuja Wednesday during a meeting with senior police officers. He said Anyating's statement was unprincipled and not expected of him because investigation was not done. "I was at a loss for words, the utterance was not called for because investigation had not yet started," Onovo said.

Onovo who approved the redeployment of Anyating to the Police Force Headquarters as CP Special Duties said the reasons for the redeployment are many. "A police officer can be transferred if his performance in his station is found to be below standard and if his removal or transfer from where he is will douse tension. An officer can be transferred from his station if his stay there is perceived to be dangerous both to himself and other policemen. But officers can be redeployed without committing any offence," the IGP said. Onovo said the Mr. Anyating sustained fracture when he fell into a ditch in Jos during a night patrol and has been receiving medical attention.

He said 138 suspects were transferred from Jos to the Police Force Headquarters Abuja and are being investigated there. He said the police would seek the advice of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation on whether or not to prosecute the suspects in Abuja or Jos. Those found to be responsible for causing the mayhem in Jos either through their actions or utterances would be arrested and prosecuted no matter how highly placed in the society, he said.



TUBERS of yam presented to Plateau State Relief Committee on the Jos crisis by Shendam Local Government Council Chairman, Mr Nicholas Nshe in Jos yesterday.

## Ohu's assassination: Police seek AGF's counsel

By Misbahu Bashir

THE police in Abuja said they would ask for guidance from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) on the prosecution of the arrested killers of Mr. Bayo Ohu, the former Assistant News Editor and a political reporter of the Guardian Newspapers.

Inspector General of Police Ogbonna Onovo said at a meeting with senior police officers that

three people have been arrested in connection with the killing of Ohu and the police would consult the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) in the office of the AGF on how to prosecute the suspects. The suspects have made undeniable statements to the police and the police have recovered the deceased personal computer and his mobile phone from them.

"We are looking for one other suspect who will give additional facts. The police will contact, the

DPP on the prosecution of the suspects," Onovo said.

Ohu was shot dead in his apartment in Egbeda, a Lagos suburb.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police Marvel Akpoyibo said the 3 suspects were confirmed to be the real killers of Ohu. "We have arrested 3 suspects including the one that fired the shot that killed Ohu. We are looking for one suspect who is believed to be the leader of the killers. He has fled to other state but we are making progress in

the case. We are also making effort to ascertain the content in his laptop computer which we recovered from the resident of one of the suspected killer," the CP said.

However, Mr. Onovo said the police are looking for the killers of Mr. Dipo Dina, the gubernatorial candidate for the Action Congress Ogun State. Dina was shot dead two days ago.

He said investigation into the killing has commenced and no comment should be passed until after.

## 'National Assembly will fast track passage of National Peace Policy'

By Abbas Jimoh

THE National Assembly will fast track the passage of the draft of the National Peace Policy (NPP), provided the requirements for such passage are met, Chairman House of Representatives Committee on Integration and Cooperation in Africa, Mr. K. T. Odeunmi said

yesterday in Abuja.

Odeunmi who gave the pledge at the inter-ministerial forum on the NPP draft published by the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), also said that the spate of crisis in Jos, Plateau State can be nipped in the bud if subsisting

laws and relevant provisions dealing with such situations are enforced.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed who was the chairman of the occasion, said that the NPP draft is coming at the right time and pledged that everything in the draft would be implemented if it finally becomes a subsisting national policy. He was

represented by the Permanent Secretary, political affairs at the SGF office, Ambassador Chike Anibo, Director General of the IPCR, Dr. Joseph Golwa, who said the institute adopted a bottom-up broad based approach, said that the cardinal objective of the NPP is to provide a national framework for conflict prevention, resolution and peace building based on principles.

# 30 died in Kuru Jenta- Police

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

POLICE in Plateau State say 30 persons were killed in Kuru Jenta near Jos during the four day skirmish in Jos and environs.

The Acting Police Commis-

sioner Mr Ikechukwu Aduba gave the figure while answering questions from newsmen in his office yesterday.

He said, "We first received an information to check that something happened in Kuru on

Wednesday 20th January and we sent a team of mobile policemen led by the unit commander and he told us that the corpses he saw where about thirty- something, and that the figures given by the foreign media were not correct".

It was reported last week by the media that over 150 people were slaughtered and dumped in a well in Kuru Karama, a report that drew the attention of both national and international media including human rights organiza-

tions.

Mr Aduba confirmed that people were actually dumped in wells but the figure was inaccurate.

He said the incident at Kuru started as a fight and had no religious connotation.

PIC: NAN

## Nasarawa varsity gets African universities membership

From Hir Joseph

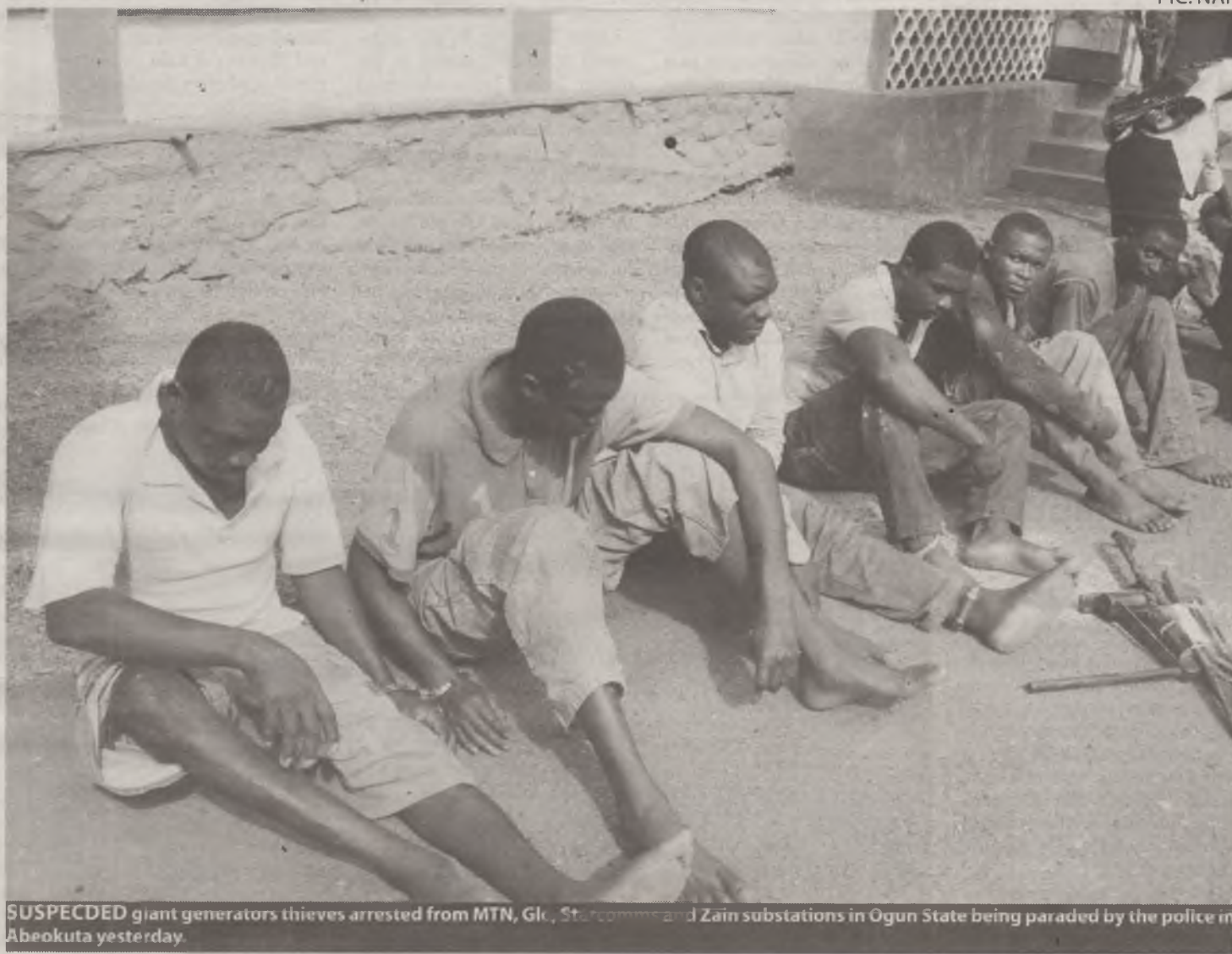
THE Nasarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK) is now a full member of the Association of African Universities (AAU), the university's spokesman, Jamil Zakari said yesterday. Mallam Zakari in a statement said the new Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Shamsudeen Amali, is the immediate past vice president of the association and NSUK's membership was approved by the governing board and signed by the Secretary General of the association, Professor Goolam Mohammedbhai. The statement added that the approval followed the outcome of the association's 67th meeting held in Accra, Ghana on November 11 and 12, 2009. The statement added that the full membership strategically positioned Nasarawa State University to further its goals, vision and aspirations in its search for excellence and development of higher education in Nasarawa State and Nigeria. The AAU was established in 1967 by all African heads of state and governments under the leadership of former president of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. It is the premier umbrella organization of universities in Africa with headquarters in Accra, Ghana.

## Police hold LG boss over murders

From Adebola Akinola, Osogbo

POLICE in Osogbo, Osun State, have arrested the Chairman of Ilesa West Local Government of the state, Mr. Ibukun Fadipe, over his involvement in the recent death of two prominent persons in the state. The Police Public Relations Officer confirmed the arrest, saying it was effected on the orders of the Force Headquarters in Abuja.

The two prominent persons include the former chairman of DHL, Mr. Raheem Ade Komolafe and a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Mr. Agboola Obadare. Mr. Fadipe on November 15, 2009 allegedly led some hoodlums to attack the former DHL boss at a filling station in Imo State where he sustained serious head and neck injuries. He was later flown to the United Kingdom for treatment where he died on January 13, 2010. He was buried in his home in Omi Asoro, Ilesa, Osun State last Tuesday. Mr. Obadare who was also attacked in the same manner as Mr. Komolafe also died recently and was buried last Saturday.



SUSPECTED giant generators thieves arrested from MTN, Glc, Starcom and Zain substations in Ogun State being paraded by the police in Abeokuta yesterday.

## Zamfara govt gives cars, laptops to civil servants

From Sadeeq Aliyu, Gusau

THE Zamfara State government yesterday distributed 200 brand new cars and 1,000 laptop computers to civil servants in the state on loan basis. Speaking at the distribution ceremony, Governor Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi said it was in consideration of workers' safety and comfort that they discarded the old practice of providing used vehicles which beneficiaries often

wasted time and money repairing.

He said it was the desire of his administration to provide all necessary impetus to make civil servants meet the challenges of modern times and encourage workers to be computer literate. The governor noted that the launch of laptop computers was intended to support workers own their personal computers that would prepare them to adequately face the challenges of modern civil service

and other aspects of their lives. He explained that the disbursement of the items was a mark of unwavering commitment to the implementation of policies and programmes that would not only bring relief to civil servants but go a long way to uplift their social status. He charged the beneficiaries to make best use of the vehicles and shun the temptation of selling them. Although the prices of the cars were not disclosed, the gover-

nor assured of 25 percent discount for beneficiaries. Commenting on the recent Jos crisis, Governor Shinkafi called on the people of Zamfara State to be vigilant and disregard rumour mongering with regard to the crisis, adding, "As we deeply sympathize with victims of the unfortunate incident, I want to assure everyone that we have taken adequate measures to ensure the security of lives and property of our people".

## Community rejects traditional ruler

From Johnkennedy Uzoma, Owerri

THE Umuokanne Community in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Council of Imo State has condemned the procedures adopted in presenting the staff of office to Dr. Cyriacus Nwokoma as their traditional ruler.

Members of the community at a meeting yesterday rejected the new traditional ruler and urged him not to parade himself as their ruler until due process is applied

in the selection of a new ruler.

The traditional Prime Minister of the community, Chief Charlse Ori, said the Ezeship stool in the community was not hereditary and would not be after the death of the former traditional ruler, Eze. E.E. Nwokoma. He said as it stands now, Umuokanne has no traditional ruler, adding that the staff of office presented to Dr. Cyriacus Nwokoma by the state government should be kept aside till Easter when the communities

would take a decision on it. He condemned the past executive of Umuokanne Development Union (UDU) led by Chief Aloy Nwosu for not allowing the harmonization committee to complete its job.

The community then set up a new committee to be headed by a former commissioner in the state, Barr. Golden Nwosu, to review the code of conduct for the Ezeship stool. The traditional prime minister paid special tribute to the youths for not going on

rampage as a result of the issue as is done in other areas. He advised Dr. Nwokoma to return home and address the community during the Easter period, stressing that anyone who would become a traditional ruler of the community must pass through the procedure and command the respect of the entire community. A son of the late former traditional ruler, Chief Chiedozi Nwokoma, said a mistake had already been made but called for an amendment of the code of conduct for the stool.

# Kalu: Court adjourns trial till May 26

By Sunday Ejike Benjamin

A Federal High court Abuja yesterday adjourned to May 26, 2010 the trial of former governor of Abia state, Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu and two others who are standing trial for allegedly diverting about N5 billion belonging to the state government.

At the resumed hearing yesterday, Chief Solo Akuma (SAN), counsel representing the 2nd and 3rd accused persons told the court that that an application filed on November 3, 2009 for stay of proceedings filed at the instance of Kalu, the 1st accused person is still pending at the Court of Appeal.

"They said appeals have not been taken and have been fixed for hearing on April 14, 2010. In the circumstance, we will humbly request for an adjournment sine die or for an adjournment to a date that would enable the motion pending in the Court of Appeal to be taken and ruled upon," Akuma said.

Counsel to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Adebisi Adeniyi, while opposing the accused persons' application to adjourn the trial sine die told the court that the accused persons are yet to normalize their appeals in the appeal court, saying that EFCC have

filed a motion at the appellate court asking it to dismiss the said appeals for lack of diligent prosecution.

After listening to the arguments of all the counsel in the matter, Justice Bello adjourned the matter to May 26, 2010 for mention to enable the court to know the outcome of the appeal before the court of appeal.

Earlier, Kalu who challenged the powers of EFCC to put him on trial on revenue of Abia State and jurisdiction of the Federal High Court in Abuja to entertain the criminal matter against him failed to convince the court through his motion which sought to termi-

nate the case against him.

Ruling on the motion, Justice Adamu Bello held that EFCC was competent in law under Money Laundering Prohibition Act 2003 and 2004 to put Kalu on trial notwithstanding whether the alleged stolen money belonged to Abia State or not.

Consequently, he noted that it was a misconception on the part of Kalu to have assumed that only Abia State government or Abia State House of Assembly has power to complain and put him on trial on any wrong doing with revenue of Abia State simply because the alleged money belong to Abia.

## Common law has failed to meet public needs, says Justice Musdapher

By Abbas Jimoh

THE common law criminal and civil systems have failed in crime prevention, control, punishment and compensation and other needs of the public, Supreme Court judge Justice Dahiru Musdapher said in Abuja yesterday.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and fund raising dinner of the Muslim Lawyers Association of Nigeria (MULAN), Justice Musdapher, advocated the implementation of the Islamic legal system which, he said, is readily applicable to all ages and provides answers to all questions.

"It is clear to all that criminal and civil law system has failed to meet the needs of the public. It has failed in the areas of crime prevention, control, elimination, punishment and compensation and the phenomenal delays in adjudication of disputes. I am appalled by the declaration from some quarters that Islamic laws in incompatible with the understanding and demand of the modern age. This contention is clearly untenable as it is not a product of research and logical argument. Careful unbiased research would no doubt confirm that Sharia is specifically different from all human laws and readily applicable to the conditions of every age and provides answers to all our problems.

"The increase utilization of various Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms as a means of settling business disputes is clear proof. Besides, these ADR mechanisms have a lot of similarity with Islamic law in terms of simplicity in procedure and application," Justice Musdapher who is the BOT chairman said.

Chairman of the occasion and former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Retired Justice Salihu Modibbo Alfa Belgore, said the inauguration of the MULAN BOT is timely as the society is in need of discipline and development; he therefore call on Nigerians to be proactive and look inward for solution to the societal problems like Malaysia.

Members of the nine-man BOT inaugurated by Speaker of House of Representatives, Hon. Dimeji Bankole, represented by Chairman House Committee on Judiciary, Hon. Bala Ibn NaAllah are Justice M. Bolaji-Yusuf, Hon. Mohammed Sani Takori, Mallam Yusuf Olaolu Ali, Khadi Idris Kamaldeen, Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, Justice AbdulWaasi Oladejo Akanbi, Dr. Wale Babalakin and Justice Aminu Wambai.

## Nigeria set for cohort study on cancer

By Romoke W. Ahmad

THE Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria (IHVN) is set to commence a cohort study on cancer and other chronic diseases in collaboration with a team of experts from Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), the institute's Senior Technical Advisor Clinical Laboratory Services, Dr. Alash'le Abimiku has said.

Dr. Abimiku made the remark yesterday in Abuja while receiving the Harvard team at the institute. She said the institute is ready to commence the study which will eventually include 500,000 people across Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania and South Africa respectively.

The Harvard team's visit which was a follow up to the November 2008 and January 2009 visits to the country, was meant to ascertain Nigeria's readiness for the study tagged "African Cohort Study".

Dr. Abimiku explained that IHVN's laboratory is already into research on HIV and other opportunistic infections that lead to it.

A cohort study, she said, can be used to study multiple complex diseases and risk factors simultaneously over an individual's life time.



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SULTAN of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Sa'ad (left) with the Head of Airport Protocol Alhaji Mohammed Manta, at the Presidential Wing of the Murtala Muhammed Airport on the arrival of the Sultan for an official assignment in Lagos yesterday.

## FG to reposition education sector for global competitiveness

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

MINISTER of Education Dr Sam Egwu said the Federal Government has put in place machinery to reposition the educational system in the country in order to produce skilled and competent manpower that can compete favourably globally.

The minister, who disclosed this while declaring open the 2nd National Conference on Education for Nation Building and Glo-

bal Competitiveness, organised by the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) in Abuja, said a number of developmental initiatives were being carried out to put the education sector in the right path.

He said the initiatives were necessary because the global community to which Nigeria belongs has in recent times witnessed significant technological advancements and that Nigeria cannot afford to lag behind in the emerging global

competitiveness.

"These initiatives include the take-off of the Vocational and Innovative Enterprise Institutions; recruitment and deployment of pre-service NCE teachers for Basic Education; the review and upgrading of the Senior Secondary Education Curriculum. Others are the launch of e-Learning and Open Education Initiatives and production of new school texts for Basic Education as well as mass dissemination of pri-

mary school text books," he said.

The minister commended NERC for the conference, which he said came at a time of collective quest for bringing about a positive turn-around in the education sector, adding that the outcome of the conference would certainly contribute in no small way to the effective implementation of the on-going education reform process.

In his welcome address, Executive Secretary of NERDC Profes-

sor Godswill Obioma called on government at all levels to invest more resources to rebuild a free comprehensive and quality public education system.

He said that education, considered globally as an instrument for social and economic reconstruction is intricately linked to nation-building, saying that countries in which more citizens have gain functional education have a comparative advantage in global competitiveness.

# Navy says helicopter crash not connected to militancy in Niger Delta

By Benjamin Auta

THE helicopter belonging to the Nigerian Navy that crashed last Tuesday killing three Naval officers and a Seaman was not shot down by the militants in the restive Niger Delta, the Director of Naval Information Navy Com-

modore David Dung Nabaida has said.

Those who died in the crash are Lieutenant Commander Ahmed Tijjani Yusuf, pilot, Ahmadu Tahaya Shuaibu, co-pilot, Lieutenant Commander Yusuf Mailafiya Ibrahim, intelligence officer and the aircraft

maintenance technician, Seaman Iliya Danjuma Uyili.

Commodore Nabaida told Defence correspondents in Abuja yesterday that the three officers involved had been buried yesterday in Port Harcourt while the fourth victim (Seaman) would be buried in Plateau State as

requested by his family.

"The crash is not in anyway connected to militancy, and since the FG declared amnesty in the Niger Delta all hostilities have ceased. They went to investigate illegal bunkering in Akasa and when they were coming back after refueling at Port Harcourt

killing all on board," he said.

Nabaida said that investigation into the crash has commenced with the manufacturers' of the helicopter Augusta Westland, the Nigerian Airforce and aviation expert, adding that no time frame was given for final report.



PROSPECTIVE UME candidates queueing to pay for scratch cards at Afribank in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, yesterday in order to beat the January 29 deadline.

## Fake EFCC official collapses in court

By Misbahu Bashir

A fake Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) official, Victor Osita Uwajeh, yesterday collapsed in the Federal Capital Territory High Court Gudu, after the court ordered him to be remanded in prison.

EFCC's spokesman Femi Babafemi said Uwajeh was arraigned on a four-count charge of forgery and for parading himself as a staff of the EFCC with the intent to defraud unsuspecting members of the public. Uwajeh pleaded not guilty to the four-count charge.

Justice Abimbola Banjoko ordered that the fake EFCC official, Uwajeh be remanded in prison while fixing February 9 for the adoption of written submission and the hearing of the bail application in the case brought against him by anti-graft agency. The suspect slumped and he was taken away the police.

Uwajeh was arrested at his Wuse II, Abuja residence on Wednesday January 13, 2010, following an intelligence report which indicated that he was parading himself as an official of EFCC.

Some of the items recovered from the suspect's house include a pack of complimentary cards with EFCC's logo and address bearing the suspect's name, fake EFCC letter-headed papers, a petition with EFCC acknowledgement stamp, five vehicles including a hummer jeep, Honda Jeep, Toyota Land Cruiser Jeep and a pick up vehicle.

## CNPP faults Ogun CP over Dina's assassination

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

CONFERENCE of Nigeria Political Parties (CNPP) yesterday condemned the Ogun State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Musa Daura for declaring that the gruesome murder of Otunba Dipo Dina, the 2007 gubernatorial candidate of Action Congress had 'elements of robbery and assassination' describing the comment as "unprofessional double speak."

CNPP's National Publicity secretary, Osita Okechukwu in a condolence message to the Dipo's family and AC challenged the Inspector General of Nigeria Police, Mr. Ogbonna Onovo to urgently investigate and bring to

justice the real culprits.

"IGP should take over the matter and fish out the killers from among the group Professor Wole Soyinka identified as Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) nest of killers," he said.

Thus, Okechukwu noted that they were making the allegation based on the fact that Otunba Dipo and Senator Ibinkule Amosu were resolute to recover their stolen mandate, despite stumbling blocks placed on their path.

He also reminded and challenged the IG that "it is shameful that no high profile political murder has been unraveled since 2001 when Chief Bola Ige, Chiefs Harry Marshal, Ogbonnanya Uche, A.K. Dikubo, Funso Williams et al were assassinated."

## Yar'adua: Ex-students' leaders warn against overheating the polity

By Muideen Olaniyi

FORUM of Past Student Leaders has stressed the need for politicians to exercise caution on the issues surrounding the health challenges of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

Addressing the media, the National President and Secretary of the Forum, Olusegun Olaleye and Abdulahi Ali Kano respectively, the leaders condemned efforts by some Nigerians to disparage President Yar'adua because of their quest

for power.

They expressed belief that the health challenges faced by Mr President should not make Nigerians to forget his positive contribution towards correcting the ills in the judiciary and the Niger Delta area among others, adding that Nigerian Constitution should be the guiding authority.

The ex-student leaders promised to protect the Constitution from the fifth columnist who are allegedly hell-bent on endangering Nigeria's democracy.

## Igbo caucus wants Yar'adua to hand over to Jonathan

By Abbas Jimoh

THE Igbo National Caucus has canvassed the need for President Umaru Yar'adua to hand over to Vice President Goodluck Jonathan for the progress of the country.

Caucus Chairman Chief Simon Nsobundu Okeke, said in Abuja yesterday that the provisions of section 144/145 of the Constitution is sacrosanct and must not be violated.

"The only way to avoid a deepening of the constitutional and save Nigeria from further ridicule and shame in the international commu-

nity is to hand over to Vice President Goodluck Jonathan as acting president with immediate effect

"It is dangerous for this nation to be left for so long with a leadership vacuum especially in the face of the pending general elections. Nigeria is above any individual, groups or cliques and nobody must be allowed to subvert the constitution of Nigeria or hold this nation to ransom."

While praying for the quick recovery and safe return for President Yar'adua, Okeke said the forum share in the feelings of his family.



FARIDA Waziri, EFCC boss

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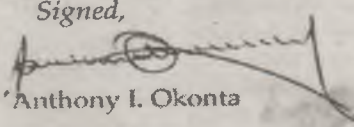
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### The Orchestrated Nsukka Riots and Sundry Falsehoods

Following the mischievous and orchestrated riots by students at the Nsukka campus of the University of Nigeria, the University Administration deems it necessary to avail all stakeholders of the true state of affairs. This is in order to correct the falsehoods, clarify the issues and reassure students as well as their parents and guardians of the continued safety of their wards as matters return to normalcy.

1. Claims of alleged increases in tuition and accommodation fees by the Vice Chancellor Prof Bartho Okolo as trigger for the riots are false, and ill-motivated. As a properly constituted entity, decisions on matters such as fees are taken by the Council of the University, of which the Vice Chancellor is but one member. The issue of increased fees for any services has not featured in recent Management and Council deliberations.
2. The University of Nigeria is a multi-campus institution, with other campuses at Enugu, Ituku Ozalla and Aba. It would be strange indeed to effect increases in fees for only students at the Nsukka campus of the institution.
3. Reports and editorials in some newspapers alleging death of three students in the riots are absolutely untrue. For the records, **no life was lost during the riots.**
4. The University Administration affirms that it has maintained cordial and harmonious relationships with its key stakeholder groups, the students being the most important. The University Administration has been in constant dialogue with the leadership of the Students' Union on this and all other issues affecting the welfare of students. The latest edition of *The Roar* Weekly magazine (January 11, 2010) published by the students attests to this.
5. Indeed, prior to the riots, a meeting had been fixed for further discussions between the University administration, led by the Vice Chancellor and the Students Union Government. This meeting for Monday, January 18, 2010 was aborted by the riots which started on Saturday, January 16, 2010. This is confirmed by the press release signed by the President and Secretary-General of the Students Union Government and published in *The Sun* and *Thisday* newspapers of Saturday, January 23, 2010.
6. It is clear that the rioters intended to create a false picture of disharmony and unrest in the University of Nigeria by throwing up red herrings and luring the gullible. There are clearly issues other than the stated ones at stake in the matter of the Nsukka riots. It is unfortunate that disgruntled parties are willing to go as far as to use innocent students as guinea pigs to achieve their nefarious goals.
7. The University Administration will continue to serve the best interests of all stakeholders in an equitable and just manner. We will work with these stakeholders to ensure that students on the Nsukka campus return to rejoin their colleagues on other campuses as soon as possible.

Signed,

  
Anthony I. Okonta

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By Poju Akinyanju

## Nigeria's indoctrinated youths

**A**midst our myriad of problems we rarely see the wood for the trees. It is a national analytical malaise. It may be we think the woods of our problem are too frightening to confront or that if we chip at the trees, we'll get at the wood one day. To cite a recent example in the NYSC: members of this supposedly national consciousness/unity building brigade who compulsorily serve in states other than their own were killed in Jos. We saw the tree of the scheme and shouted that it should be cut down. The wood of a grossly inchoate nation with its life-cheapening activities and potentials was not visible to us. Or maybe we were too scared to confront our future and thereby are condemned to live in its permanent agony. Sustenance of an inchoate nation, as we do, guarantees tragedies repeating themselves. The Jos NYSC tragedy promptly did. This time it was in Maiduguri. The prescribed NYSC uniform was not acceptable to a local but was sexy enough to warrant its wearer being fatally raped. Again we shouted about felling the tree of the NYSC scheme and punishing rape. The critical question of why citizens who are 'foreigners' are the victims and its relationship to our non-nationhood eludes us.

But the NYSC is not the issue of the discuss here. We consider the 'wood' i.e. what we think is the fundamental issue in the imbroglio generated by the Umar Farouk Abdul Mutallab 'terrorist' episode. As it is our wont, we have atomized

**“The critical question of why citizens who are 'foreigners' are the victims and its relationship to our non-nationhood eludes us**

the Mutallab problem and discussed it through the prisms of 'Failure of intelligence'; 'incompetence of our border security'; 'giving Nigeria a bad name'; 'Terrorism is not in our nature' (wonder what the killings in Jos, Bauchi, kidnappings in Bayelsa and Kaduna are, if not terrorism!); and in a few instances, the problematic of silver spoon brats. These are the trees of the Mutallab episode. I think the fundamental is what fills the minds of our youth and who fills it?

**S**tarting with the silver spoon brats, the children of the rich ruling class parents who constitute a small but significant percentage of our youths. The parents who draw their wealth from a disproportionate access to our common patrimony feel that the Nigerian environment (not just the education) is not good enough for their children. At the most impressionable age, these kids are shipped out to foreign countries where they are ensconced in exotic schools; living in mansions without parental guide and denied Nigerian cultural peer influence. These kids more often than not mal develop. Some take to prostitution, some to drugs, almost all defy the 'white' environment and people; a few develop extreme hatred for their host environment. Substantial number of them return to Nigeria and are fixed up

by their wealthy and powerful parents in business and politics. Some of them are in the political leadership cadre now. Their ill-developed minds filled with confusion of the environment they don't understand form the kaleidoscope with which they view and rule Nigeria.

In the home environment, there is noticeable intellectual philosophical vacuum. You rarely meet Nigerian youths who are debating the existence of their nation on ideological or any line at all. For example in today's Nigerian University contrary to days of yore, sessions can roll over without any public lecture/symposium to espouse different philosophies, irrespective of who the speakers are. This lack of intellectual food dictates what fills the mind of our youths since nature abhors vacuum. The vacuum is filled by foreign media, foreign football, superstitions and elitist behaviour.

In most homes the Nigerian media is a foreigner. Most middle class homes do not watch *NTA* (available for free) once they can acquire satellite TV (for a hefty fee). This explains why President Yar'adua's advisers would rather put him on BBC to talk to Nigerians. For the parents, it is pain-avoidance mechanism. They seek escape from untoward Gov't propaganda direct presence in their living rooms. For the youths, their minds are filled with information skewed to the advantage of the manufacturers: *CNN*, *BBC*, and *Aljazeera*. This is why the definition of 'terrorism' is what America says it is. Neither our ruling class nor our youths seek to proffer a different definition.

**A** more potent distraction for our youth is football and of the foreign variety. There is hardly a single Nigerian youth, no matter how remote his village is that has not adopted a foreign football club even onto death. In one University, the Pro-Chancellor's football Team is named 'Chelsea' while the Vice-Chancellor's Team is 'Man U'. And these top officials in the highest cultural institutions of our nation attend competitions among these teams and proudly present trophies to their Chelsea or Man U. In an eight page sports offering in our dailies, on average, less than a quarter of page is devoted to local sports. Even when the nation is burning, our youth fill their minds and time with foreign football.

Religion has been said to be the opium of the people. In Nigeria the opium has been purified figuratively to more dangerous varieties of cocaine and heroin. The life of our youth is suffused with religion. And the religious concept uncritically absorbed by our youths negate all the positive concepts of piety, honesty, hard work, resistance to bad governance, tolerance and harmonious relationships, sacrifices. At the seeming two extremes of *almajirai* and the university students, the situation is the same. The youths are filled with and accept religious doctrine that misdirects and militates against an inchoate nation. It is the ruling class benefits.

Lastly, it is acknowledged that the behaviour of the ruling class dictates the fashion of society.

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By Halilu Kallamu

## Tackling security issues in Kaduna

**E**ver wondered why in the wake of the latest crisis in Jos, there was no spill over effect in Kaduna?

It was conventional wisdom that all eyes would be turned on Kaduna as the next hotbed of retaliatory attacks whenever such crisis occurred. Not so this time; the dynamics have changed, then to the massive expenditure on security to safeguard lives and property by the Kaduna State government since the advent of the administration of Governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo. In Nigeria, every political dispensation has a word, slogan or catch phrase that defines it; and like a signature tune, they resonate with the people. From 1960 to 1966, regional political titans held sway in the first republic. Dr Nnamdi Azikwe, Chief Obafemi Awolowo and Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, and Ibrahim Imam electrified the political scene. As politician and president of Nigeria, Zik dazzled the electorates with "big grammar" laced with Latin. For hours on end, Awo spoke extempore in the parliament; while Balewa's mellifluous voice mesmerized the people. But Imam's contributions were articulate, polemical and incisive on the floor of the northern House of Assembly. Tantalizingly vague, colourful and original, these wordsmiths have enriched our political lexicon and their coinages have gained popular usage in Nigeria.

Significantly, some of these actors rebounded in the second republic but

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largely, ideologies, party manifestoes as well as antecedents, combined to sell the parties and not individual "big men". Capitalist and conservative, NPN campaigned on "one nation, one destiny" platform and swept the polls while UPN's welfarist programmes of free education made it a close second. On the other hand, NPP's ill defined manifesto placed it a distant third. PRP, a party with a socialist ideology, promised "Nasara" or victory for the nation's masses but it was victorious in only two states, as was GNPP, the party that preached politics without bitterness. Combined, these slogans gave character and characteristics to the second republic and they helped in political mobilization as well as holding governments to account.

**H**owever, the stillborn third republic was a different ball game. In spite of its complexity, the nation was put in a political straight jacket as the military foisted two political parties on the people, wrote their manifestoes and constitutions and designed emblems for them. Singularly, the ideology of the new breed propelled that era as the military wanted to conjure perfect rabbits to rule Nigeria. Consequently, they banned old breed politi-

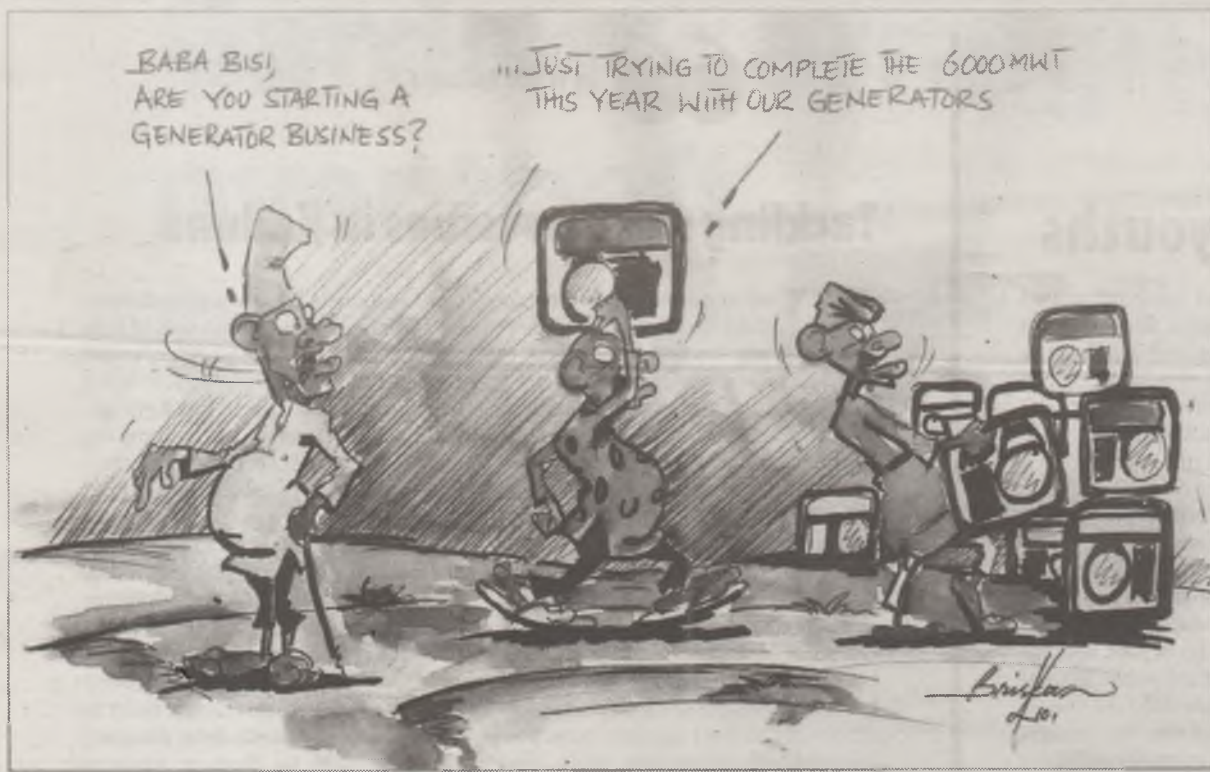
cians and made Nigeria a giant laboratory where various experiments of how to break away from past misdeeds were carried out. Significantly, new breed failed as the government ran from pillar to post, unbanning and banning the same old brigades, culminating into election annulment and subsequent political impasse.

In the current era, "dividends of democracy" is the current buzzword, a by-word for infrastructural development, provision of goods and services as well as creating jobs and general poverty alleviation schemes. The federal and some state governments, in order to deliver these dividends, have designed special vehicles for them in terms of mission statements. Significantly, at the helm, the Yar'adua administration has a seven point agenda; Nasarawa state has 13, while Kaduna state, the Centre of Learning has an 11-point agenda. Briefly stated, the Sambo agenda include security for peace and development, free and compulsory primary education and an intensive agricultural development. Poverty alleviation, youth and women development as well as infrastructural development are also part of Sambo's agenda. In addition, the government promised housing, improved health care and industrial regeneration, including rural transformation and improved workers' and pensioners' welfare, which cannot even take off without security.

**P**ace and security is central to the success of the 11-point agenda - and realizing this, Governor Sambo launched "Operation Yaki", a joint police-military-paramilitary patrol outfit upon assuming office. Initially, the team was equipped with 70 Toyota Hilux vans, several motor cycles and other assorted cars. To ease communications, all patrol vehicles have been linked with the Global Positioning System (GPS) and to complement this effort, Operation Yaki is felt at every nook and cranny of Kaduna state and its crime busting feat has been phenomenal. In 2008, the World Bank applauded this feat, describing Kaduna State as business-friendly. Similarly, Mr. Mike Okiro, the former Inspector General of police, praised the governor to high heavens in December 2008, when 30 additional Hilux vans, 250 motor cycles as well as 1000 bullet-proof vests were given to the crime-busting outfit.

Since inception, Operation Yaki's vim and enthusiasm has not waned as the state government is doing everything to nurture it. Apart from their normal salaries and other entitlements, the operatives enjoy special allowances, insurance covers and death compensation in the line of duty. In addition, they enjoy medical care, cash ration allowance and sundry perks. Remarkably, funding the entire operation, according to Alhaji Saidu Adamu, the state's commissioner for Information, are at no extra cost to government as Operation Yaki is being financed by the governor's security votes. In his servant-leadership philosophy, Architect Namadi Sambo does not believe in surrounding himself with a forest of policemen, the commissioner pointed out, while the rest citizens of the state sleep with one eye open.

*Kallamu wrote from Unguwar Rimi GRA, Kaduna.*



## Your Letters

### How to end communal and religious crises in Nigeria

Vice President Mr Goodluck Jonathan's approach to the recent Jos crisis in the absence of President Yar'adua was excellent. He was able to restore the confidence of the people in the leadership of the country with speed and alacrity to the appreciation of the generality of well meaning Nigerians. I would like to offer the following suggestions to the Federal government on how best to forestall such happenings not only in Jos but also in any part of the country:

Expand the composition of each State's Security Committee/Council to include the chairmen and Secretaries of all registered political parties in the state.

In the event of serious outbreak of any religious, political, communal or sectarian violence (e.g. a crisis in which more than fifty lives/houses are destroyed/lost) in any state in the federation, the Federal government should hold the state's security committee/Council fully responsible and accountable, and accordingly take the following measures:

Declare a state of emergency in the state: Remove the Governor and his deputy and suspend the state assembly for six months during which another election should be conducted into the positions of the governor and his deputy.

Pay adequate compensation to the victims of the crisis and or their next of kin from the states share of the federal revenue.

The Director of SSS, Police Commissioner, Comptroller of Immigration and other government officials who are members of the State's security Committee should be immediately suspended from office and charged with incompetence and or neg-

ligence of duty and accordingly tried/queried by their respective commands/departments. Such officers, if found guilty, should be given appropriate punishments, including demotion, re-deployment, dismissal, termination of appointment, imprisonment, etc.

As for the chairmen and secretaries of political parties on the state's security committee, only a satisfactory security report (by the IG of police and or DG of SSS) to the President on their non-involvement (instigating, encouraging, sponsoring, participating, concealing of intelligence report etc.) in or on any crisis should save them from being blacklisted by government. Whatever the charges may be against them they should, if necessary, be prosecuted and their punishment may include automatic forfeiture of party positions and or prevention from holding public office for a period.

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### How to end the Jos crisis?

IBRAHIM Dasuki is right. End the indigene/settler dichotomy, not just in Plateau, but throughout the country. As long as it stays, it would remain a death-trap.

**EMMANUEL, Kaduna, 08136891760.**

### Unite now

BY the time another country invades Nigeria, and Muslims and their Christian brethren have no choice but join forces and defend Nigeria, then we'll all understand we need each other.

**RICHARD, Bauchi, 07027848426.**

### Gov Jang is a failure

I advice him to resign voluntarily and honourably; the alternative is that a state of emergency

be declared. It has become plain to everyone that he cannot protect the life and property of his people, he being the chief security officer of the state.

**HON MUSTAPHA Jama'a, Magayakin Jama'a, Sabongari local government, Kaduna, 07037695031.**

### So is OBJ

HE is now showing his unstable mind in his 'advice' that Yar'adua should resign, after he orchestrated his imposition on Nigerians in 2007. For OBJ's information, Yar'adua is not going to resign; we wish the president a quick recovery.

**SUNDAY Ola, Funtua, Katsina State, 07038118882.**

### Ignore OBJ

LET us concentrate instead on the

tragedy of Jos stupidity. OBJ and Jang will no longer sleep well in their life time.

**KASSIM Sarki, Zaria, Kaduna state, 08037506870.**

### Chief Servant, with due respect...

THE most effective way to silence your critics is by paying our scholarship entitlements, instead of talk, talk, and more talk daily in the newspapers.

**YUNUSA J.G., Minna, 08035886651.**

### Well said, Madam Clinton

YOUR comments that Nigerian leaders' corruption aid terrorism may be true, but what about those that aid and abet corruption by creating safe haven for looted funds?

**KABIR Yusuf, Kurmin Mashi, Kaduna, 08096967885.**



By Babakura Ahmed

### Pitfalls of creating new emirates and chiefdoms in Borno

THE decision of the Borno state government to tinker with the current arrangement of the various emirates and chiefdoms in Borno state is not only precipitous, ill-conceived, ill-timed and dangerous, but also capable of igniting a crisis of monumental proportion in the state. The clearly self-centred plan by the Borno state government if allowed to see the light of the day has the potentials of exacerbating the already tensed situation in the country and imperil the head start already achieved to ward off crisis and its attendant social and political consequences both in Borno state in particular and the nation in general. It is curious that with just a year to go Ali Sheriff is becoming highly partisan, reckless, insensitive and contemptuous to the people of the state through antics that portend great danger to the social and political stability in a state that has just come out of the *Boko Haram* crisis during which hundreds if not thousands of lives were needlessly lost.

While governments at all levels are currently engaged in managing the slide to anarchy following the carnage in Jos; and taking into account effort by public-spirited individuals and organisations to heal wounds in order to stop it from spiralling into other states, the Borno state government in disregard for the mood of the nation, is in the final stages of igniting tinder in the state.

A bill drawn up by the state government is in the process of being railroaded through the Borno state House of Assembly which would empower the governor to create emirates and chiefdoms across Borno state in a manner that will inflame passion, create disharmony, hurt sensitivities and generally plunge the state into avoidable chaos of monumental proportion. The motive of this decision is to break the emirates into smaller fiefdoms and hamlets in order to satisfy very selfish and self centred motives. The Dikwa Emirate in particular which is the target of this insensitive decision is to be broken and have another emirate created from it with the objective to make some favoured persons close or related to people in authority emirs and chiefs without regard to procedure, feelings of the people, culture, heritage, lineage and social balance. Some chiefdom across the state, if the bill sails through, are also set to be fragmented and dislocated, regardless of the consequences of the action to the peace and stability of the immediate local environment and the peace of the nation at large.

It is ill-timed because the mood of the nation is precariously tensed up due to the crisis-prone nature of the country today following recent upheavals and the tendency for more crises. It is ill-advised because it is at the behest of selfish individuals who are obsessed with megalomania instincts capable of ostracising and disenfranchising the people. In any case Borno state is completely undeserving of this kind of shock therapy at a time the people are struggling to eke out a living amidst poverty, misery and squalor. The state government has a lot of important tasks and challenges before it to have time for issues that are at best inconsequential and even dangerous to the peace of the state.

The traditional institution has always been in the vanguard of peace and stability and any attempt to expose it to the machination and tantrums of an individual will further polarize and render it vulnerable to being scandalised and ridiculed just because an individual feels like doing so. We fear that this action is capable of generating panic, unease, insecurity and social tension, the consequences of which cannot be quantified at this time. As stated, the government has still to deliver on its campaign promises to the people as can be seen in the level of poverty, illiteracy, disease, despondency and misery that have almost overwhelmed the people. The economic problems facing the people are so stark that no serious government would contemplate pouring fuel to an already volatile situation with an ill-conceived policy that has all the hallmarks of being counterproductive in the long run.

The state legislature should identify with the poverty-stricken and downtrodden people of the state by shooting this bill down before it generates backlash. Democrats, civil society groups and all people of goodwill all over the country have a duty to exert pressure on government to shelve the proposed bill in the interest of the state and the country in general.

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## Obama's first year

**M**r Barack Hussein Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States, on January 20, 2009, riding a crest of worldwide hopes and expectations that divisive and tendentious policies of his predecessor, Mr George W Bush, would come to an end. The war on Iraq, which Mr Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, waving spurious claims that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and the capacity to deliver them, launched in 2003 in spite of global opposition was raging; so was another war launched earlier in 2001 in Afghanistan to oust the Taliban government in response to the aircraft hijack incidents in New York and Washington on September 11, 2001. In the final months of the Bush presidency, the world was gripped with the possibility of the US opening a third theatre of war, this time on Iran, over allegations, mainly by Israel and Western nations, that the Persian nation was engaged in nuclear technology for military purposes.

For someone like Obama, who campaigned on a slogan of change, not only within American society, but in the interaction between the US and the rest of the world, and whose race as an African-American, and background, being of Kenyan origin, the challenges were indeed monumental.

Mr Obama moved swiftly to make changes in his first few days in office, giving hopes to large portions of the American society, and to much of the rest of the world, that the period of tension uncertainty in the global community would at last pave way to better and more peaceful world.

Within hours, Mr Obama requested for a temporary halt to military trials of 'terrorism' suspects at the American military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an indication that he was serious in fulfilling his campaign pledge to close the facility within one year. The next day, he announced a 120-day suspension of all military commissions frequently used by the Bush administration to bypass the regular judicial process.

Of particular interest to the wider world in those early days however was his January 27, 2009, television interview, his first, with the Saudi-owned *al-Arabiya* network, in which Obama spoke of improved relations with the Middle East and the uneven relationship between with Israel, for which he reiterated US support but said: "I do believe the moment is ripe for both sides to realise that the path that they are on is one that is not going to result in prosperity and security for their people. And that instead, it's time to return to the negotiating table."

Obama followed that hopeful beginning up on March 20 when he released an historic video message for all those celebrating *Nowruz*, the Iranian New Year, speaking directly to the leaders of Iran. It was a turning point, after the beatings of the drums of war with Iran in the previous administration.

**T**hen on June 3, Obama began a tour of the Middle East, with visits to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, where he laid out in greater detail his vision for a better understanding between the Muslim world and the West, and renewed American commitment to reviving peace negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbours, and improving America's standing in the region.

One year on, the Obama administration is yet to bring most of these lofty goals to fruition, or even a sense approaching resolution. His promise to be harder on Israel to spur a peaceful settlement with the Palestinians has come to nothing; Israel is building more Jewish settlements on Palestinian land than ever before; Guantanamo has not been shut; despite a Nobel Prize under his belt, Mr Obama ordered a troop surge into Afghanistan to continue the war there.

Should we give up on Obama? While he has disappointed a lot of his admirers, some of them profoundly so, we think there is chance for him to recover. He has certainly prevaricated on a number of critical issues in his first year, but given the political dynamics in American society, it would be expecting too much of one man, even of the stature of a Barack Obama, it would be smooth-sailing in tackling the thorny issues that affect our world today. As he noted in his first State of the Union address on Wednesday: "I never thought that the mere fact of my election would usher in peace, harmony..." We however remain hopeful that in spite of initial setback, Mr Obama may still have some pleasant surprise for those who hope that he can do something tangible for the cause of greater world peace and development.

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## Ethnic cleansing on the Plateau

By Abba Gana Shettima

**O**n Thursday, January 14, 2010, I passed through Jos, on my way to Maiduguri from Abuja. As we negotiated our way through the city, a young man in the bus made a comment about the people of Jos. "The people here are radicals, they know their rights, fighting can erupt anytime in this city, without notice... I think it is better for this state to be divided into two so that Christians and Muslims can go their way". At that time, I was engrossed reading Patrick Wilmot's book, *Nigeria: The Nightmare Scenario* (Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2007), and didn't take the young man serious. But then the young man's proposal on the division of the state into two seemed to me at once bizarre and frightening. If a young man like him could propose such an idea, then I thought the country's nightmare scenario, which Wilmot sought to project in his book, has already come to pass.

I simply responded by pointing out to the young man the futility and madness of such a solution. If Plateau State were to be divided into two because the self-styled 'yan kasa' didn't like the so-called 'settlers' who have lived in the state for decades; then every state in Nigeria should as well be divided into two or even more. States will be divided on the basis of religion, ethnicity etc. and further sub-divided on the basis of other primordial considerations—until you have so many tiny states which are 'homogenous', 'unpolluted' and 'self-contained'. Such a solution is a call to anarchy of catastrophic proportion, better imagined than seen—indeed, it amounts to calling for the end of the Nigerian nation. Do Nigerians realise that even if you further divide the country into so many states or autonomous nations, geography has already destined us to live as neighbours?

**A**s the Voyage shuttle bus meandered through Jos, I didn't even for a second imagine the calamity that was waiting to befall the tin city by Sunday, 17, January 2010. When I travel on Nigerian roads, I only think of the twin problems of terrible accidents and menacing armed robbers but particularly of accidents because as a senior colleague once told me 'travelling in Nigeria is more dangerous than sickness'. Quite recently, on December 31, 2009, I had a first hand experience of the danger of travelling on Nigerian roads, when an oppressive truck driver nearly rammed my car, forcing us off the road while driving along Maiduguri-Kano road, causing my car to violently tumble over but thank God, nobody was hurt; which is why I could write this article.

Now, as we passed through Jos, I never thought of the third danger on Nigerian roads—the possibility of being a victim of some wild murderers on the sprawl; I never thought that as travellers passing through the city and indeed, the entire state has come to be known for over a decade now. During the 2001 crisis, for instance, a colleague who was travelling to Abuja in his car was brutally murdered and burnt beyond recognition, and the sad memory still lingers in our minds.

The horror which was unleashed

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on Jos and its environs between Sunday 17 and Wednesday 20, 2010, defies any analysis and categorization. Though official sources, as usual, underestimate the total number of those brutally murdered and injured; it is clear that thousands of people were exterminated in a manner akin to genocide. Houses, business premises and cars were razed down in large numbers. But nothing illustrates the scale of the madness more poignantly than what happened in Kuru Karama village on Tuesday, January 19th. Not less than 150 innocent, unarmed Muslim men, women and children were rounded up and exterminated in that single village, just some 30 kilometres from Jos. Umar Baza, head of Kuru Karama village, told the French AFP news agency: "So far we have picked 150 bodies from the wells. But 60 more people are still missing".

The Human Rights Watch group said armed men had attacked the mostly Muslim Kuru Karama village on 19 January. "After surrounding the town, they hunted down and attacked Muslim residents, some of whom had sought refuge in homes and a local mosque, killing many as they tried to flee and burning many

others alive," it said in a statement, while calling on the Nigerian government to investigate the massacre. This issue cannot just end as a Nigerian matter; the perpetrators of this gruesome crime must be made to face the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity. Anybody trying to shield such criminals must be considered as accessories to the crime.

How did ordinary men suddenly turn against their neighbours, perpetrating the most gruesome acts of criminality against fellow human beings? Certainly, civil conflicts in Nigeria is not peculiar to Plateau State but the nature, frequency and scale of the conflicts in Plateau state and particularly the recent one is unique in the history of evil. The series of conflicts in Plateau state has essentially been between a Chris-

tian majority and a Muslim minority, mediated by a state government which has not hidden its partisanship. In contrast, other similarly violent conflicts such as the *Maitatsine* conflict of the 1980s and the *Boko Haram* conflict of 2009 were largely between some extremist religious groups and the security agencies.

The time has come to say *Never Again* to the frequent violent conflicts in Plateau State. In so doing, all the actors in the conflict—Christians and Muslims—have a responsibility. In particular, the state government must wake up and shed its partisan cassocks in a conflict which has spanned more than a decade leading to the loss of the lives of thousands of people, and the destruction of property worth billions of naira.

**T**he federal government and the international community must act to stop top officials of the Plateau State government from sponsorship of ethnic cleansing, because this is no longer a national problem; it is an international issue. The perpetrators of this crime against humanity, no matter how highly placed they are, must be found, arrested, prosecuted and punished.

The socially combustible tendencies of the nation must be recognized and handled with utmost care. The lava flowing down from the Plateau does nobody any good and will consume everybody on its way, including the self-appointed ethnic and religious champions scheming and watching from the high ground: "God gave Noah the rainbow sign, no more water, the fire next time".

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## LEAVE WAMMAKO OUT OF DPP AFFAIRS RE: DPP NEC MEETING

Our attention has been drawn to advertorials in the Leadership Weekend Edition of January, 18 and the Daily Trust of Thursday 21, 2010 among other publications purporting to have emanated from the NEC meeting of our great Party DPP.

The disjointed and contradictory publications devoid of intelligence, common sense or reasoning are the handiwork of a few spineless and conscienceless political jobbers and charlatans who no longer have any political value or relevance; hence it ought to have been roundly ignored.

However, because of the total falsehood, misrepresentations, utter fabrication of lies and contradictions we feel duty bound to respond so as to let the public know the truth.

With all sense of sincerity, no meeting of any sort of the Democratic Peoples Party (DPP) was held at our National Headquarters in Abuja or anywhere on Sunday, the 10th of January, 2010 as claimed by the miscreants and dissidents.

It is on record that our great Party, the DPP held a two-day National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting not a factional meeting at the Agura Hotel in Abuja on Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th of January 2010. The well attended meeting which included all the signatories to the publications in question was adequately covered and lavishly used by both the Electronic and Print Media.

For the avoidance of doubt, we reproduce herewith part of the National Chairman, Chief Biodun Ogunbiyi's address which was read at the meeting, endorsed and accepted as the DPP position on topical and current national issues, by all in attendance, including all the dissidents.

### CONTEMPORARY NATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES

"In our usual characteristics and as a responsive and responsible Political Party, we have been responding and reacting to contemporary national and political matters as occasions demanded. Hence we shall take advantage of this crucial meeting to let the world know our feelings on some current National issues.

(a) The Demise of Former First Lady Her Excellency Mrs Maryam Babangida. She no doubt brought meaning, condour, colour and selfless service to the Office of the First Lady in Nigeria, with her Family Support for Rural Women Programme. While wishing her Al-jannah, we call on the Federal Government to immortalize this one-time Mother of the Nation by renaming the National Women Development Centre Abuja, **MARYAM BABANGIDA WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**.

Her singular effort in building the centre cannot immediately be forgotten.

(b) The Health of President Umar Musa Yar'Adua, has for sometime now been a source of concern not only to Nigeria and Nigerians in particular, but the entire World. In order to allay fears and discourage rumour mongering and unwarranted comments, we urge the Federal Government to give more concrete and practical demonstration of the President's state of health. Since he could not give the usual New Year broadcast, the President's alleged speaking to Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, Senate President David Mark and House of Representative Speaker Dimeji Bankole should have been better and widely publicized.

However, we urge the Nation not to relent in their prayers for not only the President's quick recovery but safe return home soonest.

Nigerians also deserve to know where exactly President Yar'Adua is still taking medication or recuperating in view of the denial by a Saudi Hospital that he was no longer with them.

(b) United States of America's Listing of Nigeria as a Terrorist Country. We abhor in strong terms, the listing of our beloved Country as one of the fourteen terrorist Nations, under the watch list of the United States of America on account of the misadventure of Umar Farouk Abdul Muttalab.

To say the least, the United States action is uncalled for; unfair and unjustifiable. We, however, commend the Federal Government as well as Umar Farouk's family for their immediate reaction to the incident. The US should not do a thing that would endanger the diplomatic relationship between the two Nations, at this point in time and should therefore delist Nigeria's name from the inglorious Nations"

It is therefore clear that the spurious advertorials were the imagination of the authors and never emanated from our meeting.

While some of the offensive issues raised in the questionable publications which bother on libel and character assassination had been passed to our solicitors for a proper study and advice, we like to correct some frivolous allegations, insinuation and innuendoes contained therein.

At no time was the issue of Alhaji Dr. Attahiru Bafarawa, discussed at any of our NEC meetings neither is it true that the Sokoto State Governor, Alhaji Dr. Aliu Magatakarda Wammako has any thing to do with our Party (DPP) not to talk of sponsoring us.

We cannot deny the fact the our major stakeholders are from Sokoto State where we the largest members of legislators-eight in the State House of Assembly, including Honourable Ibrahim Al-Mustapha, a highly successful Architect, and Barrister Bello Goronyo, an eminent Lawyer among others. It is however mischievous to insinuate that Sokoto State Governor or Government is sponsoring DPP for whatever reason or reasons. The dissidents shall be compelled at the appropriate time and place to prove their claim that the sum of One Million Naira is being paid into the account of our National Chairman, Chief Biodun Ogunbiyi every month. Also they will need to shed more light on their assertion that the Sokoto State Government has given Chief Biodun Ogunbiyi the sum of N50 Million or any amount for that matter to facilitate the leading of DPP members into the ruling Peoples Democratic Party, P.D.P.

We maintain that we are no faction, but the authentic DPP leaders as declared on December 2, 2008, with substantial followership all over the Federation. We state categorically that the dissidents have no political relevance or impact in their states and are not known beyond Abuja where they are rabble rousing. Hence, they are representing nobody other than themselves and their pockets.

Dr. Attahiru Bafarawa with all his political wisdom and experience reserves the right to allow himself to be deceived or duped, but shouldn't he be wary and watchful if some twenty characters came to claiming to be DPP NEC Officers from various parts of the

country, but just only five of them could append their signatures to published documents for whatever considerations. Simply put, fourteen of the presented twenty were just faceless or picked from the streets of Abuja for the purpose of impressing him for extortion.

We hope Dr. Attahiru Bafarawa very loaded will continue to have the grains to feed his new chicken; but hasten to warn that anytime for whatever reason he cannot give them maize or a little bit late in so doing the story will be different as the chicken will wander away looking for a new poultry keeper after messing up the whole environment.

### NO APOLOGY TO DR. ATTAHIRU BAFARAWA

The so-called letter of apology to Alhaji Dr. Attahiru Bafarawa is uncalled for and unwarranted since we never had any personal grudge against him or quarrel with him apart from his total neglect and abandonment of DPP shortly before and immediately after the 2007 elections

We therefore stand by our previous resolutions suspending Dr. Attahiru Bafarawa former BOT Chairman and Presidential Candidate as well as the General Useni led Executives.

It is ironical that those who are now apologizing to the former Presidential Candidate were the most vociferous in attacking him on the pages of the Newspapers in the last one year or thereabout. The records are there to see.

Their current stance is therefore suspicious and leaves much to be desired!

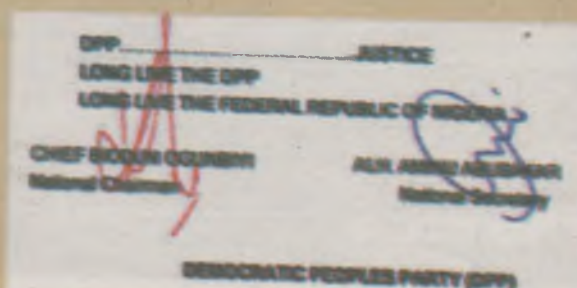
The dissidents exposed their tactlessness and contradictions having claimed that there was no faction in the DPP, yet had been using our letter headed paper, our contact address and their official designations in a nonexistent group!

We want to state unequivocally that we shall no longer join issues with the political jobbers and miscreants. We leave them to their conscience and for posterity to judge.

They are however reminded that those who tear the garment of honour wear the mask of disgrace!!! If however, the masquerade himself decides to comment on the current issue, we shall not hesitate to exercise our right of reply.

We strongly appeal to our patriotic colleagues in the NEC and our teaming members and supporters across the Nation to remain calm, loyal, and steadfast and focused, having nothing to do with the dissidents who have eaten their vomit and compromised their honour and integrity for a pot of porridge.

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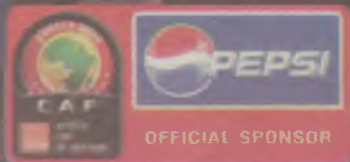
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# OBITUARY



## Late Chief E.S. YUSUFU

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With deep sense of loss, we announce the demise of Chief E.S. Yusufu, the Ubangarin Langtang which sad event occurred on the 19th December 2009.

Aged 79 years, Late Chief E.S. Yusufu was one time Secretary (Minister) of Internal Affairs Pro Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Managing Director Jos International Breweries, Council member, Unijos and first Executive Chairman, Langtang LGC.

Programme for the funeral are as follows:-

**9:30am** Corpse is taken from family House to Langtang LGC Chamber  
**10:30 am** Corpse departs LGC to COCIN Central Church, Langtang  
**2:00pm** Final Interment at family grave yard.

**May his Gentle Soul rest in perfect peace.**

**Signed:**

Lt. Gen. J.T. Useni  
 Sardauna of Plateau and Nasarawa States  
 Chairman, Planning Committee

# INTERNATIONAL

## AU chief worried about Madagascar deadlock

AFRICAN Union chief Jean Ping said yesterday he was concerned by the political deadlock in Madagascar, where the AU is involved in seeking a settlement.

"Concerning Madagascar, I'm worried after the difficulties recorded in the implementation of the Maputo I Accord and the additional Act of Addis Ababa," Ping said, referring to stalled agreements.

He said that he went to Madagascar last week "to make proposals to the Malagasy parties aimed at putting these two

accords into operation."

"According to our latest reports, the president of the transition, Andry Rajoelina has announced (...) a postponement of parliamentary elections due on March 20 and the imminent holding of a meeting of the 'forces vives' (active forces coalition of civil society organisations) and the different political groups to fix the date of an election, in a desire to respect an inclusive and consensual process," Ping added.

The AU chief added that he

hoped Rajoelina's announcement was a sign of his desire to ease tensions in Madagascar, where Rajoelina and three former heads of state are embroiled in a power struggle.

Madagascar has been in crisis since the end of 2008, when clashes began between supporters of President Marc Ravalomanana and those of Rajoelina, the former mayor of the capital, Antananarivo.

Rajoelina took power in March last year with the support of the army, but he is not inter-

nationally recognised as head of state of the large and poor Indian Ocean island nation.

On Tuesday, Rajoelina announced that the elections of March 20 could be postponed to win the widest possible support, after unilaterally announcing the polls in mid-December. Last week, Ping gave the Malagasy parties an AU roadmap to end the crisis, which reiterated the need to apply the accords signed in Maputo and in Addis Ababa. The parties have until February 5 to make their views known.



SOUTH African President Jacob Zuma.

## S/Africa's Zuma defends polygamy

• SOUTH African President Jacob Zuma defended yesterday having more than one wife, saying polygamy is part of his culture and that those who think their culture is "superior" have a problem. Zuma, who has three wives, dismissed a suggestion from a panel interviewer at the World Economic Forum in Davos that polygamy was "symbolically a great step backward," or inherently unfair to women.

"It depends what culture you come from. People interpret cultures in different ways. Some think that their culture is superior to others, that's a problem we have in the world."

In South Africa, "we follow a policy that says you must respect the cultures of others. That's my culture."

"It does not take anything from me, from my political beliefs and everything, including the belief

on the equality of women. "It's my culture. And I'm sure there are cultures (that) do that kind of thing," he said.

And he added: "The problem is that when people have their own culture .. think that their culture is the only right one .. the only one accepted by God."

Asked whether he treated his own wives equally, he said "absolutely, totally equally," drawing laughter from his audience.

In other comments, Zuma said that talk of so-called "white flight" from South Africa -- which next month celebrates the 20th anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela, heralding the end of apartheid -- was exaggerated. "Nobody is excluded," he said. "We are a very proud rainbow nation, that is working together," downplaying concerns. "There is an element of exaggerating things."

## Somalia Islamist group bans video games

SOMALIA'S Islamist insurgents yesterday banned video games, one of the last forms of entertainment left for local youth, arguing they were destroying the country's social fabric.

The Hezb al-Islam group, currently engaged in a deadly insurgency against the internationally-backed federal government, made the announcement in a statement circulated in the areas it controls. "Starting two days after this statement's date of issue, all video game playing centres in the areas under Hezb al-Islam control should be closed and playing video games will be prohibited," it said.

"Video games are designed in such a way that they destroy our social traditions and for that reason, anybody found ignoring this order will be punished and equipment will be confiscated," it said.

## Clinton supports re-election bid of Liberia's Sirleaf

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has thrown her support behind Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf's bid for re-election in presidential polls next year, she said in a statement yesterday.

"I was delighted to hear that Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said she will stand for re-election," Clinton told a meeting of state department employees, marking her first year in office, according to a press release issued here.

Clinton praised Sirleaf for her role in combating gender violence, and the creation of special programs for the protection of women and children affected by violence during 14 years of brutal civil wars.

Sirleaf, Africa's first woman president, announced Tuesday she would run for re-election, despite previously promising to serve only one term, in a change of heart that a government spokesman attributed to her successes in office.

Sirleaf's candidature comes despite a report by Liberia's Truth and Reconciliation Commission naming her among some 50 people who it recommended be banned from holding public office for 30 years for supporting warring factions during the civil war.

## International



MUHAMMAD Reza Ali Zamani, one of the two men convicted of being Mohareb (enemies of God), in the first executions of dissidents since protests erupted over the presidential election in June.

## Iran hangs 2 for allegedly aiming to topple state

IRAN yesterday executed two men accused of involvement in an armed anti-government group, as the public prosecutor announced that new death sentences have been issued against opposition activists involved in protests over June's disputed presidential election.

The announcements marked an escalation by the courts enforcing the clerical leadership's heavy, months long crackdown aimed at crushing the opposition challenge. The prosecutor also said a new group of protesters and others would soon be brought to trial.

The two men who were hanged before dawn yesterday did not appear to be connected to the postelection protests — at least one of them was arrested before the election, according to his lawyer.

But state media depicted the two as part of the protest movement, a sign of how the government has used the crackdown on

the unrest to pursue other enemies, lumping them in with the political opposition.

The media's depiction of the executions may aim to intimidate the opposition ahead of new street demonstrations expected in February.

In a further move likely aimed at cowering protesters, Tehran's prosecutor announced that five people have been sentenced to death for involvement in the most recent major demonstration, on December 27.

That day saw the worst violence of the crackdown, with at least eight people killed in clashes between police and protesters and hundreds arrested.

The new verdicts raise to nine the number of people sentenced to death for involvement in protests, said the prosecutor, Abbas Jafari Dowlatabadi. He also announced that another group of the postelection detainees would go on trial tomorrow.

## Israeli Police to join International Force in Haiti

ISRAELI Police Force has concluded arrangements to send a special delegation of police officers to Haiti to help in dealing with the disaster which engulfed the country a couple of weeks ago. The delegation which comprises ten police officers, including detectives, patrol police and Special Policing Units, will also go with some policing cars, advanced equipment and riot gear.

The main role of the Israeli police force will be dealing with looters and criminals, after the collapse of Haitian police corps.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, had a week ago while addressing the Israeli Foreign Ministry, requested assistance to the various UN institutions and rehabilitation activities in Haiti. One of the requests was to create a delegation of policemen to join UN forces to restore order in the streets.

Residents of Haiti, that are left with no policing capability after most other government institutions have collapsed in the earthquake, are suffering from looters and criminals exploiting the disorder that prevails throughout the Island.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED MARBLE EXPLORATION AND QUARRYING PROJECT IN KOGI STATE BY ABASA NIGERIA ENTERPRISES LIMITED.

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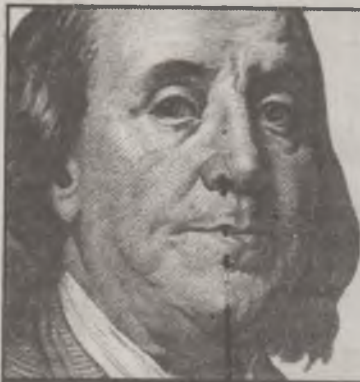
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- (ii) Kogi State Ministry of Environment, Lokoja
- (iii) FMENV Office, Lokoja Kogi State.
- (iv) FMENV Office, Games Village, Surulere, Lagos.
- (V) FMENV Library, Plot 444 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> Jan- 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010  
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## International

## Afghanistan conference agrees on exit timetable

WORLD leaders meeting in London yesterday agreed on a timetable for the handover of security duties in Afghan provinces starting in late 2010 or early 2011.

In their final communique, the leaders also pledged funds for a plan aimed at persuading Taliban fighters to renounce violence — but offered no specific figures.

The meeting backed Afghan President Hamid Karzai's plan to reintegrate Taliban willing to "cut ties with al-Qaida and other terrorist groups and pursue their political goals peacefully."

It said handover of security responsibilities to Afghan forces in the country's more peaceful provinces would begin "by late 2010/early 2011," with the Afghan National Army "conducting the majority of operations in the insecure areas of Afghanistan within three years."

The conference was called to help world powers chart a roadmap out of Afghanistan amid rising U.S. and NATO casualties and falling public support.

The 70 nations welcomed Karzai's promise to crack down on corruption and said a summit in Kabul later this year would offer specific plans to bolster his faltering government.

The text said discussions marked a "decisive step towards greater Afghan

leadership to secure, stabilize and develop Afghanistan."

Karzai warned, however, he expected foreign troops to stay in Afghanistan for years to come.

"With regard to training and equipping the Afghan security forces, five to 10 years will be enough," Karzai told the BBC. "With regard to sustaining them until Afghanistan is financially able to provide for our forces, the time will be extended to 10 to 15 years."

International allies have said they will pledge at least \$500 million for the reconciliation fund — officially known as the Peace and Reintegration Trust Fund, and dubbed the "Taliban Trust Fund" by some.

yesterday's summit encouraged more contributions but gave no firm figure. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the United States would back it if insurgents pledge to eschew violence, renounce ties to al-Qaida and embrace democracy after more than eight years of combat. Clinton said the "U.S. military has been authorized to use substantial funds to support the effort."

Taliban fighters have been taking over wider swathes of the country and successfully attacked the center of Kabul, power base of the feeble central government led by Karzai. Al-Qaida leaders have

regrouped near the Pakistan-Afghan border.

The United States and its NATO allies are sending 37,000 more troops in a bid to blunt the Taliban's military momentum, but President Barack Obama has said he plans to start withdrawing some U.S. troops by July 2011.



BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Gordon Brown, second from left, shakes hands with his Foreign Secretary David Miliband, second from right, flanked by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, left, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, right.



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### Calendar for 2010 Sessions of the Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) Programme

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#### Zones

#### 1st SESSION - ENUGU

##### GROUP I

Anambra, Enugu, Ebonyi, Abia, Imo, Cross Rivers, Rivers, Bayelsa, Delta, and Akwa-Ibom State.

#### VENUE

Banquet Hall, Brown and Brown Centre Independence Layout, Enugu, Enugu State.

#### DATE

22nd -25th February 2010

#### 2nd SESSION - JOS

##### GROUP II

Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Niger, and Abuja.

Hill Station Hotel, Jos, Plateau State.

17th -20th May 2010

#### 3rd SESSION - KANO

##### GROUP III

Kaduna, Kano, Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara, Jigawa, and Katsina State.

Africa Tropicana Hotel, Kano, Kano State.

26th -29th July, 2010

#### 4th SESSION - LAGOS

##### GROUP IV

Lagos, Ogun, Osun, Ondo, Oyo, Ekiti and Edo State.

Centre for Management Development (CMD) Lagos - Ibadan Expressway, Ikeja, Lagos State.

20th - 23rd Sept, 2010

#### 5th SESSION - JALINGO

##### GROUP V

Adamawa, Yobe, Borno, Taraba, Bauchi and Gombe State.

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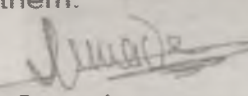
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### ....Taliban dismisses conference as propaganda ploy

THE Afghan Taliban yesterday dismissed the London conference on Afghanistan as a propaganda ploy and said the summit will fail to produce results, the SITE monitoring service reported.

"The war-mongering rulers under the leadership of (US President Barack) Obama and (British Prime Minister Gordon) Brown want to deceive the people of the world by holding the London conference to show that people still support them," SITE quoted an Internet statement as saying. If the decision is taken to "once again try to prolong the military, economic, cultural and political occupation of (Afghanistan), this

conference will be a mere eye-wish like other conferences."

The London conference, which aims to chart the way forward in Afghanistan, opened yesterday with nearly 70 countries and organisations taking part.

“Once again try to prolong the military, economic, cultural and political occupation of (Afghanistan)

## International

## Jyoti Basu: India's pre-eminent communist dies at 95

By Charles Onunaiju

MR. Jyoti Basu, who outlived most of his contemporaries, was a man of towering political stature – India's pre-eminent and most charismatic Communist leader at the mass level and one of its most illustrious statesmen of the past century. His political career, representing the second-generation Communist experience, spanned an astonishing seven decades (1940-2010).

As the longest-surviving of the nine founding members of the Communist Party of India-Marxist, CPI(M) Polit Bureau and as independent India's longest-serving Chief Minister by far (June 21, 1977 to November 6, 2000), he made game-changing contributions at the political, ideological, and administrative levels in the State of West Bengal and a significant qualitative impact at the national level, transcending the regional limitations of the Left's base and influence and winning him the offer of the Prime Minister's job in 1996.

His remarkable political life was most evident in the game-changing helmsmanship of one of India's largest and most important States.

Along with another second-generation Communist veteran, Pramode Dasgupta, a genius of organisation, Jyoti Basu was the chief architect of the Left Front edifice and the remarkable socio-economic and political changes it brought to the lives of millions of working people in West Bengal.

Indeed the Left Front experience constitutes something of a world record: no Communist-led government in any other part of the world can boast such a succession of electoral victories.

These victories have also been decisive, giving the Left better than a two-thirds majority and the CPI(M) an absolute majority each time in the Assembly. Not given to exaggeration or overstatement, Jyoti Basu allowed, matter-of-factly, that being elected for a five-year term seven times in succession (five of those under his direct leadership) was "not only an achievement without precedent in India but also in the history of parliamentary democracy in the world."

But he always emphasised that credit for this

must go to "the conscious, struggling people" of the State.

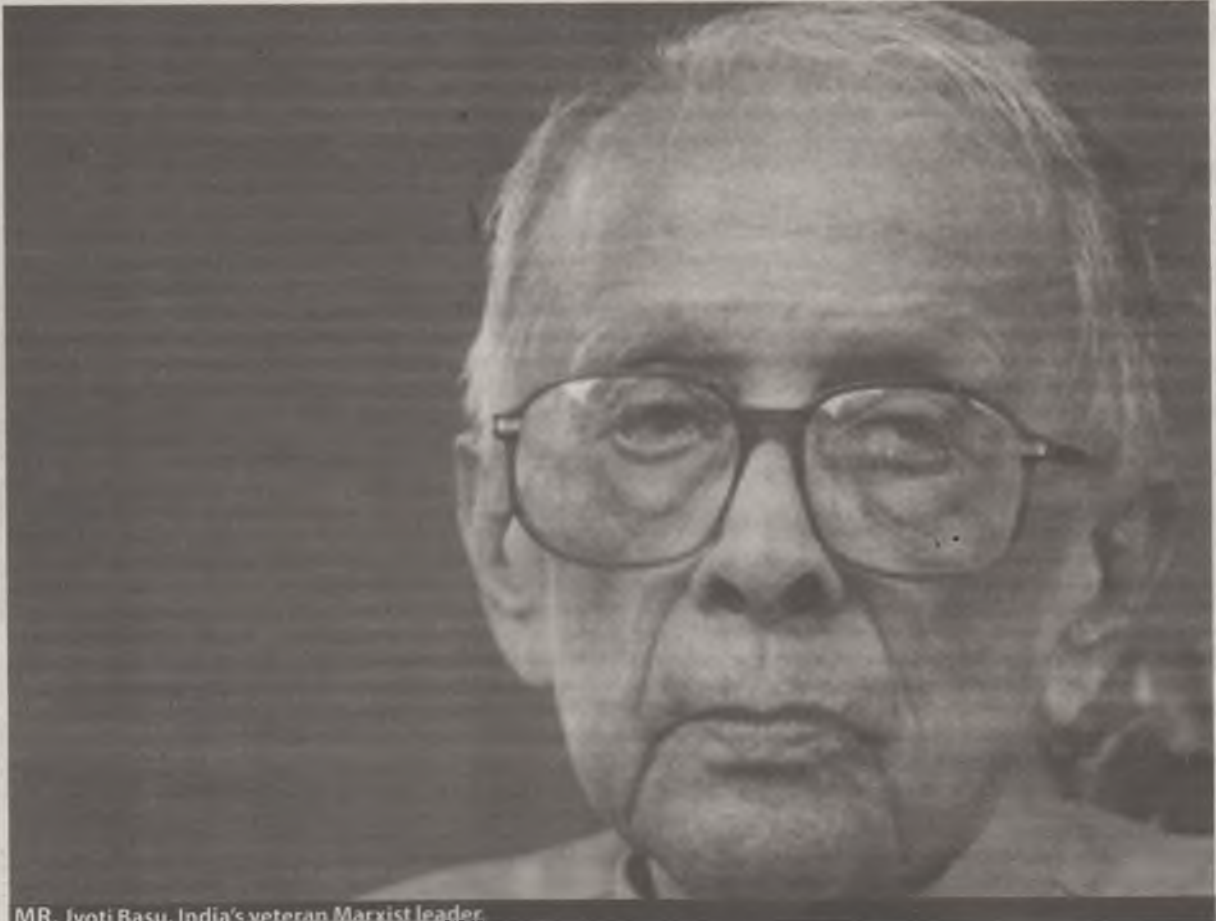
The highlights of Jyoti Basu's legacy as Chief Minister are well known: land reforms, which benefited millions of sharecroppers and other peasants and helped consolidate a rural class base that proved quite unbeatable over three decades; the democratisation and vitalisation of institutions; the establishment of the Haldia petrochemical complex, West Bengal's biggest industrial initiative; the creation of an atmosphere of communal harmony and secularism across a large State; clean, transparent governance; and political stability of a new kind.

There were significant under-achievements in the fields of education and public health and in terms of industrial development.

But Jyoti Basu was not one to cover up deficiencies or shortcomings and in the last decade of his life he spoke candidly about what might have been achieved during his 23 years at the helm – had there been the necessary understanding backed by a concentrated effort.

The foundations for Jyoti Basu's distinction were laid much before he became one of the country's most important Chief Ministers.

An educated and sophisticated man, trained in Britain to be a barrister, he joined the Communist Party when it was illegal, worked in the trade union movement and in



MR. Jyoti Basu, India's veteran Marxist leader.

mass organisations, faced state repression, and was schooled in tough struggle before emerging as one of the top leaders of the communist movement – and after the split, as one of the founding members of the CPI(M)'s nine-member Polit Bureau.

A byword for courage and steadfastness, he was also famous for his cool; he brushed off assassination attempts, which brought about no noticeable change in his style of mass politics.

Some CPI(M) leaders

–distinguished themselves as exponents and developers of Marxist theory. Some others contributed specially to party-building and organisational affairs.

Jyoti Basu's great strength was in another domain – where theory, vision, polemic, and the ideological characteristics and organisational resources of a revolutionary movement encountered the challenge of working with the masses and winning them over. His genius lay in this

immensely difficult interface, where many an ideal, many a leader, and many a political ambition has failed to achieve notable success.

As a leader and administrator, he was reputed for his clarity of vision, his decisiveness, his gift for focussing on central issues and tasks, and his practicality.

He was sometimes called a 'pragmatist', a label (employed approvingly in some quarters) that he amusedly but emphatically rejected. "They're saying

we are pragmatists," he remarked in an interview in 1995.

"Because Jyoti Basu is a pragmatist!" I said, "I'm not a pragmatist. I'm a Marxist."

A man of laconic speech and dry wit, he often sounded disarmingly simple, especially in interviews. From time to time, this trait was deliberately misinterpreted, by anti-Communist journalists as well as ultra-'left' dogmatists, as a lack of ideological and political depth.

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## STATUS OF THE POWER SECTOR

On assumption of office, president Umaru Yar'Adua knowing the importance of the sector to the economy of Nigeria and having met an available capacity and actual generation capacity less than 4,000mw, made it top on his 7-point agenda. This was to ensure the rapid industrialization of the country in line with the desire to make the economy among the top 20 economies in the world by year 2020. Among Mr. President's directive to achieve this was for PHCN to generate 6,000mw by December 2009 in the short-term and 10,000mw by December 2010 in the medium-term.

PHCN management, accepting the challenge evolved strategies to actualize the mandate, in the short-term through rehabilitation of existing broken down units in the power stations while ensuring sustainance of those in operation in order to ensure that at least 6,000mw of capacity is available by the date. PHCN management also engaged the providers of gas, the major fuel needed to operate the available units in the thermal plants in discussions in order to ensure that adequate quality gas was available to operate the plants. Unfortunately, as at end of December 2009 while about 5,500mw of generation capability was achieved, maximum generation that was attained was only 3,710mw on 23rd December 2009. Inadequate gas constrained higher electricity generation given the available capacity of 5,500mw.

Similarly, in order to successfully evacuate the generated power a number of power transformers

were installed in various transmission stations such as Ganmo 330/132kv, Alaoji 330/132kv, Kaduna (Mondo) 330/132kv, Talata-Mafara 132/33kv, Jalingo 132/33kv, Apo (Abuja) 132/33kv, Maryland 132/33kv, Alimosho 132/33kv, Kaduna 132/33kv, Ughelli 132/33kv, Gombe 132/33kv, Owerri 132/33kv and Osogbo 132/33kv. Completion of these projects improved the transmission capability and the voltage profiles in the areas. Several of such projects, including new ones are at various levels of completion and it is expected that majority of them will be completed within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010.

Similarly, execution of all the distribution projects has reached advanced stage in all parts of the country and a number of them will be commissioned within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010 when the major equipment would have arrived from overseas. These will greatly improve the capacity of the distribution networks in addition to improving reliability and flexibility of operation.

In the medium term works on all the generation, transmission and distribution projects presently being undertaken under the NIPP have made substantial progress and they are all expected to be completed before 2011.

In addition improving energy mix is being given top priority through the building of coal fired plant, crude oil plant and plant using LPFO. Mini hydro plants and other plants using renewable energy are also receiving serious attention.

**SIGNED**  
**PHCN MANAGEMENT**



# Power Holding Company of Nigeria Plc.

## KANO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION PLC

### INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF MANUFACTURERS, CONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS AND CONSULTANTS FOR 2010 FISCAL YEAR

#### INTRODUCTION

- In line with Federal Government's desire to further enhance electricity supply in the Country, Management of Kano Electricity Distribution Company intends to execute some essential Projects for 2010 financial year. The projects are to be funded from 2010 Federal Government Budget and other sources.
- Interested, competent and reliable companies are therefore invited to submit prequalification documents for the execution of the projects and or supply of under listed equipments and materials to our company under the 2010 Fiscal Year.

LOT	DESCRIPTION
<b>GROUP 1</b>	<b>EXPANSION</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>CABLES &amp; KITS FOR NETWORK EXPANSION</b>
1A - 1	Supply of HT Underground Cables
1A - 2	Supply of LT Underground Cables
1A - 3	Supply of Termination Kits
<b>B.</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION OF 33KV &amp; 11KV OVERHEAD LINES</b>
1B - 1	Construction of 33KV Overhead lines
1B - 2	Construction of 11KV Overhead lines
1B - 3	Construction Of Relief Distribution Substation
<b>GROUP 2</b>	<b>OPERATIONS</b>
2A.	Replacement of 11KV Obsolete Switch gear
2B.	Replacement of 33KV Switch gear & Circuit Breakers
2C.	Retrofitting of Panels and Circuit Breakers
2D.	Provision of Test Equipments
2E.	Provision of Safety Boots, ladders & Safety Kits, Grounding Stick, etc
2F.	Supply of Feeder Pillars
2G.	Supply of SF6 RMUs & Extensions
2H.	Supply of SF6 Gas
2I.	Supply of Overhead lines materials (Poles, Aluminium Conductor, etc).
2J.	Supply of Transformer Oil
<b>GROUP 3</b>	<b>CIVIL WORKS &amp; BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>
3A.	Construction of Standard Company Stores
3B.	Substation Block wall fence
3C.	Renovation works (offices, substation building & stores)
3D.	Partitioning of offices
3E.	Borehole works
<b>GROUP 4</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE</b>
A.	Rehabilitation of Overhead Lines
B.	Rehabilitation of Distribution Transformer/Substations
C.	Trace Clearing for 33KV & 11KV Lines
D.	Re-conductoring of 33KV & 11KV Line
<b>GROUP 5</b>	<b>SUPPLY OF OTHER ITEMS</b>
5A.	Supply of Heavy Duty/Articulated Vehicles
5B.	Supply of Operational Vehicles (Pick-up vans & official vehicles)
5C.	Office Furniture (tables, chairs, cabinets, refrigerators, water dispenser, Air conditioner, shredder, furniture and etc)
5D.	Office equipment (Computers, Laptops, Printers, Photocopier, Cash Receipting Machines, Calculators/Casting machines and associated accessories and etc)
5E.	Tools for Masons, Electrical, Plumbing & Carpentry
5F.	Office Stationery
<b>GROUP 6</b>	<b>METERS AND BILLING HARDWARE</b>
6A.	Panel Meters (33KV & 11KV)
6B.	LV MD
6C.	PPM (3-Phase & Single Phase)
6D.	Analogue Meters (3Phase & Single Phase)
6E.	Meter Installation Accessories (Current Transformers, Test Terminal Block, Termination Kits, Cables, etc).
6F.	Computer Billing Hardware
6G.	Meter Installation

GROUP 7	CONSULTANCY, TRAINING & SERVICES
7A.	Consultancy (Building/Civil Engineering Project)
7B.	Training (Technical, Marketing, Human Resource Management training, Finance & Accounts and Audit)
7C.	Consultancy (Legal)
7D.	Out-sourcing Uncollectable debt
<b>GROUP 8</b>	Supply of Transformers

#### PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following pre-qualification documents are required:

- Photocopy of Certificate of Incorporation/Business Registration in Nigeria.
- Photocopy of Current Company Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years. (2006, 2007 and 2008)
- Photocopy of Value Added Tax (VAT) Registration Certificate and evidence of VAT remittances.
- Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years. (2006, 2007 and 2008), duly signed.
- Comprehensive Company profile including details of the Management and professional staff and copy of Company Brochure with convincing evidence of competence to undertake the relevant job.
- Evidence of adequate relevant equipments and infrastructure to handle the job.
- Evidence of legal capacity to enter into contract. i.e. the company is not a receivership.
- Evidence of technical, operational and managerial capabilities.
- Evidence of Financial capability to execute the work. This shall include certified statement from a reputable Bank. (Bank reference letter only is not acceptable).
- Verifiable evidence of previous experience i.e. having successfully carried out similar work/supply in the last five years.
- Manufacturing Companies must submit evidence of relevant manufacturing capability and facilities and SON or ISO Certificate.
- Test certificate issued by well known international standard Test Laboratory for Manufacturers of Equipment.
- Sample of Test Report of Manufactured Equipment
- Evidence of shipping documents to be enclosed for previous shipment (for Stockist and Suppliers).
- Evidence of compliance with the Federal Government Pension Reform Act.
- A sworn affidavit affirming that none of the Directors of the Company was ever convicted in a court of Law.
- Any other relevant document that will place the company on a comparative advantage.

#### NOTE:

- Pre-qualification documents MUST be arranged in the order listed above. Submissions could be disregarded for failure to comply with this instruction.
- Any Company that submits fake documents shall be disqualified.
- Bidders should accompany every bid with a disclosure whether any officer of Kano Electricity Distribution Company is a former or present Director, Shareholder or has any peculiar interest in the company.

#### CLOSING DATE

Companies are to submit two (2) copies of the Pre-qualification documents in sealed envelopes, boldly marked "PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR 2010 FISCAL YEAR PROJECTS" and the LOT number. This must be delivered by hand or registered mail to reach the undersigned on or before **10.00am on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**.

The Chief Executive Officer,  
Power Holding Company Of Nigeria  
Kano Electricity Distribution Company,  
1 Niger Street, Kano

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The documents submitted will be opened on **9<sup>th</sup> March 2010** by **12.00noon** at Kano Electricity Distribution Company's Conference Room.
- All successful pre-qualified Companies will subsequently be invited to bid for the relevant Lot.
- Kano Electricity Distribution Company shall not enter into any correspondence with any unsuccessful Company.

This advert shall not be construed to be a commitment on the part of KNEDC nor shall it entail the Company to make any claim(s) whatsoever and/or to seek any indemnity from Kano Electricity Distribution Company by virtue of such Company having responded to this Advertisement.

This supersedes our earlier DAILY TRUST advertisement of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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KANO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY.



# THE Nigerian STOCK EXCHANGE

## ABSOLUTELY NO CRISIS OF SUCCESSION AT THE NIGERIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

OUR attention has been drawn to the reports in some newspapers that there is succession crisis in The Nigerian Stock Exchange following the proposed voluntary retirement in December 2010 of the Director General/Chief Executive Officer, Professor Ndi Okereke-Onyiuke, OON. We wish to state unequivocally that there is no succession crisis. The Nigerian Stock Exchange is a Private Organization Limited by Guarantee which provides public service. It has a well constituted Council (Board) and strong management team that pilot its affairs. The Exchange has a clear succession plan which started in August 2008. It is purely an internal matter and not subject to public discourse. At the appropriate time, the Council would make a formal announcement of the new Group Chief Executive Officer (and Executive Directors) who will take over the mantle of leadership of The Exchange's Management on January 2, 2011.

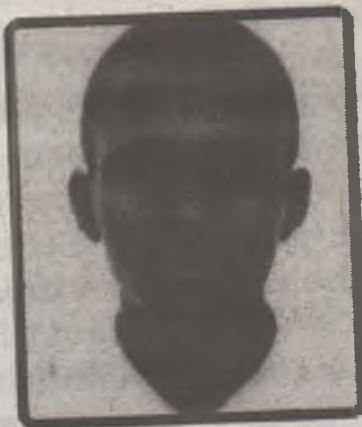
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Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the underlisted vacant posts in the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT):

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**QUALIFICATION:** Candidates must possess at least a good University degree in Education, the Arts or Social Sciences with a minimum of five (5) years post qualification teaching experience. Higher degrees, years of teaching and Trade Union experiences will be added advantage. Candidates must not be earning higher than salary grade level 10 presently.  
**ENTRY POINT:** CONPSS 10.
- 2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY** for: Kebbi State Wing.  
**QUALIFICATION:** Candidates must possess at least a good University degree in Education, the Arts or Social Sciences with a minimum of three (3) years post qualification teaching experience, and must not be earning higher than salary grade level 09 presently.  
**ENTRY POINT:** CONPSS 09.
- 3. ACCOUNTANT:** For Ogun State Wing.  
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**ENTRY POINT:** CONPSS 09.
- 4. MANDATE** Candidates are advised to apply for not more than one position (notably in their State of origin). Multiple applications will lead to outright disqualification.
- 5. AGE** Candidates applying for any of the positions must not be above forty (40) years of age. Evidence of birth certificate must be attached.
- 6. CONDITION OF SERVICE:** All posts are pensionable and fringe benefits are attractive. Candidates must be very sound and robust in health and should be ready to engage in travels at very short notice.
- 7. METHOD OF APPLICATION:** All applications, in triplicate, indicating the Post and State, with photocopies of credentials and evidence of age, should be forwarded, within two weeks from the date of this advertisement to:

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# OPEN LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

The Executive Governor of Borno State, Sen. (Dr) Ali Modu Sheriff

On

The proposed CREATION OF ADDITIONAL EMIRATES out of  
BORNO AND DIKWA EMIRATES

The British colonial administrators accepted the role of traditional institutions as basis for cohesive peaceful co-existence based on similarities of culture, politics, and economy e.t.c. since time immemorial. In doing so, units such as Emirates, districts, villages and ward levels as obtained today were made the centre-piece of their administration. It was then found out, that persons with similar cultures, tradition and long history of co-existence accept lawful administration hence the recognition of Emirates as integral part of development. Inter marriages have however, made the communities closer and more susceptible to changes from time to time. However, any attempt to bring in unnecessary, chaotic changes with negative effects on all facets of development would surely be resisted by a people who have remained peaceful, law abiding, without rancour in a geographical locality. Any divisions through partitions, boundary adjustments e.t.c would not only result in chaos but systematic dismantling of a secure system of governance recognized and accepted by the community to whom such developments are envisaged.

Borno had never known anything alien to their religion, culture or tradition let alone division of Emirates for purposes clouded in political mystery. Such acts could climax in total breakdown of law and order resulting in destruction of lives and properties. Where such disorder occurs it is the poor peasant residing peacefully in his village who is mostly affected. The relative peace punctured by the "Boko Haram" incident should be allowed to continue. Another crises is just too many and unacceptable. Right now, the Jos crisis is burning like wild fire and God knows its consequence. Now and in the days ahead, the emphasis should be on policies and prayers that would enhance peace across the nation in general and Borno state in particular. Rather than the issues of New Emirates, attention should be pointed on the many infrastructural lapses, especially the deplorable education and health systems in the state. The creation of New Emirates will only bring about hatred, retard progress and destroy a History that is regarded as the longest and most peaceful in

living memory.

Our forefathers laid an impeccable foundation for co-existence through hard work, diligence, and respect for constituted authority. They were rewarded by their subjects with obedience, prayers and unshakeable belief that peace and hard work are rewards of good governance. Politically, Borno is perhaps the most vibrant state in the country. Politically also, though divided, have recalled with nostalgia the immutable deeds of our forefathers who stood firm to defend any affray that may divide us. Our present day politicians who though have different political inclinations still support and always support coexistence. The labour of our political fathers many years ago would have been in vain if we had allowed parochial political interests such as the ones we are presently passing through, to overwhelm us.

We recall with great pride, the good deeds of our former governors: Alh. Mohammed Goni, Alh. Asheikh Jarma, Alhaji Maina Ma'aji Lawan, Alhaji Mala Kachalla of blessed memory as well as the present Governor, Senator Ali Modu Sheriff. They are civilians and each had (or has, in the case of the incumbent) his programmes for the betterment of the people of Borno with their collective focus aimed at promoting peace and assisting to write Borno State's name in gold. However, **the present law before the House of Assembly which emanated from the present Governor, Senator Ali Modu Sheriff does not have semblance of peace at all.** His colleagues mentioned above, never envisaged this unhealthy encroachment and left peacefully with praises coming their ways and prayers for long life and successes in life offered to them. The time is not auspicious at all (for creating of new emirates) and **we may regret our actions sooner or later if the current request before the Borno Assembly becomes law.**

We wish and pray for endless peace in Borno, the entire Nigeria and the rest of the world.

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## 'Thailand exports 1 million tonnes of rice to Nigeria annually'

By Sunday Williams

THAILAND exports about 1 million tonnes of rice to Nigeria annually, the Chief Executive Officer of CP group, (a Thai Agricultural company) Piasil Damrongchietanon has said.

Speaking yesterday in Abuja when he led a delegation of his company to Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), the Chief Executive Officer said that Nigeria is one of the biggest buyers of rice from Thailand.

He said his company is one of the largest producers of rice that is imported into the country. He said Nigeria has potentials for seeds but still has more room for yield improvement especially the maize seeds.

Also speaking, the Minister Counsellor (Commercial), Royal Thai Embassy in Nigeria, Boon Intiratana said the total trade volume between Nigeria and Thailand last year was about 800 million dollars.

He said for the first time last year his country imported oil from Nigeria worth about 10 million dollars and about 20 million dollars worth of Gas. He said Nigeria is the second largest trading partner with Thailand in Africa after South Africa, adding that the Thai companies are willing to partner Nigerian private sector to set up plants in the country.

He said the minister of Commerce from his country has concluded arrangement to visit his Nigerian counterpart to strengthen the trade relationship amongst the two countries.

Speaking, the Executive Secretary of NIPC Engr. Mustafa Bello, welcomed the company's intention to invest in Agricultural production, adding that the new technology has the ability to produce more yield for farmers.

## FG not fair to non-oil producing states- NEITI

By Hamisu Muhammad

The Federal Government is not fair to non-oil producing states by not giving them part of their resources' share as it does with the oil producing states.

The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Haruna Y. Sa'eed said yesterday at a conference on Integrating the NEITI Process with Professional Bodies in Nigeria.

He said that the states that are producing other minerals ought to have been getting their share no matter how little it will be from the federal government.

"To ensure transparency and equity among the states, Federal Government

must pay each mineral producing state what belongs to it, not only oil producing states," Sa'eed said.

He said states that are producing solid minerals like: Nassarawa, Gombe, Enugu among others should be getting their percentage from the federal government

"What they give to oil producing states, they should give to the non-oil producing states even if it is zero when they exploit. What we are saying to the federal government is that if there is one Naira generated from the cement producing in your state then that one naira must go to that community. That is the equity we are talking about.

"But anything for solid mineral production is covered, the federal govern-

ment get the proceeds from and distributed without recourse to those communities," he added.

According to him, most oil producing states are not utilising the money given to them, saying that if the citizens in the oil producing states have enough information and awareness of what their states are getting from the oil share they will not point any finger to the Federal Government but rather to their states.

He said transparency if implemented, would help to overcome poverty and its associated problems for Nigeria, and reduce risks of political instability.

"If our shared goals and responsibility of good governance and economic development is to be realized, all hands must be on deck," he said.

## Trust Index

Inflation	→ 12%
GDP	→ 6.90%
Budget	→ N3.1tr
External Reserves Acct	→ \$42.47bn
Excess Crude Acct	→ \$6.7bn
Poverty Ratio	→ 54.4%
Interest Ratio	→ 6%
Banks	→ 24
Oil Price	→ \$74 a barrel
Power Supply	→ 3, 700MW
Oil output per day	→ 1.9mbd

CBN EXCHANGE RATES				BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES	
	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)	BUYING	
CFA	0.2996	0.3096	0.3196	DOLLAR	.....N151
DANISH KRONER	27.9142	28.0088	28.1033	EURO	.....N212
EURO	207.9073	208.6115	209.3156	POUNDS	.....N250
POUNDS STERLING	237.9648	238.7708	239.5767		
RIVAL	39.368	39.5014	39.6347	SELLING	
SDR	230.3072	231.0873	231.8673	DOLLAR	.....N153
SWISS FRANC	141.2322	141.7105	142.1888	EURO	.....N216
US DOLLAR	147.63	148.13	148.63	POUNDS	.....N253
WAUA	229.9356	230.7144	231.4931		
YEN	1.6456	1.6512	1.6568		

Source: S&P Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.

Stock Market Index	
Date:	Thursday, January 28, 2010
Index:	22,539.83
Deal:	6,289
Volume:	354,061,126
Value:	N 2,791,897,629.69
Cap.:	N 5,428,324,617,243.01

## Business/International

# EU boosts sugar exports as prices soar

THE EU plans to export an extra 500,000 tonnes of sugar because world sugar prices have soared and European beet farmers have surpluses.

The European Commission says the export of extra, unsubsidised sugar will not violate international trade rules. It says the measure is temporary.

The EU's annual limit for subsidised sugar exports is 1.37m tonnes, under World Trade Organization agreements.

Brazil's sugarcane group Unica has told the EU not to exceed 1.37m tonnes.

But the Commission's agriculture spokesman Michael Mann told the BBC that "the export limit doesn't apply" to the extra 500,000 tonnes, because this extra



EU President, Hesman Van Rompuy

is unsubsidised sugar.

He said that if sugar produc-

tion costs were higher than the sale price, global competitors might argue that this amounted to an indirect EU subsidy.

"But the production cost is below the sale price," he said. "People on the world market are crying out for sugar and we've got too much of it."

A Commission statement described current world market conditions for sugar as "exceptional". "With production below consumption and diminishing sugar stocks, sugar prices have risen to unprecedented levels, to the detriment of consumers in poorer countries," the Commission says.

Bad weather in India and Brazil has further diminished sugar stocks, pushing up prices,

whereas "a very good harvest in the EU in 2009 led to the production of higher than expected quantities of out-of-quota sugar".

The extra 500,000 tonnes will be exported in the next six months.

France, Germany and Poland are the largest sugar producers in the EU, together accounting for about half of the total, followed by Italy and the UK. But the EU as a whole is a net importer of sugar.

The EU's own annual export ceiling for subsidised EU sugar is 650,000 tonnes. For 2010/2011, exports are expected to fall back to that figure, the Commission says. Unica accuses the EU of "trying to externalise its surplus problems on world markets".

A letter from Unica to EU

Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel warned that "in the mid to long term, when global prices for sugar drop below the European price, the EU will be left with cross-subsidised surpluses of sugar that will need to be exported, putting the EU in clear infringement of its international commitments".

In 2005 the EU embarked on a major reform of the sugar sector, cutting subsidies and encouraging beet farmers in poor growing areas to switch to more profitable crops.

Brazil is the biggest sugar exporter worldwide, far ahead of the EU. Australia, Thailand and Cuba are also significant sugar exporters.

BBC.

## German unemployment rises as cold weather bites

GERMAN unemployment has risen, but by less than expected, as the cold weather put an end to recent improvements in the job market.

Official figures showed the jobless total rose by 6,000 people in January, taking the unemployment rate to 8.2%, up from 8.1% in December.

The total number of unemployed in Germany now stands at 3.43 million.

The Federal Labour Office said shorter working hours had helped to keep unemployment in check.

"The strong winter with heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures has hurt the German labour market, but the fact that seasonally-adjusted unemployment only increased marginally is good news," said Carsten Brzeski at ING.

Despite the small rise in the jobless number, analysts said the job market is healthier in Germany than it is in many other countries.

"January's increase in German unemployment is a disappointment after recent falls, but labour market conditions still look much better than elsewhere," said Jennifer McKeown at Capital Economics. BBC.

## IMF says developing economies will recover faster from slump

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) says developing and emerging economies will recover faster from the global financial crisis than the advanced economies.

The IMF said in its World Economic Outlook update, made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja on Thursday, that the recovery so far had been driven by policy and speed.

The organisation had last year said the global financial crisis would heal faster in the advanced economies, while the developing economies would continue to grapple with growth as "innocent victims".

It said in the latest update that growth in developing and emerging economies would rise to 6 per cent during the year following a modest 2 per cent in 2009.

For the advanced economies, it said output would expand by 2 per cent during the year following a sharp decline in output in 2009.

"The new forecast reflects an upward revision of 3.4 percentage point. In 2011, growth was projected to edge up further to 2.5 per cent.

"In spite of the revision, the recovery in advanced economies is still expected to be weak by historical

standards, with real output remaining below its pre-crisis level until late 2011. "Moreover, high unemployment rates and public debt, as well as not-fully-healed financial systems, and in some countries weak household balance sheets, are presenting further challenges to the recovery in these economies," the IMF said.

It said the 6 per cent growth forecast for developing and emerging economies was an upward revision of almost 1 per cent point, adding that in 2011, the output might accelerate further.

"Stronger economic frameworks and swift policy responses have helped many emerging economies to cushion the impact of the unprecedented external shock and quickly re-attract capital flows.

"Within both groups, growth performance is expected to vary considerably across countries and regions, reflecting different initial conditions, external shocks and policy responses. "For instance, key emerging economies in Asia are leading the global recovery. "A few advanced European economies and a number of economies in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

are lagging behind," the IMF said. It added that "the rebound of commodity prices is helping support growth in commodity producers in all regions.

"Many developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa that experienced only a mild slowdown in 2009 are well placed to recover in 2010.

"Growth paths are diverse for advanced economies as well."

The organisation further said that the financial conditions in many economies had improved, with banks now less reliant on central banks' emergency facilities and government guarantees.

On capital markets, the IMF said equity markets had rebounded, while corporate bond issuance had reached record levels, amid a reopening of most high-yield markets.

"However, the surge in corporate bond issuance has not offset the reduction in bank credit growth to the private sector.

"Those sectors that have only limited access to capital markets, namely consumers and small and medium-size enterprises, are likely to continue to face credit constraints," the institution said. (NAN).

## Ford posts first annual profit for four years

FORD has posted an annual profit for the first time in four years.

The carmaker made \$2.7bn (£1.7bn) in 2009, compared with a loss of almost \$15bn in 2008, and said it expects to be profitable this year as well.

For the final three months of last year, the company made \$868m, a dramatic improvement on the \$6bn loss it made a year earlier.

Ford said its return to profitability was in part due to cutting costs and reducing debt levels.

Ford employed 89,000 people in the US at the start of 2009, but that number dropped to about 80,000 through buyouts and layoffs by the end of the year.

The importance of cutting costs was highlighted by the fact that revenue for the full year was \$118.3bn, \$19.8bn less than in 2008.

The carmaker's big rivals General Motors and Chrysler, which together with Ford make up the so-called Detroit Three, both took billions of dollars in state aid and went into bankruptcy protection last summer.

"While we still face significant challenges ahead, 2009 was a pivotal year for Ford and the strongest proof yet that our One Ford plan is working and that we are forging a path toward profitable growth," said Ford president and chief executive Alan Mulally.

Most carmakers struggled last year because of falling sales during the downturn.

As a direct result, a number of governments, including the US administration, introduced scrappage schemes which paid motorists to trade in their old cars.

The so-called "cash-for-clunkers" scheme in the US helped to boost Ford sales. BBC.

## Toyota car recall hits US, Europe and China

TOYOTA has announced the recall of vehicles in the US, Europe and China over concerns about accelerator pedals getting stuck on floor mats.

The firm has announced plans to recall 1.1 million more cars in the US a day after saying it was suspending sales of eight popular US models.

According to an application to China's quality control office, it wants to recall 75,552 RAV4 vehicles there.

"This decision is related to production capacity and efficiency, not to production volumes."

Toyota said no decision had been taken about how the jobs would go, but added that it was not currently considering compulsory redundancies.

The cars in question were manufactured between 19 March 2009 and 25 January 2010 in Tianjin, according to a notice on the website of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China.

Colin Hensley, general manager of Toyota's European operations, said the carmaker was trying to establish how many European models shared the parts used in the cars recalled in the US.

Last week, the world's largest carmaker recalled 2.3 million cars in the US with faulty pedals.

It has now recalled almost 8 million cars in the US in the past four months. Last November, it recalled 4.2 million cars because of worries over pedals getting lodged under floor mats.

"Toyota's remedy plan is to modify or replace the accelerator pedals on the subject vehicles to address the risk of floor mat entrapment," the company said. BBC.

## Business/Aviation

# Crashed Ethiopian jet's flight recorders found off Lebanon

THE "black box" flight recorders from a passenger jet which crashed off the coast of Lebanon two days ago have been found, officials say.

A search team located the recorders from the Ethiopian Airlines flight just over 1.3km (0.8 miles) underwater, 10km west of

the capital, Beirut.

The search team is now trying to retrieve them, Lebanese security officials said.

All 90 people on board the flight are presumed dead following the crash.

At least 24 bodies have been pulled from the sea so far.

Ethiopian Airlines Flight 409, bound for Addis Ababa, crashed into the Mediterranean minutes after take-off from Beirut at 0237 (0037 GMT) during a severe thunderstorm on Monday.

The international search operation has included Lebanese navy troops and the UN Interim Force

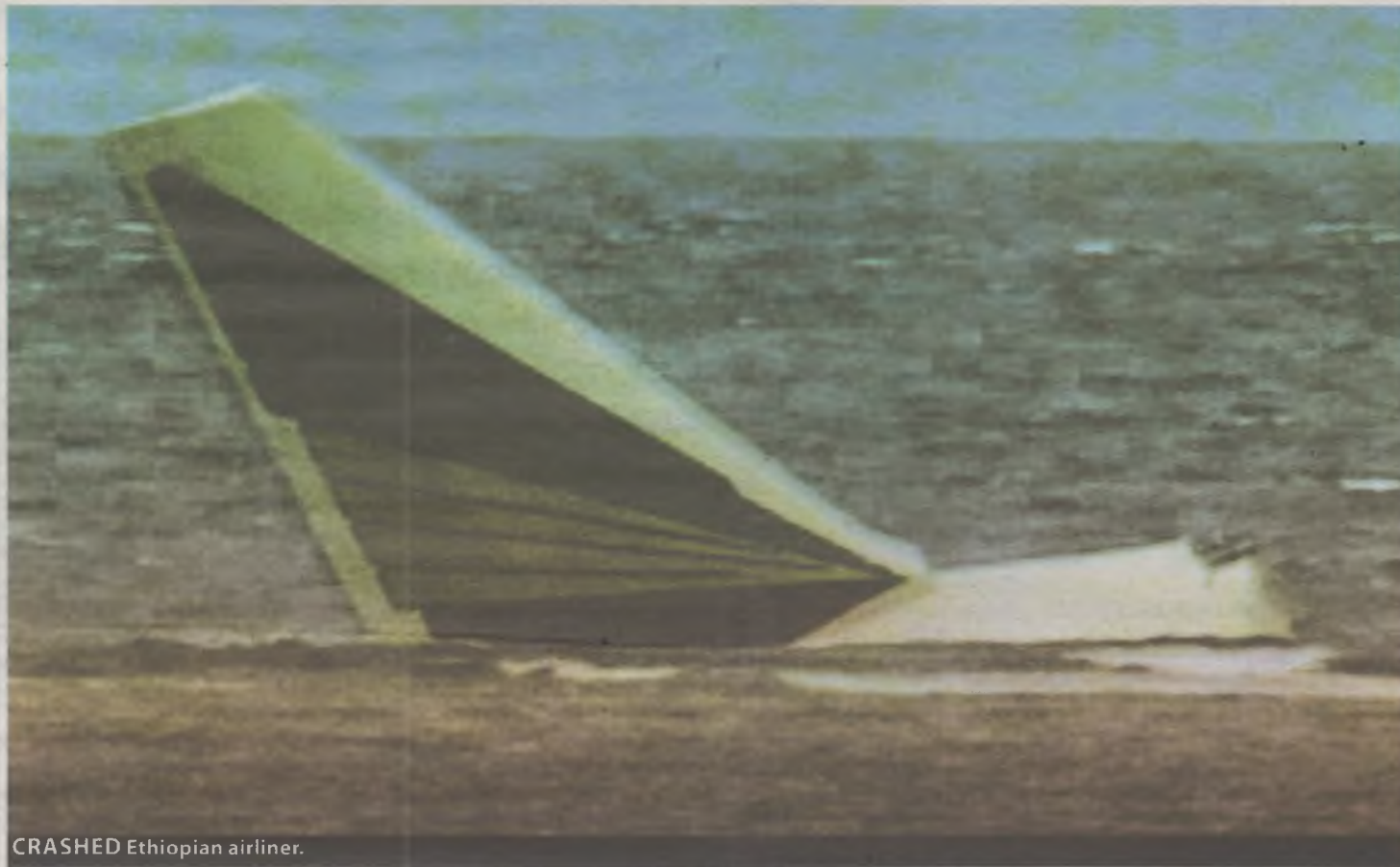
in Lebanon (Unifil) as well as US navy destroyer USS Ramage and a civilian vessel from Cyprus with sonar equipment.

The cause of the crash is not yet known, however Lebanese officials have said the jet did not fly in the direction instructed by the Beirut control tower.

The officials said the pilot had been asked to correct his course, but turned in the opposite direction.

Seven crew and 83 passengers were on board the Boeing 737-800. Most were Lebanese or Ethiopian.

Marla Pietton, the wife of the French ambassador in Beirut, was among those on board. *BBC*.



CRASHED Ethiopian airliner.

## Bureau seeks to empower investigators

AS part of its efforts to prevent accident and promote aviation safety in Nigeria, the Accident Investigation Bureau has stated the need to empower local IT personnel, accident investigators and civil aviation officers in encoding and use of safety information.

According to the Commissioner of AIB Dr Sam Oduselu at the opening ceremony of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) ECCAIRS Technical and End-users courses for aviation personnel hosted by the Bureau in conjunction with the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) at Abuja Sheraton Hotel, the course was to promote the establishment of a platform for sharing information on safety consciousness.

Oduselu stated: "We are here again today to advance the cause of aviation safety, the plank upon which the air transport business is built. Without safety aviation would lose its meaning and relevance."

He explained that the Technical Training Course will impact the skill of installing the ECCAIRS 4 Reporting System software while End-Users Course generally involves participants having good expertise in aviation and incident reporting.

AIB Commissioner stated further that the twin two weeks course was attended by participants from AIB and NCAA with the objectives of enhancing Nigerian aviation personnel knowledge on the use of ICAO Taxonomy (ADREP 2000), memory of accidents, dissemination of safety data, elaboration of safety indicators and safety studies geared towards prevention of accidents.

He also stressed that the ultimate goal of accident investigation is to prevent future recurrence of similar accidents by drawing safety lessons and making safety recommendations.

## IATA, US to beef up security at airports

Stories from Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

THE International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have agreed on a path to enhance global aviation security.

According to the IATA Director General and CEO Giovanni Bisignani and DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano at the historic aviation security summit, the agreement spearheaded a new era of industry and government cooperation to improve aviation security around the world.

Bisignani said: "The aviation industry is committed to keeping the global skies safe and secure. We live in a global world with global connectivity and global threats. The challenge is to protect the benefits of aviation connectivity and eliminate the threats. Governments and industry have the same goals but different expertise. Governments understand the threats and the tools needed to mitigate them. Industry has the operational expertise for effective implementation. Working together is the only way forward."

The summit was held at IATA's headquarters in Geneva and included the

Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), top executives from 25 airlines as well as participants from the US Government. Bisignani commended the fresh approach of the Obama administration to proactively engage industry.

His words: "We applaud Secretary Napolitano's commitment to engage industry and find workable and effective solutions. A single meeting cannot solve all the security challenges we face but it is a major step in the right direction. We had a lot to teach each other and today is the start of a regular high-level dialogue on this critical issue. This cooperation should become a model for other countries to adopt."

He added that IATA and DHS agreed to hold a follow-up meeting in the coming weeks.

IATA and its member airlines made several recommendations including at the summit which included: Institutionalizing government/industry cooperation: This would allow security policies to be written with the benefit of airline operational expertise. IATA encouraged ICAO to create a template for such cooperation to be implemented globally.

## MMIA gate concessionaire remits N493m to FAAN

THE concessionaire in-charge of the toll gate at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport Ikeja, Lagos said that it paid N493 million to the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) between Nov. 2008 and Dec. 2009.

Mr. Moyosola Niran-Oladunni, Chief Executive Officer, Integrated Intelligent Imaging West Africa Ltd (I-CUBE.W.A.), told aviation journalists that the company remitted N40 million to FAAN monthly.

He stated that the company gen-

erated about N41.5 million in Nov. 2009, while in December the same year the company generated N37.9 million, as a result of fuel scarcity.

"We are the second highest revenue source for the authority," I-CUBE.W.A boss said.

He disclosed that the company was in deficit to the tune of N92 million to its bankers which he declined to name.

"Only about 35 percent of those who ply the access road comply with payment at the toll gate," Niran-Ola-

dunni said, stressing that the other 65 percent do not pay.

The concessionaire noted that staff of the company had often been beaten and assaulted by some individuals who claimed to be government officials.

# Business/Finance

## Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) Thursday, January 28, 2009



COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
ADSWITCH PLC	1	2.30	25,000	54,750.00
CAPITAL OIL PLC	11	0.50	1,206,695	603,347.50
SECTOR Totals	12		1,231,695	658,097.50
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROCES. PLC	36	0.69	2,427,702	1,652,107.08
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	18	0.69	2,136,794	1,544,620.74
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	4	22.75	6,253	135,189.86
PRESCO PLC	4	4.60	108,500	474,145.00
SECTOR Totals	62		4,679,249	3,806,062.68
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIRL/SERVICES & LOG. PLC	19	3.05	603,831	1,843,181.57
NIG. AV. HANDLING COY PLC	180	8.61	945,134	8,114,567.35
SECTOR Totals	199		1,548,965	9,957,748.92
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	22	0.50	9,168,271	4,584,135.50
R. T. BRISCOE (NIG.) PLC	15	6.23	68,164	419,160.98
SECTOR Totals	37		9,236,435	5,003,296.48
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	166	8.22	13,001,440	106,376,883.17
AFRIBANK NIG. PLC	95	2.70	8,588,854	23,693,389.92
DIAMOND BANK PLC	124	8.01	13,973,793	111,893,720.00
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	5	8.67	87,532	721,263.68
F/CITY MON. BANK PLC	57	8.80	4,946,113	43,262,400.69
FIDELITY BANK PLC	149	2.49	15,798,911	39,597,149.95
FIRST BANK OF NIG. PLC	819	14.70	36,276,516	531,606,910.46
FINBANK PLC	90	0.75	7,059,377	5,372,511.44
GTBANK PLC	390	17.81	11,425,734	199,175,992.17
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	40	8.30	1,395,973	11,560,858.18
INTERCONT. BANK PLC	86	2.27	1,753,156	4,045,175.01
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	121	2.34	2,759,810	6,572,601.85
BANK PHB PLC	111	2.17	8,550,030	19,175,992.30
SKYE BANK PLC	187	6.47	9,085,754	56,626,114.99
SPRING BANK PLC	5	1.07	20,738	23,226.56
STERLING BANK PLC	90	1.70	11,457,770	18,989,278.13
UNT. BANK FOR AFR. PLC	238	11.86	16,925,146	194,367,990.88
UN/BANK OF NIG. PLC	175	6.55	2,308,552	14,857,029.54
UNITYBANK PLC	31	1.02	1,750,517	1,767,367.02
WEMA BANK PLC	58	1.08	8,792,128	9,665,211.88
ZENITH BANK PLC	283	15.30	45,231,986	681,603,238.16
SECTOR Totals	3,320		231,180,035	2,040,954,305.98
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	103	14.07	4,825,450	67,549,880.33
BEN/CEM. COY PLC	28	50.00	455,976	22,914,041.11
CEM. CO. OF N/NIG. PLC	44	14.81	2,075,301	30,733,299.02
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	73	33.70	1,520,642	50,799,950.07
SECTOR Totals	248		8,877,369	171,997,170.53
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	3	3.36	52,100	183,392.00
CHEM. & ALL. PROD. PLC	3	28.00	5,744	153,665.60
PORTL. PAINTS & PROD. NIG. PLC	1	5.67	400	2,156.00
SECTOR Totals	7		58,244	339,213.60
<b>COMMERCIAL/SERVICES</b>				
AFROMEDIA PLC	1	0.67	790	529.30
COURTVILLE INVEST. PLC	1	0.50	20,000	10,000.00
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	11	2.59	718,000	1,857,357.00
SECTOR Totals	13		738,790	1,867,886.30
<b>COMP. &amp; OFFICE EQUIP.</b>				
DMATER VENTURES PLC	13	0.68	1,041,600	683,050.48
TRIPP/GEE AND COY PLC	3	4.60	5,339	23,331.43
WIGGINS TEAPE NIG. PLC	1	2.92	500	1,390.00
SECTOR Totals	17		1,047,439	707,771.88
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC	4	2.81	34,162	95,770.46
PZ CUSSONS NIG. PLC	47	26.30	603,757	15,786,706.02
TRANS. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	30	0.50	2,520,858	1,261,639.00
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	35	40.00	224,154	8,959,209.50
UNILEVER NIG. PLC	77	23.99	1,039,807	24,436,534.33
SECTOR Totals	193		4,422,738	50,539,859.31
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	79	4.65	3,172,098	14,753,877.96
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	16	28.50	41,458	1,143,852.84
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	4	0.50	44,000	22,000.00
SECTOR Totals	99		3,257,556	15,919,730.80
<b>ENGINEERING TECH.</b>				
CUTIX PLC	4	3.45	49,836	163,462.08
SECTOR Totals	4		49,836	163,462.08
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOB.</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	8	30.60	7,481	232,211.31
BIG TREAT PLC	18	0.86	537,128	466,548.80
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	137	17.25	1,209,970	21,582,896.05
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	226	13.40	3,341,520	44,250,658.33
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	76	15.00	1,723,771	25,852,766.95
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	52	38.50	1,133,576	43,613,273.82
H/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	7	8.07	10,380	84,825.80
NAT. SALT COY NIGERIA PLC	68	6.72	1,541,208	10,396,125.76
NIGERIAN BOTTL. COY PLC	12	26.00	14,846	394,715.65
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	33	252.00	90,424	23,079,924.92
N/NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC	1	21.80	1,800	37,278.00

### What is Convertible Security

A security of an issuer (for example - bonds, debentures, or preferred shares) that may be converted into other securities of that issuer, in accordance with the terms of the conversion feature. The conversion usually occurs at the option of the holder of the securities, but it may occur at the option of the issuer.

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TANTALIZERS PLC	37	0.99	3,534,256	3,448,103.44
UTC NIGERIA PLC	1	0.90	4,000	3,440.00
SECTOR Totals	676		13,150,360	173,442,768.83
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	6	1.05	35,465	38,238.25
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	21	2.10	915,580	1,922,511.42
GLAXOSM. CONS. NIG. PLC	25	25.47	277,711	6,796,407.98
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	7	5.50	71,254	375,704.60
NEIMETH INT. PHARMAC. PLC	12	1.70	101,581	169,902.09
UNION DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	14	0.70	535,912	375,921.64
SECTOR Totals	85		1,937,503	9,678,685.98
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	1	1.89	65,000	122,850.00
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	10	0.95	227,637	217,014.15
SECTOR Totals	11		292,637	339,864.15
<b>IND./DOMESTIC PRODUCTS</b>				
ALUMACO PLC	1	21.47	50,111	1,075,883.17
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	1	13.48	650	8,326.50
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC	9	0.50	960,000	480,000.00
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	29	5.23	490,461	2,546,692.05
SECTOR Totals	40		1,501,222	4,110,901.72
<b>INF. &amp; COMMUNIC. TECH.</b>				
CHAMS PLC	39	0.76	4,199,200	3,134,880.00
IHS NIGERIA PLC	1	4.24	300	1,209.00
MASS TEL. INNOV. NIG. PLC	1	0.50	10,000	5,000.00
STARCOMMS PLC	27	2.05	5,587,000	11,521,635.00
SECTOR Totals	68		9,796,500	14,662,724.00
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INS. PLC	2	0.70	22,999	15,409.33
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	60	0.91	2,268,283	2,176,635.96
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	6	0.99	9,998,930	9,898,940.70
C/STONE INSUR. CO. PLC	6	0.55	781,131	429,707.05
CUST. & ALLIED INSUR. PLC	56	2.85	1,410,603	4,052,148.70
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	2	0.50	20,800	10,400.00
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	23	0.53	5,524,500	2,978,485.00
GUAR. TRUST ASSUR. PLC	23	2.19	4,594,724	10,092,760.16
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	4	0.50	90,000	45,000.00
CONS. HALLM. INS. PLC	3	0.50	5,000	2,500.00
INTERN. EN. INS. COY PLC	65	0.57	13,457,886	7,831,345.72
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	31	0.56	3,435,085	1,904,782.06
MUTUAL BEN. ASSUR. PLC	1	0.64	10,400	6,656.00
N.E.M. INSUR. CO. (NIG.) PLC	20	0.55	405,443	224,246.15
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	3	0.96	35,500	33,015.00
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	3	3.80	10,000	38,000.00
SOV. TRUST INSUR. PLC	4	0.50	46,000	23,000.00
STAND. ALLIANCE INSUR. PLC	11	0.70	1,461,300	1,019,229.00
UNIC INSURANCE PLC	9	0.71	2,600,500	1,811,765.00
UNIVERSAL INSUR. COY PLC	2	0.50	136,459	68,229.50
INTERC. WAPIC INSUR. PLC	17	1.09	252,010	276,937.30
SECTOR Totals	351		46,567,553	42,939,192.63
<b>LEASING</b>				
C&I LEASING PLC	28	2.70	540,240	1,436,281.73
SECTOR Totals	28		540,240	1,436,281.73
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAP/OIL & MARIT. SERV. PLC	97	1.24	3,393,564	4,259,902.08
SECTOR Totals	97		3,393,564	4,259,902.08
<b>MEDIA</b>				
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	15	0.58	118,000	70,800.00
SECTOR Totals	15		118,000	70,800.00
<b>OTHER FINANC. INSTIT.</b>				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC	3	1.04	137,000	142,480.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	8	0.59	338,699	199,832.41
SECTOR Totals	11		475,699	342,312.41
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
NIG. BAG MANUF. COY PLC	209	1.99	1,545,128	2,971,884.88
NAMPAK NIGERIA PLC	1	6.99	300	1,995.00
SECTOR Totals	210		1,545,428	2,973,879.88
<b>PETROLEUM (MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC	54	36.50	209,214	7,477,096.51
BECO PETROL. PROD. PLC	3	2.08	40,800	80,784.00
CHEVRON OIL NIGERIA PLC	3	69.79	1,406	103,017.62
CONOIL PLC	19	33.57	19,529	625,524.38
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC	37	6.02	581,086	3,476,521.57
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC	13	99.95	9,712	952,388.61
OANDO PLC	21	93.99	13,472	1,266,233.28
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	12	150.00	37,700	5,671,445.00
SECTOR Totals	162		912,919	19,653,010.97
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
ACADEMY PRESS PLC	1	7.21	1,015	6,952.75
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	8	9.76	65,419	634,738.32
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	5	5.45	44,950	234,794.00
SECTOR Totals	14		111,384	876,485.07
<b>TEXTILES</b>				
UNITED NIGERIA TEXT. PLC	5	1.49	16,000	22,720.00
SECTOR Totals	5		16,000	22,720.00
<b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>				
ECOBANK TRANSN. INCORP	26	14.70	1,718,905	25,312,663.02
SECTOR Totals	26		1,718,905	25,312,663.02
OVERALL Totals	6,289		354,061,125	2,791,897,679.69

### GAINERS

WAPCO	1.55
GLAXOSMITH	1.21
ASHAKACEM	0.67
GUARANTY	0.66

### LOSERS

NB	1.49
ALUMACO	1.12
FLOURMILL	0.29
CADBURY	0.25

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## What to know about still birth

By Akor Ojoma

THERE is nothing as devastating as delivering a dead child after carrying the pregnancy for some time. But there are preventive measures to take to avoid the situation. Still birth occurs when a baby that has passed the age of viability dies either before labour or during labour.

The age of viability in the Nigeria environment is any pregnancy that is past 28 weeks but in developed countries like America, if a baby is born dead after twenty weeks or before twenty weeks that is still birth. Still birth is very common especially in our own environment and the rate varies from place to place. Unfortunately in Nigeria there is no concrete data to support the actual figure. But it ranges from 50 babies to 100 babies per 1000 deliveries.

#### Those at risk

According to Dr Nathaniel Adewole, a consultant gynaecologist at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada, "Women at risk are those who have unsupervised pregnancy, that is women who don't attend antenatal so when they or the baby is having problems they are not picked early enough and before they know it the baby is dead. Women who labour at home are also at risk. When any problem develops during labour it may not be solved on time and the baby dies or becomes still birth. Others are women with maternal diseases like diabetes."

#### Causes

In the words of Dr Adewole "If diabetes is not well managed in pregnancy, quite a high percentage of babies will die and that is why

women with diabetes should be treated during pregnancy. Anaemia is another common cause of still birth especially anaemia in pregnancy and any infection like malaria. Another cause is abruption placenta, here a woman bleeds and it leads to premature separation of placenta before the delivery of the baby. Once there is problems with the placenta such as an abruption in which the placenta peels away from the uterine wall it reduces blood supply to the baby and also loss of nutrients for it too leading to still birth. Also chromosomal abnormalities resulting from defects in the sperm or egg which make the foetus unable to develop properly and other physical problems in the foetus causes still birth."

#### Symptoms

The doctor said a woman is supposed to feel the foetal kick from 16-18 weeks and there is quite a difference between a foetal kick and foetal movement. A baby that is dead can still have foetal movement because of the fluid but foetal kick is usually by a live baby. If a woman is having reduced foetal kick, she should report to the hospital.

#### Others are;

Bleeding in pregnancy, headache, drainage of lyeol that is water bursting could also be a warning sign which also leads to infection and the baby could die in the womb. The woman may also notice that the stomach is not growing as it suppose to. This means the baby is not growing normally and a sign that the baby is having problem in the womb.

#### Prevention

The gynaecologist said "The

major preventive major is supervised pregnancy that is antenatal clinic attendance, not a birth attendant but with a trained midwife or doctor. The essence of antenatal is to prevent problems from developing so problems like still birth can be prevented with antenatal. Another very important preventive measure especially in Nigeria where many people don't take their health seriously or always try to manage illness for example a woman has severe headache and is diagnosed to have hypertension yet she will not take her drugs or a woman is seeing water and she staying at home; Some even say they don't need to go to the hospital: all this should stop. People should go to the hospital when sick or meet health experts for treatment and not just any how person or medication. So aside supervised antenatal, the point is for every woman to report any abnormal feelings early to the hospital. Even if it is midnight do not keep it go to the hospital."

He also said a woman that is at risk of still birth should have a planned delivery. "Some of them have placenta compromise and it will not be advisable to allow them go into labour because during the stress of labour that placenta will not be able to withstand it because it is too weak. There is this is not my portion syndrome were the doctor discovers problems and tells the woman "It is not advisable for you to go into labour. Lets deliver the baby by caesarean section and she will say "It is not my portion I don't want have caesarean section. Women should not resist caesarean section because they could subject a baby that is at risk of delivery to the stress of labour. Some of them

insist on labour when they are counselled against it and the baby dies. Caesarean section is just like any normal delivery. Nowadays after three days, the woman can go home after a caesarean section and no one knows they have even been through it." On the issue of pregnant women taking herbal drugs during pregnancy, he said he does not condemn all of the herbs totally but at the same time does not encourage it because herbs have the problem of dosage and some combine so many things that may end up being harmful. "More so some of them are poisonous. People have taken some of these drugs for malaria and have ended up developing liver problem." He said

Dr Adewole also said hospitals should review patients severally and make early referrals to the secondary and tertiary health centres not when it is too late. The major problem with this is the lack of communication between health centres. The doctor advised that we must all collectively address the issue of still birth in Nigeria as the country has one of the highest still birth ratio in the world. "I also want to encourage the government to equip our hospitals for better assessment both antenatal and intrapartum assessment in order to reduce this risk of stillbirth. We also need to train more experts because a situation whereby a whole local government may not even have a doctor not to even talk of an expert gynaecologist or obstetrician is something serious. There should also be provision of more personnel in the rural areas because most of our people are still in the rural areas." He said



## Feminism: What went wrong?

By Cassandra Jardine

IT started with Girl Power and has sunk into mindless hedonism. Why has sexual equality backfired?

I thought my teenage daughter was joking when she said that the only thing she wanted this Christmas was the new Jordan book – that's Jordan as in Katie Price, not a learned volume about the ancient city of Petra. I am as one with Martin Amis – who believes we are only “worshipping two bags of silicone” – on the limitations of the former glamour model, but I included the book in my daughter's stocking, as a joke.

The laugh turned out to be on me. Not only did she read it from cover to cover on Christmas morning, she also begged permission to order three more copies before the turkey was even served. Since this daughter is generally averse to books, I am grateful to Ms Price for whatever it is that makes her prose so gripping.

My daughter and her friends are hard-working, sensible girls who care about exams and don't aspire to be models for Nuts or Heat, as far as I am aware. No doubt there is an element of irony, and mother-bating, in her wish-list. But there is a serious problem with the mindless hedonism that grew out of Girl Power and learnt its morals from Sex and the City, a problem which Natasha Walter examines in her new book, *Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism*.

Walter, for those not up to speed on the feminist canon – and who is, these days? – wrote *The New Feminism*, published in 1998, which delighted in the progress that had been made towards an equal society.

“Here's feminism as phoenix, as blazing torch lighting the way to a new century,” wrote Michele Roberts in a breathlessly enthusiastic review. Now all that optimism has turned to dust. *Living Dolls* analyses the increasing sexualisation of femininity and the extent to which young women are led to believe that their bodies are their only passport to success.

Far from relations between the sexes flourishing emotionally and physically, against a backdrop of mutual respect, understanding

and equality, a generation of young girls is interpreting liberation as the right to behave like top-shelf models. These women, interviewed by Walter, are also committed to no-strings sex, celebrating one-night stands as notches on their designer handbags. For them, STDs are almost a badge of honour, eating disorders commonplace and men who talk of love and commitment are sneered at for “going soppy”.

“In previous generations many women had to repress their physical needs and experiences in order to fall in with social conventions, and feminism was needed to release them from the cage of chastity,” writes Walter. “But what I heard from some women is that they feel there is now a new cage holding them back from the liberation they sought, a cage in which repression of emotions takes the place of repression of physical needs.” In short, they aren't feel because it might limit the exercise of their freedom. “It's my choice,” is now an argument-clincher for any kind of louche behaviour.

Ouch. Was this what their mothers fought for? Of course not. Freedom, combined with economic independence, may have proved a poisoned chalice, one that has made women more unhappy than ever before. Is it all feminism's fault, some are asking – among them Martin Amis, whose new novel, *The Pregnant Widow*, is based around the wretched story of his late sister Sally, who was unable to control her own drinking and promiscuity. To him, she was a victim of liberation.

A few years ago feminism was dismissed as boring and earnest, something espoused by women in dungarees, that sartorial symbol of a movement that felt the need to hide women's femininity, not celebrate it. These days, the very word feminism has become so besmirched that it is now referred to as the f-word. But, with the turn of the new decade, a slew of books is attempting to recast, or revive, the almost-deceased debate about women's place in society, among them Ellie Levenson's *The Noughtie Girl's Guide to Feminism* and Kat Banyard's *The Equality Illusion*. These books will be lucky to find any kind of readership, when

even intelligent young women choose Katie Price as their role model.

Price is unashamed of surgically enhancing her body in order to make herself more sexually and commercially desirable; she epitomises everything Walter bemoans. Price hasn't got a good degree, or a stable marriage, but she has made a pile of money out of her grotesquely exaggerated charms. This, it seems, is where feminism has led us: down a cul-de-sac lined with lap-dancing clubs and the right to pole dance. Talking of which, that's my daughter's next request: pole-dancing lessons. “My teacher says it works all the muscles.”

Questions about the flaunting of sexuality do not trouble this generation. Today, the only debate about gender issues centres on the physiological differences between men and women. “All that gender determinist stuff about men having one kind of brain and women another is even more dangerous than the more aggressive sexism of the past,” finds Izzy Finkel, who has just graduated from Cambridge.

Dorica Shields, another Cambridge English student, is one of the few who still think feminism is important. “In the 1970s and 1980s, when my mother was young, feminism was very much a white women's movement, and black women felt there were other, more urgent, battles to fight.

But women now can't assume that the battle is won, they have to keep working for it. There are still obvious pay gaps, and endless sexist images in the media. Although home lives have changed, the workplace is still patriarchal.” So what should a mother of daughters do to counteract the *Living Doll* culture?

“Make them aware of the cumulative, confidence-sapping effect of the images they are bombarded with,” suggests Figs. “Teach them that they can achieve and shine, rather than be victims who don't go for the job or ask for the pay rise. We have to go back to feminism because girls still feel they have to be nice all the time, and to be physically perfect.”

Perhaps it is time for the third wave of feminism.

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## FRAGMENTS

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### A stranger looking for a place to spend the night?

**I**N the olden days when people were ‘innocent’, a stranger may go to any house and ask to spend the night or even a few days for that matter and almost everyone would readily assist in giving shelter and food to him although the houses of leaders such as district heads, village heads, Islamic scholars and wealthy people were visited more by such wayfarers.

But with the change of times, things have become different and these days one can hardly travel anywhere without making arrangement for one's accommodation. This is more peculiar with educated people travelling from one town to another. Besides, it will look suspicious for such a person to go to people's houses and ask for accommodation in a place with hotels!

Recently, around 8.30 in the night, I heard a knock on my door. I opened the door and looked questioningly at the security young man and at another young woman wearing a skirt and blouse standing beside him. He asked me whether I was expecting any visitor and I said I wasn't.

**T**he young woman then requested to spend the night in my house. I was surprised and told her since I didn't know her I would not allow her into my house. She told me that she came to Abuja for visa, and she would even show me the visa papers as a proof. I declined to see the papers.

When she saw that I was about to shut my door, she implored, “Please you are a woman like me, now what do you want me to do? I just want to sleep in the parlour, just to perch, as soon as it is morning I will go.”

I told her that my brother sleeps in the parlour, and she said I should please ask him to allow her to sleep in the parlour also. I refused and locked the door.

Later, the security man told me that he was coming from a nearby mosque when he saw her approaching the house, he asked her which house she was going to among the four flats and she pointed at my house, he asked her my name, she didn't answer, but insisted that the ‘lady’ was expecting her.

Even though I felt a little sympathy for her, I couldn't possibly sleep soundly with a total stranger in the house. What if she wakes up in the middle of the night and slaughters us? Or invite the members of her ‘gang’?

**S**he may or may not be telling the truth, but if she was telling the truth, how could she assume she could come to Abuja for visa, get it and go back to wherever she came from in one day?

In any case, this shows that due to the criminal incidences of ritual killing, kidnapping, child stealing, armed robbery, people now harden their hearts against helping other people even if they are genuinely distressed. The level of mistrust is such that you become suspicious of any person who loiters around your house or talks to your children especially in places like Abuja, where everybody minds his own business, unlike in the local setting where you know everybody within your vicinity.

However, the government should provide places for travellers to sleep, since there may be people who may lose their money to thieves or forget their luggage in vehicles, and nobody may be ready to offer them a place to sleep. But even that has to be monitored, as some people may make such places their refuge with all sorts of lies.

“**But with the change of times, things have become different and these days one can hardly travel anywhere without making arrangement for one's accommodation**”

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## Advice by Dr Aminu Magashi

### I need information on cholecystitis

I am glad that your column is sustained for many years to provide solutions to a myriad of problems on health. God bless you. Recently I suffered severe pain around the right part of my abdomen and my doctor confirmed that I have Cholecystitis. Please I need detail information on it.

Kamil.Y.

Cholecystitis is inflammation of the gallbladder, usually resulting from a gallstone blocking the cystic duct.

Gallbladder inflammation usually results from a gallstone blocking the flow of bile.

Cholecystitis is the most common problem resulting from gallbladder stones. It occurs when a stone blocks the cystic duct, which carries bile from the gallbladder.

Cholecystitis is classified as acute or chronic. Acute cholecystitis begins suddenly, resulting in severe, steady pain in the upper abdomen. Majority of people with acute cholecystitis have gallstones. The inflammation almost always begins without infection, although infection may follow later. Inflammation may cause the gallbladder to fill with fluid and its walls to thicken. Rarely, a form of acute cholecystitis without gallstones (acalculous cholecystitis) occurs.

Acalculous cholecystitis is more serious than other types of cholecystitis. It tends to occur after the following:

1. Major surgery
2. Critical illnesses such as serious injuries, major burns, and bodywide infections (sepsis)
3. Intravenous feedings for a long time
4. Fasting for a prolonged time
5. A deficiency in the immune system. It can occur in young children, perhaps developing from a viral or another infection.

**Chronic Cholecystitis:** Chronic cholecystitis is gallbladder inflammation that has lasted a long time. It almost always results from gallstones. It is characterized by repeated attacks of pain (biliary colic). In chronic cholecystitis, the gallbladder is damaged by repeated attacks of acute inflammation, usually due to gallstones, and may become thick-walled, scarred, and small.

#### Symptoms

A gallbladder attack, whether in acute or chronic cholecystitis, begins as pain. The pain of cholecystitis is similar to that caused by gallstones (biliary colic) but is more severe and lasts longer—more than 6 hours and often more than 12 hours. The pain peaks after 15 to 60 minutes and remains constant. It usually occurs in the upper right part

of the abdomen. The pain may become excruciating. Most people feel a sharp pain when a doctor presses on the upper right part of the abdomen. Breathing deeply may worsen the pain. The pain often extends to the lower part of the right shoulder blade or to the back. Nausea and vomiting are common.

Acalculous cholecystitis typically causes sudden, excruciating pain in the upper abdomen in people with no previous symptoms or other evidence of a gallbladder disorder. The inflammation is often very severe and can lead to gangrene or rupture of the gallbladder.

#### Diagnosis

Diagnosis is based mainly on symptoms and results of imaging tests. Ultrasonography is the best way to detect gallstones in the gallbladder. Ultrasonography can also detect fluid around the gallbladder or thickening of its wall, which are typical of acute cholecystitis. Liver blood tests are often normal unless the person has an obstructed bile duct. Other blood tests can detect some complications such as a high level of a pancreatic enzyme (lipase or amylase) in pancreatitis. A high white blood cell count suggests inflammation, an abscess, gangrene, or a perforated gallbladder.

#### Treatment

People with acute or chronic cholecystitis need to be hospitalized. They are not allowed to eat or drink and are given fluids and

electrolytes intravenously. A tube is passed through the nose and into the stomach, so that suctioning can be used to keep the stomach empty and reduce fluid accumulating in the intestine if the intestine is not contracting normally. Usually, antibiotics are given intravenously, and pain relievers are given.

If acute cholecystitis is confirmed and the risk of surgery is small, the gallbladder is usually removed within 24 to 48 hours after symptoms start. If necessary, surgery can be delayed for 6 weeks or more while the attack subsides. Delay is often necessary for people with a disorder that makes surgery too risky (such as a heart, lung, or kidney disorder). If a complication such as an abscess, gangrene, or perforated gallbladder is suspected, immediate surgery is necessary.

In chronic cholecystitis, the gallbladder is usually removed after the acute episode subsides.

In acalculous cholecystitis, immediate surgery is necessary to remove the diseased gallbladder. Surgical removal of the gallbladder (cholecystectomy) is usually done using a flexible viewing tube called a laparoscope. After small incisions are made in the abdomen, the laparoscope and other tubes are inserted, and surgical tools are passed through the incisions and used to remove the gallbladder.

#### What is uterovaginal prolapse?

I have been noticing some

tissues coming out from my vagina and this started after my 3rd delivery. My Gynecologist told me that I am having uterovaginal prolapse. He has mentioned some things about it but I still need more information.

Kubura

It is when the womb (or uterus) drops down towards the entrance of your vagina pulling the walls of the vagina with it. Sometimes the neck of the womb (or cervix) comes right down through the opening of the vagina so you can feel or see it outside. Your womb is held in place by a whole series of muscles and tissues called the pelvic floor.

If your pelvic floor muscles get weak - usually because of having babies - your womb can drop down towards the opening of your vagina. This problem often gets worse as you get older because your muscles tend to become weaker and the lining of your vagina less elastic.

#### Smoking and obesity can make it worse.

If you have had children and especially if you have had a normal delivery rather than a caesarean section you will be more likely to have a prolapse. You may be more likely to have symptoms once you reach the menopause.

#### Some of the Symptoms are;

1. Dragging sensation or feel a lump coming out down

below!

2. You may notice a slight leaking of your waterworks.

3. You may lose a little urine without meaning to when you laugh, cough, sneeze or exercise. This is called stress incontinence. Stress incontinence and uterovaginal prolapse are extremely common and often quite easy to treat.

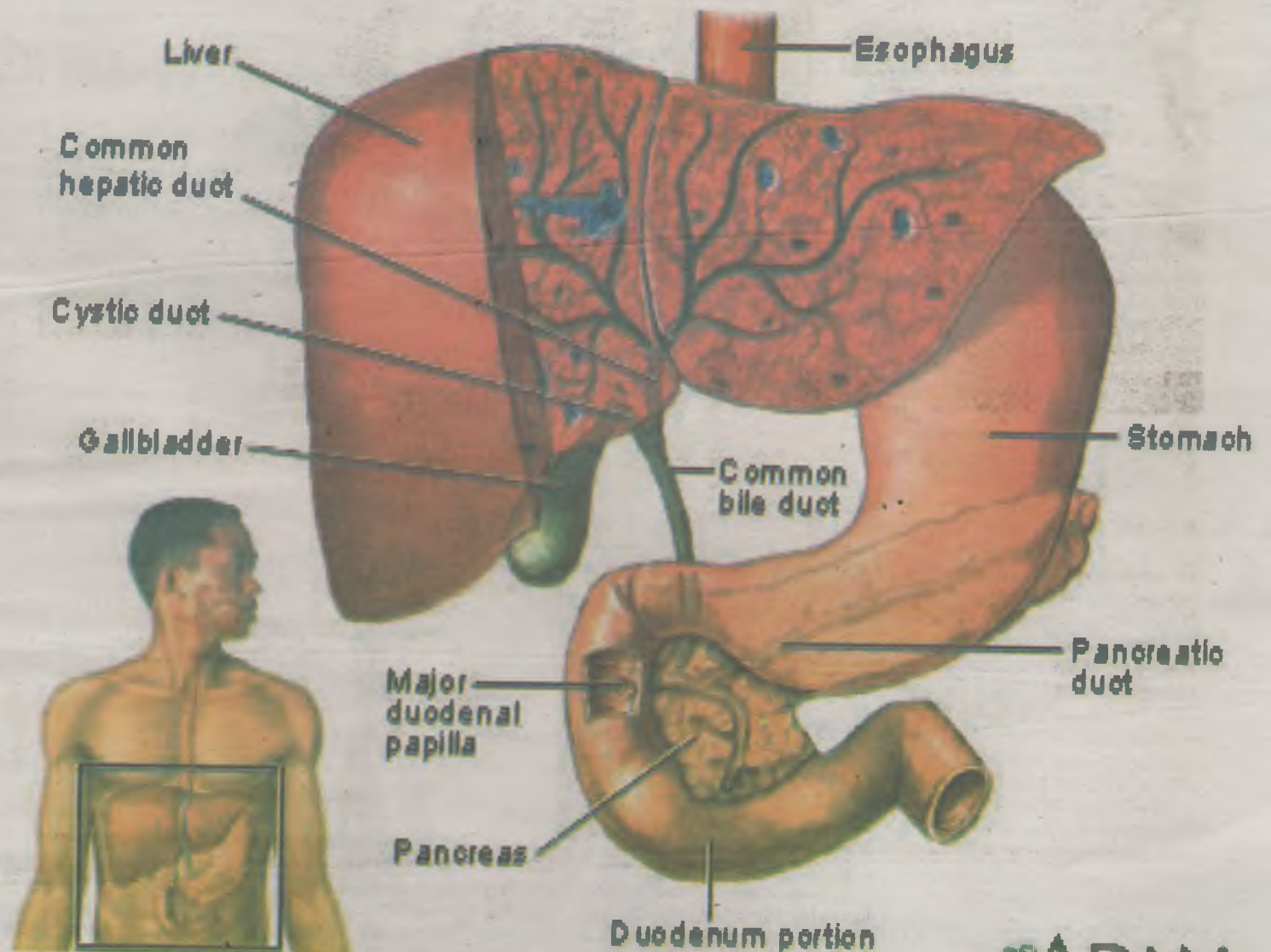
One of the most common treatments is physiotherapy to strengthen the muscles of your pelvic floor. Your doctor may give you an advice sheet or refer you to a physiotherapy department which will give you treatment and advice about the exercises you should do.

If exercises do not help it is possible that you will need an operation to pull your womb up into its proper position and fix it there. Or your doctor may arrange for you to have a small rubber ring called a ring pessary fitted into your vagina to keep everything in place.

#### Prevention

Because your muscles are always stretched and weakened by having babies you should start doing pelvic floor exercises as soon as possible after you give birth.

Try to get into the habit of doing them regularly. If you are overweight try hard to lose weight. Being overweight makes a prolapse much worse as do constipation and smoking and eat lots of high-fibre foods to avoid getting constipated.



# How to put heartbreaks behind you

By Maureen Onochie

FOR many who know Tayo Adeyanju, her disdain for men is no doubt troubling. While many of her contemporaries are happily married or are gearing up to walk down the aisle with their heartthrobs, the 38 year old banker with one of the new generation banks in Abuja says that tying the nuptial knots is not top on her agenda. However, for those who are long time acquaintances with this delectable beauty, her story of failed love accounts for her tepid behavior towards men.

Many years back as a young undergraduate at one of the premier universities in the south western part of the country, Tayo was once in love. Her love story was a classical tale of heady affection, unabated expression of admiration for a loved one. She fell in love with James, a final year student of another department in the same faculty. As at that time they were the toast of the entire campus and to all and sundry it appeared that their love was indeed made in heaven. Their tribal differences was not an issue and to the blue eyed inexperienced female 'Jambite' the affair was meant to last a life time and if possible, eternity. And how could she doubt this? Not with the effusive promises of undying love made by her beau who vowed to make her his wife someday. She rebuffed all other advances from unrelenting males in order to make it work.

Few days to the final examinations of her lover, she gave in to his persistent sexual advances in 'order to solidify what they shared.' That was her first. It also signaled the beginning of the end for the love affair. Unknown to her, her lover was already engaged to marry another lady from his home town. It took her only a few weeks after the graduation of her lover to realize that she had only served to whet the sexual appetite of the young man who in the end walked down the aisle with another. Fortunately for her she did not become pregnant as other sorry cases but the experience built up a fortified wall for her feelings towards other men. Her 'heart was broken.' She consequently receded into a cocoon that she is yet to emerge from even years after finishing and clinching a well paid job. Her cry everyday is: will I ever love again? Her case is similar to many others...

As long as Peter lives he will never love any woman even if he gets married. Every woman who comes across him will surely pay for the sins of Dumebi. From the day Peter set his eyes on her when they were in the campus, he concluded that she was going to be his wife. They had been dating since their remedial days and they were known together. In 400 Level, Emmanuel a very handsome, cute and wealthy guy who was in his final year came along the way and swept Dumebi off her feet with his looks and material gifts and she started behaving strangely towards Peter. Along the line, Peter noticed and called her attention to it, but she denied claiming that he was just making advances but she was not interested in him. She kept seeing Emmanuel secretly while claiming Peter was the man.

They graduated and both went for service. Dumebi was posted to Ondo State while Peter was posted to Jigawa State for his youth service. Emmanuel who was through with his youth service earlier, got a job with Nokia in Lagos and that was how it all started. Emmanuel



was always in Akure to see Dumebi and she did the same. Meanwhile she still kept promising Peter that she was still there for him. Before she knew it, she got pregnant and Emmanuel told her to keep it because he was going to marry her. She did. When plans were concluded for the wedding, she sent an invitation to Peter not minding how he was going to feel about it.

Peter received it with shock and collapsed. His neighbors rushed him to the hospital where he was revived. He called Dumebi on phone so as to understand where the problem was, but she rudely told him to take it like that because she found out that she loved Emmanuel more and she was about to proudly have his baby, so she hung up.

Anyone who has ever been rejected by a loved one will always admit the fact that it really hurts to be heartbroken. Researchers have also shown that a bro-

ken heart implies that one is rejected and this could lead to other health implications.

Researchers say when the brain undergoes scanning, it shows the part which gets activated when dealing with physical pain and how it responds when a person has to deal with social seclusion. It was also observed that the type of pain one receives when there is an injury on any part of the body is totally different from the type of agony the person receives when there is heartbreak.

The pain in the body gets registered in the brain while the pain received from heartbreak reacts not only in the brain but in the heart as well. When one is heartbroken, the person begins to feel rejected from within and even experiences this in the midst of people. The person's heart begins to beat when

in the presence of two lovers who are sharing affection.

Scientists posit that it is very important that people are made to feel socially accepted to avoid further heartbreaks.

It has also been discovered that the genes linked to physical pains are also connected to mentally painful times such as a break up with a lover. Studies also outline the fact that when there is a cold war between two lovers, pains may arise from the same circuits. Based on this research and observation, scientists are making researches on drugs that can be made available to cure extreme cases of depression and fear in victims.

Another issue that can lead to heart break is the case of divorce. The numbers of divorced women who have heart problems are more than the women who are still married. 33% of divorced women at the age of 60 have been discovered to have heart problems as against 22% of married women who have heart problems at that age.

This is caused by emotional destruction which comes as a result of divorce because women cherish their marriage and homes very much and when they turn to discover that it is no more there, they feel depressed and rejected which then begins to have a negative impact on the heart.

Interestingly, divorced men rarely get heart problems and the reason for this is yet to be understood. Probably they don't care about the home or the woman involved or their heart structure is stronger than women's. The reason is yet to be ascertained.

The truth is that no matter how long or short a relationship is, breakups hurt and should be taken seriously. The person involved shouldn't shy or run away from the pains, the person should cry if it gets to that extent. Release of pent up emotions via tears is needed at this point in time as it is the first step on the road to recovery. The person must learn to accept that it is real. But more importantly it must be noted that life does not revolve round the person who jilted the victim. There are better and more fulfilling relationships to be cultivated.

Another thing the affected person should put into consideration is that a heart break takes time to heal. The person can call friends often to talk to them, go for walks and activities like swimming which will help to ease the stress of the pain. Isolation must be avoided like a plague by the victim.

Also, the affected person should not allow friends to lure him or her into another relationship immediately. The affected person needs time to recover from the experience. The person needs love, patience and time to heal emotionally. The affected person as a matter of importance must endeavor to also stay away from the person or anything that has to do with the person who jilted him or her.

If this cannot be done maybe as a result of proximity to each other, taking a vacation may not be totally condemned. The person should always keep his or her mind busy so as to forget the incident and always believe that the future will be better.

Finally, as a therapeutic measure, the person should also endeavor to help others who are having similar problems because it will help greatly focusing attention on other people's needs while erasing one's pains permanently.

# Re-Megalomaniac Goldilocks

By Mustafa Dutsenma

*Those who antagonise History will end up in bad books (Prof. A.A Nwankwu).  
When our hatred is violent it sinks us even beneath those we hate" (Francois De La Rochefoucauld)*

I became shocked when I read an article with the above title written by Hannatu Musawa, aka Hanny in her column of Leadership Newspaper on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. I therefore, asked myself what happened and how comes this young pretty Northern lady as she presented herself in late 20's picture though currently in her 30's battling with obesity and degeneration of beauty could be that ferocious and nasty in castigating the image of an elderly mother of a responsible family from her home town (Katsina)? However, I wouldn't have written this rejoinder if Hanny were a true and sincere social critic of any reasonable standard and measure in her behavioural characteristics. Although, I respect Hanny's eloquence and grandiloquence but any person that knows her very well without being biased will definitely describe her as a very jealous, parochial, parsimonious, arrogant, rapacious and "Iskancinized" (rascal) woman. Thus, Hanny's acerbic and acrimonious bashing of Hajiya Turai Yar'Adua and her daughters is a clear manifestation of jealousy, parochialism and naked hatred for such family.

More still, the poisonous enmity and pretentious audacity with which Hanny wrote that mesmerizing bunkum, portraying her late 20's picture pretending to those who did not know her currently, that she is beautiful as the "queenish" mosaic, on the back page of the *Leadership Newspaper* is self-revealing of an arrogant liar who wants history to remain stagnant on her side. If it were to be in Europe or America, Hanny would have been charged for self-impersonation and public deception. This criminal act in other societies in itself has disqualified Hanny's moral capacity to present reality in its true form. How can we then believe in this woman? Hanny in her "Burkutu" loquacity and garrulity as well as primitive penchant for demonising people, insulted the First Lady and her children thus: had she (Haj. Turai) exhibited tolerance, moderation, humility, remained dignified and just stopped walking in front of her husband, people would have learnt to love her, admire her and appreciate her rustic approach. But instead, she paraded herself as the woman who would be king; a lady full of voraciousness, cupidity and non-apologetic of the control she was perceived to have in government. Encouraging her beautiful, young daughters to marry governors who were at least twice their age as fourth wives, purportedly making political appointments in major government parastatals and performing on the international scene in a capacity that goes beyond her position couldn't have helped the already negative view Nigerians had of her. From the onset, Turai seemed to be a Megalomaniac, with a total belief in her superiority, grandiose abilities and Omnipotence. ...This, in itself, is very unsettling to the public because it does not depict the typical African woman and is certainly not what would be expected from a decorous and shy Hausa Fulani Lady (emphasis and italic mine).

This kind of open venal peroration without veneration to the sanctity of moral reasoning and womanhood is punitively repugnant. I want to ask Hanny whether it is a crime for any body's daughter(s) to get married to political office holder(s) or, even religiously, is it a heresy for a lady to get married to a man who is at least thrice her age as husband? Again, if not for the very obvious fact that Hanny is deliberately and mischievously blind of the political history of Nigeria, she ought to have informed her readers about Haj. Turai's predecessors, who had smuggled hard drugs, owned oil blocs, buildings, empires and other business outfits, brazenly recommended the sacking and premature retirement of some responsible public servants in the armed forces and civil service in particular suspected to be in opposition camp or not dancing to the whims and caprices of their influences, and also operated their pet-projects as super-parastatals much more powerful than government

ministries hiding under the superficial toga of "powers" of the office of the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Instead of Hanny, being a lawyer to be at least pushing for the constitutional accommodation or recognition of the denied rights of Nigerian women including the offices of the first ladies so as to have her intellectual property productivity relevant for Nigeria's developmental project and for history to preserve her a serene portion of reputable integrity, she prefers to be exposed as a 'glorified hawk of baked lies' occupying a miserable position in the corridors of critical writings. Her writings with doom pen portrayed un-scientificity of logical navigation, mental porosity and pathology including nudity of intellectual thought. It is highly unfortunate that Hanny is pointing accusing finger callously blackmailing the first lady, Hajiya Turai.

If Hajiya Turai were to remain inactive, to me, Hanny probably would have been the first, I strongly believe, to buy columns of newspapers bitterly castigating her (the First Lady's) of docility, ineptitude and imbecility as well as instigating her instinct of economic and political 'jihad' against her husband. But one of the popular Hausa musicians, **Alhaji Dan Maraya Jos** will always maintain his historically standing assertion: "Dan adam Maiwuyan gane hali; In anyi zafi ya ce anyi zafi, in anyi sanyi ya ce anyi sanyi..." The simple interpretation of this music is exposing the un-appreciative nature of the un-predictable creature, man.

On the other hemisphere, the white man will also sustain that, a useless word is a voluntary abortion of thought and it is an intellectual infanticide. This is to say that Mrs. Hanny is entitled to her own opinion. To be candid, she should understand that rubbish words and 'Iskancinism' she learned from abroad have no basis in Northern Nigeria. This does not befit the age long respect for leaders and the elderly either. Thus, I don't blame her because she is Islamically an illiterate, socially bankrupt, morally deficient, politically naked and economically overshadowed now surviving at the mercy of venal peroration and vainglorious vituperation. The confirmation of this is rooted in her manifest tendencies of nihilist delusion that is neither Islamic nor Western. By the way, she neither performs the five daily prayers in Islam as a true Muslim nor even declares her solidarity to Christianity or "Maguzanci"—the traditional religion of her grand parents. It should be understood further that, Hanny is maliciously and cantankerously appealing to public emotion in order to gain cheap popularity without moral conscience. Just hear another version of her frivolous antics; "But when she (Turai) first made her debut, spotting a thick accent, bad vocabulary, lack of etiquette and outmoded style, a large section of the public probably bore a grudge towards her, not for what she did but what she wasn't... with her small frame, beautiful face and seemingly innocent stance, Turai presented the image of a demure and docile northern housewife. And, although in her eight years as the Katsina State First Lady the indigenes were familiar with her self-indigence and parsimoniousness, nobody could have imagined the kind of avid hunger she nursed for power and her obsession with the frills that accompany the office of the first lady" (emphasis and italic mine).

Haba! Hanny; Mai yayi zafi ne, your macabre frivolity of sadism is too personal and envious. Any way, I will not blame you, Hanny; because an empirical diagnostic analysis of your biological genealogy reveals that you are a positive carrier of this dangerous Virus - Venal Musa-flu-Hannicucos II (VMH<sub>2</sub>).

Hear this factual story. Sometimes in the past, Hanny, I gathered was supposed to marry one young boyfriend

of hers (from Katsina) who had laboured seriously to make her comfortable to such an extent he was at loggerhead with his parents simply because they unequivocally told him that she is a poisonous and dangerous snake. Not until that boy became pauperised, frustrated and disdained that Hanny told him overtly that she was not meant for his type—*Dan Talakawa* (A lumpen proletariat as Karl Marx said) as if she was born of golden spoon. Thus, the young boyfriend was said to have instantly told Hanny; "Allah ya tsine miki, kuma Allah ya i'sanmani" meaning—*God should curse you and deliver me from your evil*. Eventually, Hanny's primitive material lust lured her into embarking on an emotional sabbatical to the neighbouring state (Kano) where she bargained a capitalist matrimony using her then beauty as capital. This was how she got married to a humble Bourgeoisie, Alhaji Abdulsamad Isyaka Rabi'u of Kano State not because she genuinely loved him but because she was crazy in love with his money. After one issue (baby girl) she was divorced as he could no longer continue to pretend harbouring a dangerous snake in his house. Since then, for almost a decade now, Hanny has been a divorcee!

Come to think about it, between 2003 and 2007, Hanny from nowhere was made Director in a Chinese Information Technology Outfit working with the Nigerian Immigration Service during the e-passport compliance project courtesy of Hajiya Turai's associates. On another instance, when her father was financially and terminally ill, he swiftly romanced with the Turai's family to help him lobby for a contract in the country's Ministry of Agric and Water Resources to enable him fly abroad for treatment, a favour that was instantly granted to salvage his life. Also, between January and February, 2009 Hanny was in the Presidential Villa several times romancing with Hajiya Turai's daughters sentimentally pressing for contract, or be given appointment and even made tactical demands for crude oil allocation by-passing due process because she is from Katsina (these can be confirmed from the said Ministry and Villa's visitors' books respectively). These sentimental attributes would remind one of the late Dr. Chuba Okhadibo who once posited that: *those who preach violence, bigotry, and tribalism are Luciferic agents from the beginning to the end, those fanning the embers of ethnicity using religion as a cover-up are hiding their political and economic incompetence*. The one thing I know about Hajiya Turai and her family is that they do not give room for sectarianism and sectionalism. In fact, they mingle and work with Nigerians irrespective of their place, religion, state, tribe or race etc. But because Hanny's sentimental appeal to Hajiya Turai and her daughters failed, she therefore, resorted to insulting them with pugnacious passion. After all, Hanny is a staunch supporter of the gender thesis of what a man can do a woman can do even better. Why the sudden U-TURN?

Why I have to write this critical rejoinder to the vindictive and antagonistic diatribe with which this untimely expired woman (Hanny) is wrongly feeding the public, is because maintaining an embarrassing silence will be too dangerous for history. Futile vituperation and straight jacket criticism on paper is 'Zombie' journalism.

I therefore, wish to advise Hanny to go back to study the sociology and political science of investigative journalism so as to learn the dialectics of constructive criticisms.

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## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the leading UN organization in Reproductive Health and Population and Development, is recruiting personnel for the following positions in the Field Office in Abuja:

1. **National Program Analyst, Maternal Health - NOB (ICS 09)**
2. **National Program Analyst (NPO) Strengthening Reproductive Health Commodities Supply Systems (RHCS) - NOB (ICS 09)**
3. **National Programme Analyst, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) - NOB (ICS 09)**

### 1. National Program Analyst, Maternal Health - NOB

**Post Level:** NOB (ICS 09)  
**Duty Post:** ABUJA  
**Type of Contract:** Fixed Term  
**Duration:** One Year (Subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance)

#### Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the Representative and direct supervision of the Head Reproductive Health Unit, the National Programme Analyst, Maternal Health will work with the UNFPA RH team to support the national response in maternal health including antenatal care (ANC), Family Planning (FP), delivery care, post natal care and implementation of the government's IMNCH strategy. S/He will work with the national counterparts, the UN agencies and other partners to undertake the following tasks:

- Provide substantive inputs into the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes to increase access to maternal health services with quality evidence-based comprehensive intervention packages, within the context of the National IMNCH Strategy, taking into account socio-cultural factors. Working in close collaboration with National and state governments, UN Agencies, NGOs and other partners to ensure that appropriate national capacities are developed for the implementation of quality maternal health programmes.
- Guide the development and implementation of policies and strategies for further scaling up the maternal health programme activities of UNFPA in close collaboration with National and state governments. UN Agencies, NGOs and other partners
- Provide technical assistance, guidance and support for the operationalization/implementation of the IMNCH strategy at national and state levels.
- Facilitate the involvement of all levels of society namely, government, civil society, NGOs, FBOs and the private sector in the development of plans, implementation and evaluation of interventions to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality.
- Support the implementation of programmes to empower women and young people and improve their access to reproductive health information and services.
- Support the collection (including through operational research) of lessons learnt and best practices that enhance the effectiveness of RH interventions, disseminate them to stakeholders, and advocate, mobilize and convene partners for large-scale up of response to increase access to RH services and reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.
- Continuously analyze population and development, RH and gender issues in the country and provide data for decision making and target setting for RH programming. In addition, provide substantive input into advocacy strategies taking into account political and social sensitivities. Advocate and advance UNFPA's policy agenda by participating in public information events
- Contribute to analyses of national reproductive health data, challenges and priorities focusing on gender issues, women and girls and young and contribute to assessments of gaps in policy environment, policy implementation and programmatic responses. Review RH, maternal health and ASRH related policy and programme documents and provide recommendations to government counterparts and development partners to ensure multi-sectoral, gender-sensitive and evidence-based approaches;
- Represent UNFPA in key RH-related fora, including the H4, UN RH Theme Group, RH Technical Working Group (TWG), IMNCH TWG, RHCS TWG and ensure consistent feedback to other UNFPA program sectors on the outcomes and outputs of these mechanisms and processes.
- Undertake any other assignments as may be required by the Representative

#### Qualifications and Experience

The Ideal Candidate should:

- Be a Nigerian National (Male or Female)
- Be a Medical Doctor with a post-graduate degree in Public Health or a related Social Science field.
- Possess professional experience of a minimum of 10 years preferably in programme/project management in the public and/or private sector linked to maternal health issues especially with international bilateral, multilateral organizations or NGOs.
- Possess good technical drafting and report/proposal writing skills and presentation and interpersonal communication skills.
- Be experienced in working with government institutions and donor organizations.
- Have a strong capability to communicate clearly and concisely in both oral and written English.
- Have the ability to work under pressure.
- Have proficiency in current office software applications.

### 2. National Program Analyst, Strengthening Reproductive Health Commodities Supply Systems (RHCS) - NOB

**Post Level:** NOB (ICS 09)  
**Duty Post:** ABUJA  
**Type of Contract:** Fixed Term  
**Duration:** One Year (Subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance)

#### Main Tasks and Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the Representative and direct supervision of the Head, Reproductive Health and Rights, the National Program Analyst, Strengthening Reproductive Health Commodities Supply Systems (RHCS) will lead UNFPA's work in strengthening Contraceptives and Commodities supply systems including

providing direct technical assistance to FMOH, SMOH and other implementing partners to improve Contraceptives and commodities supply systems in Nigeria in support of UNFPA 6<sup>th</sup> country program objectives. S/He will work with the national counterparts, the UN agencies and other partners to undertake the following tasks:

- Help create and document knowledge about current and emerging population development trends, RH and gender practices as they relate to the promotion and enhancement of Reproductive Health Commodity Security, and share with management for use in knowledge sharing and planning future strategies.
- Provides technical assistance to state population and development programmes in the development and implementation of strategic activities focused at strengthening the implementation of the Contraceptive Logistic Management System and other RHCS interventions at the state level.
- Identify and develop activities and strategies that will leverage existing initiatives or interventions focused at delivering sustainable outputs in RHCS.
- Assist in advocacy and resource mobilization efforts of the country office by preparing relevant documentation i.e., project summaries, conference papers, speeches, donor profiles and participating in donor meetings and public information events.
- Work with focus states to develop state-level RHCS strategic plans and provide technical support for implementation.
- Mentor/support state RH and FP staff in UNFPA focus states to conduct routine monitoring and supportive supervision of the Contraceptive Logistics Management System.
- In close coordination and collaboration with FMOH, SMOH, counterparts and other partners develop, launch, and manage the RHCS components of the 6<sup>th</sup> country program as assigned. Responsibilities include work plan and budget management and supervision of specific activities.
- RHCS Training Courses: As necessary, plan, organize and conduct training courses covering technical areas above. In collaboration with the FMOH and other development partners, develop training materials relevant to the targeted training groups.
- Undertake any other assignments as may be required by the Representative

#### A. Policy Options Analysis, Strategic Planning and Implementation

- Plan, organize and conduct RHCS sector assessments of public and private sectors and conduct policy options analyses based on the assessment findings. Develop detailed reports that define problems and gaps in services and recommend steps to remedy deficiencies.
- Provide technical assistance to evaluate national health systems and to determine the optimal mix of methods for financing necessary RHCS supply, and to implement reforms including cost-sharing programs and revolving funds.
- Assist FMOH, SMOH and other IPs in developing and implementing appropriate RHCS management systems.
- Assist FMOH, SMOH and other IPs in developing or revising local or national RHCS policies and in developing appropriate RHCS service delivery models.

#### B. Supply Chain Management

- Based on policy options analysis, assist FMOH, SMOH and other IPs to identify best options for organizing their supply systems for maximum effectiveness and efficiency, including consideration of various combinations of centralization/decentralization and public/private service delivery. Perform cost analysis modeling the impact of options considered.
- Provide technical assistance to implement and sustain effective supply chains for RHCS, contraceptives, and related commodities.

#### C. RHC Quality Assurance

- Assist FMOH, SMOH and other IPs to evaluate capacities and needs in the area of product quality assurance testing, and to identify the best options to assure appropriate access to QA testing
- Assist clients to develop and implement product quality monitoring systems, involving appropriate involvement by public and private sectors.

#### D. Private Sector Collaborations

- Contribute to design and completion of RHCS sector assessments by focusing on private sector capacities, as well as documented performance and interests in supporting public health objectives.
- Based on assessment of public and private sector capacities, performance, and interests, help clients to design and implement appropriate country-level public/private collaborations to strengthen Contraceptives and commodity management for public health.
- Provide technical assistance as required to national public/private collaborations, helping to design, implement and monitor RHCS management systems.

#### Qualifications and Experience

The Ideal Candidate should:

- Be a Nigerian National (Male or Female)
- Have a master's degree in Public Health or other professional degree in a health related field preferably in Pharmacy
- Possess professional experience of a minimum of 10 years preferably in programme/project management in the public and/or private sector.
- Have significant work experience in providing professional or consulting services to contraceptive management programmes and other RHCS, preferred.
- Possess good technical drafting and report/proposal writing skills and presentation and interpersonal communication skills.
- Be experienced in working with government institutions and donor organizations.
- Have a strong capability to communicate clearly and concisely in both oral and written English.
- Have the ability to work under pressure.
- Have proficiency in current office software applications.

**3. National Programme Analyst, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH)**

**Post Level:** NOB (ICS 09)  
**Duty Post:** ABUJA  
**Type of Contract:** Fixed Term  
**Duration:** One Year (Subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance)

**Main Tasks and Responsibilities:**

Under the overall supervision of the Representative and/or Deputy Representative, and the direct supervision of the, Reproductive Health Unit Head, the incumbent will oversee UNFPA's work in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in support of national programmes aimed at improving Young People's health. S/he will work with the national counterparts, the UN agencies and other partners to undertake the following tasks:

- Provide technical expertise/support to guide the development, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes related to young people's sexual and reproductive health in the context of the National Youth Policy, National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy and IMNCH Strategy.
- Support the scaling up of national ASRH services coverage with quality evidence-based youth friendly programmes taking into account community socio-cultural factors. Facilitate the involvement of all levels of society including the empowerment of young people to effectively participate in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of youth related interventions.
- Conduct and contribute to assessments of gaps in policy environment, policy implementation and programmatic responses. Review ASRH and Youth related policy and programme documents and provide recommendations to government counterparts and development partners to ensure multi-sectoral, gender-sensitive and evidence-based approaches for programmes related to young people;
- Facilitate the development and Operationalization of national youth-friendly policies, strategies and programmes at national, states and community levels in close collaboration with National and state governments, UN Agencies, NGOs and other partners.
- Provide technical assistance for the integration of Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV and AIDS into one comprehensive package at the national level. Guide and support the Operationalization of the package at national, state levels, LGAs and health facilities.
- Provide technical support for capacity building within government, civil society, NGOs, private sector, FBOs including addressing non-discriminatory staff attitude towards people living with HIV and young people. Facilitate capacity building to strengthen existing human resources and infrastructures for increased service delivery of youth friendly services.
- Facilitate the development of programmes addressing young people's rights to information and services and HIV prevention for young women and girls by mainstreaming access to youth friendly services.
- Continuously monitor ASRH related issues among young people in the country and provide data for decision making and target setting for ASRH programming among young people and vulnerable groups. In addition, provide substantive input into advocacy strategies taking into account political and social sensitivities. Advocate and advance UNFPA's policy agenda by participating in public information events on young people
- Support the collection (including through operational research) of lessons learnt and best practices that enhance the effectiveness of ASRH interventions, disseminate to stakeholders, and advocate for scaling up of the national ASRH programme
- Contribute substantively to the harmonization and coordination of the activities of the various UN agencies in line with the UN reform, especially in relation to coordination of youth activities. Participate actively in preparations of UN missions and joint UN workshops and seminars
- Follow up the progress of new adolescent and youth-related policies including the African Youth Charter, national development frameworks and strategy development and, prepare documents and data for policy dialogue, coordination of technical assistance and youth development programmes with special focus on ASRH promotion and STIs/HIV prevention.
- Support the CO to leverage funds for the ASRH/HIV/AIDS program and keep track of programme expenses and disbursements to ensure conformity with approved budgets vis-à-vis the levels of expected results
- Represent UNFPA in key ASRH/SRH and HIV/AIDS -related fora, including the H4, UN RH Theme Group, RH Technical Working Group (TWG), IMNCH TWG, RHCS TWG, Country Coordinating Mechanism and ensure consistent feedback to other UNFPA program sectors on the outcomes and outputs of these mechanisms and processes.
- Support UNFPA's role in UNCT joint programming for HIV prevention. Facilitate the convening of the Prevention Group of the UN-Joint Support Programme.
- Undertake any other assignments as may be required by the Representative or Deputy Representative.

**Qualifications and Experience**

The ideal Candidate should:

- Be a Nigerian National (Male or Female)
- Have Master's degree or equivalent in Medicine, Public Health or Social Sciences.
- Possess professional experience of a minimum of 8 - 10 years preferably in programme/project management in the public and/or private sector.
- Have Experience in ASRH programming.
- Possess good technical drafting and report/proposal writing skills and presentation and interpersonal communication skills.
- Be experienced in working with government institutions and donor organizations.
- Have a strong capability to communicate clearly and concisely in both oral and written English.
- Have the ability to work under pressure.
- Have proficiency in current office software applications.

**Method of Application**

All applications should include functional e-mail addresses and mobile phone numbers, letter of application and detailed curriculum vitae (CV), **attached as one file in MS WORD format only**. Applications should be addressed to **The UNFPA Resident Representative, Abuja** and forwarded to e-mail address - **vacancyrhu.ng@unfpa.org** latest by **13 February, 2010**. Each application should clearly reflect the post to which an applicant is applying as follows:

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Please note that UNFPA will respond only to those applicants in whom it has a further interest. Kindly also note that **ONLY** applications sent by e-mail as specified above will be accepted. Qualified women are encouraged to apply.  
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Holding as follows:

**VENUE:** Nicon Luxury Hotel, Area 11, Abuja  
**DATE:** February 1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
**TIME:** 08:30 am Daily

**Key Topics:**

- General Overview of Rural Finance in Nigeria
- Development and Strengthening of Rural Finance in Nigeria
- Cooperatives and Rural Finance Delivery
- Rural Finance and the State of Micro-Finance Banks
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- Micro-finance Banks (MFBs)
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- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- Federal Department of Cooperatives (FDC)
- Nigerian Agricultural Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB)
- National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP)

The Workshop would be declared open by Dr. Sayyadi Abba Ruma, Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources.

**U. M. ABDULLAHI**  
 Ag. Permanent Secretary  
 Announcer

## FOR THE RECORDS

### FACTS ABOUT THE REPORT OF THE BAUCHI STATE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND THE SUBSEQUENT WHITE PAPER THEREON.

This is the first time we are speaking to the press since we left office nearly three years ago on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007. Over this period, we have maintained complete silence despite a barrage of harassments, and insults on some of us as individuals, and on the immediate past administration of Bauchi State under Governor Mu'azu. Over this same period, the past administration had been subjected to all sorts of investigations by committees after committees, culminating with the setting up of a Judicial Commission of Inquiry (JCI) on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2007.

The commission had five civilian members (2 were legal practitioners) including a then ANPP chieftain. The Commission worked for one year and 9 months, submitting its report on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2009. Three Senior Advocates, a senior counsel, retinue of other lawyers and a whole bunch of various consultants were engaged by the Government. The cost to the taxpayers for the whole exercise is almost ₦400 million, comprising of a handsome ₦30,000 per day per member as sitting allowance and nearly a quarter of a billion Naira in legal and consultancy fees. The end result of this very expensive jamboree was a report that was submitted to the Bauchi State Government and used as the basis of a hurriedly prepared White Paper, which is the subject matter of this press conference.

The report of the commission turned out to be full of distortions, fabrications and inconsistencies and negates the basic principles of factual evidences, fairness to all parties and equity. No wonder, two out of the six members of the commission (the legal practitioners on the commission) refused to sign the final report. It is for this reason that the report of the commission and the white paper had been kept under lock and key and nobody has to-date, been allowed to see and have access to the signed copy of the final report, including the members of the white paper drafting committee who had to work with unsigned copies of the final report.

The publicly announced Chairman of the White Paper drafting committee, Alhaji Muhammad Maishanu, a former member of the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), rejected the appointment after sensing its mission – (destroy the reputation of the former Governor and those close to him and eliminate their threat against 2011 by banning them from holding public office). A beneficiary of the present administration, Alhaji Ahmed Suleiman, currently the Chairman of the Local Government Service Commission, was drafted to replace Alhaji Maishanu and execute the dirty work. He and the other committee members had to work blindly with unsigned copies of the final report of the Commission, knowing fully the implications of doing that, and literally took dictations on what the Government precisely wanted to see in their final report.

This was the same constraint that we faced which forced us not to comment on the JCI report and that of the White Paper committee until now. We had no access to the two reports until of very recent and it would have been very unprofessional for us to make comments based on media reports.

Equally, our silence in the past almost 3 years on the affairs of Bauchi State, should not be construed as a sign of weakness or that of guilt but a deliberate effort on our part not to heat-up the Bauchi polity and give the current administration of Mallam Isa Yuguda an excuse not to perform its duties. Now that it is clearly evident, after almost 3 years in office, that the administration has woefully failed in meeting the expectation of the electorates and cannot perform, we feel that we should now start talking and bringing out the truth to the domain of the public.

The report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry and the subsequent White Paper touched on only 4 ministries and 3 Departments, namely:

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Tourism and Culture
- Ministry of Works & Transport
- Ministry of Rural Development
- Department of Local Government
- State Development Board; AND
- Ministry of Finance Incorporated.

We would now examine some of the issues raised in the report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry and the White Paper Committee based on facts for people to make independent, informed judgments.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

##### Security Expenditure – Misrepresentation of Facts and Misconceptions about Security Expenditure:

A total sum of ₦4,699,291,882.50 was the total sum of money said to have been expended by the 20 local government councils of Bauchi State over the period 2003 – 2007 as 'Security Expenditure'.

The Judicial Commission of Inquiry (JCI) in its report on page 25, made assertive statements which became the basis of their recommendations that were subsequently adopted by the White Paper committee and the Government, as follows:

*'Security Expenditure was the major avenue wherein funds belonging to the Local Government Councils in Bauchi State were disbursed.....'*

*'..... This raised a pertinent question whether Bauchi State was at war throughout the tenure of the administration of Governor Ahmad Adamu Mu'azu that will necessitate this huge expenditure on security.....'*

*'Security is not a Joint Project between the State and LGs as claimed by the former Perm Secretaries and Special Advisers.....'*

All these statements are baseless and unfounded. First, the total revenue that accrued to the 20 LGs over the period in question was ₦75,814,460,000:00. When the total security expenditure of ₦4,699,291,882.50 is put against this total revenue, it will give us 6%. How could an expenditure head of just 6% of total revenue be described as 'major avenue wherein

funds belonging to the Local Government Councils in Bauchi State were disbursed'? Moreover, section 14 (2) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria clearly states that 'Security and Welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government'. An expenditure of 6% of the total revenue for discharging the primary purpose of Government cannot by any imagination be described as outrageous.

This expenditure could better be appreciated when one puts it in the context of events that occurred over the said period: Two general elections, religious crisis in the neighboring Plateau State and the mass exodus of displaced persons, religious crisis in Bauchi Local Government, the national census exercise, voters' registration, the menace of Political thugs and 'Yan Sara Suka' etc. Yet in just the first half of one year and without most of the above security threats, the present administration of Mallam Isa Yuguda spent ₦2.4 billion on security and was proposing to spend another ₦2.7 billion for the remaining six months of the year (see copy of 2008 supplementary budget attached herewith).

If ₦4.6 billion security expenditure over a period of four and half years could be described as a state of War by the Judicial Commission of Inquiry (JCI), how would the same JCI describe Yuguda's ₦5.1 billion security expenditure in one year?

To say that Security is not a Joint Project between the State and LGs is to say the least outrightly mischievous. First Security is not only a joint effort between the States and the LGs, but also includes the Federal Government. Every inch of a State belongs to a Local Government and Local Government Chairmen are by their primary duties the 'Chief Security Officers' of their respective Local Governments. Thus, it is very normal for Local Governments to expend money on security and very abnormal not to.

It also very normal for part of security funds to be pooled together from the 20 Local Governments to be expended jointly. A security breach in one LG may affect another as was demonstrated in the 1991 Civil disturbances in Tafawa Balewa Local Govt of Bauchi State which quickly spread to Dass, Bauchi, Ningi, Shira, Ganjuwa Local Governments amongst others. In Bauchi State, between 1999 to 2007, the Department of Local Government Affairs was the coordinating body for the LGs and thus part of the resources for security were pooled together through this coordinating body and disbursed on the authority and on behalf of the LGs.

It should be noted that, security expenditure goes beyond payments of allowances to policemen and other security officials, and provision of materials and equipment for use of security operatives, as the JCI assumed. Security expenditure includes rewards for security reports and information gathering, prayers in mosques and churches both in Nigeria and the holy cities, mobilization of the people from all the Local Governments to important state gatherings, and the traditional rendering of assistance to people during religious celebrations such as Sallah, Maulud and Easter, and various types of assistance pursuant to section 17(3) of the constitution of Nigeria.

#### Refund of Monies for Security Expenditure:

The whole amount of Security monies for the Local Governments for the period of 2003 to 2007 of ₦4,699,291,882.50 was the amount of money that the JCI earmarked for refund by the 3 Perm Secretaries that were in charge of LG affairs over the said period. Thus the JCI refused to recognize even ₦1 of expenditure for security by the 20 LG councils over a period of four and half years.

The 3 Perm Secs were asked to refund the following sums:

- Umar Barau Ningi (PS: Jan 07 – May 07)	420,166,000:00
- Lawal Baraza (PS: 2003 – 2006)	3,684,472,332:50
- Abdullahi B. Akuyam (PS: 1999 – 2003)	324,713,036:00

The JCI recommendation was based on the assumption that the entire expanded Local Government's security funds were misappropriated even though no were in the report could evidence of misappropriation be found. Simply because the payments for security were released not in cheques but in cash at various instances, the JCI as well as the White Paper committee and the State Government threw the civil service tradition of raising cash payments in the name of the office of the accounting officer i.e. the permanent secretary to the dust-bin, to think that the Permanent Secretaries misappropriated the funds.

Where then is justice, where then is equity, where then is fairness when well-known procedures of Government are deliberately overlooked to castigate, indict and punish innocent civil and public servants while legitimately carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their offices.

Another misconception by the JCI is on the issue of Sule Abdulkadir Doguwa, who was Special Adviser in the Department of Local Government from 2003 – 2006 and elected PDP chairman towards the end of 2006. He continued to serve as Special Adviser for about 2 months after his election before a new Special Adviser was appointed to replace him. During this 2 months period, he gave approvals for disbursement of funds to the tune of ₦133,725,000. The JCI was of the view that it was wrong for him to have remained as Special Adviser to the Governor after his election as PDP Chairman and as such he should be held accountable to refund the entire ₦133,725,000. This is not only baseless but erroneous. There is no law in this country that says a Chairman or official of a political party cannot be an Adviser to a Governor or President.

You could recall of recent, that Saidu Umar Kumo remained as National Secretary of the ANPP, while holding an appointment as Special Adviser to President Yar'Adua. In neighboring Jigawa State, throughout the tenure of Governor Saminu Turaki, the State Chairman of ANPP was Alhaji Muhammadu Daguro who was Hon Commissioner for Political Affairs. Similarly, in the same Jigawa State today under Governor Sule Lamido, the State Chairman of the PDP Alhaji Isa Ahmed Duniya Bahutu and the State Secretary of the PDP Alhaji Rabiu Taura are Special Adviser and Hon. Commissioner respectively.

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**JCI's sense of Justice:** The former Governor, Alhaji Ahmad Adamu Mu'azu was asked to refund a total sum of ₦1,610,000,000 under the Department of Local Government Affairs. This sum comprised of:

- ₦1,110,000,000 for Security expenditure; and
- ₦500,000,000 he approved as investment by the 20 local government councils of Bauchi State in the 'Yankari Resort & Safari' project.

The ₦1,110,000,000 refund was arrived at by the JCI based on the evidence given in **Camera** by only one witness out of the 49 witnesses that testified on the Department of Local Government Affairs. The witness, Alhaji Aminu Gadiya who is still in the service of the Bauchi State Government claimed that there was monthly 'standing security disbursements' from the Department of Local Government to key Government officials, including the Governor who received ₦30,000,000 every month from May 2004 to May 2007. The witness could not tender any documentary evidence to support his assertion and also admitted that he had never taken, or witness the delivery of any of these standing security disbursements to the parties. Yet, the JCI in their sense of justice accepted his evidence in toto and asked Governor Mu'azu and some selected officials (not all that the witness mentioned) to refund various sums.

And even though the JCI recommended in specific terms that Aminu Gadiya with 3 other civil servants 'should be disciplined in accordance with the civil service rules for conspiring and facilitating the diversion of public funds' - page 60 (JCI main report), the Government rejected this recommendation and that of the white paper committee and said 'in the case of Alhaji Nasiru M. Yelwa and Alhaji Aminu Umar Gadiya, Government observes that they were very co-operative with the commission ..... In appreciation of their honesty therefore, Government hereby exonerates them.' (page 12 - white paper committee report) One would ask which honesty, except that they have played ball with the Government to get innocent people indicted, in order to keep their plum civil service positions.

On the issue of the ₦500 million investment by the 20 Local Government Councils of Bauchi State in the Yankari Resort and Safari Project, it was a decision of the State Executive Council that instead of taking a bank loan to redevelop the Yankari Game Reserve after the take-over from the Federal Government, the State Government and its 20 Local Government Councils should contribute funds for the project. The State House Assembly in the 2006 and 2007 Appropriation laws provided for ₦1 billion under State and Local Government Joint Projects as Local Governments' investment. This ₦500 million that former Governor Mu'azu is being asked to refund is half of this approved investment. One then wonders why the former Governor would be asked to refund the ₦500 million Local Governments' investment in Yankari. After all, the money was not released through the former Governor but through the State Accountant General, who in turn paid the contractors of the Yankari project. A register for the project is available at the State Treasury. The JCI in its wisdom neither called for the register nor invited any member of the Bauchi State Tourism Development Committee nor asked the Accountant General for details.

#### Auditing of the Accounts of the 20 Local Governments:

In January 2007, Ahmed Zakari & Co (Chartered Accountants) was appointed to audit the accounts of the 20 Local Government Councils for the years 2001 - 2006. The last audited accounts of the local Government Councils were those of year 2000.

Ordinarily, there should be no issue when a State Auditor General engages the services of one of the twelve leading Accounting firms in the country to audit the accounts of 17 out of the twenty Local Government Councils of the State. The problem was that, unlike his colleagues in the former Government, they looked, but could not find any issue that they could use to indict the former Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Alhaji Shuaibu Ahmed, a close ally of the former Governor. The case of the Local Governments Audit was thought to be the punching bag.

Alhaji Shuaibu Ahmed, a Chartered Accountant by training was a founding partner in the firm of Ahmed Zakari & Co (Chartered Accountants) before he resigned his partnership in 1999 to join the Government of Bauchi State as a Special Assistant. He was invited by the Judicial Commission of Inquiry (JCI) to give evidence, which was captured in the commission's Verbatim Report and also the Record of Proceedings. The JCI forgetting these components of their documentations deliberately twisted and fabricated their main report to show that the former SSG influenced the appointment, even after the Auditor General for Local Government had been invited by the commission and had debunked these insinuations.

The first fabricated statement of the commission is on Page 48 paragraph 4.5.5.2 of its main report where it stated: 'In January, 2007 the firm of Ahmed Zakari & Co was appointed as external auditors by the Department of Local Government to audit .....

This is not true, Ahmed Zakari & Co was not appointed by the Department of Local Government but by the Auditor General for Local Governments (See copies of signed contract agreements) whose independence is guaranteed by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria - i.e. he / she can only be removed by two-thirds of the members of the House of Assembly.

The second blatant and outrageous fabrication was in the Commission's main report, page 50, Paragraph 4.5.5.7 where it stated that:

*'During cross examination..... CW40 (Shuaibu Ahmed Adamu) ..... replied: 'After my appointment as Special Assistant about 10 days later I resigned my partnership with Ahmed Zakari & Co. I resigned in writing. I gave my letter of resignation to my partner. CW40 then produced the purported letter of resignation which is handwritten and which he claimed he gave his partner. We admitted the documents in evidence and marked it as Exhibit CW40:1363. The letter was dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1999.'*

*'The commission has observed that even though CW40 said he wrote ..... a letter of resignation and handed same to his partners, the letter that was tendered by the witness is the same one which is supposed to be in the custody of Ahmed Zakari & Co but curiously it came from the custody of CW40.'*

*'The commission finds that since Exhibit .... which is the letter that would have terminated the service of CW40 with the firm of Ahmed Zakari & Co remained in the possession of the said Ahmed Shuaibu Adamu i.e. CW40 who tendered it in evidence, he remained in the service of the firm of Ahmed Zakari & Co.....all through his service with the Bauchi State Government between 1999 to 2007.'*

On the basis of the above, the Government took a decision to report CW40 (Shuaibu Ahmed Adamu) to the professional bodies he belonged for influencing the engagement of a firm of which he is a principal partner as external auditors of the audit of the Local Government councils of Bauchi State while holding the exalted office of Secretary to the State Government. It also took a decision to ban him from holding public office for a period of 10 years.

The basis of that decision was deliberately fabricated and is far from what transpired on the day

that CW40 appeared before the commission. The letter of resignation dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1999 was not produced by CW40 (Shuaibu Ahmed Adamu), nor was the letter in his possession as claimed in the main report of the commission. The letter of resignation was retrieved by Barrister Ben Ogbuchi from Counsel of Ahmed Zakari & Co. Barrister Femi Sumonu, who was present at the sitting of the commission that day, presented to the witness for identification, tendered before the commission and admitted as an exhibit without any objection from either the commission members or the government lawyers.

Fortunately for us, the Verbatim report and record of proceedings of the commission captured precisely what happened that day and the proceedings are also there on tape. Just compare the above paragraph with the JCI record of proceedings (23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2008) and verbatim reports (55<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup> sittings) as follows:

CW40 Cross examination by Ben Ogbuchi Esq:

**Question:** You were appointed Special Assistant in 1999 what happened to your partnership of Ahmed Zakari & Co?

**Answer:** After my appointment as Special Assistant, about 10 days later, I resigned my partnership with Ahmed Zakari & Co. I resigned in writing. I gave my letter of resignation to my partner. I signed the letter, it was in my handwriting.

**WITNESS SHOWN A DOCUMENT TO INSPECT.**

What this clearly shows is that when you are out on a vendetta mission, your eyes get closed, and at times you tend to forget to tidy up all your loose ends.

We await to see what will happen to Mallam Isa Yuguda, who is a former Managing Director of Inland Bank but still a major shareholder in First Inland Bank, and so is his SSG, his Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice and whose first directive as Governor of Bauchi State on 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009 was the transfer of the State Government main account and some other lucrative accounts to First Inland Bank.

The JCI also refused to state in their report, some other facts as follows:

- Ahmed Zakari & Co is one of the top 12 Accountancy firms in Nigeria.
- This is not the first time that Ahmed Zakari & Co is participating in the audit of the local Governments Councils of Bauchi State. The firm was involved in both audits of the last audited accounts of the Local Government Councils of Bauchi State, that is in 1999 and year 2000. At that time Alhaji Shuaibu Ahmed Adamu was only a Special Assistant to the former Governor, Ahmed Mu'azu.
- For the 1999 and 2000 Audit exercise, Ahmed Zakari & Co was adjudged the best firm in terms quality and was the only firm that came out with a qualified (adverse) audit opinion on the accounts that it audited.
- During the same years, 1999 and year 2000, Ahmed Zakari & Co audited all the 27 Local Government Councils of Jigawa State - an ANPP controlled State at that time.
- Professional practicing firms such as for lawyers and accountants must by law be sole proprietors or partnerships and not limited companies. There are therefore no shares to hold. Shareholding and management are not therefore distinct. It is therefore impossible for one to be a Principal partner in a firm, while holding a demanding, full time appointment elsewhere, such as the position of Secretary to State Government.

#### Ministry of Finance

Here, 3 issues were reported upon by the commission, on which the former Honorable Commissioner for Finance, who served for 8 years (1999 - 2007) was the only public official indicted and banned from holding public office for 10 years.

The first allegation was that he requested for money from the then Inland Bank Plc, Bauchi and Abuja branches on several occasions and the Bank obliged. Some of these withdrawals were made based on verbal instructions while others were in writing on pieces of paper. When the money was not returned, the Bank unilaterally debited the Sub-Treasurers (STs) Account - this is Government Account being held at Inland Bank. The following are the sums in yearly totals, actual details indicate that some are as low as ₦500,000:

Year	Sum
2002	24,247,500
2003	25,000,000
2004	5,744,000
2005	5,766,690

What the State Government and its Commission of inquiry refused to tell the public are:

- The then Commissioner of Finance, Haruna Alfa Ahmed, prior to joining Inland Bank was amongst the top 5 executives of Inland Bank Plc, including the present Governor of Bauchi State, Mallam Isa Yuguda.
- All the personal accounts of Haruna Alfa Ahmed were at Inland Bank Plc as an executive of the Bank before he became a Commissioner and throughout his tenure as Commissioner in the service of Bauchi State.
- Inland Bank Plc officials testified before the commission that Haruna Alfa Ahmed as Commissioner of finance did not give them any instruction to debit the Sub-Treasurer's Account. It was a unilateral decision of Inland Bank to do so and they had not made any demand to the Commissioner of Finance for the repayment of the monies before debiting the Sub-Treasurer's Account.
- The former Hon. Commissioner of Finance, Haruna Alfa Ahmed, only got to know of the debit to the ST's account when the then ST discovered the debit on his bank statements and subsequently wrote to his boss, the Accountant General, who in turn wrote to his boss, Hon Commissioner of finance informing him of the unauthorized debits to the accounts. A letter was then written to Inland Bank for clarification, which was duly provided by them.
- As all the transactions were bonafide and valid Government transaction, two memos were written to the Governor for ratification, which he duly gave.

Despite all these facts, the commission of inquiry refused to accept the Governor's approval rectifying the situation, because they are under instructions that the Alhaji Alfa Ahmed must be found pinned down at all cost and found guilty of an offence to get him banned from holding public office.

The Commission of Inquiry's recommendation is: 'the former commissioner of Finance, Alhaji Haruna Alfa Ahmed should be held accountable for all the sums of monies representing the illegal transactions made with First Inland Bank Plc without approval of the Governor.'

'First Inland Bank is also liable for unilaterally debiting the sum of ₦60,758,190 from the Sub Treasurer's Account without the approval of the account signatories. The bank should be made to credit the said Sub Treasurer's Account with interest at the prevailing rate at the time they debited the account.'

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Both these recommendations were of-course upheld by the white paper committee and accepted by the Government.

If the Commission is saying that the basis of holding Haruna Alfa Ahmed liable is that he had no approval of the Governor - which is not true, they was an approval which was duly given to them (see attached) and if the commission is also accepting that First Inland Bank unilaterally debited the sum of =N=60,758,190 to the Sub Treasurer's account, why then is Haruna Alfa Ahmed being punished unless there is some ulterior motive?

Having served Bauchi State for 8 years as commissioner for finance and the only lies and half truth that could be fabricated against him was on =N=60,758,190 for which he is indicted for, is to say the least, shameful.

There is also the issue of the former Commissioner of Finance, Haruna Alfa Ahmed authorizing the release of funds to the tune of =N=2,060,300,722.13 over the 8 year period he was commissioner of finance without the Governor's written approvals on the various memos for funds release from various departments of the BASG. The Commission of Inquiry's recommendation Paragraph 5.1.5 at page 125 states: '*Alhaji Haruna Alfa Ahmed, made several approvals for the release of funds without the express approval of the former Governor, Alh Ahmed Adamu Mu'azu. It logically follows that he (the former Commissioner), should be held responsible for the unauthorized approvals.....We hereby recommend that Alh Haruna Alfa Ahmed shall be held responsible for the unauthorized approvals and disbursement of the sum of Two Billion, Sixty Million, Three Hundred Thousand, Seven hundred and Twenty Two Naira, Thirteen Kobo (=N=2,060,300,722.13) only.*'

This recommendation of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry which was as expected, since Haruna Alfa Ahmed is one of the targeted preys, was accepted by both the White Paper committee and the Bauchi State Government.

It clearly shows that the commission is totally ignorant of the basic rules of procedure governing financial transactions of Government. Even more worrying to us is the fact that the White Paper committee, which had some former high ranking government officials, and State Executive Council (not surprising at all) fell into the same prey of ignorance.

The Financial Instructions (FI) / Regulation (which was mentioned several times by the commission of inquiry in their report - see pages 54 paragraph 5.10.....) guides the conduct of all financial dealings of Government and has been in used in Nigeria's public service since time immemorial (since the 1960s) alongside the Stores Regulations. It has been regularly updated by various Governments and administrations; the last update for Bauchi State was done in 2001. The FI does not require the Governor's written approval on memos from ministries and government agencies before funds are released from the treasury. What it says as per Chapter 4 (Authorities for expenditure) - S.403 is that: '*When an Appropriation Law has been enacted, the Governor issues to the Accountant General a General Warrant (Finance Warrant 1), authorizing the release of moneys to meet the cost of services covered by appropriation as set out in the approved estimates, excluding any subheads over which it is desired to retain special control.....*' I believe you know, ladies and gentlemen that this is the case even at the Federal Government level - the Hon Minister of Finance does not wait for the President's approval on every memo requiring funds release from Ministries, Departments and Agencies before he authorizes the release of funds. To expect this would mean making our Governors and President super humans to append their signature on every single memo for funds release.

There is also the issue of refund of \$550,000 and =N=12,940,000 to be made by the former Commissioner of Finance, Alh Haruna Alfa Ahmed. These sums were all in connection with the 2005 Hajj operations. We may recall that the 2005 hajj operations was one of the most chaotic in recent history in terms of Pilgrims airlifting and other logistics. A lot of pilgrims from all the Northern states could not be airlifted and quite a few States had to make at the last minute, alternative arrangements with flight operators for their pilgrims to be airlifted. Bauchi State was no exception and Citizens of Bauchi State could vividly remember, especially those that attended that year's hajj, the former Governor, Alh Ahmed Mu'azu had to relocate to Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport for 5 days and Bauchi State was one of the lucky states to get a substantial number of their pilgrims airlifted through an arrangement with Kabo Air and Meridian Airlines. Receipts for these arrangements are hereby attached.

With all the efforts made, 647 pilgrims from Bauchi State could still not be airlifted before the Jeddah Airport became closed. The Bauchi State Government decided to be magnanimous by giving each of these intended pilgrims the sum of =N=20,000 to use as transport fare back to their places of abode. This transport subsidy for the 647 pilgrims which was released directly and paid to the pilgrims by the Muslims Pilgrims Welfare Board is the =N=12,940,000 that Alh Alfa Ahmed is being asked to refund.

The Commission by acts of omission, neither asked for receipts or evidence of these payments to the airlines nor bother to request the list of the 647 pilgrims that could not perform that year's hajj to verify from a sample or all of them whether they got the =N=20,000 transport subsidy. It may also interest you to know that all these financial transactions were not conducted by Ministry of finance or the Hon Commissioner, Haruna Alfa Ahmed BUT by the Muslims Pilgrims Welfare Board. Yet, it is the Commissioner Haruna Alfa Ahmed that is being asked to refund these sums.

#### Min of Tourism and Culture

Another mischievous distortion of facts and outright falsehood could be seen in the JCI report on the Ministry of Tourism and Culture. Let us examine the report as it affects this ministry.

The ministry was created by the Muazu Administration in 2002 to reinvigorate the Tourism potentials of Bauchi State. It is undisputed that Tourism is the most important economic resource of the State. Three important tasks that the Ministry was saddled with then were: pursuing the return of the dilapidated Yankari Game Reserve to the Bauchi State Government from the Federal Government; the development of the Game Reserve to International standards; and the creation of a new Wildlife Park at Sumu.

In recognition of the tremendous importance of these projects to the economy of Bauchi State and National economy, a Cabinet Committee was set up by the State Executive Council to supervise the handling of the Yankari and Sumu Projects (see Executive Council Conclusion). The Cabinet Committee, which was called the '**Bauchi State Tourism Development Committee**', had the Hon. Commissioner of budget and Economic Planning as chairman, with the Hon. Commissioners of Tourism & Culture, and Works & Transport as members. The Hon. Attorney General & Commissioner of Justice and the Hon. Commissioner of information were co-opted as members.

After the successful return of the Yankari Game Reserve to the Bauchi State Government, the committee's composition was amended by the State Executive Council to include the Deputy Governor as Chairman, the Secretary to the State Government as member, along with the same Hon. Commissioners listed above. However, the Deputy Governor because of his busy schedules allowed the Hon. Commissioner of budget & Economic planning to continue to chair the committee in acting capacity.

At no time therefore, did the Former Governor ever chaired or was a member of the committee. It is therefore very surprising and sheer mischief that the JCI claimed in its report under paragraph 6.14.2 at page 195 that '*..... the commission hereby holds that the projects handled by the Bauchi State Tourism Development Committee under the chairmanship of the former Governor.....*'

**Deliberate mis-addition (miscasting) of figures:** To show how desperate people are to indict the previous Mu'azu administration for simple political interest, they had to go as far as deliberate mis-addition of figures as exemplified by page 15 & 16 of the JCI main report. The total amount as recommended for refund by the JCI under the Ministry of Tourism & Culture on the Yankari project was =N=2,397,334,266:13 and the breakdown were given by the JCI report as follows:

	=N=
1) Eagle Construction	100,000,000:00
2) Bauchi State Union of Builders	31,359,375:79
3) Savannah Conservation Nig.	30,059,400:00
4) Project Office	30,401,456:50
5) Abkama Invest Nig. Ltd & Building Depot	56,012,590:00
6) Colours In Africa	43,177,664:00
7) Country Link Nig. Ltd	9,283,750:00
8) Jokin Ben - El	7,500,000:00
9) Amso Nig. Ltd	23,349,101:10
10) HMT Investment Ltd	66,462,040:00
11) Cachez Turkey Project	31,500,000:00
12) Multi-Systems Consultants	12,562,659:74
13) Mobats Quants Consultants	2,541,066:00
14) Missak Nig. Ltd	18,000,000:00
15) Govt. officials (foreign tour)	35,125,163:00
	<b>2,397,334,266:13</b>

One finds it difficult to believe that the learned Gentlemen of the commission could not do simple addition, for when you add the figures above, you should get a total figure of =N=497,334,266:13. People could cross-check the addition of these figures themselves. This will leave you in no doubt that the JCI was simply a creation of the Yuguda administration not to inquire to discover the truth but to kill the truth by force, including fabricating figures.

Even though it is not our intention to stand-in for any contractor mentioned above, it is however important to give the facts as they are for the reader whose mind has been polluted with concocted false propaganda to know the truth. Every party listed above did execute his or her contract work and quite a number of these companies are to this day still being owed monies by the Government.

As part of its investigations, the JCI never for one minute invited any of the Project Consultants (including the project manager), nor invited any of the Contractors to appear before it to ask questions. Equally important, none of the members of the Bauchi State Tourism Development Committee was invited to testify before the commission, nor were the managers of the reserve and Wikki camp invited. Worst still, the JCI did not spare a minute out of its 18 months of investigations to visit the Yankari Game Reserve and the Sumu Wildlife park to see things for themselves. Instead, they sat down in the comfort of their offices to write what they wanted to write after inviting just one person, the former Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Tourism, who was still on the payroll of the Government as a serving Permanent Secretary in another ministry then to testify. This Permanent Secretary has since been paid back with retirement from service probably because his testimony was not good enough or as expected by the Government.

If the JCI had done any of the things above, they would not be evaluating these contracts as at May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 (see pages 173, 174, 175, 177 etc of their main report) in the middle of 2009 (the time the JCI was sitting). In any case, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was a clear two weeks before the end of the Mu'azu administration and the commissioning of the Yankari project on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 by the then FCT Minister, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai. A lot did happen within those two weeks.

The facts in respect of the above contracts are as follows: Eagle Construction constructed the new Royal Villa at the Yankari Game Reserve and was given advanced payment of =N=100 million for the renovation of the Presidential Villa against an Advanced Payment Guarantee from a Bank. This Advanced Payment of =N= 100 million for the Presidential Villa was fully amortized by the contractor, via their completed works carried out on the Royal Villa. This same Eagle Construction got some of the first contracts of the Yuguda administration for the renovation of the AD Rufai College of Islamic Studies in 2007 at over =N=1 billion, which is yet to be completed as of today. They equally were awarded by the Yuguda administration the construction of the uncompleted Kafin Madaki General Hospital since 2007 AND NOW constructing Mallam Isa Yuguda's personal residence near FOMWAN in GRA Bauchi. Why then, are they being given these juicy contracts if the Bauchi State Government has =N=100 million to collect from them for work not done?

Bauchi Union of Builders demolished all the old structures within the Wikki camp and carted the rubbles out before construction of the new structures and the roads within the Wikki camp began.

Savannah Conservation is a well known International NGO in the conservation of both flora and fauna and had been working in the Yankari Game Reserve for over a decade before they were officially engaged by the Bauchi State Government after take-over of the Game Reserve from the Federal Government to design a conservation master plan of the whole game reserve, and the rehabilitation of the Game Viewing tracks. These they successfully did. The NGO remained in the game reserve up till the end of the Muazu administration supervising all the game rangers in protecting both the flora and fauna of the reserve.

The Project Office was established to first push the process for the successful take-over of the Game Reserve from the federal government including pushing for the repeal of the law at the National Assembly and after the take-over supervised and coordinated all the design and construction works going on at the Reserve, handling the consultants and the contractors. The Project Office also handled directly the construction of concrete walkways around VIP Villas and the Studio Chalets in the run-off to the commissioning of the Yankari project on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The walk-ways were duly completed before the May 28<sup>th</sup> commissioning.

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Abkama Investment Ltd and Building Depot Nig Ltd – these are the electrical supplies contractors for all the buildings at the Wikki camp. The contract was split into two sections due to the areas of specialization and product dealerships offered by the two suppliers. While Abkama Investment Nigeria Ltd. supplied all the electrical switches and sockets approved for all the buildings, Building Depot Nigeria Ltd supplied the approved lighting fixtures (Luminaires);

Colours in Africa – supplied the furniture, bed linens for the VIP Villas & Studio Chalets Types A & B. The contract was duly executed, all the materials were delivered in full and installed in all the affected buildings and their specifications and quantities verified by the project consultants, as contained in their scope of works before the commissioning of Phase-I in May 2007. These furniture and bed linen etc. are the same ones being used since May 2007;

Country Link Nig Ltd – Contract for the supply of whether proof umbrellas and chairs. This was duly executed before May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and these items could be seen being used at the Wikki camp;

Jokin Ben – El: awarded contract for production of photographs of people and places of Bauchi State. The contract was duly executed. All the photographs were professionally taken at various locations unique to Bauchi State to showcase its tourism potentials, and were delivered in full (almost a thousand very captivating pictures). Their specifications and quantities were verified by the project consultants, some of the photographs were enlarged and framed and are the ones in the rooms at the Yankari Game Reserve and have also been used in various publications of the Government;

Amso Nig Ltd – Supplied one 30 seater Nissan Civilian bus (Chassis No: JN1 UDHW 4120020075) and two 15 seater Nissan Urvan buses (Chassis Nos: JN1TF4E 2570715753 & JN1TF4E 2570715761). These buses are up to this day being used as staff, utility and visitors buses to move staff, goods and tourists from the Maina Ma'aji gate to the Wikki camp a distance of about 35km as all staff and their families were relocated from the Wikki camp to Maina Ma'aji;

HMT Investment Ltd – was awarded contract for the supply of 7 Toyota Land Cruisers (Game Viewing Vehicles). The contract was duly executed; all the specialized game viewing vehicles were duly imported from South Africa and delivered in good condition to Bauchi State Government, according to their agreed specifications. These vehicles have been in use since May 2007, while the supplier is still being owed the balance of his money. The vehicles were the same ones that the Yuguda administration was trying to claim credit for, through recent publications in the newspapers as part of the administration's achievements;

Cachez Turnkey Projects and Multi System Consultants – these two firms were awarded contracts for the Architectural design and consultancy services for the redevelopment of the Yankari Game Reserve. Without calling for the contract agreements of the two firms to check the scope of each firm's assignments, the JCI jumped into the conclusion that this was a duplication of contract and funds should be refunded. This is not true. Due to time constraints, as the whole Yankari project was executed in just about 7 months, the two firms were engaged to handle different design scopes and each had duly executed his part, and the consultants are both currently being owed by Bauchi State Government;

El-Rufa'i & Partners and Ms Mobats Quants Consultants – these were the Quantity Surveying Consultants on the Yankari project. Their case is exactly the same as the one of Cachez and Multi Systems. The two consultants worked in good harmony, and duly completed the stages I and II (75%) of the project and submitted all the Bills of Quantities and tender documents used to execute the first phase the project. In addition, the stage III (25%) for supervision of the project was 80% completed as at May 2007, and the consultants are both currently being owed by Bauchi State Government.

Road Construction Contract - Dindima to Wikki Camp: The JCI claimed that contract for the construction / renovation of this road (about 76km) was awarded to Broni Prono at a cost of =N=3.3 billion in two phases as follows:

- Maina Ma'aji – Wikki camp	=N= 1,400,000,000:00
- Dindima – Maina Ma'aji	1,900,000,000:00

It went further to claim that the entire =N=3.3 billion was paid in full (see page 172 of the JCI report) – *'In view of our findings pertaining to the cost of the road construction and the fact that the sum of =N=3.3 billion ..... was allegedly paid in full and the fact that the actual cost of constructing the road from Dindima to wikki camp cannot be more than =N=1.4 billion by our experts analysis.....'*

The committee therefore recommended *'that the former Governor who is also the chairman of the Tourism Development Committee' that awarded the inflated contract should be made to refund the sum of =N=1.9 billion only.'*

Again as usual, the facts as stated above had been distorted. First, the Dindima – Wikki camp road is a Federal Government road and not that of the Bauchi State Government. The Federal Government agreed that the Bauchi State Government should award the contract for the road subject to the terms and regulations of the Federal Government's 'Due Process Office' i.e. Budget Monitoring and Price Intelligence office, and thereafter, the Federal Ministry of Works will refund the Bauchi State Government for payments on the contract.

As at 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 when the Mu'azu administration left office only =N=1,183,731,338:54 (see page 166 of the JCI report) had been paid by the Bauchi State Government to the contractor for the Phase I contract of =N=1.4 billion, on which the Federal Government after due assessment of work done to that date refunded =N=1 billion to the Bauchi State Government.

On Phase II of the =N=1.9 billion contract, which was awarded few weeks to the end of the Mu'azu administration, only =N=500 million was paid to the contractor as Advanced Payment backed by an advanced payment guarantee from a reputable bank. Therefore, the total payment made on that whole road contract was =N=1,683,731,338:54 as against the =N=3.3 billion said to have been paid in the JCI report. On this amount =N=1 billion had already been refunded by the Federal Government as at the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007.

Worthy of note again is the fact that these road contracts were awarded by the Bauchi State Ministry of Works & Transport (on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Works) AND NOT by the Tourism Development Committee as alleged in the JCI report and on which basis they were recommending that the former Governor should refund =N=1.9 billion.

The present Yankari Game Reserve is a project that the people of Bauchi State are proud of. It was executed and commissioned by the Mu'azu administration on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007. Any visitor the reserve from that day could attest to that. It is no surprising that the present

administration of Mallam Isa Yuguda has been making attempts to claim it as its project. But Bauchi State citizens are no fools. They know who did what and there are documentary evidences to back-up what ever we say.

**MINISTRY OF WORKS & TRANSPORT; MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVT AND STATE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:**

The JCI and the subsequent White Paper thereon requested that the sum of =N=3,545,765,691 shall be recovered from Julius Berger, Dantata & Sawoe, Triacta, Moulds Nigeria Limited and Shinco Nig Ltd due to what the Government called sharp practices, inflation of contracts etc. We do not intend to hold forte for these contractors. However, the fact that the names mentioned above are amongst the very best Road construction companies in Nigeria speaks volume about the quality of projects executed by the previous administration of Governor Mu'azu. We are also aware that the Bauchi State Government had since paid some of these contractors such as Triacta and had written a letter to Julius Berger proposing a schedule for the payment of their full outstanding contract sums, on or about the same day that the White Paper was being released. So we don't know who the present Bauchi State Government is trying to deceive.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RAMADAN PRINTING PRESS FOR PRINTING OF ALMANAC:**

This was an allegation made by a faceless organization called the 'Committee of Patriotic Citizens of Bauchi State' against former Governor Mu'azu that he personally signed a letter on a letter headed paper of 'Office of the Executive Governor' dated 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 addressed to the 'Managing Director Ramadan Printing Press Ltd, Maiduguri Bye-pass, Bauchi' purportedly awarding an =N=800 million contract to the company for the printing of 'Almanac and other essential documents.' Thereafter a contract agreement was alleged to have been drawn up on the same 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 between the Bauchi State Government and Ramadan Press Ltd. A Payment Voucher and Cheque No 04625032 for five hundred and fifty million Naira (=N=550,000,000) payable to Government House, Bauchi was allegedly raised evidencing payment for the said sum.

On the basis of these allegations, the JCI concluded as follows: *'The commission has observed from the Payment Voucher that, the amount therein was paid to the Government House Bauchi instead of Ramadan Press Ltd, the contractor ..... it was misappropriated. It is therefore recommended that Alhaji Ahmadu Muazu the former governor of Bauchi State refund back to Bauchi State Government the sum of =N=550,000,000.'*

This case of =N=550 million payment for the printing of Almanac had on two occasions been sent to the EFCC for investigation (under Ribadu and under Mrs Waziri) and on both occasions the case was thrown away for simple reasons: an unsigned voucher; a cheque number without photocopy of the cheque; a contract agreement purportedly drawn by the Bauchi State ministry of Justice without the usual contract number and also not in the register of contracts at the ministry of justice; the Accountant General during whose tenure the alleged contract and payment were made has totally denied any knowledge and the possibility of the payment happening; and never was there a time that a payment of =N=550 million ever made to Government House Bauchi in the 8 years that Muazu was Governor. Despite all these, the JCI concluded otherwise.

Our challenge to the Yuguda administration is to answer the following questions with clear evidences: Which bank was the cheque drawn on, what date was the cheque cashed and which bank account of the Bauchi State Government was it cashed from or paid into and by whom?.

**CONCLUSION:**

What we have attempted to do is to put on record the distorted nature of the Report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry set up by the Bauchi State Government and the subsequent White Paper that followed. The facts have been stated for the information of members of the public. Steps are being taken to get the White Paper set aside through the judicial process even though since the White Paper was released, the Bauchi State Government has deliberately allowed the on-going strike action of the Judiciary Workers Staff Union of Nigeria to get prolonged in Bauchi State for almost 3 months now until just yesterday.

Public office is a sacred trust and very transient and comes with very heavy responsibilities. A leader has a responsibility to protect all citizens under his care including his worst enemies. He must not lie, he must not deceive, he must not harass, intimidate or persecute his citizens and it is not every issue that should be politicized, especially when that issue touches on the reputation and integrity of innocent people.

The administration of Mallam Isa Yuguda has passed its verdict: We would now await the verdict of the courts, the verdict of history, and most importantly the verdict of the Almighty Allah. Only time will tell.

**SIGNED:**

Shuaib Ahmed (Madakin Ningi), Former Secretary to the Bauchi State Government.	Sule Abdulkadir Doguwa, Former State Chairman, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Bauchi State.
Haruna Alfa Ahmed, Former Hon. Commissioner of Finance, Bauchi State.	Auwal Shehu Ilelah, Former Special Adviser, Department of LG Affairs, Bauchi State.
Umar Barau Ningi, (Barden Ningi), Former Permanent Secretary, Bauchi State.	Abdullahi Baba Akuyam, Former Permanent Secretary, Bauchi State.
Lawal Baraza (Sarkin Sudan, Dass), Former Permanent Secretary, Bauchi State.	Uba Ahmed Nana, Former Chairman, Warri LGA, On behalf of the Former LG Chairmen in Bauchi Central Senatorial District (2003 -2007)
Mohammed Hassan, Former Chairman, Katagum LGA, On behalf of the Former LG Chairmen in Bauchi North Senatorial District (2003 2007)	Aliyu Aminu Garu, Former Chairman, Bauchi LGA, On behalf of the Former LG Chairmen in Bauchi North Senatorial District (2003 -2007)

# DIGEST

## Why running barefoot is better for your body

SEARCHING for the perfect pair of jogging shoes is a waste of time -- running barefoot is better for you, a study has revealed.

Researchers found that people who run barefoot tend to land on the ball or the middle of the foot and avoid jarring their bones.

But those who run in shoes tend to land on the heels, sending painful shockwaves through the body.

The study analysed the running styles of athletes, both shoe-wearing and barefoot.

It found three-quarters of shoe-wearers 'heel-strike', which means that for every mile they run, their heel slams into the ground 1,000 times, creating a 'very large and sudden collision force'.

But those who go barefoot tend to land with a springy step toward the front of the foot. They point their toes more on landing and have a lighter step.

The finding helps explain why so many of the world's greatest endurance runners run so well barefoot.

'People who don't wear shoes when they run have an astonishingly different strike,' said Dr Daniel Lieberman, professor of human evolutionary biology at Harvard University who led the study.

'Most people today think barefoot running is dangerous

and hurts, but actually you can run barefoot on the world's hardest surfaces without the slightest discomfort and pain.

'All you need is a few calluses to avoid roughing up the skin of the foot. Further, it might be less injurious than the way some people run in shoes.'

Barefoot running is common in parts of Africa. Nearly 50 years ago Ethiopian Olympic gold medalist Abebe Bikila won his first marathon, barefoot while in the 1980s, South African Zola Budd took to the track barefooted.

However a growing number of British runners are following suit by chucking out their shoes and going barefoot or wearing foot gloves.'

Barefoot runners say the risk of dog mess, broken glass or jagged paving slabs is outweighed by the freedom - and lower injury rate.

The new study - which involved scientists at Glasgow University - analysed the running styles of athletes, comparing those who had always run barefoot, those who had always worn shoes and those who converted from shoes to barefoot.

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The scientists say modern running shoes get in the way of millions of years of evolution. People have evolved strong, large arches that are used as spring when running.

'Humans have engaged in endurance running for millions of years, but the modern running shoe was not invented until the 1970s,' they report in the journal Nature.

'For most of human evolutionary history, runners were either barefoot or wore minimal footwear such as sandals or moccasins with smaller heels and little cushioning.'

However, Dr Lieberman warned people tempted to throw away their running shoes to ease themselves into barefoot jogging.

'Running barefoot or in minimal shoes is fun but uses different muscles,' he said. 'If you've been a heel-striker all your life you have to transition slowly to build strength in your calf and foot muscles.'

Earlier this year a study of 68 runners on a treadmill found that suffered 38 per cent more twisting in their knees and ankles when wearing shoes than they did barefoot



SOUTH African Zola Budd was famous for training and racing barefoot

## Who really needs more sleep - men or women? One of Britain's leading sleep experts says he has the answer

COMPETITIVE tiredness is a sport familiar to most couples. Men and women frequently disagree about who gets the most sleep, who finds it the least exhausting to tend to a crying child in the night and who has the most energy left for chores.

Indeed, Arianna Huffington, a leading U.S. commentator, has declared women's sleep 'the next feminist issue', arguing their lack of sleep affects their judgment, creativity and ability to realise their full potential.

Now, thanks to Britain's leading sleep expert, that argument can finally be settled. In fact, women need 20 minutes more shut-eye than the average man. And that's down to a woman's busy, multi-tasking brain.

'One of the major functions of sleep is to allow the brain to



A woman's sleep can be more disturbed because of her bed partner

recover and repair itself,' says Professor Jim Horne, director of the Sleep Research Centre at Loughborough University and author of *Sleepfaring: A Journey*

Through The Science Of Sleep.

'During deep sleep, the cortex - the part of the brain responsible for thought memory, language and so on - disengages from the senses

and goes into recovery mode.

'The more of your brain you use during the day, the more of it that needs to recover and, consequently, the more sleep you need.

'Women tend to multi-task - they do lots at once and are flexible - and so they use more of their actual brain than men do. Because of that, their sleep need is greater. 'A man who has a complex job that involves a lot of decision-making and lateral thinking may also need more sleep than the average male - though probably still not as much as a woman.

Women need 20 minutes more shut-eye than the average man. This is because women's brains are wired differently from men's and are more complex, so their sleep need will be slightly greater.

'The average is 20 minutes

more, but some women may need slightly more or less than this.'

Professor Horne believes the differing sleep needs may explain why a man's brain ages faster than a woman's. 'A typical 75-year-old woman has a comparable brain age to a 70-year-old man,' he says.

'We are unsure why. The fact that a woman's brain tends to get more time to relax and repair itself may explain it.'

'Mother's minds are sensitive to the sound of their child crying from babyhood onwards, so that is often why they wake when a youngster stirs - yet a man sleeps through it. 'Also our studies have found that when people share a bed, the lighter one tends to get moved around and woken up by the heavier one - normally the man.

Sign Language



Fearless chicken

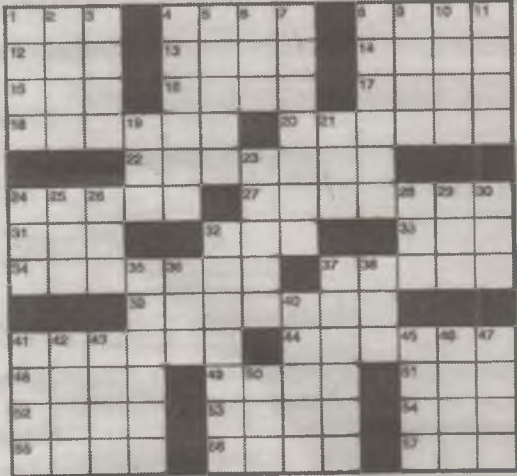
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EASY CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS**
- Doter's treatment (abbr.)
  - Flabbergasts
  - Sorrows
  - Sweetie
  - \_\_\_ Scotia
  - Choir member
  - Spherical body
  - After Mon.
  - Back part
  - Summon back
  - Unwed
  - \_\_\_ for Bonzo
  - Lasso user
  - Soccer
- DOWN**
- Confused bustle
  - Distant
  - Paving goo
  - Dan Rafter, for one
  - Hornets
  - Pilot's "office"
  - Regret wrongdoing
  - Confesses
  - Be worthy of
  - Desire
  - Dad's companion
  - "What time \_\_\_?" (2 wds.)
  - Some voice
- ACROSS**
- votes
  - "Here \_\_\_ again!" (2 wds.)
  - Not Reps. or Inds.
  - For fear that
  - Bother
- DOWN**
- Scandinavian god
  - Traditional knowledge
  - Financial market channel
  - Rudolph's horn
  - I \_\_\_ if I could
  - December 24 after sundown, e.g.

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Solution to Easy Crosswords

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O	K	R	A		C	H	I	C		O	L	D
W	O	O	L		A	U	T	O		V	E	E
L	I	M	B		U	R	G	E		R		E
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S	T	E	N							N	E	I
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I	G	O			S	I	T	E		Y	O	U
P	E	R			S	N	A	G		S	A	G

SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given" - these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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2	5		8			4		
7			3				2	
6			2	4	7			
3	9	4					5	
				3				
		7				8	3	9
			1	7	4			8
7					3			6
		3			6		9	4

Solution to Sudoku 74

7	1	6	3	8	4	5	9	2
3	8	9	1	2	5	6	7	4
4	2	5	7	9	6	3	8	1
2	9	7	4	1	3	8	6	5
5	3	4	6	7	8	2	1	9
8	6	1	9	5	2	7	4	3
9	4	8	2	3	7	1	5	6
1	7	2	5	6	9	4	3	8
6	5	3	8	4	1	9	2	7

## News Extra

# We deserve these setbacks: Obama tells America in first State of the Union address



**PRESIDENT Barack Obama delivers his first State of the Union address and makes a commitment to job growth**

- 'I hear you, America': Obama makes job creation top priority - not health care
- Standing ovation for Michelle Obama on her health initiatives
- President pledges to double American exports, creating two million jobs
- Obama flags tax credits for childcare and more aid for people with student loans

In an extraordinary admission, Barack Obama said Wednesday night that his administration 'deserved' the setbacks it suffered during his first year in the White House.

But the embattled president insisted he would not give up on his dreams, vowing: 'I don't quit.'

The rare moment of candour from a sitting president came as Mr Obama tried to win over an increasingly sceptical American public in his first State of the Union address.

'Change has not come fast

enough,' he acknowledged in a long and wide-ranging speech before a packed joint session of US Congress and a prime time audience of millions.

He said he accepted 'my share of the blame' for not adequately explaining his plans to the public.

And, coming in the wake of last week's humbling defeat to the Republicans in a special election to replace the late Democrat Senator Edward Kennedy, Mr Obama didn't try and gloss over criticism he has faced over his health care reforms and heavy spending on economic bail out plans.



**REPUBLICAN senators (left to right) Lindsey Graham, John McCain and Charles Grassley listen to Obama's address**

'Our administration has had some political setbacks this year,' he said, 'and some of them were well-deserved.'

'I campaigned on the promise of change - 'change we can believe in,' the slogan went.' And right now, I know that there are many Americans who aren't sure if they still believe we can change, or at least that I can deliver it.

'But remember this,' he added. 'I never suggested that change would be easy, or that I can do it alone. He chided both political parties for the partisan bickering that has dogged his administration.

**H**e also kept watching wife Michelle happy by earning her two standing ovations with praise for her health initiatives.

But the majority of his 70-minute speech concentrated on the very serious subjects of jobs and the economy.

There were no sweeping new initiatives, but Mr Obama sought to repackage his existing priorities, such as health care reforms and clean energy legislation, by promoting their beneficial impact on creating new jobs.

Critics saw last week's Senate seat defeat as a referendum on the administration's health care overhaul, but - while it did take him more than 20 minutes to broach the subject - the president insisted he was not giving up the fight. He appealed to lawmakers to take another look at the controversial plan to offer government-run alternatives to the private health insurers that dominate the American health system.

'Do not walk away from reform,' he appealed to Republicans. 'Not now. Not when we are so close. Let's find a way to come together and finish the job for the

American people.'

But he was quickly back to the overriding theme of his speech, which sought to find the populist groove missing since his campaign days.

'Jobs must be our number one focus in 2010. People are out of work. They are hurting. They need our help,' he said.

'I do not accept second-place for the United States of America. As hard as it may be, as uncomfortable and contentious as the debates may be, it's time to get serious about fixing the problems that are hampering our growth.'

Mr Obama compared the U.S. to other nations: 'Washington has been telling us to wait for decades, even as the problems have grown worse. Meanwhile, China's not waiting to revamp its economy. Germany's not waiting. India's not waiting.'

He set a goal of doubling exports over the next five years, an increase he claimed would create two million jobs and, as he promised earlier in the week, he proposed a series of programmes aimed at helping improve the lot of America's disgruntled middle class. They included doubling tax credits for childcare and more aid for people struggling with student loans.

Mr Obama looked to change the conversation from how his presidency is stalling - over the messy health care debate, a limping economy and the missteps that led to Christmas Day's barely averted terrorist disaster - to how he is seizing the reins.

He spoke to a nation gloomy over double-digit unemployment and federal deficits soaring to almost £1 trillion, and to fellow Democrats dispirited about the fallen standing of a president they hoped would carry them through this autumn's midterm elections.

Republicans applauded the president when he entered the chamber, and even craned their necks and welcomed Michelle Obama when she took her seat. But the warm feelings of bipartisanship disappeared early.

Democrats jumped to their feet and roared when Mr Obama said he wanted to impose a new fee on banks, while Republicans sat stone-faced. Democrats stood and applauded when Mr Obama mentioned the economic stimulus package passed last February. Republicans just stared.

On national security, the president proclaimed some success, saying that 'far more' al Qaeda terrorists were killed under his watch last year than in 2008.

In the Republican response to Mr Obama's speech, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell showed no sign of his party capitulating to the president.

In fact, the choice of McDonnell to represent Republicans was symbolic, meant to showcase recent election victories by him and others.

In a remarkable shift from past addresses, and notable for a president whose candidacy first caught fire over Iraq war opposition, foreign policy took a relative back seat. It came behind the economy and was largely devoid of new policy.

**A**nd Mr Obama made no mention of three of the toughest challenges he faced in his first year: failing to close the terrorist prison compound at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, failing to get Israel and the Palestinians to resume peace negotiations, and struggling with the al Qaeda havens in Pakistan that are at the core of the terrorist threat to America.

News Extra

# Obama's State of the Union speech: How did the words he used compare to other presidents?

**P**resident Obama has delivered his State of the Union address to the joint houses of Congress Wednesday night.

How did Barack Obama's first address rate against the debut State of the Union speeches from previous American presidents? To compare, we've taken the text of the first addresses of key presidents from the University of California's American Presidency Project, a scheme to digitally archive and make public thousands of presidential papers and documents in a searchable database. By counting the frequency of words used (and filtering out common words and the least used), we can see where each president's focus lay.

**G**eorge Washington delivered the first annual address to Congress in January 1790. Abraham Lincoln's first address to Congress, in December 1861, came at a time of turmoil at the beginning of the American civil war.

Franklin D Roosevelt addressed the nation's economic crisis in 1934.

John F Kennedy's first address, in 1961, took place at a time of economic uncertainty

but was also full of hope, a common theme with Obama. Three years later, Lyndon B Johnson (who had taken on the role of president only seven weeks previously, following JFK's assassi-

nation) called for a "world without war"; less than a year later America was embroiled in Vietnam. Ronald Reagan, in 1982, harked back to bygone presidents in his first State of the

Union address. Most recently, Obama's predecessor George Bush used his first in 2002 to prepare America for an expansion of the war in Afghanistan and introduced the world to the "axis of evil".

## State of the Union most frequent words

WORD	Washington	Lincoln	Roosevelt	Johnson	Kennedy	Reagan	GW Bush	Obama
I	11	63	24	57	39	37	34	104
WILL	14	27	9	61	34	65	49	61
MORE	0	22	3	14	24	24	11	43
PEOPLE	3	17	12	16	9	17	14	33
GOVT.	4	26	7	9	6	30	4	14
NEW	1	8	3	23	20	15	13	20
WORLD	0	2	5	19	25	9	19	7
MUST	0	4	3	15	26	12	18	6
CONGRESS	0	29	5	7	14	12	8	10
USA	0	0	0	14	3	20	33	24

**S**o what are the key words the presidents have used most frequently? A quick look at the data shows that American presidents are a pretty self-centred bunch: I is the most common word. They are decisive (or want to appear to be): will comes second. There's also a strong emphasis on the US, with government, states, country, America, nation and union ranking highly. Freedom and peace are a common theme (37 references apiece), while economy and war rank further down the list, with 30 mentions.

The table below shows the top keywords across all seven speeches. Has the priority of American presidents really changed that much over time?

*Culled from guardian.co.uk*

## Congratulations!



ACG TAHIR AUDU MUSA

I wish to join your numerous well wishers in congratulating you on your well deserved elevation to the position of Assistant Controller General (ACG), Nigeria Customs Service.

The promotion is a testimony to your loyalty, dedication to duty and immense leadership qualities. May Allah (SWT) protect and guide you and your family as He (Allah) leads you to even greater height. Amen

Signed:

**A.G. Abubakar**

## News Extra

# Wearing your trouser waistband high is a sign that you're getting old...

The sight of a man with ludicrously high trousers tends to prompt guffaws of laughter. But while many may think a high waistband on the likes of Simon Cowell is simply a fashion faux pas, the reason may be a little more scientific.

The level at which a man wears his trousers is directly linked to his age, researchers say.

Boys under the age of 12 wear their trousers around their natural waist - because most of their clothing is bought for them by their parents.

As they enter their teenage years, trouser waistbands plunge a full five inches towards the apex of the hips as a sign of rebellion, according to a survey.

They plummet to below the hips at the age of 16 as young men imitate rappers and gangsters by letting the crotch of their jeans dangle around their knees.

The study found that waistbands slowly begin to creep up an inch or two as a man leaves his teenage years behind and enters the workplace.

However, the trend for the low-slung trouser - as Prince Harry favours when visiting

The study found that waistbands slowly begin to creep up an inch or two as a man leaves his teenage years behind and enters the workplace



A man in his fifties, like Simon Cowell, will wear his trousers at their highest.



WAISTBANDS drop to below the hips from the age of 16, in the style of Prince Harry, 25.

nightclubs - only start to return to the natural waist position from the age of 27 as men find the need to dress conservatively to impress bosses and prospective in-laws.

The last time when many men will ever wear their trousers at their natural waists is at the age of 39, when waistbands begin to rise.

By the age of 45, trousers will be at least two inches above the natural waist position. This figure increases significantly past 50 - Mr Cowell's current age - to a peak of five inches by 57. This is just seven inches below the arm pits.

As old age approaches, men's waistlines shrink, allowing them to lower the height of their trousers.

By the age of 65, waistbands are just three inches above natural waist, and by the age of 75, the discrepancy has shrunk to just one inch. Very few men ever return to a neutral position.

Researcher also found that up to 20 per cent of older men will try to ignore their changing body shape, preferring to wear the trousers below their waistlines.

'Our findings are very important because the position of the waistband determines how men's trousers are tailored.

'However, our hardest task continues to be persuading men to confront the fact that their trouser waistbands have risen. From our experience, men still prefer to assume that their trousers no longer fit because their legs have suddenly grown.'

The low-slung trouser look originated in American prisons in the early 1990s. But debate still

rages over whether it showed that an inmate was sexually available or simply on suicide watch and his belt had been removed.

For almost 20 years it has been the badge of the rebel. But fashion writers believe the look has become part of the establishment after it was spotted on David Beckham and High School Musical star Zac Efron.

Barack Obama's suggestion in November 2008 that American 'brothers should pull up their pants' seemed to put the seal on the low-slung trouser being used as a mark of a rebel.

The high waistband - currently the preserve of the rotund elderly man - was in the past a symbol of rebellion for Edwardian teddy boys.

## HOW THE TROUSER WAISTBAND HEIGHT VARIES WITH AGE

- AGE 12: On the actual waist
- AGE 16: 5in below the waist
- AGE 20: 4in below the waist
- AGE 27-39: On the waist
- AGE 45: 2in above the waist
- AGE 57: 5in above the waist
- AGE 65: 3in above the waist
- AGE 75: 1in above the waist

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## Keffi metropolis undergoes urban renewal

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE ancient town of Keffi at the gateway into Nasarawa State is currently wearing a new look with an on going provision of new roads to end the perennial hardship faced by road users because of the deterioration.

Keffi, like other metropolitan local government areas including

Lafia, the state capital, has not seen good roads in more than 20 years. The on going effort to give the metropolis a face lift will push Keffi to the next level of development, leaving Lafia behind with an untidy metropolis without roads.

The on going urban renewal project which was initiated by the Engr. Idris Mohammed Idris-led

local government council in the late days of 2009, is been handled by Rockbridge construction.

Daily Trust could not reach the chairman, Engr. Idris for official briefing, especially on the scope of work, period and contract sum. This is just as the Project Manager was on site at the time of the visit, making it diffi-

cult for our correspondent to link him for comments.

But a drive round the metropolis revealed that several kilometers on several roads have so far been covered with asphalt overlay.

These roads include Old Kaduna Road, linking Keffi-Abuja Road with the metropolis, Abdu Zanga Road, linking the metropolis with Keffi-Akwanga

Road, Sidi Umaru Road, linking the metropolis with Keffi-Nasarawa Road as well as the Emir's Palace.

Our correspondent also observed that the G.R.A. along Keffi-Akwanga Road is also been given a renewal with work currently going on the construction of drainages and a perfect road network in the area.

## VP's wife commissions NAFOWA school

By Benjamin Auta

THE wife of Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, Dame Patience Jonathan, yesterday in Abuja commissioned the Nigerian Air Force Officers' Wives Association (NAFOWA) primary school in place of the First Lady, Turai Yaradua.

AT the event, which took place at the Air Force base in Abuja yesterday, the First Lady described the project as a step in the right direction in pursuit of an enabling environment for fulfilling the right and dreams of the Nigerian child.

"When children are denied education opportunity within a society, the entire humanity suffers. With this initiative therefore, the association will remain a key partner in the development of our

human resources and bringing up of future leaders of our great nation" she said.

Speaking earlier in her welcome address, the President of NAFOWA, Mrs. Appolonia Petrinin, noted that the association took cognisance that a good foundation was essential to the future of our children, hence the need for the establishment of NAFOWA Little Angels Schools.

She said that the school which is the first primary school to be built by NAFOWA in the federation comprises two blocks of eighteen classrooms.

Present at the ceremony were wives of Senate President, Mrs. Helen Mark, Minister of State for Education, Hajia Aisha Dukku, Aig I.U Okonronkwo, representatives of the service chiefs and CDS, among others.

## "Obasanjo saved N/East on infrastructure"

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

IF not for the intervention of former President Olusegun Obasanjo, the North Eastern part of Nigeria would have remained the most backward in terms of basic infrastructure including roads, water supply and electricity, Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim, former governor of Yobe State said in Damaturu on Tuesday.

He said the north east has the largest land-mass in the country and a sizeable population of people but was deliberately neglected by past Nigerian leaders, a development which according to him worsened the social and economic predicament of the people. Bukar

said former President Olusegun Obasanjo was a hero because he was able to change the deplorable condition of the region through the award of the over 600 kilometre Maiduguri-Damaturu-Kano dual carriage road at the cost of over N175 billion.

"There was no single contract ever awarded to the tune of N175 billion in Nigeria but Obasanjo has done it for the north east", Bukar claimed.

He said it was also Obasanjo that awarded the multi million naira 330kVA Gombe-Damaturu-Maiduguri electricity project which is nearing completion and therefore require appreciation from the people of the region.



UPSIDE down House

A project by Daniel Czapiewski, this house stands tall in a tiny village of Poland. It is also a symbol of the communist era and state of the world. This house took relatively longer to build, as the workers were disoriented due to the angels of the house. Inside the house too the furniture hangs from the ceiling. This house attracts lot of tourists all year round.

## Aliyu vows to recover N500m from 5-star hotel contractor

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

FOLLOWING failure of a contractor handling Minna five star hotel to meet his contractual agreement based on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement, the Niger state governor Dr Muazu Babangida Aliyu has vowed to collect its own contribution to the project.

The N2.5 billion project was received part funding of N500 million from the Niger state govern-

ment which Aliyu said was not used for the purpose it was meant for as the contractors have since abandoned the project. "We must get back our money from the contractors no matter how long it takes or which legal settlement in court it would take as the project has since been abandoned and there is no sign that the contractor will fulfil their own part of the agreement", he said. He lamented a situation where PPP arrangement has not

yielded positive results in the state as he announced that soon the state government will experiment on engaging in Public Public Partnership and Public Public Private Partnership.

"We intend to soon embark on Public Public Partnership where we intend to partner with local governments in the state by constructing 10 kilometres of road in each local government and the provision of other basic infrastructural amenities.

## Share/Tsaragi land disputes: C'ttee okays 1976 boundary

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE 1976 approved boundary demarcation by the former Kwara State Military Governor, Brig-Gen. George Innih, has been accepted to be the solution to the age-long crises between Share and Tsaragi communities.

The committee also believed that land dispute in the areas will

be put to rest as soon the state government commenced implementation of the report.

Reading the comprehensive report to the Deputy Governor, Chief Joel Afolabi Ogundeji in his office, the committee chairman who is also the state's Surveyor General, said the demarcation was in line with the 1976 local government land demarcation of

late Gen. Innih, adding that the committee decided to simplify the task as the two communities are interlocked.

Commenting on the matter on behalf of Governor Bukola Saraki, the deputy governor urged the two communities to hence forth embrace peace and shun all acts of acrimony, describing it as the cornerstone on which devel-

opment of area if consolidating.

Chief Ogundeji assured them of the state government's plan to site projects that would rapidly boost socio-economic activities of the region, adding that government officials will soon visit the affected areas with physical demarcation items.

He however revealed the state government's has resolved to

dethrone the traditional ruler of any community that henceforth foment trouble or raise anxiety in their areas.

Reacting, the Chairmen of Edu and Ifelodoun local governments, Alhaji Abubakar Sayiddi and Hajia Nimota Mojisola Alabi respectively, promised to ensure peace, orderliness and tranquillity in the areas.

## ENVIRONMENT

## Abuja Sunrise Hills Estate commissioned

By Nasir Imam

THE FCT Minister, Senator Muhammad Adamu Aliero has inaugurated the Multi-Trillion-Naira prestigious Abuja Sunrise Hills Estate.

The Minister inaugurated

the Estate on Thursday in the Asokoro District of the Federal Capital City, Abuja as part of the government's efforts to provide housing to all Nigerians.

Senator Aliero revealed that the new Estate has about 1,000 plots of land to be made avail-

able to individuals and corporate organizations to develop according to the standard and specifications of the area.

He disclosed that a Chinese firm has been allocated 400 hectares of land to construct 5,000 houses in the Federal Capital

Territory all aimed at addressing housing deficit in Abuja.

Senator Aliero further disclosed that the FCT Administration is also perfecting plans with Korean businessmen to construct thousands of houses in Abuja because real estate prom-

ises immediate good returns.

The Minister thus, directed the Sunrise Estate Development Limited to immediately commence housing development at the site; reminding that the plot was allocated to them since 2002.

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## ASK YOUR IMAM

**M**y problem in brief is that I knew a man through an Internet forum, then messenger, then mobile. My husband found out about this relationship and was very angry. He said to me: "You would be divorced if we do not have children, but I will be patient and will marry another woman."

I knew my mistake and I have repented and started over new page. I seek Allah's forgiveness and thank Him all the time. But my husband keeps insulting me all the time until I hated him, but I have to be patient, I tried to love him and obey him in matters I was not obeying him about before. I am tired of his demands but I do not say any word objecting to this. He keeps insulting and slandering me, he does not stop reminding me of the previous relationship with the other man. Few months later, that man started calling me and sending text messages again. I feared my husband's reaction; as he asks me to answer in front of him if any strange number rings. If I refuse he says to me: "answer, it may be that man" and if I answer and find it wrong number he says: "It must be a code between you". What shall I do? I became in constant fear of my mobile, I hide it all the time, and I fear it rings while my husband is around; because he would doubt me. What shall I do with that man? I am bored of my life, I wish I die. All I can do is recite Qur'an?

Desire continues to grow in the heart of the son of Adam until it destroys him, and no one is deprived of contentment but he will find himself lost in the valleys of confusion and depression, turning right and left in the hope of finding that which he wishes and longs for to give him satisfaction, but nothing will fill the heart of the son of Adam but dust, and Allaah accepts the repentance of those who repent.

The worst of desire is that which leads to transgression against the sanctity and honour of others, such as desire for the wives of other Muslims which leads to transgression against their honour, or when women desire young Muslim men and a woman is not content with the husband with whom Allaah has blessed her. The Muslims all know that pleasure cannot be attained by disobeying Allaah, may He be exalted, and that happiness can only be attained by obeying and heeding the sacred limits of Allaah.

Sin was the cause that led to the downfall of previous nations. Do you think that it can be the cause of a person's happiness? Sin is also the path that leads to punishment, so do you want it to be blessings?

Allaah, may He be glorified and exalted, says (interpretation of the meaning):

"And whatever of misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned. And He pardons much"

[al-Shoora 42:30]

It may be easy to fall into error, because the nafs is inclined towards sin in pursuit of pleasure and whims and desires. But it is difficult to bear the consequences and effects of those mistakes.

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

Patience in resisting desires is easier than patience in dealing with the consequences that result from going along with desires, because it either leads to pain and punishment or it prevents a more complete pleasure, or it wastes time and leads to loss and regret, or it is a violation of honour which one is better off not violating, or it is a loss of wealth, keeping which is better than losing it, or it leads to a loss of status and position, keeping which is better than losing it, or it deprives one of a blessing, having which is more pleasurable and better than fulfilling desires, or it gives an ignoble person cause to insult you when he did not have this opportunity before, or it brings distress, sadness and fear that cannot be matched by the pleasure of desire, or causes one to forget knowledge, remembering which is better than fulfilling desires, or it makes an enemy rejoice and makes a friend sad, or it cuts off an oncoming blessing, or it has a negative impact on one's character that will remain, because deeds have a great impact on one's character and behaviour. End quote.

Al-Fawaa'id (p. 139)

And now the problem that you are facing today is no more than the result of your accumulated mistakes and the sins that you took lightly, then you did not repent properly from them.

As for your talking to that young man, it is one of the worst things that could be done by a woman whom Allaah has blessed with a husband, home and children. It is sufficient for her to look at the misery endured by many others who are deprived of happy homes and a life of ease.

Your husband has taken care of rebuking and blaming you. He tells you every day words that would make mountains tremble - as you describe it. The point here is that you should understand in the depths of your heart the seriousness of the error you have made.

As for what you say about your not fulfilling his desires and needs before that, this is another sin which has had a big impact in changing the situation of your family and bringing about this pain and suffering.

Did you not know that obedience to the husband is obligatory and that serving him and responding to his call and fulfilling his needs is one of the best things that a wife can do, both before Allaah and before other people? It was narrated that Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: A man came to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and said: O Messenger of Allaah, this daughter of mine refuses to get married. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said to her: "Obey your father." She said: By the One Who sent you with the truth, I will not get married until you tell me what the husband's rights over his wife are. He said: "The husband's rights over his wife are such that if he had an ulcer and she licked it, she would not have fulfilled his rights." Narrated by al-Nasaa'i in al-Sunan al-Kubra (2/283). Al-Mundhiri said in al-Targheeb wal-Tarheeb (3/98): Its isnaad is jayyid. It was classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Jaami' (3148).

We will tell you frankly: The remedy begins with this idea:

It starts with obeying and pleasing Allaah, may He be glorified, because calamities start with disobedience towards Him. Allaah has promised the penitent that He will turn his bad deeds into good ones, and He has promised to bestow grace and reward.

Repentance starts by resolving to give up the sin that one has committed, and to cut off all haraam ties. In your case it starts with cancelling the mobile phone altogether, and not going back to it until your husband agrees to buy you a new number. If you do this then you will have proven to your husband and to yourself that you are sincere in your repentance and your desire to mend your ways.

How can you want your husband to overlook the past when you yourself have not overlooked it and are going back to it?!

Your husband has done you a great favour by giving you another chance to live with him. Perhaps the real reason for that is that he loves you, otherwise the logical sequence of events would have been for this story to lead to scandal, separation and divorce. But Allaah has blessed you and been kind to you, by concealing you and giving you a house and a family, so you must show kindness to your husband in return, and observe the limits of Allaah concerning him, and cut off all ties and all means of getting back in touch with this man who has transgressed against you. But what you did was to repeat the mistake and persist in sin and take the matter of repentance lightly.

Do you expect that after that you will be helped to change for the better?



SULTAN of Sokoto Alhaji Mohamed Sa'ad

## South African police frees Tunisian

SOUTH African police released the Tunisian owner of Britain's Islam Channel after holding him for two days on an international terror warrant issued by his homeland, saying Wednesday that Tunisia had failed to respond to queries about the case.

Musa Zondi, a spokesman for South African police, also said Wednesday that Britain did not consider Mohamed Ali Harrath a threat. Harrath returned to Britain on a Wednesday morning flight.

Harrath had been arrested late Sunday at Johannesburg's international airport upon arrival from London. Zondi said Harrath could not be held beyond 48 hours without word from Tunisian police about whether the warrant issued through Interpol

in 1992 was still valid, and Tunisia did not respond to South African queries.

Comment from Tunisia was not immediately available.

After failing to get word from Tunisia, South Africa contacted police in Britain, where Harrath lives. Zondi quoted Scotland Yard as saying it "does not regard the suspect as a threat to security."

"We were awaiting information from the country that had put him on red alert in the first place, which was Tunisia," Zondi told The Associated Press, saying Harrath was released late Tuesday. "They say it's about terrorism. We don't know."

Zondi said that with no confirmation from Tunisia and the report from Britain, "who are we to call him a threat?"

## MICA's Muslimah Weekend holds tomorrow

By Muideen Olaniyi

A Muslim Women gathering tagged 'Muslimah Weekend' holds tomorrow in Abuja at the National Mosque Library.

The program organized by Sisters' arm of the Movement for Islamic Culture and Awareness (MICA), is a lecture and interactive session for Muslim Women.

A release by MICA's Sisters' Coordinator, Fawzah Alimi-

Aladejana, said the program scheduled to begin by 10:00am will feature a lecture entitled 'Community Relations and the Muslim Woman' to be delivered by Mrs Jummai Umar-Ajilola.

The release stated that the lecture will be followed immediately by an interactive session for invited sister organizations with similar objectives on the topical and useful issue for Muslim women.

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# FCDA to demolish Lugbe next month

By Abubakar Yakubu

A senior official of the Department Development Control (DDC) of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) yesterday warned Lugbe residents that the authority will visit the community either on February ending or first week of March to demolish illegal structures earlier marked by their officials.

Alhaji Hamza, deputy director of DDC, who came to the Lugbe Primary School at 4.20 pm to dialogue with residents of the area, was however bombarded with questions from members of Lugbe Community Development Association (LCDA).

An executive member of the

association sought to know what happened to an earlier order from the FCT minister in 2008 that the DDC should try to accommodate Lugbe in their integrated resettlement plans for the FCT.

Another resident of the area asked whether compensation will be paid to those whose homes are demolished because of the harsh economic situation in the country.

Responding to the questions, Alhaji Hamza said the then minister, Aliyu Moddibo Umar, actually had a meeting with Lugbe residents and some development control officials, including himself but the meeting was inconclusive because the minister asked that they see if the community can be integrated and never revisited the issue again.

According to him, the FCT Administration in February 2007 vowed not to integrate any more community in their resettlement plans in order to be fair to other communities that were experiencing the same demolition.

Hamza's comment sparked further reactions and Adejobi Peter, assistant secretary of LCDA stated that after the minister gave the order, the community member met Hamza and he told them that he was very busy and will come at a convenient time to take the survey of the place to prepare for the resettlement exercise.

"We are surprised that you are the same person saying all this now because the minister is no longer in power and the president of the

country is sick but let me tell you that God is watching over us," he said.

Adejobi also revealed that residents of the community are praying fervently for the recovery of Mr President because he knows of the integration plans.

He lamented that over a million people, including women and children will be displaced if Lugbe is demolished, adding that the economic situation in the country is harsh and the timing wrong.

A resident, who alleged that plots of land are being sold to influential people at Zone 9 Lugbe by FCDA officials, wondered why such plots are not used to resettle people that will be displaced by the demolition.

## Court strikes out contempt charge against AIPDC, AMMC

By Lami Sadiq &amp; Usman A. Bello

AN FCT High Court yesterday struck out a contempt charge against the Abuja Investment & Property Development Company (AIPDC) and the Abuja Market Management Company (AMMC).

The Wuse Market Traders Association (WMTA) had in 2007 taken AIPDC and AMMC to court on the planned sales of the market stores by the then FCT administration of Malam Nasir el-Rufai.

During that period, the court ruled that status quo be maintained till the substantive issues are addressed but the FCT administration through the AIPDC and AMMC allegedly disobeyed the order, by going ahead to accept bids as well as selling the market shops.

At the resumed hearing of the case yesterday, Justice Abubakar A. Talba ruled that the committal proceeding cannot be carried out since the defendants, Abdul Muktar and Abubakar Umar Faruk, both managing directors of the respective companies were not personally served with the court applications.

Earlier, counsel to the traders, Mamman Waziri, had prayed that the court issues a bench warrant against the defendants or direct the FCT police commissioner to bring the defendants to court on the next adjournment date.

The defense counsel, Ademola Adeneron, argued that even though attempts were made by the court bailiff to serve his clients with the applications, they were not served personally and prayed the court to set a date where in they will make their clients available.

Justice Talba adjourned the case to February 24, 2010 for further hearing.

PIC: ABUBAKAR YAKUBU



LUGBE residents listening to Department of Development Control's Deputy Director, Alhaji Hamza at LEA Primary School, Lugbe, yesterday.

## Youngster jailed for receiving stolen laptop

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar &amp; Bunmi Omolehin

A 26-year-old youngster, Timothy Chukwu of Gosa Village, Abuja, was on Thursday sentenced to one month imprisonment by an Upper Area Court for receiving two stolen laptops. The youngster was however

given a fine option of N6,000.

Prosecutor Muhammad Garba told the court that the accused in collaboration with Odoka Nlebedum and Uchenna Nwoye bought two laptop computers at the rate of N35,000 and N30,000 from Ozeomela Udo, knowing fully well that were stolen.

He said the accused deleted information's from the systems and converted the system to their use, adding that they later sold one of the systems to an unknown person for N40,000.

"During police investigation, one of the laptops was recovered from the accused, who confessed to have committed

the offence that is punishable under Section 319A of Penal Code of Law," the prosecutor said.

When the charge was read to the accused persons, the first accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month imprisonment by the presiding Judge, Umar Kagarko while

the second and third accused persons denied the charges and requested for bail.

Judge Kagarko granted them bail in the sums of N100,000 each with reasonable sureties, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to March 23, 2010 for hearing.

## YAR'ADUA AND THE REST OF US (II)

### ... Politics All the Way

Some will tell you it is about some higher values. Do not believe them. Some will tell you it is about upholding the Constitution. Ask them to be specific. And some will even tell you it is all about the country. Demand to know how. Do not be deceived, for all these are masks. Beneath the well-crafted masks is the unmistakable imprimatur of politics. Dear compatriots, the frenzy being whipped up around the illness of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua is all about politics!

Politicians must play politics. But then, playing politics with the life of the number one citizen (including planting and spreading rumours of his death every now and then) and playing politics with the stability of the country (including vigorously sowing seed of discord in a fragile nation) should be beneath the pale. But then, this is a season of desperation, a time when everything including, the corporate survival of the country, is becoming fair game. It shouldn't be so.

Those playing politics with this unfortunate development have attempted to force the question and bend the nation to suit their narrow ends. They have trumpeted that it is all over for the President. They have asked for resignations and impeachments. And they have strained to paint Nigeria in doomsday colours. All for narrow political ends. Here is our understanding of the various political permutations driving the current debate:

**The Politics of 2011:** For most of those feeding the current frenzy, the President's illness has created an opportunity to kick-start the campaign for elective offices in 2011. Even when they talk about temporary handover, resignations and impeachments, those are interim propositions. They are more interested in positioning themselves for next year.

**The Politics of Revenge:** For some people, it is payback time. These are people who feel they have not been adequately rewarded for the role they played in installing this administration or people who have indeed lost out in the power game. The President's

illness has given them an opening to get even or turn the table. Some of them are leading the battle in their own way; while others are fighting through proxies, including their advocates in the civil society.

**The Politics of Opportunity:** There are also people who are angling to position themselves for juicy appointments, briefs and contracts in case what they are advocating for sails through. But in this camp are also those fighting tooth and nail to retain their positions.

**The Politics of Difference:** This is the emotional and most forceful part of the politics, but at the same time the most cleverly disguised, exacerbated by the zoning arrangement of the ruling party. Ethnic entrepreneurs have taken over, magnifying and manipulating differences, as usual, to further narrow, personal interests. These entrepreneurs are polarizing the country and sowing seed of discord. This is the most dangerous part.

**The Politics of Relevance:** There are those who will give anything to be relevant. The ill-health of the President has handed them a cause célèbre or a political project, depending on whether they operate in the civil or the political arena. Even when they know better, those in this camp deliberately play to the gallery. They are more interested in the headlines and their sponsors, but they hide behind principles and higher values and as such draw the unsuspecting into their folds.

As said above, politicians (both partisan and otherwise) must play politics. But then, at what cost? Must everything be politicized? Is it not crude and callous to be playing politics with the health of the President and the health of the country? We maintain that these thinly disguised politicians are orchestrating a crisis where there is none and unnecessarily heating up the polity. Dear compatriots, we need to tell them: **enough is enough!**

**THE MAY 29TH GROUP**

OAU Quarters, Abuja

# Gardener arraigned over theft

By Hussein Yahaya, Ibraheem A. Fatai & Lami Sadiq

A 45-year-old gardener, Ibrahim Sani was yesterday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly breaking into the house of his employer and stealing some property.

Prosecutor Adoche Isehyo stated in court that on November 25, 2009, one Francisca Tsegba of No 31, David Bamigboye Crescent, Apo Legislative Quarters, Abuja, reported that an unknown thief broke into her house and stole goods and property worth millions of naira.

"But, on January 16, 2010, you, Ibrahim Sani, a gardener to the complainant, were seen wearing one of the stolen clothes, a red jersey, thereby committing an offence punishable under sections 353 and 287 of the Penal Code," he added.

When the charges were read to the accused, he denied the allegations and requested for bail, which was not objected by the prosecutor.

In her ruling, Chief Magistrate Josephine Obannor granted the accused bail in the sum of N100,000 with a reliable surety in like sum,

who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and swear to an affidavit to produce the accused in court on the adjourned date.

The case was adjourned to February 16 for hearing.

In another case, One Ochere Maduforo of Kado Life Camp, Abuja was recently sentenced to four months imprisonment by an Upper Area Court for cheating, an offence contrary to Sections 79 & 322 of the Penal Code Law.

Prosecutor Philip told the court that on January 11, 2010, the accused and his accomplice tricked

Michael Monday into parting with his phone on the agreement that the accused persons will produce him some money.

"The accused persons collected his Nokia hand set valued at N5,000 with the promise of using it to print money for him but never did," the prosecutor said.

When the charge was read, the accused pleaded guilty and begged the court to temper justice with mercy.

Judge Umar Kagarko sentenced him to four months imprisonment or to pay N10,000 as fine.

# Three deny causing public nuisance

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

THREE persons Tuesday in court denied constituting themselves into public nuisance.

The accused persons, Olaoye Bisola, Franca Emma and Isaac Joseph were arrested by a police patrol at an alleged black spot.

Police prosecutor, Ahmed Mohammed, had earlier told the court that on January 22, 2010, a team of police men attached to the Maitama Police Station, arrested and brought the accused persons to the station for constituting themselves into public nuisance.

"They were all suspected of posing danger to the public, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 183 of the Penal Code Law," the prosecutor added.

When the charge was read to the accused persons, they pleaded not guilty and requested for bail.

Magistrate Omolola Oladipo granted each of the accused persons bail in the sum of N10,000 with a reliable surety in like sum, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to February 11 for hearing.

# Kuje council boss preaches religious tolerance

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

FOLLOWING the recent crisis in Jos, Plateau State, Chairman of Kuje Area Council, Mr. Danladi Etsu Zhin last Friday cautioned residents of the council to tolerate one another's religion, irrespective of their denomination.

Zhin gave the advice during an emergency peace and security meeting held in his office last

Friday to enlighten residents on the need to shun any religious crisis.

Participants at the meeting included traditional rulers, village/district heads, Kuje CAN chairman, clergymen, chief Imam, members of the civil defence corps and the divisional police officers.

The council boss enjoined the religious leaders and traditional rulers to pray for the vic-

tims of Jos crisis and maintain peaceful co-existence in their communities, adding that Kuje being the most peaceful area council in FCT should not experience religious crisis in any form.

"We need to caution ourselves on the dangers of engaging in war and other forms of tribulation, as it is only a faithful worshipper that will inherit the kingdom of God," he added.

# Woman develops labour pains in court

By Romoke W. Ahmad

AN abandoned pregnant woman yesterday developed labour pains during a court hearing she instituted against her husband for not caring for her.

The woman, Lami Sarki started feeling uncomfortable while the Area Court Judge was taking down notes of the proceedings in which she was testifying.

The lady told the court that her lover, Zaka Tanimu abandoned her after he discovered she was pregnant for him.

She said he had earlier attempted to terminate the pregnancy and failed.

"When he discovered that I was pregnant for him, he made me drink traditional medicine and I started bleeding but was rushed to the hospital by my family and

since then I have not been seen him," she said.

The woman further explained that he collected money from her while the love was still sweet and urged the court to assist her in getting the money back as well as for him to pay the entire amount she used to take care of herself after he abandoned her.

Responding, Zaka accepted responsibility for the pregnancy and said he did what he did because he couldn't bear the responsibility of taking care of the pregnancy.

The pregnant woman was rushed midway into the court session to the hospital after labour pains began and Judge Issa Alhaji Yahaya rebuked the man for his behavior and asked him to pay N96,000 as total expenses incurred by his lover to her.

# Patients want SERVICOM at Garki General Hospital

By Abubakar Yakubu

SOME patients at Garki General Hospital yesterday called on SERVICOM to extend its services to the hospital as well as other public hospitals in the Federal Capital Territory, in order to ensure better services.

The patients, who complained of the attitudes of some of the hospital's staff, also lamented that fewer nurses and posted to night duties.

A patient's father, Mallam Abdul Rahman said the first thing requested for in Garki Hospital is deposit of money, which

amounts to N20,000.

"After treatment commences and the money gets to N500, the patient's drugs are cut off until a deposit renewal is made," he said.

Rahman advised the hospital's management to think of saving life first before money.

It would be recalled that SERVICOM has carried out pilot surveys in certain hospital's such as Asokoro General Hospital, where patients' waiting time to see consultants have been reduced with improved services.



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# Three jailed for assaulting naval officer

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

AN Abuja magistrate court yesterday sentenced three men to three months imprisonment for assaulting a naval officer, Lieutenant K. Maibelkwu.

Uka Haruna Adamu, Ikramatu Adamu and Ubaidu Abdulrahman were said to have collaborated with one Ibuka, now at

large, to assault the complainant who was trying to buy petrol from a filling station.

Police Prosecutor, Monday Akor, had earlier told the court that one Lieutenant K. Maibeku of Mogadishu Barracks, Abuja, reported to the police that he was beaten while he was trying to fuel his car at Banex junction.

"The accused persons with one Ibuka,

now at large, conspired and beat the naval officer, thereby committing offences punishable under Sections 79, 265 and 244 of the Penal Code Law," the prosecutor submitted.

The prosecutor stated further that as a result of the assault, the complainant sustained bruises all over his leg.

When the charges were read to the accused persons, they pleaded guilty and

begged for leniency.

Based on their plea, the prosecutor asked the court to try the accused persons summarily under Section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

In her ruling, Magistrate Rosemary Kanyip, convicted the accused persons and sentenced each of them to three months imprisonment or to pay N3,000 as fine.

## Motorist accused of hitting Reps member's car

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

THE police Wednesday arraigned a middle-aged driver, Eneuche Daniel, before an Abuja magistrate court for alleged reckless driving and hitting a car belonging to a member of the House of Representatives.

Eneuche, who resides at New Karu, Nasarawa State, was said to have driven a Toyota Sienna car recklessly along Tafawa Balewa Way on January 20, 2010.

Police prosecutor, Umoh Inah, told the court that while the accused was driving along the Federal Secretariat, he failed to observe an oncoming vehicle from the major road before moving into the road.

"As a result of the accused person's recklessness, he ran into a Toyota Camry car with registration number AE 171 FCE that belongs to a House of Representatives member that was driven by one Lawal Aremu," the prosecutor stated.

He further stated that the offence committed is punishable under Section 29 of the Road Traffic Act.

When the charge was read to the accused, he denied the allegation and requested for bail, which was not objected to by the prosecutor.

Magistrate Idayat Akanni granted the accused bail in the sum of N250,000 with a reasonable surety in like sum that must reside within the court's jurisdiction and swear to an affidavit to produce the accused in court on the adjourned date.

## NOTICE OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** an Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the members of UACN Property Development Company Plc will be held at Silas Daniyan Hall, Golden Tulip Festac (Formerly Durbar Hotel), Amuwo-Odofin, Lagos State on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010 at 10.00am to transact the following business:

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions:

- A. That pursuant to Article 70(1) of the Company's Articles of Association, the Directors be and are hereby authorized to raise, whether by way of a public offering, private placement, book building process or other methods, additional capital of up to N30,000,000,000 (Thirty billion Naira only) through the issuance of corporate bonds in such tranches, series or proportions, at such coupon or interest rates, within such maturity period, and on such other terms and conditions including the provision of security for payment, as the Directors may deem fit or determine, subject to obtaining the approvals of relevant regulatory authorities.
- B. That the Directors be and are hereby authorized to enter into and execute any agreements, deeds, notices and any other documents necessary for and or incidental to effecting resolution (A) above.
- C. That the Directors of the Company or any one of them for the time being, be and are hereby authorized to appoint such professional parties and advisers, and to perform all such other acts and do all such other things as may be necessary for or incidental to effecting the above resolutions, including without limitation, complying with directives of any regulatory authority.
- D. That the Directors are authorized to take any further action that may be required to give effect to the resolutions passed at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

### PROXY

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A Proxy need not also be a member. A Proxy form is attached to the Notice and it is valid for the purpose of the Meeting. All instruments of proxy should be duly stamped at the Stamp Duties Office and deposited at the registered Office of the Company or the Office of the Registrars, UAC House, 1-5 Odunlami Street, Lagos not later than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting.

### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2010 (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of attending the Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

GODWIN A SAMUEL  
COMPANY SECRETARY

Registered Office  
UAC House  
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Lagos

  
Building for sustainable Value

## Inside Politics

# 'Why we banned posters in Jigawa'

LAST week, Governor Sule Lamido of Jigawa State fielded questions from a select group of journalists shortly after the flag off of PDP campaign in Dutse for the February 13 council polls. Here, he speaks on the upcoming elections and why he banned the pasting of posters on public buildings and sign-posts.

From Auwalu Umar, Dutse

**T**he opposition ANPP has vowed to boycott the local government poll slated for February 13 on grounds that if it is conducted while you are still the governor and Alini as the chairman of the state electoral commission, the election would not be free and fair. Don't you foresee problems?

The joy in Nigeria's politics actually lies in this type of controversies. But the person making that comment should not forget that I have not changed anything from what I met on ground in Jigawa. The same Alini was the electoral chairman when ANPP was in power in the state. They conducted elections then, and it was adjudged to be free and fair. Therefore since it is the same person that is heading the commission, definitely the elections will be free and fair this time again.

**Y**ou allowed all the 26 council chairmen to run for second term except the one from Hadejia, why did you stop him?

There are some political conditions which we set. We intend to move him to a place where he will be of more importance to us. We assess where a person will be useful to us and post him there. This is whether as chairman or something else.

Some people see this as a plan that would culminate automatic second term tickets for you and federal legislators in Jigawa State...

Nigerians have a way of distorting the meaning of a word to give it a negative connotation, such that it is used as a threat. Tenure elongation started from Abacha when he attempted to shelve his uniform and rule as civilian. Obasanjo also attempted to extend his tenure after com-

pleting two terms. Therefore, if the Nigerian constitution does not stop you from running for second term in office, what is the offence in it and why should we be threatened with it?

**L**ocal government elections in Nigeria come with a lot of problems. What measures have you taken to avert break down of law and order during the council poll?

IT is injustice that breeds violence. When there is injustice, there is bound to be crisis. If you remember during similar election last year, people said they would invoke the Qur'an and so and so things will happen but nothing happened. Therefore, if people unanimously resolve to work in consonance with laid down rules, no trouble will ensue. And we in Jigawa have told the person who foments trouble that if he wants to cause trouble, he should bring his child and I will bring my own so that they will confront each other. But he will not use another person's child again. If you don't want to use your son to cause trouble because he may get killed, why then must you use somebody's child? This issue is a simple one, provided the people are good mannered and have been lectured on their rights and on living with one another, there wouldn't be any trouble.

**I**f the oppositions get the court to stop the election, will you obey the order or are you going ahead to hold the election?

Don't forget that President Umaru Yar'adua had vowed, as he assumed leadership of the country, to rule Nigeria on the basis of rule of law and constitutionality. That is what won him the respect he has in the eyes of Nigerians.

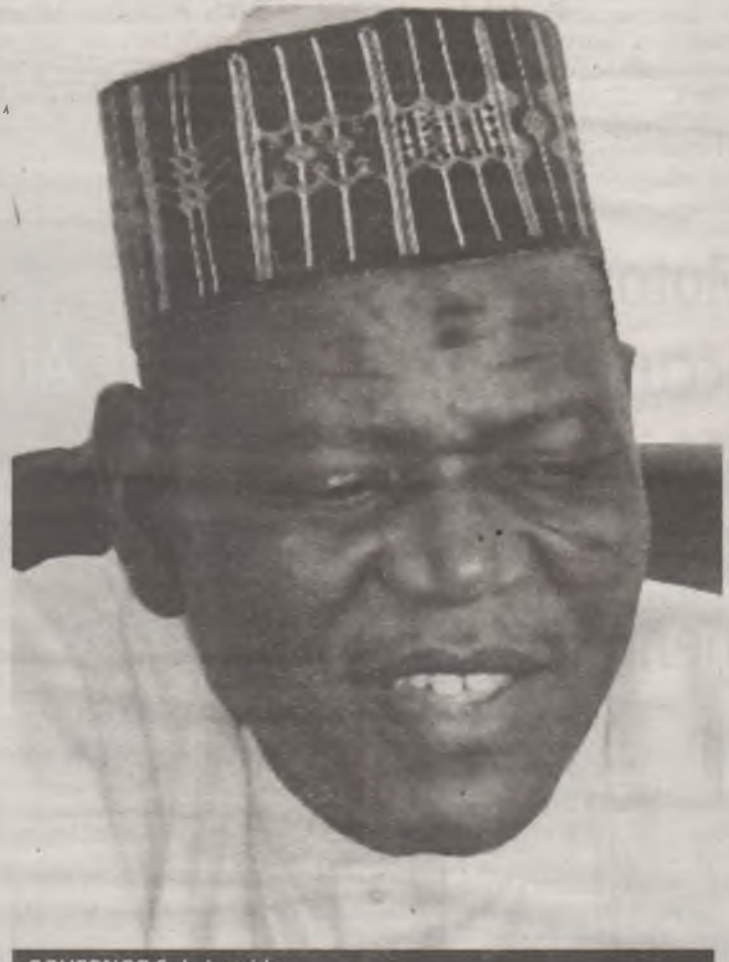
Definitely, if the court says we should not go on to hold the election, we will not hold it.

**H**ow sure are you the people of Jigawa would support and vote for the PDP?

We have done a job which they will use to judge. The power is in their hands, if we have worked they vote for us and if we have not they vote others. Our own is simple, by voting us into power. They trusted us with their lives and wealth, now we have done what we could do to our utmost ability, guided by our faith and knowledge. It is left to them to use their faith and knowledge to judge us fairly. It is their decision.

**Y**ou have banned the pasting of posters in Jigawa State, except for those of contestants, and you have also banned the carrying of weapons during campaigns, why the action?

The way posters are used in Nigeria is an eyesore. They are pasted on the walls government houses and schools where children who have nothing to do with politics are studying. All these depict lack of consciousness of people's right. That is why we said nobody should paste any poster on school buildings, pole wire, and roundabout irrespective of the candidate or his party. We said if you want to show your posters, go and make a board that can stand on its own, come and pay us for the space you want to mount it, as companies do, and go and mount it. Or if you produce the posters, give them to your supporters to paste on the walls of their houses or inside their rooms or on trees, but not on public buildings or property. We want to protect government from



GOVERNOR Sule Lamido

this dirty politicking and protect schools from being politically corrupted.

AS of now, we prefer campaigning for party. The candidates can have their posters, but we prefer the party is sold to the electorates since it is the one to be voted for. And the party is superior to all. Therefore, we are trying to institutionalize a system that will sanitize and improve political relationship and promote good attitude among the people.

And on the issue of weapons, whoever wants should arm his child. If you tell us 'it is my son I have armed' we will accept that. But don't give it to other person's child.

**D**on't you think this will give parties and party leaders the power to deny voters the right to vote for their choice by imposing contestants on them?

The issue is we in PDP have

our culture and ideology. We did not stop anyone from doing what he wants. But for us in PDP, that is not feasible and nobody will ever again go and paste a candidate's poster, whoever he is and whichever party he belongs. Similarly, you will not paste them on school walls because the schools are not owned by your party.

“The way posters are used in Nigeria is an eyesore. They are pasted on the walls government houses and schools where children who have nothing to do with politics are studying. All these depict lack of consciousness of people's right.”

## Kebbi PDP dares Ogbulafor over chairman's removal

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

KEBBI State chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has vowed to resist purported moves by the national secretariat of the party to remove its state chairman, Alhaji Haruna Jada Jega.

After a meeting at the state secretariat in Birnin Kebbi on Tuesday, executive members of the party from the 21 local government areas declared their support for Alhaji Jega. They also jointly condemned the letter said to have been signed

by the PDP National Chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor instructing the removal of the chairman and replacing him with Alhaji Suleiman Nasia Suru.

While addressing newsmen, spokesman for the party Alhaji Muhammad Riskuwa Dakingari said Alhaji Jega was duly elected as the chairman with the blessing of the executive governor and the executive members of the party in all the local government areas of the state.

“We enjoined our members to ignore this letter. It has nothing to do

with us, as far as we are concern in Kebbi state, we have no other chairman than Alhaji Jega and we would do everything within the context of the party constitution to resist any attempt to impose anybody on us,” he said.

Dakingari added that the PDP in Kebbi state is peace loving and has striven to ensure peace and fair play at all times. He stated that the letter purportedly written from Abuja was meant to cause chaos in the party in Kebbi. He said everything will be done to resist it.

## No preferred candidate in Yobe – Deputy Governor

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

ENGINEER Abubakar Ali, the deputy governor of Yobe State has declared that there is no preferred candidate for any elective office in the state.

Speaking to journalists in his office recently, Engineer Ali said all candidates aspiring to head any local government or go to the state House of Assembly or the National Assembly have equal chances because the state government and the ruling All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) does not have

‘anointed candidates.’

He said only the electorate that have the power to decide who becomes what in Yobe State.

The deputy governor spoke against comments by some politicians who have started campaigning ahead of the 2011 elections to the effect that they are government's candidates.

“Our administration has an open policy...anybody can contest for any post and it is the electorate that would decide,” he said.



## KADUNA POLYTECHNIC

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### INVITATION FOR PRE- QUALIFICATION FOR 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

In compliance with the requirements of the Public Procurement Act of the Federal Government of Nigeria, the Kaduna Polytechnic hereby invites interested and reputable consultants, contractors and suppliers with relevant experience and good track record of pre-qualification for consultancy services and execution of 2010 capital project as follows:

**A. INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN EXECUTING THE PROJECT STATED BELOW.**

- i. Landscaping of 4-Campuses.
- ii. Rehabilitation of Academic Buildings.
- iii. Procurement of Laboratory Equipment.
- iv. Roads Rehabilitation.
- v. Training on Entrepreneurship Education.
- vi. Procurement of Library Books.

**B. PRE- QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

Reputable and interested contractors and suppliers are required to submit their applications along with the following documents:

- i. Evidence of Incorporation /Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission.
- ii. Evidence of Tax clearance certificate in the last three (3) years (2007-2009).
- iii. Evidence of V.A.T Registration and remittance in the last three years (2007-2009).
- iv. Company profile which should include names, qualification and experience of key personnel, list of similar projects previously executed with photographs, contract values, locations and names of clients to include GSM number(s) and e-mail addresses of the firm if available.
- vii. Evidence of valid subsisting registration with FME/FMH/FMWT.
- viii. Evidence of similar projects handled by the firm including cost (Practical Completion Certificate).
- ix. Evidence of valid subsisting registration with Kaduna Polytechnic in the relevant category.
- x. Evidence of financial capability to handle the chosen project.
- xi. Original documents should be available for sighting on demand during or after opening of pre-qualification documents.

**C. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.**

Applications for pre-qualifications in sealed envelopes clearly marked stating the project intended to handle should be forwarded to;

**The Registrar,  
KadunaP Polytechnic,  
P.M.B. 2021,  
Kaduna.**

On or before 12:00 noon on FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010. The submitted Documents will be opened at 2:00 p.m. the same day in the Council Chambers at the Central Administration Building, Polytechnic Road, Tudun Wada, Main Campus, Kaduna.

**NOTE:**

The invitation for pre-qualification is not an invitation to tender and only pre - qualified contractors will be invited to tender.

**D. INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANTS INTERSTED IN PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON PROJECTS STATED ABOVE.**

Interested consultants are to forward pre-qualification documents stating the project they intend to handle. Such documents should include;

- i. Evidence of registration with relevant professional body.
- ii. Evidence of Incorporation /Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission.
- iii. Evidence of Tax clearance certificate in the last three (3) years (2007-2009).
- iv. Evidence of similar projects handled by the firm including cost.
- v. Company profile which should include names, qualification and years of experience of key personnel.
- vi. List of support equipment available for such projects e.g. computer system, graphic plotter/printer software etc.
- vii. Original documents should be available for sighting on demand during or after opening of pre-qualification documents.

**E. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS.**

Applications for pre-qualification in sealed envelopes clearly marked "APPLICATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AS CONSULTANT" should be forwarded to;

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Kaduna Polytechnic,  
P.M.B. 2021,  
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On or before 12:00 noon on FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010. The submitted Documents will be opened at 2:00 p.m. the same day in the Council Chambers at the Central Administration building, Polytechnic Road, Tudun Wada, Main Campus, Kaduna.

**NOTE:**

The Institution shall not bear the cost of preparation and submission of application for pre-qualification. The Institution is neither committed nor obliged to undertake the work described in the advertisement.

Signed:  
**ALH. MAMOON A. ABUBAKAR**  
REGISTRAR,

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## DIVINE EMANCIPATION GLOBAL MINISTRY

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part C. of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- |                             |   |           |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1. Nelson Ebi Feinakedor    | - | Chairman  |
| 2. Mrs. Bamidele Feinakedor | - | Member    |
| 3. Mrs. Lucky Oba           | - | Member    |
| 4. Sunday Adeyemi           | - | Secretary |

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ through Church based teachings and doctrines.
- To preach and teach the Bible and engage in counseling, Seminars and discussions and other programs to facilitate the study, reading and learning of the Holy Bible.

Any objection to the above 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:

Barr. Napoleon Egin.

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I, formerly known as MRS BINTA MOHAMMED, now wish to be known as MRS BINTA CHUKWUMA. All former documents remain valid. General public and German Government should take note.

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I, formerly HAJARA OIZAFACHE now wish to be called GRACE HAJARA CHOGUDO. All former documents remain valid. Uniabuja, Nasspoly and general public take note.

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I, formerly MISS OLANIYI FOLASHADE MOTUNRAYO, now want to be addressed as MRS SHOGO FOLASHADE MOTUNRAYO. All documents remain valid. Skye Bank Plc and general public take note.

## PROFESSOR JAMES ADECHE MOMOH FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part C. of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

### The Trustees are:

- Prof. James Adeche Momoh
- Mrs. Felicia Momoh
- Prof. Dora Akunyili
- Owelle Roachas Okorocho
- Sam Obaro

### Aims and Objectives

- To promote the Development of National Youth Academy (N.Y.A) for science and Technology, that exposes Youth under 35 years to professional Careers in science and Technology.

Any objection to the above 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.

## MUMMY B PROPHETIC MINISTRIES INT'L

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE:

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Prophetess Blessing Chidima Hycinth | - President |
| 2. Ochi Ijeoma Echeazu                 | - Secretary |
| 3. Godspower Uchenna Dike              | - Member    |
| 4. Ukaji Chukwuemeka Kenneth           | - Member    |
| 5. Chidozie Sunday                     | - Member    |

### THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To preach, teach and propagate the message of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth
- To show that the mark of Christ is in us so that no man will trouble us
- To help the poor and the downtrodden in the society

Any Objection to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

## POWER CITY INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Church has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part C. of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

### The Trustees are:

- Rev. (Dr.) Abel Damina
- Pastor (Mrs) Rachel Abel Damina
- Pastor Praise Okon
- Pastor (Mrs) Ada Okonkwo.

### Aims and Objectives

- To preach the Gospel of the Kingdom
- To win Souls for the Kingdom of God

Any objection to the above 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:

Rev. (Dr.) Abel Damina.

## MAIZE PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION OF KADUNA STATE

This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration as an Incorporated Trustees under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

### The Trustees are:

- Alh. Bako Na Bawa
- Alh. Rayyanu Dan Allagi
- Alh. Marwala Ahmed Birnin Gwari
- Mr. Barabas D. Da'W
- Alh. Adams Mohammed Inowa

### Aims and Objectives:

- To afford members the opportunity of participating in Commercial Agriculture Development Project (A World Bank Assisted Project)
- To encourage the production, processing, packing, storage and marketing of maize and maize products
- In conjunction with Maize Association of Nigeria (MAN) secure local and international market for our products.

Any OBJECTION to this REGISTRATION should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 565 Nidola Square, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja within Twenty eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Secretary

## SUDANES COMMUNITY IN NIGERIA

The general public is hereby notified that the above named initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under Part C. of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

### The Trustees are:

- Alh. Ibrahim Al-tayeb
- Alh. Usman Al-Tayeb
- Alh. Ibrahim Bahary
- Alh. Usman Mohammed
- Alh. Ismail Mohammed Ishaq

### Aims and Objectives

- To protect the Interest(s) of the Sudanese Citizens in the country of residence (Federal Republic of Nigeria)
- To portray the image of sudan in such a way to let be a source of pride through the programme that may be presented.
- To co-ordinate and supervise all state's communities activities

Any objection to the above 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.

## PUBLIC NOTICE STREAM OF POWER MINISTRIES

Notice is hereby given to the general public that named Ministry is applying for Registration under Companies and Allied Matters Decree 1990 Law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

### The Trustees are:

- Rev. Mrs. Cordiua Nworo
- Pastor Emeka Asinogor Casimir
- Deaconess Chiamaka Dorothy Ojuro
- Pastor Kelechi Nwoke
- Deacon Benedict Azah
- Deaconess Ekwuosisilam Ezimifite
- Sister Edith Chukwu

### Aims and Objectives:

- To propagate the gospel
- To Preach the gospel of the kingdom of GOD to all nations by word and example.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja within Twenty eight (28) days of this publication.

Signed:  
Secretary

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public of the loss of the original right of Occupancy and Original Recertification and Re-insurance of C of O Acknowledgement of Triumph Energy & Petroleum Chemical Co. Ltd of Plot No. 1127, Cadastral Zone A0, Central Area with file No. MISC 12200 and National I.D. Card belonging to Lucky Ugbede Adams. All efforts made to trace the said documents proved abortive. If found, please returned to the nearest police station.

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public of the loss of the original land documents, the original letter of offer of allocation and original receipts of payment belonging to EFFIOM O. EFFIWATT issued to him by MFCT with number MFCT/LA/93/CR800. All efforts made to trace it proved abortive. If found please return to the nearest police station.

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## AFRESH GLOBAL FOUNDATION

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- The trustees are:
1. Prof. Peter Okebukola (chairman)
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  3. Nellie Onwuchekwa
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  7. Akintunde Banjoko

Address: 25b Macdonald Road, Ikoyi Lagos.  
**Objectives:** 1). To unite members. 2). To educate and impact lives afresh in different sectors of life 3). Manpower development and aid capacity building.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 565, Ndola Square, Wuse Zone 5, P.M.B. 198, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

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This is to inform the general public that the acknowledgement letter for issuance of C of O with file No. ED10678 located at plot No.677 Cadastral Zone A6, Maitama Abuja is missing. All efforts to trace the said document has proved abortive. If found please contact VENNAT OMIGIE 'M' of 13B, Katsina-Ala Crescent, Maitama Abuja or the police headquarters Wuse Zone 3, Abuja.

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the original allocation paper at Plot No. CRD 592 of about 750m2 Lugbe 1 Layout issued by AMAC dated 26/6/1996 signed by Musa. A. Audu is missing. All efforts to trace the said document has proved abortive. If found please contact Hajija Asaman Abubakar of Nipost Canteen, Area 10 Garki, Abuja or the nearest police station.

## DOMINION LIFE APOSTOLIC REVIVAL MINISTRY

This is to inform the general public that the above named Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

- The trustees are:
1. Reverend Benson Ashiedu
  2. Pastor Mrs. Tokunbo Ashiedu
  3. Barrister Osa
  4. Deacon Samuel Onichaemeka
  5. Bro. Peter Ashiedu

### Aims and objectives:

1. To preach the word of God to the nations of the world.

To bring many to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed: Barr. Ngozi Solomon-Balogun

## HOLY MINISTRY OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH

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| 4. James Likhokhakhe        | - Financial Secretary |
| 5. James Odeghie            | - Member              |
| 6. Garuba Michael           | - Member              |
| 7. John Agbada              | - Member              |

### Aims and objectives:

1. To preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in all parts of the country, and all over the world.
2. To organize indoor and outdoor fellowship programmes, outreach, crusades, revivals, seminars and workshops, video, television and radio ministering.
3. Preaching and demonstrating the power of Jesus Christ, to save, heal, deliver and enrich the spirit, soul and body of man through the working of the holy spirit.

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Signed: Adams Innocent Gideon  
 General Secretary

## PROJECT MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

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### Aims and objectives:

1. Enhancement and advancement of project management as profession in Nigeria.
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### AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote and generate honest spirit of brotherhood.
2. To develop the spirit of oneness and ensure collective action on matters affecting members.
3. To assist charitable and needy organizations and individuals in need.
4. To provide recreational facilities, refreshments rooms for effective social activities and club house.

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Signed: Solomon Nwosu (Esq)

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### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Sanitization of real properties transactions
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### AIMS & OBJECTIVES ARE:

1. Provision of education with emphasis on Islamic education to the generality of the community.
2. Development and maintenance of Mosques.
3. General welfare of the community as provided under the Islamic system.
4. Integration of Islamic and western systems of education, research and intellectual development.

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### The trustees are:

1. Mojisola Onifade
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### Aims and objectives:

1. Youth empowerment.
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3. Provision of opportunities for the less privileged.

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# Youthful Ghana shoot down Eagles

By Ismaila Lere, with Agency reports

A first-half goal by Asamoah Gyan earned the Black Stars of Ghana a 1-0 win over Nigeria's Super Eagles yesterday and a place in the African Nations Cup final.

Gyan headed home in the 21st minute and Ghana's rock-solid defence did the rest as the Black Stars reached their first Nations Cup final since 1992.

Nigeria enjoyed most of possession and had the best chances but proved too clumsy or were out-powered by Ghana's impressive back four.

Ghana, who last won the continental tournament in 1982, will meet either holders Egypt or Algeria in Sunday's final.

"It's unbelievable," said Gyan. "We are a young team and not many people gave us a chance of making the final."

Ghana made one change from the side that knocked out hosts Angola in the quarter-finals, with Haminu Draman making way for the fit again midfielder Anthony Annan taking to the field for the first time in Angola. Nigeria were without defender Onyekachi Apam, sent off in the last eight penalty shoot-out defeat of Zambia, with Obinna Nwaneri called up in his place. Coach Shaibu Amodu made two further alterations, Obafemi Martins coming in for Everton striker Yakubu Aiyegbeni, and Ayila Yusuf in for Fulham midfielder Dickson Etuhu.

A Manchester derby resembles a children's tea party compared to the rivalry between these west African footballing giants, with Ghana holding the recent bragging rights following their 2-1 quarter-final win over



THE goal that breaks Nigerians heart... Super Eagles goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama, right, looks on as a ball from Ghana's Asamoah Gyan gets through his goal during their Africa Cup of Nations semi final match in Luanda, Angola yesterday.

their larger neighbours at the 2008 Nations Cup on home soil.

FIFA president Joseph S. Blatter and a regiment of Angolan soldiers were among the 10,000 plus crowd to watch Ghana given a scare seconds after kick off when Peter Odemwingie crossed to Martins, who was unable to do the pass justice. Nigeria were looking a good deal more energised than in the quarter-finals with Martins menacing the Ghana back line repeatedly in the first quarter-hour.

But it was Ghana who took the lead in the 21st minute against the run of play when Kwadwo Asa-

moah fired in a corner from the left for Gyan to outjump his marker, Nwaneri, and head past Vincent Enyeama. That was the in-form Rennes striker's third goal of the competition, putting him joint top of the scoring charts. Ghana, with their sprinkling of youngsters and smattering of experienced stars, almost doubled their lead shortly after only for Gyan's dipping shot to go over Enyeama's crossbar.

Nigeria's front men Odemwingie of Lokomotiv Moscow and Martins were combining well and their double act would have produced an equaliser if it hadn't been for Ghana captain and skipper Richard King-

son's athletic save on 26 minutes. Black Stars' coach Milovan Rajevic was forced into an unscheduled substitution on the half-hour mark when Draman was introduced into the fray in place of injured Opuku Agyemang.

Seconds after the break Kingson was at full stretch to keep out a shot inadvertently sent in his direction at an alarming rate of knots by defender Lee Addy. On 63 minutes Rajevic switched Hans Adu Sarpei for Zamalek Ibrahim Ayew, who was joining his younger brother Andre in midfield.

Nigeria then strung together a slick three-cornered move involving

Sani Kaita, Chelsea's John Obi Mikel and Martins, but Wigan stopper Kingson was having a great game, and kept Ghana in front by chesting Martin's close range shot out of danger.

Under-fire Eagles coach Shaibu Amodu then took off Odemwingie, who handed the captain's armband to Yakubu Aiyegbeni. The Everton forward was barely on the pitch when he was set up in front of goal by Elderson Echiejile, but his shot though cannoned wide. Ghana would need all their tenacity and luck to hold on in the dying minutes but they did it to leave the Nigerians' title hopes in tatters.

## Experts fault attack for Eagles' defeat

SUPER Eagles' attack was blamed for the team's semi-final loss to Ghana yesterday at the ongoing Africa Cup of Nations in Angola.

Ghana's Black Stars needed just one goal which Asamoah Gyan got through a 21st minute header off a corner kick.

Although experts agreed that the team's performance was better than all their earlier games in the competition, they said the attack failed the team when it mattered most.

Former Nigerian international, Kenneth Olayombo, told NAN that he was disappointed with the result, saying that the strikers were not lethal.

Olayombo said the team needed a playmaker, who could hold on to the ball for distribution to the attack.

He said there was plenty of work to be done on the team before the World Cup in June.

Sports administrator, retired Brig.-Gen. Emmanuel Okaro, said he was disappointed at the loss,

noting that people were becoming indifferent towards the Super Eagles because they were not playing well.

Okaro said the attack was blunt, while the defence was weak.

"The attack failed us," the retired Nigerian Army sports administrator said.

He called for the injection of new players into the team before the World Cup, recommending that the players who were decamped before the trip to Angola should be recalled.

He expressed surprise that the coach left the big names he took to the competition on the bench throughout.

"We must inject new players into the team and play plenty of friendly matches.

It would be disastrous if we take this crop of players to the World Cup," he added.

Former Chairman of Leventis United FC of Ibadan, John Masteroudis, said it was an irony that it was when the team played better that

they lost.

Expressing his disappointment at the performance of the team, Masteroudis said it was time to take stock before any recommendations could be made on what should be done before June.

Masteroudis, who is a member of the Presidential Task Force for the World Cup, said the strikers were on holiday throughout.

He said there was a big gulf between the team's midfield and attack

# Eagles exit not a surprise –Lumumba

By David Ngobua

SUPER Eagles semi-final loss to the Black Stars of Ghana yesterday at the ongoing Africa Cup of Nations in Angola may be a kind of shock to some football followers in Nigeria but former member of the House of Representatives and one time NFA presidential aspirant, Hon. Lumumba Dah Adeh has said it did not come to him as a surprise.

Speaking to Trustsports moment after the Eagles were bundled out of the tournament by the Black Stars of Ghana courtesy of Asamoah Gyang's classic goal in the 21st minute, the football administrator expressed disappointment in the players who failed to stamp their authority on the match.

He said though the Ghanaians are young and inexperienced, the more mature Eagles could not use their so called wealth of experience to win.

Lumumba maintained that the young Ghanaians showed so much respect to the Eagles but instead of the Nigerians putting their acts together to win the all important match, they stuck to their less than impressive style and paid heavily for it.

"What happened today (yesterday) did not come to me as surprise. It will be a disappointment for those who believed in the team. Most of us knew that it was only a matter of time for the ship to capsize.

"The Eagles deserve the result they got. The young Ghanaians over respected them but instead of the Eagles to take advantage of the respect accorded them, they remained lackadaisical," he added.

Lumumba noted that the Eagles once again showed technical deficiency and naivety as the team played like sheep without a shepherd.



SUPER Eagles players leave the pitch after they were defeated by the Black Stars of Ghana in the semi final yesterday

## HOW EAGLES FARED

**Vincent Enyeama**

He would have kept a clean sheet, if not for the Asamoah Gyang's blistering header which caught him napping in the 21st minute for Black Stars winner.  
Rating: 4/10

**Yusuf Mohammed**

The diminutive right full back continued with his improvement as he really gave support to the attack. In the last quarter of the match, he was stretched off following an ankle injury.  
Rating: 6/10

**Elderson Echiejile**

The young left full back who joined the main stream of the national team at the championship did not disappoint as he continually joined the attack without sacrificing tactical discipline.  
Rating: 5/10

**Sani Kaita**

The hard working Lokomotiv Moscow man remained combative as he cleverly did the dirty job in the midfield. Kaita won the balls and ensured they were effectively distributed.  
Rating: 6/10

**Obinna Nwaneri**

If not for his momentary loss of concentration which provided Asamoah Gyan the chance to grab that all important goal, Obinna Nwaneri by all means did not disappoint too much.  
Rating: 4/10

**Danny Shittu**

The Bolton Wonderers bully was his usual self as he used his big frame to block some shots targeted at his goal. Shittu also gave the necessary support to the attack.  
Rating: 4/10

**Mikel John Obi**

He had a great game and was pivotal in the heart of the Nigerian midfield, distributing ball to Obafemi Martins, Chinedu Obasi and Osaze Odenwingle in the attacking line.  
Rating: 7/10

**Yusuf Ayila**

Ayila put on an average performance and he was withdrawn midway into the second half after sustaining an injury.  
5/10

**Osaze Odenwingle**

Osaze's outing against Ghana was one of his lowest points in recent times. The Lokomotiv Moscow forward had many goal-scoring chances in the vital area of the Ghanaians.  
Rating: 6/10

**Obafemi Martins**

Martins was a huge disappointment. He cannot complain of dearth of passes as he got many but wasted all.  
Rating: 4/10

**Obasi Ogbuke**

Ogbuke had a poor outing. He could not do very well probably because he was playing from the position he is not very much used to.  
Rating: 4/10

**Obinna Nsofor**

Obinna replaced Ayila in the 67th minutes and was very anonymous through the entire duration. He was not only flat footed but match-rusty.  
Rating: 2/10

**Aiyegbeni Yakubu**

Yakubu could not do better than what he did in the last four matches he played as a top striker. His inclusion added nothing to the entire team.  
Rating: 2/10

**Chidi Odiah**

He played his first match at the championship and he was awful.  
Rating: 2/10



## 2010 AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS

# Egypt wallop Algeria to reach final

EGYPT kept alive their hopes of winning a third straight African Nations Cup title with a 4-0 semi-final victory over North African rivals Algeria, who had three players sent off.

Egypt opened the scoring in the first half from the penalty spot through Hosni Abd Rabou after Rafik Halliche was penalised for a dubious foul on Emad Motaeb that saw the defender red-carded.

Mohamed Zidan doubled the lead in the second half before Algeria's misery was compounded when Nadir Belhadj received a straight red-card for an unpleasant two-footed tackle on Ahmed Al Mohammadi.

Substitute Mohamed Abdel-Shafy made it 3-0 with a neat finish moments after coming off the bench before Fawzi Chaouchi, who was lucky not to be sent off earlier in the game when he appeared to aim a headbutt at the referee, became the third player to be sent off for a wild swing at Mohamed Nagui Geddo.

Geddo, a second half substitute rounded off the scoring deep in injury time to complete the rout. Egypt came into the game hell-bent on revenge having been beaten by their opponents in a one-off World Cup qualification play-off in November.

That game served to stoke the flames of an already heated antipathy between these two sides that was clearly visible in the opening exchanges.

Egypt's opener was swathed in controversy when it arrived nine minutes before halftime.

Halliche looked like he had made a well-timed tackle on Egypt forward Motaeb as he bore down on goal but referee Bonaventure Coffi Codjia disagreed and pointed to the spot.



EGYPT'S Mohamed Zidan, left, Ahmed El Mohamadi, centre, and Abd Rabou Hosni celebrate after scoring against Algeria during their semi final match in Benguela yesterday. Egypt won 4-0

He then compounded Algeria's dismay by producing a red card and dismissing the defender.

Hosni stepped up to side-foot the penalty into the back of the net but not before seeming to stop during his run up, which visibly angered Algeria keeper Chaouchi. He took his protest to the referee and squared up to the official appearing to aim what looked like a headbutt at him.

He was eventually dragged away by teammates and unbelievably received no further punishment.

But Algeria's punishment continued into the second half as Egypt doubled their advantage through Zidan, who twisted and turned on the edge of the area before planting a glorious finish into the top corner.

Belhadj was red-carded minutes later for a vicious two-footed challenge on Al Mohammadi that effectively ended the clash as a competitive spectacle.

But it was not an end to the scoring with Egypt increasing their lead still further when Abdel-Shafy came off the bench

to make an instant impact, as he buried a neat pass from Zidan past Chaouchi from a tight angle.

Algeria's discipline was in tatters at this point and Chaouchi finally picked up the red card his first-half head-butt on the referee merited.

He was sent off with four minutes remaining for a wild swing of the boot at substitute Geddo, who completed the scoring in stoppage time with a neat finish under the keeper.

The holders will now face Ghana in the final on Sunday.



MALI

## Mali sack Keshi

MALI have sacked their Nigerian coach Stephen Keshi following the country's group-stage exit from the 2010 CAF Africa Cup of Nations, the Malian football federation have announced.

The decision, taken on Wednesday, was in direct response to Mali's poor showing at the tournament in Angola, where Mali drew 4-4 with the hosts, lost 1-0 to Algeria and beat Malawi 3-1. Keshi took up the post in April 2008 with the stated aim of qualifying Mali for the Africa Cup of Nations and the 2010 World Cup, which he failed to do.

In a press release seen by AFP, the Malian football federation states that its executive committee undertook "a thorough analysis of the factors that led to the premature elimination of the national team from the 2010 Africa Cup of Nations". The federation criticised the "barely professional behaviour of certain players and some of the backroom staff" and revealed that it was terminating the contracts of all the coaching staff and medical team.

The press release also recommended the employment of consultants to improve the national team's technical set-up and vowed to embark upon "a radical reconstruction of the national team", based on "well-defined technical, ethical and moral criteria".

"No place on the national team is guaranteed," the federation added. "All the places are open to competition for Malian players who wish to come and serve their country."

## Eagles: Time for a Change

IT is difficult to know just what to make of Ghana earning a place in the final of the Africa Cup of Nations for the first time in 28 years.

This is a side who were supposed to struggle in this event having lost the likes of Michael Essien, Stephen Appiah, Sulley Muntari, John Mensah and John Paintsil.

But these young players have been brilliantly led by Serbian coach Milovan Rajevac, and appear to be so high on the adrenalin of the moment,

that they must feel like they could break down brick walls.

They have a great belief in their young selves, and don't appear to be overawed by whichever opposition is placed in front of them. That exuberance of youth goes a long way. Nigeria, meanwhile, have struggled all tournament and it was perhaps no surprise when they bowed out rather limply here.

They have not been convincing at all, and were lucky to scrape past a superior Zambian side in the quarterfinals. Nigeria may have the big names who play in

the English Premiership, Italian Serie A and Spanish La Liga, but that does not make them a team.

It is likely that coach Shuaibu Amodu will get the boot now, and whoever comes in must first knit this squad together and get them to play for each other ahead of the World Cup. Perhaps it is time to get rid of some of the older members of the team.

Ghana have shown that fresh faces can ignite something into the squad. That may just be the way to go for the not-so-Super Eagles.



EAGLES keeper Vincent Enyeama looks on after Ghana's Asamoah Gyan scored with a header



# KANO 2010 WAUG GAMES

## ABU haul 2 hockey golds

Story from Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

AHMADU Bello University, Zaria (ABU) have won gold medals in both male and female categories of the ongoing 3rd West African University Games (WAUG) holding at Bayero University, Kano (BUK).

However, ABU male football team failed to scale through to semi finals as they succumbed to Universite de Abomey, Calavi, UAC's might. The match ended 1-0 in favour of UAC.

Experienced ABU beat BUK 1-0 in the male hockey category to jerk the gold, just as the female team beat Kwame Nkuruma University 1-0 smile home with the equally highest laurel.

ABU's head coach Abdulhahi Baba Mudana said their victory was based on hard work and the effort of the university's Physical Health Department. He said the department exposed them to the rudiments of hockey game.

The coach noted that he was not surprised at their victory because they have good teams to beat.

But BUK's coach Lawan Rabi'u said despite their poor showing, the match "is a very good one", saying his players played "very well". According to him, most of his players were recently introduced to hockey.

Coach Rabi'u said even his goalkeeper was introduced to hockey in the run up to the championship. "Even my goalkeeper doesn't know what is hockey. I combated him a hockey goalkeeper two weeks ago," said he.

He expressed hope that notwithstanding his boy's naivety, they would win one of the medals put up for grab.



A hockey action between ABU Zaria and FUT Minna at the ongoing West African University Games (WAUG) at the Bayero University, Kano. ABU Zaria are winners of the hockey event.

### BUK, UNILAG

#### squeeze into semis

BAYERO University, Kano (BUK), University of Lagos (UNILAG), Kwame Nkuruma University of Ghana and Nassarawa State University (NASU) yesterday crossed from group stage into semi finals by whiskers. Had Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) won their match or drawn with Universite de Abomey, Calavi (UAC), they would be those from Group D to book a space at the next stage. The same uncertainty pervaded the teams that crossed the Rubicon. Since there would be no quarter finals, only a team that tops each group qualified to the semi finals. BUK will now lock horns with UNILAG, while KNUST will meet Nassarawa State University (NASU) today. But people are complaining about match fixing in some groups, saying that relegated universities give in to hopeful ones. They said that since the matches have come to an end, they were supposed to be held concurrently.

"The matches should have held at the same time. This is in order to avoid accusations of match fixing," said a visiting university's coach who pleaded for anonymity.

Instructively, a grumbling official of Delta State University (DELSU) said the match between Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil (KUT) was fixed for UNILAG to sail through to semi finals.

### Players' indiscipline our bane – DELSU coach

THE head coach of Delta State University (DELSU), Mr Tosen Bob Blankson has attributed his boys' failure to scale to the next stage at the 3rd West Africa University Games (WAUG) taking place at Bayero University, Kano (BUK) to indiscipline.

In a chat with our correspondent, Coach Blankson said discipline, which his players lack, was everything in football. "We had a promising start whereby we won 4-0. However, that result entered their head and made them reluctant and lose their match against UNILAG," he said. Coach Blankson said he knew that they would not go to the next level the very day they lost to UNILAG. He said his team paid dearly for their indiscipline as they allowed UNILAG to beat them 3-2. "It was really unfortunate that a robust team like mine would let their counterpart rise from two goals down to equalise and add the tally few minutes to the end of the game. This is really uncalled for, for a team that that knows why its in the competition," said Blankson. The coach also blamed lack of concentration from the lads as a cause for their underserved failure. "When you are indiscipline, you hardly concentrate. This is the reason why we lost the game," he said. According to him, his team's poor showing was uncalled for given their skills and stamina.

"When you have the combination of these, you will be a team to beat. But in a surprise twist, we lost," said Blankson.

## WAUG goal scorers eye Europe

MOST of soccer goal scorers in the ongoing 3rd West African University Games (WAUG) holding at Bayero University, Kano (BUK) have expressed their hope to play for top European teams.

#### Ena Kego Iyaruwe, Delsu

Hat trick maestro of Delta State University (DELSU) Ena Kego Iyaruwe said his hope was to play for Liverpool. Iyaruwe who once played for Gabros FC and Plateau United said he was determined to excel both in his academic pursuit and soccer career.

The 300 level student of Eco-

nomics scored a hat trick against KUT and three more goals in a two separate matches. He hailed from Isoko South Local Government of Delta State.

#### Haruna Ishaku (Chaka), BUK

Haruna Chaka dazzled the capacity-filled mini stadium when he scored a hat trick for BUK in their Group D match against Universite de Abomey, Calavi of Benin Republic. Chaka,



who scored four goals in the championship, says he wants to play for one of the top European teams.

#### Alobo Pius, FUTA

Alobo Pius of Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) is one player that impresses the audience. Apart from being just a finisher, he is a good coordinator. The Benue born scorer, who scored five goals in the games, said he wants to play for Arsenal



in future.

#### Papa Diouf, Universite de Chikea,

Moving lankily but hastily into his opponents' turf, the Senegalese player's star shone when he scored a hat trick and three more goals in two separate matches. Hear his immodest but frank remarks: "I am the most experienced player in my team. I am so experienced because I played for a First Division team in our country," he said.



## THE FRIDAY COLUMN

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## Jos, Jang and Genocide (I)

**T**he Plateau State government and the journalists who support its position in what happened in 2008 and what is happening now have taken Mohammed Haruna to task over his assertion that what is happen on the plateau is genocide. It is—and here is the evidence:

But, first, what is genocide? Genocide is the intentional killing [murder] by government of people because of their group identity; and is an international crime for which individuals, no matter how high in authority, may be indicted, tried, and punished by the International Criminal Court, ICC.

According to Article 6 of the ICC Statute, genocide involves, "any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: (a) killing members of the group; (b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; (c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; (d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

Generally, five motives for genocide are generally recognized: one, to destroy the group because it is perceived as a threat to the ruling power; or, two, to destroy it because its members are hated, despised, envied or resented; or, three, in the pursuit of an ideological transformation of society; or, four, as an agenda for ethnic cleansing; and, fifth, for economic gain. And except for the ideological transformation, all the five motives could be seen at work in Jos, proving that what has been happening there under Jang is nothing but plain genocide.

First of all, there are Jang's antecedents. Even in other people's land, as governor of the former Gongola State, in 1988 he fomented a mini genocide against the Hausa-Fulani when he set the Bachama against them at Tigno-Waduku.

It would appear that Hausa-Fulani had been Jang's bêtes noires for long; and his mates have spoken of his pathological animus against this ethnic group since his schooldays. And since graduation, he has seized every opportunity to act out this hateful fantasy.

But why should Jang, the requirement for whose height to enlist in the Nigerian Air Force was waived for him because of *Arewanci*, who spent all his life in school in the house of M. Musa Goggo, the headmaster, and who spent all of his formative moments out of school in Alhaji Ali Kazaur's house, develop such intense hatred for Hausa-Fulani, his benefactors?

To be sure, there is something about Hausa-Fulani that should be acknowledged even if this will now not be accepted with so much good cheer. Because of their history, leadership and command come naturally to them: and they happen to be town-builders; and while the Fulani have cattle, the Hausa have a knack for creating and managing markets. This is not something that can be taken away by force; and in time it became a ground for envy.

To understand what happened at Tigno then is to understand what is happening on the Plateau today. And as in Jos, the Hausa-Fulani had built up an economic power base and were in control of agricultural and commercial activities in Tigno-Waduku in the former Gongola State.

When in 1988 tell-tale signs of trouble became obvious, the Hausa-Fulani, not knowing that it was the governor himself who was stoking the fires of the planned pogrom, reported to the government several times but, not surprisingly, without effect. When they realized the futility of their action, they made a report of the matter to the late Sultan Abubakar III. But before anything could be done, incited hordes of Bachama tribesmen descended on the Hausa-Fulani inhabitants of Tigno-Waduku and massacred them in cold blood. It was for the ignoble role that he played in the unfortunate incident that Jang was removed as governor of Gongola State.

Another indication of it being genocide is use of fake policemen, an issue into which some of his spokesmen are only now calling for a probe to fend off justified suspicion. The fact that in both the November 2008 and the current episode, the Hausa-Fulani community had complained about

the presence and exploits of fake policemen and in the current case have, from day one, called for the deployment of soldiers, should serve to show where the truth lay. And the fact that an order could be given for the police to stay off the streets should have indicated to any honest observer of the situation the extent and seriousness of the compromise of the law enforcement agents in Plateau State.

He did all he could to see to its successful conclusion; and if al-Jazeera satellite television network had not discovered the event at Kuru-Karama, the whole pogrom would have passed off like all the others before it. And it was left to Toma Jang Davou, special adviser on politics to Joshua Dariye while Yelwan-Shendam was on fire and Jonah Jang's brother-in-law, to let the cat out of the bag.

According to him what they were doing before the arrival of the soldiers, apparently with the full cooperation of the police, was in order. And what were they doing? He said they were fighting domination and internal colonialism. Obviously, fighting against domination and internal colonialism, proving that it was something they had planned; and it was not something launched by Hausa-Fulani youths, who they said attacked worshippers in church.

People have said that previous occurrences of violence might have owed their origin to the non-punishment of miscreants; but in Plateau, it is not the impunity alone that is responsible for their recurrence. Whether some people are punished or not, and whether previous reports of commissions of inquiry are acted upon or not, there is nothing to stop or check a determined governor from committing genocide in his state; because that was what Jang was doing so.

But in the current crisis, not everybody toed Jang's line. Dadinkowa, where since 2001 the Christian and Muslim communities have resolved to live in peace and disregard any overtures from outside to set them against each other, is a case in point; and because of this arrangement, no lives were lost because no clashes took place and no arson was allowed. The people in Dadinkowa kept 24-hour vigil and with constant consultation frustrated all efforts by outside agents provocateur to unleash mayhem. But it appears the authorities are not happy with their decision not to participate in the crisis. Up to the time of writing no official had visited to thank them or find out how they were able to do it.

And when news of an impending final solution began to spread—and that was the time Jang ignored the phone calls of His Eminence, the Sultan—the two communities in Kuru-Karama were busy making the same arrangement that the communities in Dadinkowa had made. The imams and pastors met and resolved not to fight, kill, burn or participate in expelling each other from their homes. But even though they kept faith with each other, Jang's ethnic cleansing hordes descended on them killing hundreds, and, as we saw on television, burning them beyond recognition or dumping them in wells in order to hide evidence of their misdeeds.

Perpetrators of past mayhems have generally gone unpunished. No doubt punishing the guilty will go a long way in stopping the recurrence of communal violence. But the crises in Jos, especially that of November 2008 and the current one, are unique in the sense that they are not the usual clash between Christian and Muslims. As Sam Nda Isaiah said in his piece *Jos Is becoming Embarrassing*, if there is a murder, there must be a murderer; but he forgot to add that, if justice is to be done, investigation in all instances must be able to separate willful murderers from those who killed in self-defence.

What is happening on the Plateau has nothing to do with Christianity; it is just the demented agenda of someone able to use ethnic idiom to get his tribesmen, who happen to be Christian, to kill enemies who happen to be Muslim. And in all this tragedy, the most painful and unfortunate thing is the tendency of religious leaders to abandon the truth and side with their coreligionists. On the Christian side, the response, often precipitate, especially by the Pentecostals, has been to condemn Muslim rioters even when it is really Christians on the offensive. On the Muslim side, almost all the *ulama* would fall silent because they were unwilling to criticize their Muslim brethren even when it was clear they were patently wrong. This is not the Way of God.

## SPORTS REPORT



ADRIAN Mutu

## Mutu in positive doping test—Coni

**F**lorentina's Romanian striker Adrian Mutu tested positive for a banned stimulant after a Serie A match against Bari earlier this month, the Italian Olympic Committee (Coni) announced yesterday.

Mutu tested positive for sibutramine—a drug commonly used to combat obesity—after the 2-1 victory over Bari in which he scored, Coni said.

According to the

ANSA news agency, Mutu and three other players were named in the January 19 report.

The 31-year-old striker, who made a hat-trick between two goals, is already off pitch problems related to drug use.

Mutu was the Chelsea star who played for the club for a year before joining Fiorentina in 2007. He also won seven months of a banned status.



CRISTIANO Ronaldo

## Ronaldo two-match ban appeal rejected

**R**eal Madrid's bid to get Cristiano Ronaldo's red card and two-match suspension reversed has been rejected, the Spanish soccer federation (RFEF) said yesterday.

After considering Real's arguments, the federation's appeals committee ruled that the ban and a 600-euro fine (\$842) for the Portuguese forward should stand, the RFEF said on its website ([www.rfef.es](http://www.rfef.es)).

Real have said that if the appeal failed they would take the case to Spain's Sporting Disciplinary Committee (CEDD), a body overseen by the government sports council (CSD).

That could mean the suspension is put on hold and Ronaldo would then be available to coach Manuel Pellegrini for Saturday's trip to fifth-placed Deportivo Coruna.

