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ABUJA PARTLY CLOUDY 37 MAX 22 MIN	KANO SUNNY 33 MAX 14 MIN
SOKOTO SUNNY 34 MAX 17 MIN	IBADAN PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN
KADUNA SUNNY 35 MAX 17 MIN	MAIDUGURI SUNNY 34 MAX 15 MIN
ENUGU PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN	P/HARCOURT PARTLY CLOUDY 29 MAX 18 MIN
JOS PARTLY CLOUDY 31 MAX 14 MIN	
LAGOS PARTLY CLOUDY 34 MAX 24 MIN	

(Temperature in centigrade)

Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)

 Wash your hands frequently with soap and water	 Maintain social distancing	 Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
 Practice respiratory hygiene	 If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early	 Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

NCDC toll free numbers | Call 080097000010 | SMS 0809555577 | Whatsapp 07087110839

AFRICAN SAYINGS >>

Pain and laughter go hand in hand

(Kenya)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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Our children may learn about the heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future

- Jomo Kenyatta



PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



Artist Jagjot Singh Rubal gives the finishing touches at his home workshop to paintings showing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on the eve of their oath-taking ceremony at Amritsar, India

Photo: Raminder Pal Singh/EPA

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CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:39	12:47	4:02	6:31	7:36
ENUGU	5:41	12:45	4:00	6:26	7:31
KADUNA	5:38	12:46	4:01	6:29	7:34
KANO	5:33	12:41	3:56	6:25	7:30
KATSINA	5:35	12:47	4:02	6:33	7:38
LAGOS	5:56	1:03	4:18	6:44	7:49
MAIDUGURI	5:16	12:24	3:39	6:07	7:12
P/HARCOURT	5:52	12:55	4:10	6:31	7:36
SOKOTO	5:46	12:55	4:10	6:37	7:44

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	AFROMEDIA	GUINEAINS	NEM	PRESTIGE	UNIONDAC
OPEN	0.22	0.22	2.53	0.55	0.33
CLOSE	0.02	0.02	0.23	0.05	0.03
CHANGE	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
LOSERS	JAPPAULGOLD	ARDOVA	FTNCOCOA	HONYFLOUR	CHAMS
OPEN	1.28	18.00	0.66	1.10	0.28
CLOSE	-0.14	-1.70	-0.06	-0.10	-0.02
CHANGE	-9.86	-8.63	-8.33	-8.33	-6.67

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NEWS

Tears, woes of Bayelsa communities razed by rival militant gangs

Violent attacks by warring groups on Peremabiri and Ogila-ama has left both communities reeling and residents trying to pick up the pieces of their lives. *Daily Trust* reports on the cause of the clash and the impact.

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Some communities in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State are now living in perpetual fear over recent attacks on the Peremabiri and Ogila-ama communities by militant groups, who torched houses during the encounter.

Southern Ijaw communities are majorly riverine and militancy, piracy and other coastal crimes thrive in the creeks of the area.

With the recent attack, it was gathered that two militant groups are fighting for the control of the area.

The area is endowed with huge deposits of crude oil and gas and major oil companies in the country have their facilities around the creeks.

Between the last Christmas day and January 3, 2021, gunmen launched some destructive attack on Peremabiri, where the residence of a popular ex-militant leader, Paul Eris popularly known as Ogunbos, and 20 others were set ablaze.

Though, there was no report of death, several people sustained injuries while running for safety. Many others have been displaced from their homes.

Though security agencies in the state and the government had launched inquiry into the fracas and assured that calm had returned to the warring community, just last Friday, the gunmen attacked another community, Ogila-ama in the same local government, burnt down houses and displaced the residents.

A Peremabiri resident told Daily Trust that the attack appears to be a battle for supremacy by militant groups, because the community was about choosing a traditional ruler before the attack.

He said the ex-militant leader, Paul Eris, who is from the community has been a leader in the area after the militant groups in the Niger Delta ceased fire and surrendered to the Federal government in 2009.

He said the armed men invaded the community in about 50 speedboats, and their mode of attack shows that they were on a mission to take control of the community from an ex-militant leader, Ogunbos.

According to him, the gunmen have chased out community members suspected to be loyal to Paul Eris and have already taken over control of the town.

"As I speak with you, many people are still hiding in the bush and many houses have been burnt down.

"The gunmen came in over 50 speedboats shooting sporadically and gained entrance into the community. People had no other option than to run into the bush for safety.

"Our intelligence report has it that the gunmen have vowed to remain in the community and ensure that Ogunbos and his followers never return to the



■ A resident tries to salvage belongings from a building razed down during the violence

community. "I was told that the Christmas Day attack on Ogunbos' house was to drive him out of the town. And that today's attack is aimed at taking total control of the community," he said.

He also told Daily Trust that the attack had dealt a very big blow to the people and forced many out and those who have remained do so because they have no where else to go.

"We don't even know when they will strike again, but the good thing is that we are not loyal to any of the militant groups, we are loyal to God and government.

"Burning people's houses is not the best way to sort out their differences. Peremabiri used to be a very peaceful community, we don't understand what actually changed our community to a war front," he said.

Also, a native of Ogila-ama community who was attacked some days ago, Pastor Lorhi-bolouikie Ogoro, said people have already deserted the community, and the hoodlums have taken control of the area.

He said though he was in Yenagoa when the incident happened, his relatives in the community informed him that the gunmen came dressed in army uniforms in three speedboats at about 5 am. They operated for two hours unchallenged by any security agency.

He said two houses were already burnt down as at the time his relatives fled the community.

He however appealed to the state government to come to their rescue and arrest the situation.



■ Locals have been left reeling in the aftermath of the violence

A fisherman around Peremabiri coastline, Mr Jacob Bob, said they are now afraid to go out for their business as the rivers are no longer safe for them.

"As I am talking now, I don't have anywhere to lay my head. My family is also suffering, the house we were staying in was among those burnt down, and the community is not even safe for us to find another accommodation at the moment.

"We are thinking about how to relocate to a safer community except the government puts the necessary security measures in Peremabiri. What we are seeing is strange, even in the days of militants, they were not attacking harmless citizens. We don't really know what is going on now. We plead with the government, the police, the Operation Delta Safe and all security agencies to come to our rescue and liberate the community," he said.

Also, the Ijaw Youths Council (IYC) worldwide has condemned the violence and gun battle in Peremabiri and other parts of Southern Ijaw, calling for stakeholders to intervene to restore peace to the affected areas.

The President of IYC, Peter Timothy Igbifa, also proposed the formation of a regional security outfit to properly secure the Ijaw communities from incessant attacks by gunmen.

Already, the Bayelsa State government has constituted a ten man Peace and Security Committee chaired by the Senator representing Bayelsa Central, Moses Cleopas, to find enduring and lasting peace in Peremabiri and other communities in Southern Ijaw.

According to Governor Douye Diri, the committee has one month to complete the assignment.

"The committee is to find out the immediate and remote causes of the crisis. Within this period, there shall be no recognised chiefs in the community. Also, there is no CDC chairman for now. The security agents will remain in Peremabiri for now to ensure peace," he said.

Other members of the committee include, the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice in Bayelsa State, Mr Diriyai Dambo, SAN, House of Representatives member representing Southern Ijaw, Hon. Preye Influence Oseke, Secretary to the State Government, Dr Konbowei Friday Benson, Technical Assistant on Conflict Management to Bayelsa State Government, Mr Boma Sperry-Jack, Special Adviser on Security 1, Mr Agberebi Akpoebi, Special Adviser on Security 2, Mr Felix Awoitega, The IYC Central Zone Chairman, Comrade Clever Inodu, and two first class traditional rulers in the state, Their Royal Majesties, King Joshua Igbugburu and King Bubaraye Dakolo.

The Bayelsa police command said suspected militants carried out the attacks in the two communities.

The Police spokesman, SP Asinim Butswat, said in a statement that the command has dispatched reinforcement of Marine Police and detectives from the State Criminal Investigations Department to beef up security in the affected areas, while investigation is ongoing.

Jonathan chairs 18th *Daily Trust* Dialogue tomorrow

By Francis Arinze Iloani

Former President Goodluck Jonathan will tomorrow chair the 18th edition of the annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue, with the theme 'Restructuring: Why? When? How?'

A statement by the acting Chief Executive Officer of Media Trust Limited (publishers of *Daily Trust* and other titles), Nura Mamman Daura, said the event would hold at 10am at the NAF Conference Centre and Suites, Ahmadu Bello Way, Kado, Abuja.

Three key personalities to speak at the event, which will be moderated by a renowned media entrepreneur and founder of Daria Media, Kadaria Ahmed, are an elder statesman and Afenifere chieftain, Chief Ayo Adebajo; the immediate past President-General of Ohanaeze Nd'Igbo, Chief John Nwodo and a renowned political scientist and former chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Prof. Attahiru Jega.

Expected at the event are leaders of Afenifere, Arewa Consultative Forum, Ohanaeze Nd'Igbo, North-Central States Peoples Forum, National Council of Traditional Rulers, Northern Elders Forum, National Council of Women Societies, National Youth Council of Nigeria, among others.



■ Goodluck Jonathan

Others include serving and past state governors, serving and former ministers, lawmakers, chairmen of the major political parties in the country, members of civil society organisations, development partners and diplomats.

The statement, however, noted that "unlike in other years, this year's dialogue would have a mix of physical and virtual convergence due to the inevitable restrictions imposed on physical human interactions by the COVID-19

pandemic."

The statement said aside physical participation, members of the public were encouraged to join remotely through the following webinar link: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_b-W7SigrTu-nQq4XY8-QWw.

According to the statement, the event will be broadcast live by the organisers' media partners such as Arise TV (DSTV Channel 416, GoTV Channel 44, Sky Channel 519, Freeview Channel 136); AIT (DSTV Channel 253, GoTV

Channel 93, Sky Channel 454 and StarTimes Channel 494, and will be live streamed on Trust TV as well as the *Daily Trust*'s social media channels.

The annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue is part of Media Trust Limited's contributions to stimulating discussions by Nigerians and fellow Africans towards enhancing national and indeed, African integration and cohesion crucial for sustainable socio-political growth and economic development of Nigeria and the African continent at large.

Since 2002, Media Trust has hosted the annual public lecture series to discuss topical issues on various aspects of governance. The series of Dialogues had been attended by past Heads of Government, the leadership of the National Assembly as well as captains of commerce and industry and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

The *Daily Trust* Dialogue had equally been graced at different times by eminent personalities from across Africa, including Mr. Festus Mogae, former President of Botswana; the Late Ft. Lt. Jerry Rawlings, former president of Ghana; Dr Salim Ahmed Salim, former Prime Minister of Tanzania; the Late Mrs. Winnie Mandela of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle; Dr Mo Ibrahim; and Mrs. Samia Nkrumah, daughter of the Late Kwame Nkrumah.

N32bn property lost to fire incidents in 2020-Fire Service CG

By Joshua Odeyemi

The Controller-General of Federal Fire Service, Liman Ibrahim, told reporters in Abuja yesterday that Nigerians lost property worth over N32 billion to fire disasters in 2020 caused by carelessness, power surge, candle, illegal storage of petroleum products and gas leakages.

He, however, said the Service was able to save 1453 lives and property worth N1.351 trillion in 2020.

He said 36 fire-fighting trucks were acquired and deployed; while more zonal and state commands were established and 1,276 officers promoted last year.

He decried that fire service personnel were recently attacked on duties.

He recalled the attack on his men recently in Nyanya, Abuja, when they responded to a fire emergency.

The Controller-General vowed not to allow his men to respond to any fire emergency in the area for now.

Ibrahim urged area council and traditional rulers to ensure safety of fire service personnel men before reconsidering its position.

Brief on the *Daily Trust* Dialogue

The annual *Daily Trust* Dialogue is our newspaper's contribution to stimulating discussions by Nigerians as a catalyst for enhancing national integration and sustainable socio-political and economic development of our country.

It has also become a forum where sons of Africa meet once a year to discuss issues that concern the continent.

Media Trust Limited, based in Abuja, gives extensive coverage to African issues and considers this

symposium its contribution to the search for useful social, economic and political ideas for the advancement of democracy in Nigeria and Africa as a whole.

As the event continues to gain prominence and recognition across the country, it has become a veritable platform for an aggregation of views that will enable the nation's leaders to take policy decisions for good governance.

The themes of the previous *Daily Trust* Dialogues included:

Challenges of Democracy in Africa; The Nigeria Question: The Way Forward; Reforming Nigeria: Which Model?, Corruption: The Trouble with Nigeria; Free and Fair Election: Getting it Right; Media and Politics in Nigeria; Democracy: Restoring Faith in Politics; The African Woman in Politics; The Challenges of Good Governance in Africa; Incumbency and Impunity in Politics: Securing Democracy Beyond 2015; Beyond Recession: Towards A Resilient Economy; Nation Building;

Challenges and Reality;

Youth and Democracy: The Nigerian Challenge; Twenty Years of Democracy in Nigeria: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges.

The *Daily Trust* Dialogue draws a large audience, ranging from 750 to over 1,000. Students, politicians, foreign diplomats, entrepreneurs usually attend the event, depending on the topic and the speakers' profile. Hence, it has a great value proposition for corporate sponsorship and brand enhancement.

Again, FG allays fears over COVID-19 vaccines

By Abbas Jimoh

Executive Secretary, National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA), Faisal Shuaib, yesterday assured Nigerians on the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines outside the storage facility.

He spoke in Abuja during the facility tour of the three new Ultra Cold Chain (UCC) and other storage facilities

ahead of the arrival of the first set of 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines.

He said the vaccines could remain effective for at least five days outside the UCC storage facility.

He said the 100,000 doses of vaccines, expected from Pfizer, would arrive in Nigeria by the end of January and would be applied on 50,000 Nigerians, including frontline health workers and elite,

especially state governors, traditional and religious leaders, among others.

Shuaib said despite the skepticism and conspiracy theories around the vaccines, the government was focused on protecting Nigerians from the pandemic.

He said the community engagement was aimed at educating the grassroots and sharing the right information about the vaccines.

He said the cold storage facilities would be replicated at the state levels, adding that the newly acquired set had the capacity to store 400,000 doses effectively.

"We're mindful that we have a lot of work to overcome vaccine hesitancy we're already seeing, the misinformation, the conspiracy theories around the COVID-19 vaccines and we do not take for granted that

all Nigerians understand the principles around vaccines production.

"No vaccines will be administered to any Nigerian without NAFDAC certifying it. I want to reiterate that the responsibility of taking that decision to vaccinate Nigerians is of the government. It's a sacred trust that we do not take for granted. We're going to be doing it very diligently," Shuaib said.

12.3m subscribers await SIM linkage with NIN

By Zakariyya Adaramola

About 12.3 million active SIM cards are yet to be linked with their owners' National Identity Numbers (NINs), Daily Trust reports.

This is as the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) yesterday confirmed that a total of 47.8m phone users had supplied their NINs to telecom operators.

It was learnt that the over 12 million SIM cards were pending because most of the users do not have the national identity numbers.

There is an average of three to four SIMs per telecom subscriber in the country, according to the NCC.

This means about 191.2m active SIM cards have so far been linked to their owners' unique identity numbers.

Nigeria's teledensity rose by 2.2 per cent from 104.4 per cent to 106.6 per cent in October, increasing the number of telecom subscribers to 203.5 million, according to NCC data.

The federal government had given January 19 and February 9 deadlines for subscribers already with NINs and those without NINs, respectively, to link their SIMs with their unique identity numbers.

As the deadline draws nearer, the fate of 12.3m active SIMs owners hang in the balance as they struggle to get their unique identity numbers from the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC).

The NCC in a statement by its Director of Public Affairs, Dr Ikechukwu Adinde, said yesterday that millions of SIMs will be linked with NINs before the deadline in February.

Adinde disclosed that the Technical Implementation Committee under the Ministerial Task Force on

SIMs-NIN linkage had also reported significant progress in the ongoing NIN-SIM linkage exercise.

"At the end of a review meeting on 18th January 2021, the Technical Implementation Committee under the Ministerial Task Force has reported significant progress in the ongoing NIN-SIM linkage exercise", he said.

He said the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami had expressed satisfaction with the achievement recorded in the ongoing exercise so far.

He expressed the federal government's appreciation for the commitment demonstrated by all stakeholders and citizens and urged them to submit their NINs before the 9th February 2021 deadline.

"The minister urged the technical team to fast-track the processes so that the project is delivered soonest", Adinde said.

He also drew attention to an app, which allows subscribers to link up to a maximum of seven SIMs to their NINs.

Adinde quoted Pantami as reminding Nigerians to secure and protect their NINs, urging them to desist from selling their NINs or allowing others to use their NINs for registration.

"For any act committed with the SIM good or bad, it will be officially traced and attached to the NIN owner," the statement warned.

Service providers tasked on NIN

Daily Trust recalled that MTN, GLO, Airtel, 9Mobile and other smaller telecom companies in the country were handed a stern order in December to compulsorily demand for the NINs of their customers.

However, NCC had said there would be no mass disconnection of telecom



■ US Capitol ready for the inauguration of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris today

Photo: AFP

subscribers as a result of the ongoing linkage of NIN records to SIM registration.

NCC said many Nigerians had already linked their NIN to their SIM and there shouldn't be any fear of mass disconnection.

"A recent survey conducted in Nigeria has shown that on average, there are now approximately 4 to 5 SIMs to every human subscriber. This explains the basis of allowing the linkage of up to 7 SIMs to 1 unique NIN in the recently launched federal government Portal," NCC said in a recent statement.

FG justifies exercise

The federal government said the current exercise of linking NIN to SIM(s) is for the common good of all Nigerians, as it has far-reaching benefits.

"Apart from enhancing our general safety, this will help in such vital exercises like national budgeting, policy planning, social intervention programmes and many more," the government said.

A telecom expert, Ugo Ekanem, urged the NCC to work more on improving quality of networks so that Nigerians would be carrying less SIM cards.

Another telecom expert, Umar Hafiz wondered why Nigerians should have more than two SIM cards, saying the government must find a way of trimming the number an individual could have.

"People will tell you that they have multiple lines because the telecom service providers are not reliable; I stand to disagree because if you will carry out a verification exercise, you will discover that some people have multiple SIM cards from one service provider.

"Besides, if the essence of linking SIM cards with NIN is to also, reduce insecurity, the idea is already defeated because people with ulterior motives are already using the NIN of some gullible Nigerians to register many SIM cards," he said.

Asked if there was a way forward, he said, "It is very

simple.

The government should limit SIM card possession to two and then give a timeline to the telecoms to expand their frontiers so that people would have options wherever they are."

In a recent statement, the Director General of NIMC, Aliyu Aziz, said the commission would intensify efforts to register and give more Nigerians their NINs.

He reiterated that the federal government had licensed 173 centres and 30 state government institutions to conduct the enrolment of NIN across Nigeria.

"The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Isa Ali Ibrahim (Pantami), has approved the licensing of 173 Agents and 30 State Governments/ Public Sector Institutions to conduct enrolment of all persons including legal residents into the National Identity Database (NIDB) on behalf of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)," he said.

Akeredolu's quit order to herdsmen inflammatory - Presidency

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Presidency yesterday said Ondo State Governor Rotimi Akeredolu would be the least expected to unilaterally oust thousands of herders who had lived all their lives in the state on account of the infiltration of the forests by criminals.

It said if this were to be the case, rights groups would be right in expressing worries that the governor's action could set off a chain of events which the makers of the nation's constitution foresaw and tried to guard against.

Presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement, acknowledged that Akeredolu, a seasoned lawyer, Senior Advocate of Nigeria and former president of the Nigerian Bar Association, had

fought crime in his state with passion and commitment,

Akeredolu had on Monday ordered Fulani herdsmen to leave forest reserves in the state within seven days.

Shehu said the Ondo State government would not act outside the constitution in tackling crime.

He stated: "The Presidency has been keenly monitoring events occurring in Ondo State and the 'orders' by the government of the state, 'asking herders to vacate the forests in seven days."

Shehu, who called for restraint on both sides, urged the state government and the leadership of the Fulani communities to continue their dialogue for a good understanding that would bring the "nightmarish

security challenges facing the state" to an urgent end.

He said the government of Ondo, and all the 35 others across the federation must draw clear lines between the criminals and the law abiding citizens who must equally be saved from the infiltrators, adding that "beyond law and order, the fight against crime is also a fight for human values which are fundamental to our country."

He said the Presidency also underscored the need to delink terrorism and crimes from ethnicity, geographical origins and religion to "isolate the criminals who used this interchange of arguments to hinder law enforcement efforts as the only way to deal effectively with them."

"What is clearly emerging,

is a lack of consistency in messaging which in turn leads to various contradictions regarding accuracy and the intent behind the message.

"Governor Rotimi Akeredolu, a seasoned lawyer, Senior Advocate of Nigeria and indeed, a former President of the Nigerian Bar Association, NBA, has fought crime in his state with passion and commitment, greater sensitivity and compassion for the four years he has run its affairs and, in our view, will be the least expected to unilaterally oust thousands of herders who have lived all their lives in the state on account of the infiltration of the forests by criminals.

"We want to make it clear that kidnapping, banditry and rustling are crimes, no

matter the motive or who is involved. But, to define crime from the nameplates, as a number of commentators have erroneously done, which group they belong to, the language they speak, their geographical location or their faith is atavistic and cruel.

"The President, who swore to defend the constitution has spoken against the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) in asking citizens of Northern origin to leave; he did not spare the group based in Sokoto, 'Muslim Solidarity Forum,' which asked the Bishop of Sokoto to leave and is prepared to do all that the law permits to protect citizens all over the country in their choice of where they wished to reside and are treated as equal citizens."

18th DAILY TRUST DIALOGUE

Theme:

RESTRUCTURING: Why? When? How?



Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR
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Prof. Attahiru Muhammadu Jega
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University Kano and former Chairman, INEC



Chief John Nnia Nwodo
Immediate past President-General,
Ohanaeze Nd'Igbo



Chief Ayo Adebajo
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In compliance with the PTF's guidelines on Covid-19 protocols, we are limiting the number of participants to be physically present at the venue of the Dialogue to 50. This will include Chairman of the event, guest speakers, the Moderator, and a few invited guests.

**We encourage esteemed participants and other guests to join the Dialogue remotely through the following webinar link:
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Yobe enrols 65,000 out of school children

Yobe State Government has through the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) enrolled 65, 000 out of school children in 1, 300 non formal learning centers (NFLCs) spread across the state.

The Executive Chairman, Yobe State Universal Basic Education Board, Professor Musa Alagbe stated this while speaking during the presentation of Basic Education Sector Strategic Plan (BESSP) 2021-2025.

Alagbe said the enrolment was part of Governor Mai Mala Buni's efforts towards ensuring that all children were

provided equal opportunity of accessing education for better progress.

The Executive Chairman said the state of emergency declared by the governor during his inaugural speech has been yielding positive result especially in the areas of provision of infrastructure, among other teaching and learning environments.

"So far, the administration of Hon. Mai Mala Buni has procured and successfully distributed over 57, 000 furniture (Desk & Chairs) across the 17 local government areas of the state.

"We have also trained and

retrained teachers through teacher professional development programme (TPD) of which 7, 339 teachers benefited.

"Government has also constructed and renovated over 300 schools out of 1, 360 schools in the state in addition to the construction of 100 toilets and 50 temporary shades across the state through BESDA," he said.

Alagbe disclosed that the administration of Buni has also constructed model schools which will be put to use in the first quarter of this year.

The Executive Chairman added, "With

all our achievements in infrastructure, curriculum development, monitoring and supervision, the journey would not have a smooth ride without the provision of adequate and qualify teachers.

"We, are therefore, in need of teachers to reinvigorate this aspect. But His Excellency has already promised to recruit 3, 000 teachers this year.

"We are hereby requesting the executive governor of Yobe state, Hon. Mai Mala Buni to expedite action on our recruitment drive to allow us to energize the Yobe school system."



■ Gov. Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State

Yobe committed to reforming Almajiri Education system – Buni



■ L/R Yobe State Governor Hon. Mai Mala Buni while receiving the report of the committee on the reform of Tsangaya system of education from the Commissioner of Basic and Secondary Education Hon. Mohammed Sani Idriss.

Yobe State Governor, Hon. Mai Mala Buni has assured the commitment of his administration towards reforming the Tsangaya system of education popularly known as Almajiri for proficiency in the sector.

The Governor stated this during the presentation of a report of the committee on the reform of Tsangaya System of Education constituted by his administration in the year 2020.

The governor said his administration considers Tsangaya schools as part of

educational and religious upbringing of the people of the state.

Buni said, "Most people get enrolled into Tsangaya Schools before enrolling into formal schools.

"Such schools provided both the religious knowledge and the knowledge required for documentation of transactions among others."

The governor expressed dismay that due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the fate of the Tsangaya schools and

the Almajiri students was twisted with many states deploying them to their states of origin.

"Here in Yobe state, we did not only receive our citizens who were deployed from other states but refused to deploy others to their states of origin.

"This however, saw the need for government to introduce effective reforms that would suit the pursuit of Tsangaya education to reflect the current realities.

"As one of the leading states in the teaching of

Qur'anic education in the country, government constituted the State Steering Committee on Reform of Tsangaya System of Education," Buni disclosed.

The governor who commended the steering committee for a job well done also assured that the report would be studied thoroughly for immediate implementation.

The Chairman of the Committee who is also the Commissioner of Basic and Secondary Education, Dr. Mohammed Sani Idriss said the committee has in the course of its assignment visited not less than 1000 towns and villages in the state.

He said: "By our data your Excellency sir, Yobe state has a total of 3,838 Tsangaya schools with an enrolment of 180, 371 Almajiris.

"Out of this, 1, 007 Tsangaya Boarding schools with a population of 54, 425 Almajiris and 2, 345 day Tsangaya schools with an enrolment of 579, 816 men and female.

"Your Excellency, we also have a population of 984 disabled Almajiris in Yobe state, satellite or Ci-Rani are 486 in Yobe with an 10, 195 given a total of 180, 371 Almajiris in Yobe state."

Resuscitated Yobe woven sacks factory generated hundreds of jobs – GM

The Yobe Woven Sacks Factory recently resuscitated by the administration of Governor Mai Mala Buni has created hundreds of direct and indirect jobs in the state, the General Manager Engr. Shu'aibu Gadaka has said.

Governor Buni had in 2019 approved the sum of N78.7m for the resuscitation of the woven sack, which has been dormant for more than eight years.

Gadaka who was speaking on the performance of the factory after resuscitation said due to the revival, many farmers found it easy in accessing good and quality bags for packaging their farm produced.

The GM stated that many unemployed persons especially youths were now on the payroll of the company in addition to several indirect jobs.

"The resuscitation of the factory by His Excellency, Hon. Mai Mala Buni has helped in generating direct jobs to at least 45 persons while 160 identified ones among many hundreds were benefiting indirectly.

"The company received tremendous patronage by people mostly farmers especially during the end of rainy season when farm produce are been packed for future use.

"Apart from patronage from farmers across the state, we also received a lot of buyers from several places including Kano which we have succeeded in meeting their demands," Gadaka disclosed.

He expressed regret that due to COVID-19, the woven sack raw materials are scarce in the markets necessitating an increase in the price of the resources as well the production cost.

The GM appealed for the resuscitation of the Polythene section of the factory especially now that the government is planning to revive the Gujba fertilizer blending plant, which requires inner liner to function effectively.

"For example government is having the intension to rehabilitate the Gujba blending plant and you know the back of fertilizer blending plant contain inner liner and the inner liner is polythene.

"So for the Gujba blending plant to patronise Woven Sack Factory effectively, the Polythene section of the factory also has to be reactivated," Gadaka revealed.

He commended the foresight of Governor Buni on the resuscitation of moribund industries in the state, adding that the initiative has helped in reducing idleness among many people.

We are committed to February 27th LG polls – Yobe SIEC

Yobe State Independent Electoral Commission has restated its commitment to peaceful conduct of Local government councils' election slated for February 27th.

The Chairman of the

commission, Dr Mamman Mohammed made the disclosure on Tuesday at a press briefing held in his office in Damaturu.

Mohammed noted that the election would accommodate over 1.3m

registered voters who are expected to cast their votes to elect 17 local government chairmen, vice-chairmen and 178 councillors.

He said the commission closely partners with security agencies to advise

on safe polling unit, polling unit relocation, to ensure peaceful conduct of the election.

"We need an environment that is conducive for election fully secured to allow free, fair, credible peaceful

election without rancour or acrimony," he said.

He maintained that the safety of electoral materials' distribution lies on the security agents.

He said the timetable of events, which affects

candidates under different political parties, will start from 27 January 2021.

He urged the staff, electoral officers and media organizations to cooperate toward peaceful conduct of the exercise.



■ From right: Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal; his Deputy, Manir Muhammad Dan'Iya and Chief of Staff to the Governor, Alhaji Mukhtar Magori briefing journalists during his visit to Sokoto Central market that was gutted by fire yesterday

Traders count loses after Sokoto market inferno

...Bagudu donates N30m to victims

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

The Sokoto Central Market was on Tuesday gutted by fire, which destroyed an unascertained number of goods.

The cause of the incident was still unknown but a fire fighter who sought for anonymity said it could be caused by a generating set.

The fire was said to have started from Kofar Yan Roba before engulfing the entire market.

The fire was said to have started around 7 am and was still raging as at 5 pm despite the sustained efforts of men of the federal and state fire service to put it off.

Our reporter who visited the market observed some of the traders whose shops were yet to be torched, evacuating their goods.

However, security operatives were seen collating the details of the traders before allowing them to pass with their goods.

This according to one of the police officers was to checkmate looters.

One of the affected traders who spoke to Daily Trust, Jamilu Bawa said he could not remove a single thing from his cosmetic shop.

"I have tried to remove even the N450,000 I kept inside but to no avail because the fire was razing rapidly," he said.

Bawa added that he and his brother who was selling Islamic medicines lost goods worth seven

million to the fire.

Another trader, Alhaji Inuwa who was said to have lost all his shops, said "I cannot talk now because I am devastated. All these places were my shops and they have all gone."

Some of the traders, however, likened the fire to the one experienced in 2006, which was said to have destroyed the entire market.

The Deputy Governor of Sokoto State, Alhaji Manir Dan'iya who was among the early callers, said the situation could not be described because the fire was everywhere.

"But we are doing all we can to handle the situation. I spoke with the governor and he directed us to make sure this calamity is brought to an end," he said.

The Special Adviser to Governor Tambuwal in charge of the Sokoto Urban and Regional Planning Board, Sidi Aliyu Lamido attributed the reoccurring market inferno in the state to the failure of market leaders and traders to do the right thing.

"The leaders allow the marketers to do as they wish and this resulted in the distortion of the master plan as shops are erected indiscriminately. This is making it very difficult for fighter fighting machines to reach out to places engulfed by inferno.

"There was also indiscriminate usage of generating sets, which is another factor causing fire incident in our market. I am sure, His

Excellency (Governor Tambuwal) will ensure something is done about this so that to forestall future incidence," he said.

Meanwhile, Governor Aminu Tambuwal has constituted a committee to bring down the inferno, ascertain the cause and losses incurred by the marketers.

Tambuwal who visited the scene sympathised with the victims and assured them of more efforts to bring the situation under control.

"It is a very sad development, we appeal to the general public, particularly those who are owners of shops and having investment in the market to remain calm as the government is doing everything humanly possible to bring the fire under control.

"We must not do anything that will give an opportunity to hoodlums to go into the market and have the advantage of the situation to steal people's assets.

"I am appealing we should continue to pray, as we have marshalled all the services of fire-fighting equipment available in the state to control the situation," he said.

Similarly, Governor Atiku Bagudu of Kebbi State has donated the sum of N30 m to victims of the fire disaster.

While sympathising with them, he said the incident was a great loss to the people of Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara State.

FG launches sale of farm inputs in Nasarawa

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Federal Government has launched the sales of farm inputs for this year's dry season farming in Nasarawa State.

Speaking at the event in Lafia, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Alhaji Muhammad Nanono, said the initiative was part of the effort towards harnessing the agriculture sector for economic growth.

"200 dry season rice farmers in the state were to benefit from the intervention, which includes assorted fertilizers, herbicides and rice seeds," he said.

The minister was represented by a Director in the Ministry, Hajiya Karima Babangida emphasised that the intervention was a deliberate effort

aimed at checking food scarcity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On his part, Governor Abdullahi Sule noted that the state government would continue to take advantage of the rich agricultural endowment in the state to strengthen collaboration with the Agro-Allied private sector to reduce unemployment.

He said that the farmers in the state should make good use of the opportunity for Nigerians to feed the nation.

A beneficiary and chairman, All Farmers Association of Nigeria, (AFAN) in the state, Mr Samuel Meshi commended the federal government for the farm inputs and stressed the need for adequate security especially in the rural areas to allow farming activities to thrive in the state.

Hisbah decry rising cases of domestic violence

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

The Kano State Hisbah Command has decried the rising cases of domestic violence by husbands against their wives in the state.

The Commandant General of the Hisbah Board, Sheikh Muhammad Haruna Ibn Sina said the incessant beating of housewives by their husbands has risen in Kano as they receive complaints daily.

He added that unlike before when the board received complaints of women stabbing their husbands, the situation has changed these days as women are being beaten leading to bodily harm.

"In the last seven days, we have received 10 complaints of wife-beating by different married women in Kano state, which shows it is increasing."

Ibn Sina further admonished women to be patient with the situation at hand and call on men to stop beating their wives for peaceful marriages to reign.

"It's better to stay peaceful with your spouse than engage in severe blows," the cleric advised.

The cleric cited verses from the glorious Quran and traditions of Prophet Muhammad saying 'peace be upon him that discourages wife beating'.

We'll not accept Fulani annihilation – CNG

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

The Coalition of Northern Groups (CNG) on Tuesday said it will not accept the vilification of Fulani herders for what it described as "systematic annihilation," adding that no ethnic group should be singled out for the crime of a few.

The CNG spokesman, Abdul-Azeez Suleiman, in an interview with Daily Trust, however, said it was

already helping Governor Rotimi Akeredolu of Ondo State count the seven days ultimatum given to Fulani herders to vacate the Ondo forest and stressed that the governor's action at the expiration of the deadline will determine CNG's next line of action.

"We will not accept where an entire ethnic group will be vilified or singled out for systematic annihilation. If all ethnic

communities will be vilified for the offence of a few, then no ethnic community will live in another person's community," Suleiman said.

The CNG spokesperson explained that for a serving governor to make such an ultimatum, which goes contrary to the country's constitutional provisions make the issue a serious one adding that the Fulani community no longer feel wanted or safe in Ondo State.

On the CNG giving a similar ultimatum to the Igbos in 2017, Suleiman said: "When we gave our own ultimatum, the government and other stakeholders intervened and we did that to deflate the criminal activities of IPOB, at that time, because all the northern leaders and southern leaders were silent while IPOB was threatening to wage war on Nigeria."

The group called on the

federal government to take a stand on the matter adding that "there was a time the CNG and the Northern Elders Forum (NEF), under the leadership of Professor Ango Abdullahi advised the Fulani to return home if they feel they are no longer safe in the south and the presidency came out boldly and said everyone has a right to stay in any part of the country. We are waiting for their response."

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COVID-19: Kano orders civil servants to stay at home, bans viewing, event centres

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

Kano State Government has ordered civil servants in the state to stay at home pending further instruction as part of measures to curb the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

The state also announced the imposition of a fresh ban on the activities of viewing and event centres across the state following increasing COVID-19 cases.

The fresh directives were communicated to journalists on Tuesday by the state Commissioner

of Information, Malam Muhammad Garba, who said these were part of decisions at a stakeholders meeting held on Monday.

He further stated that “workers on essential services such as the healthcare service providers, fire service, water board, teaching staff, security guards and the media are exempted from the ban.”

Daily Trust reports that schools in the state resumed activities on Monday amidst fears of another resurgence of the deadly virus, which has claimed hundreds of lives in the state.

It also reports that this is the second time the state is issuing similar directives since the outbreak of the deadly virus in the state in the first quarter of 2020.

Meanwhile, the commissioner reaffirmed the government’s commitment to working with relevant stakeholders that include the Ulama to ensuring compliance with the COVID-19 protocols.

He also warned that security agents who were part of the stakeholders meeting would not hesitate to take stern measures to ensure compliance with the directive.



■ From right: President Muhammadu Buhari; President of Benin Republic, Patrice Talon; Chief of Staff to the President Prof Ibrahim Gambari; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Geoffery Onyeama; Minister of Industry, Adeniyi Adebayo; National Security Adviser, Maj Gen Babagana Monguno during the Benin President’s visit to the Presidential Villa Abuja yesterday.

Photo: Felix Onigbinde

Ogun bans trucks from flyovers as tanker fire claims 3

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

A fuel-laden tanker yesterday crashed into vehicles and exploded in Abeokuta, Ogun State, killing three persons and injured six others.

The incident on Tuesday occurred along IBB Boulevard, near GTBank, Kuto, Abeokuta, when the driver of the tanker lost control of the wheels due to brake failure while descending from an overhead bridge in the area.

It was gathered that the driver swerved across the road median, crashed into oncoming vehicles on other lane and subsequently went up in flames.

Eyewitnesses said commuters and a motorcyclist trapped by the ill-fated tanker were burnt “beyond

recognition.”

The explosion threw residents and passers-by into panic as many motorists were directed to make U-turn and head for alternative routes within the metropolis.

The incident also brought commercial activities in the area to a halt as officials of the GTBank hurriedly shut down operations for the day.

Speaking with *Daily Trust*, the Director of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Ige Olufolarin confirmed that persons died, six sustained injuries, just seven vehicles and six motorcycles were burnt.

“We don’t want conflicting figures. Three persons are now confirmed dead. Their bodies have been

evacuated,” he told *Daily Trust*.

A survivor, Ososanya Taiwo, who escaped from one of the vehicles trapped by the tanker said the driver gave a sign of brake failure while descending from the bridge.

Taiwo, an official of the State Ministry of Housing, said the driver in a bid avoid greater calamity swerved and crashed into other said of the road.

Governor Dapo Abiodun visited the scene to assess the level of damages, describing the incident as sad and unfortunate.

He also announced the banning of tankers and other articulated vehicles from plying flyover bridges in the state and also vowed that stiffer punishment would be meted out to any tanker found culpable.

Mother demands autopsy report, 2 months after daughter raped to death

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Mother of 11-year-old Favour Okechukwu who was raped to death in September 2020, Mrs Ruth Okechukwu, has lamented that two months after an autopsy was conducted on her late daughter, the result has not been made available to her family.

The late Favour was allegedly gang raped to death by some hoodlums in her community at Ejigbo, a suburb of Lagos.

Favour who was a JSS 3 student of Deo-Lively Stone International School was sent on an errand by her mum after the close of school on September 30th, 2020, from where she never returned back home. After a rigorous search, her lifeless body was found in a dilapidated building at Agbare Avenue under power line in Ejigbo. Her sudden death abruptly shattered her ambition

of becoming a pilot and engineer.

Daily Trust reports that some arrests were made after the death of Favour as the police promised to get to the root of the matter. Mother of the deceased has however decried delayed justice for her daughter about four months after her death.

She told *Daily Trust* that her husband took the corpse of their daughter from Isolo General Hospital to the Ikeja General Hospital for an autopsy on November 18, 2020.

“The mortuary attendant helped us to organise an ambulance that took the corpse and the test lasted from morning to night that day. We were told that the result will be ready within two to three weeks but up till now, we have not seen the result,” she said.

She urged the police and Lagos State Government to hasten the process of justice for her late daughter.

Gunmen abduct district head in Adamawa

From Kabiru R. Answer, Yola

Gunmen have abducted the district head of MaFarang in Mayobelwa area, Ardo Mustapha Ardo Ahmadu.

The district head who also holds the title of Sarkin Noma Adamawa was abducted from his residence a few hours after he returned from Abuja.

Residents reported that armed men took him away from his residence around 12 midnight on Monday after overpowering the local vigilantes who tried to put resistance.

An eye witness who did not want his identity revealed said the attackers who were armed with sophisticated weapons

fired indiscriminate shots in the air, forcing the local vigilante to retreat.

The police spokesman in Adamawa State, DSP Sulaiman Nguroje confirmed the incident, saying the command had deployed personnel to rescue the monarch.

“Yes, it is true the traditional ruler was kidnapped between 1200am to 1:00 am in the night”, he stated. Much deployment was made to rescue the victim and possibly to arrest the culprits. The command is willing to give out financial benefits to anyone that is willing to give information that will lead to the arrest of the perpetrators of the dastardly act,” he said.

Troops killed 2 bandits in Kagarko

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Troops under the auspices of Operation Thunder Strike on Monday night neutralised two bandits along the Sabon Iche-Kagarko Road in Kagarko Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Local sources revealed that the bandits were part of the notorious group terrorising the area.

Also, security reports from the Kaduna State Government said that the troops laid an ambush along the route following credible intelligence on the bandits’ movement in the area.

In a statement signed by the Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs,

Samuel Aruwan, said the bandits entered the killing zone and troops opened fire on them while attempting to invade the road for an operation, and that the bandits returned fire as they beat a hasty retreat.

He said the dead bodies of two bandits were retrieved by the troops, after the firefight, with the rest suspected to have escaped with gunshot wounds.

He also urged members of the communities around the area to report individuals seeking medical attention for suspicious injuries.

Aruwan said, “Citizens are to note that any locals found harbouring or providing medical aid to bandits with bullet wounds will be charged as bandits.”

Miyetti Allah alleges killing of 21 members

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

The Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) has alleged that 21 of its members were killed by some vigilante in Mashegu Local Government Area of Niger state.

Deputy National President of the Association Alhaji Usaini Yusuf Bosso stated this while addressing Newsmen yesterday in Minna state capital.

Bosso while condemning the killing explained that at the moment,

about 21 of its members have been allegedly killed and in most cases their corpses were burnt beyond recognition by the suspected vigilante members.

One of the victims, Mallam Muhammadu Dabo stated that three of his children were burnt in his presence at Tashar Hajiya village in Mashegu Local Government Council of Niger state by the Vigilante members.

When contacted for confirmation, a senior official of Vigilante in Niger

state, Ahmed Gwani, described such allegation as baseless stressing that his members are law-abiding people and will not engage in such negative act.

Meanwhile, Niger State Government who spoke through the Secretary to the State Government, Ahmed Ibrahim Matane said investigations into the matter has begun in it is genuine effort to enhance and promote peaceful coexistence amongst diverse groups throughout the state.



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DEMAND DEPOSIT	0.31	0.10	-	0.01	-	-	0.27	0.50	-	0.14	0.01	-	0.39	-	0.15	1.00	0.00	-	0.002	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.16	-	1.00	0.03
SAVINGS DEPOSIT	1.15	1.20	-	1.25	-	-	1.15	1.15	-	1.15	1.15	4.20	1.15	-	1.23	0.00	1.4125	1.15	1.15	1.15	4.10	1.15	0.88	4.00	4.00	1.15	1.15
TIME DEPOSIT	1.86	0.70	4.86	2.81	0.15	1.49	0.25	1.00	0.25	0.90	4.00	13.88	6.09	3.10	5.66	2.32	0.05	0.78	1.82	7.15	4.23	2.66	1.00	2.48	4.00	1.50	0.17
LENDING RATES																											
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	13.00	12.00	8.00	17.00	15.00	-	17.50	6.00	-	5.00	10.80	27.00	21.00	-	9.00	0.00	14.00	5.00	4.00	18.00	12.00	7.00	15.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	13.06
MINING & QUARRYING	28.50	22.00	17.00	26.00	28.00	-	30.00	36.00	-	21.00	14.00	35.00	34.00	-	30.00	0.00	25.00	31.00	30.00	33.00	9.00	20.00	29.50	9.00	25.00	30.00	30.00
MANUFACTURING	12.00	12.00	8.00	14.00	12.00	7.00	17.50	19.00	6.20	7.00	10.80	27.00	21.00	9.00	18.00	3.15	14.00	5.00	3.15	18.00	18.00	17.00	12.00	26.00	25.00	25.00	13.06
REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES	28.50	22.00	14.00	25.00	28.00	18.00	30.00	36.00	22.00	23.00	18.00	35.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	17.50	25.00	30.50	4.51	18.00	20.00	24.00	30.50	28.00	29.00	30.00	30.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES	28.50	22.00	-	14.00	8.00	-	17.50	19.00	22.00	21.00	0.00	35.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	20.00	24.00	16.00	28.00	30.00	30.00
GENERAL COMMERCE	13.00	12.00	10.00	17.00	18.00	-	17.50	19.00	6.20	14.00	10.80	27.00	21.00	9.00	18.00	0.00	11.00	5.00	4.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	12.00	26.00	25.00	30.00	13.06
TRANSPORTATION & STORAGE	15.00	12.00	10.00	18.00	18.00	25.00	17.50	19.00	-	14.00	0.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	18.00	15.00	14.00	10.50	15.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	20.00	45.00	32.00	30.00	30.00
FINANCE & INSURANCE	28.50	22.00	-	21.00	16.00	10.00	17.50	19.00	6.20	18.00	0.00	35.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	0.00	25.00	26.00	6.50	18.00	18.00	17.00	11.00	26.00	25.00	30.00	30.00
GENERAL	12.00	12.00	5.00	18.00	18.00	-	19.50	19.00	6.20	12.00	10.80	27.00	21.00	9.00	18.00	0.00	14.00	-	4.00	18.00	18.00	12.00	13.00	26.00	25.00	30.00	13.06
GOVERNMENT	28.50	22.00	-	17.00	18.00	-	17.50	19.00	-	12.00	10.80	18.00	21.00	20.00	30.00	0.00	27.00	-	42.04	33.00	20.00	22.00	24.00	49.00	32.00	30.00	30.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	18.00	-	-	21.00	28.00	-	23.00	36.00	-	14.00	15.00	18.00	34.00	-	30.00	0.00	20.00	28.00	28.00	29.00	-	0.00	28.00	17.00	-	28.00	30.00
CONSTRUCTION	28.50	22.00	-	28.00	27.00	-	17.50	19.00	-	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	-	18.00	0.00	14.00	-	30.00	18.00	18.00	0.00	20.00	17.50	-	25.00	13.06
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	14.00	12.00	12.50	17.00	11.00	3.41	17.50	19.00	-	14.00	17.00	35.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	0.00	25.00	-	3.51	18.00	18.00	0.00	20.00	26.00	-	25.00	13.06
AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	28.50	22.00	12.50	28.00	26.00	13.00	21.00	36.00	-	23.00	12.00	26.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	0.00	25.00	-	30.00	33.00	23.00	0.00	29.00	23.00	-	30.00	30.00
SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES	13.50	12.00	-	19.00	18.00	-	17.50	19.00	-	14.00	10.80	27.00	21.00	-	18.00	0.00	14.00	-	15.00	18.00	18.00	12.00	20.00	15.00	-	25.00	13.06
EDUCATION	28.50	22.00	-	23.00	18.00	16.00	17.50	19.00	-	20.00	0.00	27.00	21.00	-	30.00	0.00	25.00	-	8.00	18.00	18.00	0.00	24.00	18.00	-	29.00	30.00
HUMAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK ACTIVITIES	14.00	12.00	-	28.00	26.00	16.00	25.00	36.00	-	23.00	0.00	27.00	34.00	-	30.00	0.00	14.00	-	15.00	18.00	22.00	0.00	29.00	23.00	-	29.00	30.00
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	16.00	-	-	23.00	18.00	-	17.50	19.00	-	23.00	10.80	27.00	21.00	-	18.00	0.00	14.00	-	15.00	18.00	-	0.00	29.00	28.00	-	25.00	13.06
EXTRATERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND	28.50	22.00	-	28.00	24.00	-	17.50	19.00	-	23.00	22.00	30.00	34.00	-	30.00	0.00	25.00	-	16.00	18.00	-	0.00	29.00	26.50	-	29.00	30.00
POWER AND ENERGY	13.00	12.00	-	17.00	11.00	-	17.50	19.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	-	30.00	0.00	14.00	-	24.00	-	-	0.00	29.00	-	-	-	30.00
CAPITAL MARKET	28.50	22.00	-	24.00	22.00	-	12.60	36.00	-	14.00	16.00	11.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	0.00	25.00	-	30.00	25.00	28.00	0.00	20.00	14.00	-	30.00	30.00
OIL & GAS	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	8.25	17.50	19.00	6.20	0.00	5.00	27.00	21.00	9.00	18.00	0.00	14.00	-	13.00	18.00	-	0.00	24.00	12.00	-	25.00	13.06
	28.50	22.00	11.00	26.00	28.00	20.00	30.00	36.00	22.00	25.00	20.00	35.00	34.00	20.00	30.00	15.00	25.00	31.00	30.00	33.00	14.00	20.00	29.00	29.00	30.00	30.00	30.00

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PERFORMANCE REPORT OF TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN) BETWEEN MAY 2020 TO JANUARY 2021 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ENGR. SULE AHMED ABDULAZIZ



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Hon. Minister of Power



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INTRODUCTION

Following the appointment of Engr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz as the Acting Managing Director of the Transmission Company of Nigeria on the 19th of May, 2020 by the President Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, with other Executive Management Team.

The new management came with a promise to pursue the current administration of President Mohammed Buhari's Next level objective in the power sector with particular focus on the Presidential Power initiative.

In carrying out the above objective, the new management resolved to optimize the available resources through effective maintenance of our existing grid network while applying best practices completing on going low hanging fruits project to improve the overall grid capacity.

This approach paid off quickly as evidenced in the multiple all-time peak generation recorded on the following days within the last six months, 5377.8MW on 1st of August 2020 at 20:30hrs, 5,420.30MW on August 19, 2020 at 19:15hrs, 5,459.50MW was achieved on the 28th of October, 2020 at 20:15hrs and two days later on the 30th of October, 2020, the Nigerian Grid network recorded yet another all-time peak of 5,502.40MW, and all this was seamlessly transmitted to the end users via the DISCOS.

The Transmission Company of Nigeria on Wednesday 6th January, 2021 and Thursday 7th January 2021 recorded yet another all-time peak of 5,552.40MW and 5,584.40MW. This is an uncommon record in the Nigerian Power sector.

This consistency and regular incremental improvement in Grid Performance is an indication of the professionalism and best practices that was brought into the NESI by the new TCN Management under my leadership.

Other notable milestones within the period under review are as follows;

2.0 COMPLETED PROJECTS AWAITING COMMISSIONING

- Completed the construction of 2X132kV line bay extension each at Ikorodu and Shagamu.
- Completed the installation of 1X100MVA, 132/33kV Transformer at Ogba.
- Completed the construction of 2X60MVA, 132/33kV Substation at Gagarawa.
- Completed the Installation of 1X30MVA, 132/33kV transformer at Iseyin.
- Completed the Installation of 1X150MVA, 330/132kV Transformer at Kumbotso, Kano.
- For effective voltage management and control, TCN successfully completed the installation of 4 No 75MVAR 330kV Shunt Reactors at Jebba TS, Ikot Ekpene TS, Apir TS and Jos TS.
- All these completed projects are awaiting official commissioning by the Hon. Minister of Power.

3.0 CREATION OF NEW WORK CENTRES

For operational and maintenance efficiency and due to network expansion, the new management also created two new Work Centers at Jalingo, Taraba State and Katsina, Katsina State respectively. This initiative has already started paying off as the response time to faults and equipment down time in those areas has been reduced to the barest minimum as maintenance crew are now closer to the remote station.

4.0 GRID MANAGEMENT

Transmission Company of Nigeria recorded an enhanced all-time peak generation of 5377.8MW on 1st of August 2020 at 20:30hrs. This new peak surpasses the previous one recorded on the 7th of February, 2019 and was successfully transmitted to distribution load centres nationwide.

Again on August 19, 2020 at 19:15hrs, Transmission Company of Nigeria Recorded yet another all-time National peak of 5,420.30MW, which was effectively transmitted to load centers.

Another milestone in Grid management and optimization with an all-time National peak of 5,459.50MW was achieved on the 28th of October, 2020 at 20:15hrs and was efficiently transmitted to the 11 DISCOS across the Country.

Two days later on the 30th of October, 2020, the Nigerian Grid network recorded yet another all-time peak of 5,502.40MW, and was seamlessly transmitted to the end users via the DISCOS. This consistency and regular incremental improvement in Grid Performance is an indication of the professionalism and best practices that was brought into the NESI by the new TCN Management under my leadership.

The Transmission Company of Nigeria on Wednesday 6th January, 2021 and Thursday 7th January 2021 recorded yet another all-time peak of 5,552.40MW and 5,584.40MW. This is an uncommon record in the Nigerian Power sector. The grid has also been very stable during the period under review.

5.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF TCN MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE REGIONS IN THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020

BENIN REGION

- Commissioning of new 33kV Uniben Feeder at Ihovbor T/S was carried out on 19th of May, 2020.
- Fabrication and erection of gantries at Benin 330kV switchyard was completed on 19th May, 2020.
- Installation of 330kV CB for the Unbanking of 150MVA 330/132/33kV Transformer 6T1 and 75MX Reactor 6R1 at Benin T/S was carried out between 18th to 26th of May, 2020.
- Programming of Feeder Protection Relay and commissioning of new 33kV Uniben Feeder at Ihovbor T/S was carried out on 19th May, 2020.
- Construction and installation of fan structures for T23 60MVA transformer at Effurun T/S was carried out on 28th may, 2020.
- Installation of 330kV Circuit Breaker on GT20 at Delta T/S was carried out in May, 2020.

- Reconnection of PSML to the grid through circuit S4G 330kV line on tower 139 at Delta T/S was carried out in May, 2020.
- Replacement of glass insulators to composite on Omotosho-Ikeja-West/Benin-Egbin(M5W/B6N) 330kV line at Omotosho T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Installation of new 30kVA diesel generator at Ondo T/S was done in May, 2020.

ENUGU REGION

- Replaced burnt 330kV Isolator on 330kV Busbar at Onitsha T/S was carried out in May, 2020.
- Installation of new differential relay on T3 150MVA 330/132/33kV transformer at Onitsha T/S was carried out in May, 2020.
- Installation of 4 number post insulators and linking of blue phase from circuit breaker to isolator of 330kV 75 MVAR reactor at Apir TS was completed on 19th May, 2020.
- Installation of 330kV, 75MVAR reactor, circuit breaker at Apir TS was completed in May, 2020.

KADUNA REGION

- Replacement of faulty Sec. CT of 60 MVA TR2 at Dan Agundi T.S was carried out in May, 2020.
- Replacement of 132kV Kankia-Katsina Line CB E_14-Q_(0) believed to cause phase discrepancy was at Kumbotso T.S was carried out on 29th May, 2020.
- LAGOS REGION
- Replacement of Red Phase CT on 10T1A-60MVA 132/33kV Transformer secondary at Akangba T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Installation of New Energy meter on the new Papalanto T/S – Papalanto/Ota 132kV Line 2 by the line contractor (Chris Ejik) on 29th May, 2020.
- Installation and commissioning of primary CB for 5T4B-150MVA 330/132kV at Akangba T/S was carried out on the 25th of May, 2020.

OSHOGBO REGION

- Reconnection of Jumpered Tower No. 157 and 156 on Ganmo/Offa/Omu-Aran/Osogbo 132kV at Ganmo T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- PORT HARCOURT REGION
- Replacement of burnt 33 KV Immiringi Feeder I Yellow Phase Current Transformer (CT) at Yenagoa T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of burnt Red Phase Pole on the 33 KV Immiringi Feeder I CB at Yenagoa T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered Blue Phase Pole on the 33 KV Feeder 3 CB at P H Main T/S was carried out on 29th May, 2020.
- Installation and commissioning of new external 33kV Secondary CB on Mobitra 40MVA Trf at Owerri T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of 33 KV T3A Incomer CB that had faulty operating mechanism at P H Main T/S was carried in May, 2020.

SHIRORO REGION

- Installation of 1No 33kV isolator at Minna T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of burnt YØ and RØ CT of 33kV CB H8 (Transformer TR2 Secondary CB) due to hotspot observed on both phases at Minna T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of burnt contact of 33kV line isolator at Shiroro II T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of 50VDC charger due to poor charging current output from existing 50VDC at Jebba T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of air compressed motor that fail to build up air pressure on 330kV Circuit Breaker L8T3 at Jebba G.S Transmission Switch Yard was carried in May, 2020.
- Diversion of 19T9 60MVA 132/33kV Transformer from 150MVA 330/132kV Transformer to 19T2 90MVA 330/132kV Transformer at Birnin Kebbi TS was carried in May, 2020.
- Installation of 60/66MVA 132/33kV transformer at Birnin Kebbi TS was completed on 26th of May, 2020.
- ABUJA REGION
- Replacement of 33kV Feeder K2 Circuit Breaker Karu 132/33kV Blue phase interrupter that exploded and shattered at Karu T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Installation Three numbers set of 33kV current transformers (CTs) at Kubwa T/S was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of 33kV CT on Feeder H21 at Apo T/s was carried in May, 2020.
- Replacement of vandalized tower members (Tower T71) on Shiroro – Katampe 330kV DC Line at Shiroro Region was carried in May, 2020.
- Elimination of regrowth of Raffia Palms along T72, T73, T74 and T136, T137 of Shiroro – Katampe 330kV DC Line at Shiroro Region was carried out between 18th and 19th of May, 2020.

6.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF TCN MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE REGIONS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2020

BENIN REGION

- Installation and Commissioning of Refurbished 300kVA Earthing

transformer at Okada T/S was completed on 14th June, 2020.

- Replacement of Broken insulator at T381, T426 & T451 with composite silicon insulator and removal of wire obstruction between T379 & T380 at Benin TS was carried out on 11th June, 2020.
- Installation of new 33kV Current Transformers on Iju 33kV feeder bay at Akure T/S was completed 19th to 20th June, 2020.
- Erection of Tower/Gantry for a new bay at Nsukka T/S was completed on 9th June, 2020.

ENUGU REGION

Installation of new 132kV Isolator for TR1 60MVA 132/33kV Transformer at Awka T/S was completed 1st June, 2020.

KADUNA REGION

Replacement of Shattered 33 KV YØ Surge arrester of TR3, 30MVA 132/33 KV Transformer at Dakata T/S was carried out on 13th June, 2020. Replacement of faulty 33 KV Line CB of one of the feeders at Dakata T/S was carried out on 17th June, 2020. Replacement of Faulty poles of 30 MVA 132/33 KV T2 Sec CB at Dakata T.S was carried out between 16th & 17th June, 2020.

LAGOS REGION

- Replacement and commissioning of T2 45MVA 132/33kV Transformer at Ilupeju T/S was carried out on 22nd June, 2020.
- PORT HARCOURT REGION
- Replacement of 110V D.C battery bank At McPherson T/S was completed on 26th June, 2020.
- Installation of one set of 33kV Isolator on Ndoki feeder 2 at Afam1 132kV T/S was completed on 4th June, 2020.
- Installation and commissioning of new 33kV CB on TR1 60MVA Transformer Secondary at Owerri T/S was completed on 8th June, 2020.
- Replacement of bad Composite Insulators with Disc Insulators on T164, T159, T150, T134 and T102 of Alaoji – Owerri 132kV line 1 at Owerri T/S was carried out on 26th June, 2020.
- Replacement of Y(Ø) pole on 33kV bus CB at Itu TS was carried out on 15th June, 2020.
- Replacement of 330kV Bus CVT at Ikot Ekpene TS was carried out on 17th June, 2020.

SHIRORO REGION

- Replacement of 132kV CB on Transformer (TR1) at Bida T/S was completed on 9th June, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulators on tower T163 and T168 on 330kV Kainji-Jebba Line 1 (K11) at Jebba T/S was carried out on 1st June, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulators on tower T163 and T168 on 330kV Kainji-Birnin Kebbi 330kV line (K3R) at Kainji T/S was carried out on 14th June, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulators on Birnin Kebbi – Niamey 132kV line T105, T68 and T56 at Birnin Kebbi T/S was carried out on 7th June, 2020.

ABUJA REGION

- Replacement of 33kV Isolator of feeder L32 at Kukwaba T/S was completed on 13th June, 2020.

7.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF TCN MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE REGIONS IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 2020

BAUCHI REGION

- Installation of new CB on 33kV Azare Feeder at Potiskum T/S was completed on 9th July, 2020.
- Installation of new 5kVA, 48V SCADA Inverter at Makeri T/S was completed on 2nd July, 2020.
- Installation of Distance Protection Relay on 330kV Damaturu-Molai line at Damaturu T/S was completed on 28th July, 2020.

BENIN REGION

- Replacement of defective main protection relay and 1 No. Supervision relay on T2 40MVA, 132/34.5kV Transformer at Okada TS was carried out on 8th July, 2020.
- Restoration of failed Substation SCADA Communication at Benin T/S was carried out on 22nd July, 2020.
- Replacement of deteriorated 33kV Stack Porcelain Insulator support on Igbara-Oke Feeder Isolator at Omotosho T/S was carried out on 15th July, 2020.

ENUGU REGION

- Erection of overhead gantry beam to be used in the construction of a new bay at Nsukka T/S was carried out from 1st to 31st of July, 2020.
- Replacement of snapped conductor on the Red Phase wave trap on Nkalagu - Abakaliki 132kV line at Abakaliki T/S was carried out on 23rd July, 2020.
- Replacement of 1No 33kV VT on 60MVA 132/33kV TR2 incomer at Onitsha T/S was carried out on 30th July, 2020.

KADUNA REGION

- Replacement of cut Conductor & shattered Insulators in the 33kV

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switch yard at Daura T/S was carried on 10th July, 2020.

OSOGBO REGION

- Replacement of shattered yellow phase 33KV stack Insulator between T2-60MVA 132/33KV transformer and secondary bus Isolator (33KV) at Ayede T/S was carried out on 1st July, 2020.
- Successful commissioning of 30MVA 132/33KV Transformer T2 at Iseyin T/S was completed on 19th July, 2020.
- Installation of 33KV CB on Asejire 33KV Feeder at Ibadan T/S was completed on 28th July, 2020.

PORT HARCOURT REGION

- Installation of GT02 500KVA 33/0.415KV Grounding Transformer at Rumosi T/S was completed on 1st July, 2020.
- Installation of 3No Current Transformer on the 33 KV T02 Incomer Circuit at Rumuosi T/S was completed on 3rd July, 2020.
- Installation of 33 KV T02 Incomer Isolator at Rumuosi T/S was completed on 9th July, 2020.
- Pre-commissioning tests on T02 132/33 KV 60 MVA Transformer at Rumuosi T/S was carried out on 9th July, 2020.
- Installation of new 33 KV T02 Incomer Circuit Breaker at Rumosi T/S was completed on 18th July, 2020.
- Installation of a new 33KV Voltage Transformer on 60MVA 132/33KV T2B Transformer at Aba T/S was completed on 2nd July, 2020.
- Construction of a new 33KV IGI Feeder at Aba 132KV T/S was completed on 14th July, 2020.
- Replacement of leaking Yellow Phase CB pole on Umuahia 33KV Feeder at Owerri T/S was carried out on 6th July, 2020.
- Replacement of 2No flashed Stack Insulators with Disc Insulators on T152 Blue & Yellow Phase of Alaaji – Owerri 132KV Line I at Owerri T/S was carried out on 7th July, 2020.
- Replacement 2No bad Composite Insulators with Disc Insulators on T68 Red Phase and T83 Red Phase of Alaaji – Owerri 132KV Line I at Owerri T/S was carried out on 11th July, 2020.

SHIRORO REGION

- Replacement of pulled conductor on 330KV wave trap Yellow Phase at Birnin Kebbi TS was carried out on 11th July, 2020.
- Replacement of broken Insulators on Birnin Kebbi – Sokoto 132kv line T257 and T383at Birnin Kebbi T/S was carried out on 26th July, 2020
- Installation of new 500KVA Grounding Transformer GT1 at Ekim T/S was completed on 22nd July, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulator on tower T190 of Tegina Birnin Gwari 132KV SC Line at Shiroro T/S was carried out on 15th July, 2020.
- Replacement of broken Insulators on 330kv Jebba-Shiroro Line 2 (J7R) towers T395 and T413 at Jebba T/S was carried out on 6th July, 2020.
- Replacement of 132KV Sokoto Line Isolator at Birnin Kebbi T/S was carried out on 26th July, 2020.

ABUJA REGION

- Replacement of 132KV Circuit Breaker on 60MVA 132/33KV TR1 at Kubwa T/S was carried out on 22nd July, 2020.
- Replacement of CT on 33KV H23 Feeder at Apo T/S was carried out on 2nd July, 2020.

8.0 MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS IN RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL DONORS FUNDED PROJECTS IN TCN

In order to keep the Transmission Rehabilitation and Expansion Program moving in the mist of the COVID 19 pandemic the Ag.MD met via Zoom with key International Donors Agencies to rejuvenate and built more confidence and demonstrate TCN's readiness to work with them and solicited their support in fast tracking project activities and approvals to ensure timely delivery of projects that will further strengthen the National Grid for system availability and reliability.

The Ag.MD had facilitated the opening of Letters of Credit (LCs) with CBN on the contracts for the supply of the following essential equipment to TCN to achieve operational flexibility of system and to improve the quality & reliability of power supply nationwide.

These equipment are;	
150MVA 330/132KV Power Transformers	- 10nos
100MVA & 60MVA 132/33KV Power Transformers	- 20nos
500KVA & 300KVA Earthing Transformers	- 30nos
330KV, 132KV & 33KV Circuit Breakers	- 130nos
330KV & 132KV Capacitor Voltage Transformers (CVT)	- 30nos
330KV & 132KV Disconnectors	- 20nos

The Ag.MD Signed the Project Agreement between African Development Bank (AfDB) with TCN in August, 2020 for the USD\$210Million Loan facility to Nigeria, in partial fulfillment of the requisite requirements for the effectiveness of the Loan.

The Ag.MD also facilitated the shipment of the 4nos 150MVA 330/33KV and 6nos 60MVA 132/33KV Power Transformers for the Abuja Ring project funded by the Agence Francaise de Developpment (AFD) despite COVID-19 PANDEMIC to ensure timely delivery of the project aimed at providing alternative power feed to Abuja via Enugu – Markudi – Jos 330KV line in addition to the current feeding sources of Shiroro and Ajaokuta. The overall project objective is to improve power supply availability, quality, reliability and flexibility in Abuja and its environs.

1. Signing of Project Appraisal Document in August 2020 between JICA and TCN to signified both parties commitment for the Loan Investment of USD235million for the JICA project (Lagos-Ogun Transmission System Grid Improvement Project) for the construction of 4nos 330/132KV Substations, 2nos 132/33KV Substations and 100KM of 330KV and 102KM 132KV transmission lines.

2. In October 2020, with the Commitment and proactive actions from the Ag. MD and in liaising with the Ministries of Power and Finance, 2nos FEC approvals were granted to signify a critical milestone in the following proposed projects;

- Nigeria Transmission Electricity Project (NTEP-1) under the Afican Development Bank (AfDB) USD210 Million funding
- Northern Corridor Project under the Agency Francaise De Developpment (AFD) USD245 Million funding

3. Between July to October 2020, 4nos contracts amounting to about USD120 Million were successfully signed by the Ag. MD under the World Bank project thereby improving the overall project portfolio disbursement. These contracts are for major 330KV and 132KV substations cut across the country with the provision of essential fast moving transmission equipment for the maintenance of the existing transmission grid network

5. Acquiring of a large office space accommodation on rent for the 4nos Project Implementation Units that were located in different locations with lots of logistics issues impeding on project activities implementation due to

poor office locations and facilities for optimal operation.

9.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF TCN MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF THE REGIONS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2020.

BAUCHI REGION

- Installation of OC/EF relay on T2 30MVA Transformer Secondary at Biu T/S was completed ON 15TH August, 2020.
- Installation of ETS 500VA Earthing Transformer at Bauchi T/S was completed on 23rd August, 2020.

BENIN REGION

- Installation of refurbished 170KVA 33/0.415KV Earthing transformer (ET2) at Okada TS was completed on 20th August, 2020.

ENUGU REGION

- Installation and commissioning of 2Nos 132KV circuit breaker at Abakaliki T/S was completed on 8th August, 2020.
- Installation of 33KV Nnewi Industrial CB at Onitsha T/S was completed on 17th August, 2020.

KADUNA REGION

- Replacement of 33KV VT on 60MVA 132/33KV transformer T4 secondary at Mando TS was carried out on 17th August, 2020.
- Installation of 33KV CB on 33KV Airport Feeder at Mando TS was completed on 30th August, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty 33KV CB on 33KV Zaria Road Feeder at Dan Agundi T.S was carried out on 6th August, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty 132KV CB on the Bus coupler of 132KV Bus at Dangora T/S was carried out on 13th August, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty capacitor causing pole discordance on 330KV Kaduna line CB at Kumbotso T/S was carried out on 15th August, 2020.

OSOGBO REGION

- Installation and commissioning of new Schneider 33KV VCB at Ilesha T.S was completed on 19th August, 2020.
- Installation of Interposing CT on Ijebu-Jesha Line at Ilesha T/S was completed on 25th August, 2020.
- Installation of new Energy meter on T2-30MVA 132/33KV transformer secondary at Iseyin T/S was completed on 10th August, 2020.
- Installation of 33KV Isolator on the Bus Coupler of Bus C and D at Iseyin was completed on 10th August, 2020.
- Installation of O/C and E/F protection relay on Saki 33KV feeder at Iseyin T/S was completed on 15th August, 2020.

PORT HARCOURT REGION

- Installation of GT02 500KVA 33/0.415KV Grounding Transformer on 60MVA 132/33 KV T02 at Rumosi T/S was completed on 1st July, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered Red Phase Pole on the 33 KV Feeder 3 CB at P H Main T/S was carried out on 11th August, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered Red Phase CT on the 33 KV Immiringi Feeder 1 at Yenagoa T/S was carried out on 19th August, 2020.

SHIRORO REGION

- Replacement of burnt 33KV Cable of B Phase on 60MVA Transformer TR7 with new higher rating at Minna T/S was carried out on 14th August, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered 33KV CB Red and Yellow pole on 33KV Jega Feeder at Birnin Kebbi TS was carried out on 3rd August, 2020.
- Installation of new Battery Bank at Control room II at Birnin Kebbi TS was completed on 19th August, 2020.

ABUJA REGION

- Replacement of 132KV primary CB on 60MVA 132/33KV TR1 at Okenne T/S was carried out on 16th August, 2020.
- Replacement of 33KV CB on 33KV Jabi Feeder was done on 2nd August, 2020.
- 10.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF TCN MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF THE REGIONS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

ENUGU REGION

- Installation of Overcurrent and Earth fault relay on T1A 30MVA Secondary at Oji T/S was completed on 11th September, 2020.

KADUNA REGION

- Replacement of 33KV VT on T4 60MVA 132/33KV Transformer secondary at Mando T/S was carried out on 17th September, 2020.
- Installation of 33KV CB on 33KV Airport Feeder at Mando T/S was carried out on 30th September, 2020.

LAGOS

- Replacement of faulty 3Nos of Energy Meters on T2-60MVA Transformer Secondary on Ar-Rashid and Amje 33KV Feeders with new ones was successfully carried out on 18th September, 2020.

OSOGBO REGION

- Installation, testing and commissioning of new Schneider 33KV VCB at Ilesha T/S was completed on 19th September, 2020.
- Installation of Interposing Current Transformer at Ilesha T/S was completed out on 25th September, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty VCB on 33KV Epe Feeder with a new one at Ijebu Ode T/S was carried out on 15th September, 2020.

PORT HARCOURT REGION

- Installation of 33 KV stand by Earth Fault (SBEF) Relay on the secondary side of T02 132/33 KV 60 MVA Transformer at Rumosi was completed on 14th September, 2020.
- Replacement of punctured Blue phase composite lightning arrester on Tower T20 of 132 KV Afam - IPP/Elelenwo Line 1 at Afam T/S was carried on 17th September, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered Red Phase C.T. on T02 40MVA 132/33KV Secondary Incomer with a new one at Ahoada T/S 25th September, 2020.
- Replacement of Yellow Phase CT on 33KV Refinery Feeder at P H Main T/S was carried out on 28th September, 2020.
- Installation of 110VDC Battery Bank D at Alaaji 330KV T/S was carried out on 23rd September, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty Blue Phase Voltage Transformer on 33KV ALEX Feeder at Owerri was carried out on 28th September, 2020.
- Replacement of SIPROTEC Relay with NARI Relay on Adiabio/Calabar Line II at Adiabio T/S was carried out on 12th September, 2020.

SHIRORO REGION

- Installation of new Capacitor Voltage Transformer (CVT) on Jebba-Oshogbo Line 1 (J1H) at Jebba T/S was completed on 3rd September, 2020.

ABUJA REGION

- Replacement of CB on 132kv Kukwaba – Apo Line I and Line II at Kukwaba T/S was carried out on 30th September, 2020.
- Replacement of Circuit Breaker on T1 30MVA primary at Okene was carried out on 8th September, 2020.
- Replacement of Circuit Breaker on T1 60MVA primary at Ajaokuta II was carried out on 23rd September, 2020
- HIGHLIGHTS OF TCN MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY COLLECTIVE EFFORT OF THE REGIONS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2020.

CHQ COORDINATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- TCN recorded yet another national peak Transmission of 5,520.40MW on 30th October, 2020 thereby surpassing the previous 5,459MW recorded on 28th October, 2020.

BENIN REGION

- Installation of new Battery Bank on 48VDC Battery Bank at Delta T/S was successfully completed out on 6th October, 2020.
- Installation of Red Phase CB Pole on 33KV Otovwodo/Patani Feeder at Delta T/S was carried out on 12th October, 2020.
- Replacement of burnt Isolator on 33KV Ughelli/Shell Feeder at Delta T/S was carried on 16th October, 2020.
- Installation of Blue Phase CB Pole on 33KV Otovwodo/Patani Feeder at Delta T/S was completed out on 20th October, 2020.

ENUGU REGION

- Replacement of 33KV Isolator on 60MVA 132/33KV TR4 Transformer secondary at New Haven 132KV T/S was carried out on 3rd October, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty Relay on 132KV Nkalagu-Abakaliki line with a new one was carried out on 10th October, 2020.
- Installation of new 33KV CB on TR11 60MVA 132/33KV Secondary at Onitsha T/S was successfully completed on 26th October, 2020.
- Installation of new 33KV CB on Umuya 33KV Feeder at Onitsha T/S was successfully completed on 29th October, 2020

KADUNA REGION

- Replacement of interrupter pole on 330kv Shiroro Line I CB at Mando T/S was carried out on 1st October, 2020.
- OSOGBO REGION
- Installation of new 33KV GCB on T1 45MVA 132/33KV Transformer secondary at Jericho T/S was successfully completed on 17th October, 2020.
- Replacement of 132KV Disc Insulators of about 120km with set of new ones on Yellow Phase of 132KV Iwo – Osogbo Line by Ayede S/R was successfully completed on 10th October, 2020.
- Installation and commissioning of new 33KV GCB at Ilesha T/S was completed on 19th October, 2020.
- Installation of new 33KV Interposing CT on Ijebu-Jesha Line at Ilesha T/S was completed on 25th October, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered 33KV Blue phase CT on 150MVA 330/132/33KV T2A at Ayede was carried out on 31st October, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty Isolator on 30MVA 132/33KV T2 secondary at Omuaran T/S was carried out on 22nd October, 2020.

PORT HAUCOUT REGION

- Replacement of shattered Red Phase of 33KV CT on Immiringi Feeder at Yenagoa T/S was carried out on 5th October, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered 2No. (Red & Yellow Phase) CT on 33KV Refinery Feeder at PH Main T/S was carried out on 10th October, 2020.
- Replacement of exploded composite insulator on 132KV Afam IPP/Elelenwo Line at Afam T/S was carried out on 24th October, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty Differential Relay on T02 132/33 KV 40MVA Transformer at Ahoada T/S was carried out on 27th October, 2020.
- Replacement Faulty Restricted Earth Fault (REF) Relay on T02 132/33 KV 40MVA Transformer at Ahoada T/S was carried out on 29th October, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered 33KV Red Phase Bushing on T02 132/33 KV 60 MVA Transformer at Rumuosi T/S was carried out on 30th October, 2020.

SHIRORO REGION

- Installation of 132kv Circuit Breaker on Bida-Minna 132KV Line (E3A) at Bida T/S was successfully completed on 17th October, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulator on Kainji – Jebba 330KV Line1 Line at Birnin Kebbi T/S was carried out on 17th October, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulator on Jebba – Shiroro 330KV Line1 Line at Jebba T/S was carried out on 11th October, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulator on Kainji- Birnin Kebbi (K3R) 330KV Line at Birnin Kebbi T/S was carried out on 7th October, 2020.
- Replacement of broken insulator on 132KV Niamey Line at Birnin Kebbi T/S was carried out on 25th October, 2020.

ABUJA REGION

- Replacement of 3No. defective cooling fans on 60MVA 132/33KV TR1 at Kubwa T/S was carried out on 7th October, 2020.
- Replacement of 2No. defective cooling fans on 60MVA 132/33KV TR2 at Karu T/S was carried out on 14th October, 2020.
- Replacement of 33KV CT on 60MVA 132/33KV TR1 Secondary at Kukwaba T/S was carried out on 10th October, 2020.
- Installation of 110KVA Standby Generating set at Katampe T/S was completed on 16th October, 2020.
- Replacement of 3 No. defective cooling fans on 60MVA 132/33KV TR2 at Kubwa T/S was carried out on 13th October, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty 132kv Lightning Arrester on 30MVA 132/33KV TR3 Red Phase Primary at Suleja T/S was carried out on 22nd October, 2020.
- Replacement of faulty 132KV Q5.3 Circuit Breaker at Apo T/S was carried out within the month of October, 2020.
- Replacement of shattered 330kv CB on Gwagwalada - Katampe Line at Gwagwalada T/S was carried out on 20th October, 2020.
- Replacement of 132kv Yellow Phase Interrupter pole on Garki – Apo 132kv Line II at Apo T/S was carried out on 31st October, 2020.

Your Excellency, following the ouster of Mr. Usman Gur Muhammad, Engr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz took on the reigns in acting capacity. In the limited time he helmed the company, he has already recorded significant milestones for the TCN including the highest peak generation achieved on the grid across the country as well as putting to rest, the internal disquiet that was common place within the ranks of the company.

In view of the above achievements, we the Electrical Energy Concerned Engineers Association of Nigeria (EECEAN), appeal to President Muhammadu Buhari, to graciously approve the confirmation of the appointment of Engr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz as the substantive Managing Director of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN).

Signed:

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National Chairman, EECEAN

COMRADE ENGR. SULEIMAN BABA MU'AZU
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COVID-19: Demand for oxygen has risen from 70 to 350 cylinders daily – Sanwo-Olu

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu told newsmen yesterday that the demand for oxygen at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Yaba had risen from 70 to 350 cylinders per day.

He said the demand was projected to be more than double to 750 six-litre cylinders before the end of the month.

He said the state government had decentralized the availability of oxygen across the state through the provision of ten oxygen and sampling kiosks.

He assured that oxygen therapy and other related services would be provided to patients that required them.

"Five of these ten centers have been commissioned while the remaining five will be ready for use within the next four weeks. It is our expectation that these sampling kiosks would be easily accessible to residents that require oxygen therapy at the level of LGAs as stabilization points prior to onward transmission to our Isolation centres, if required.

This strategy is to further increase the fighting chance of Lagos residents that have contracted the virus and require immediate oxygen therapy. As a result of the increasing demand for oxygen, the Lagos State Government also commissioned an oxygen plant at the Yaba Mainland Hospital to mitigate

the projected need," he said.

Sanwo-Olu said while the state was closely monitoring ongoing action by the Federal Government to procure COVID-19 vaccines for use in Nigeria, his government had opened discussions with vaccine manufacturers to cater for Lagosians.

"In the meantime we are developing a strategy that will articulate the criteria, guidelines and regulatory framework for providing and monitoring vaccinations in Lagos," he added.

He noted that the second wave of COVID-19 was turning out to be far more serious than the first wave; he said the curve could be flattened and the virus defeated if Lagosians take seriously, the safety guidelines.

465 inmates studying criminology, security courses-FG

Hamisu Kabir Matazu

The Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola, says 465 inmates have enrolled into various degree programmes in Criminology, Security Studies, Political Science and others.

He said this in Abuja yesterday during the inauguration of 53 operational vehicles purchased for the Nigerian Correctional Service.

He said the inmates enrolled under the NCoS educational and self-improvement programme.

He said the NCoS had recorded unprecedented rise in the number of inmates studying, saying 23 of them were currently undergoing postgraduate programmes; one PhD, 16 Master's Degree; and six PGD programmes.

"In addition, 1,404 wrote SSCE and 634 passed with five credits, including English and Mathematics, while 4,757 enrolled for Adult Education programme and 1,162 graduated," he said.

The minister complained that the

service had a deluge of Awaiting Trial Persons (ATPs) as against convicts.

He said about 70 per cent of the total inmates' population were awaiting trial. "The implication of this scenario is huge logistics demand to convey the inmates to court as and when due.

"Over time, the plight of pre-trial detainees, manifested in slow justice delivery which is sometimes due to the insufficiency of vehicles to cover court appearances, inexorably leading to delayed justice, which as the saying goes, is denied justice," he said.

Aregbesola said to decongest the prisons, over 4,000 inmates had been freed nationwide so far under the Federal Government Amnesty Programme launched in 2020.

"The absence of quick dispensation of justice has been a major drawback to operational efficiency in offenders' management, often precipitating agitations, jailbreaks as well as escape tendencies, which the authorities have to manage with great pain and huge cost," he said.

Importation of rice, poultry, others remains banned - NCS

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Nigeria Customs Service says its joint Border patrol team is working with those of other countries to prohibit importation of banned items.

The items include par boiled rice, poultry products, arms and ammunition, among others.

The NCS, in a statement yesterday by its spokesman, Joseph Attah, said it was also waiting for the National Action

Committee of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement to provide the list of duties and charges waived for liberalized goods under the AfCFTA.

Daily Trust reports that the AfCFTA, which allows African countries to trade goods without the huge import duties, began on January 1, 2021. However, information about its implementation across the borders has been bleak.

"The list of the 90 per cent liberalized National Trade Offers; the list of 70 per cent non-liberalized exclusive goods at the regional level; the list of three per cent non-liberalized sensitive goods.

"The appointment of a competent Authority responsible for issuing and authenticating certificates of origin and registering enterprises and products within the region," the NCS said.



TENDER NOTICE

Mercy Corps is a non-religious, non-profit and non-governmental international relief and development organization working in over 40 countries worldwide helping people build secure, productive and just communities. Mercy Corps in Nigeria implements a variety of programs with the ultimate goal of building productive, secure and just communities.

Mercy Corps wishes to invite legally registered companies specialized in the under listed field to obtain and submit tender for the following market:

1. **NIG/MDG/TEN30**_Supply of Irrigation Pumping Machines to Biu LGA – Borno State

Tender document can be downloaded through the following Mercy Corps website: www.mcnigeria.com/tenders

Tender package will available on:
15th of January 2021 at 8am

Deadline for submission:
21st January, 2021 at 5:30pm Nigerian time

Only tenders submitted in prescribed form and deadlines will be considered. Only legally registered firms will be considered.

Bidders are expected to submit bid document sealed and mark with the Tender number and title mentioned above to our Maiduguri Field Office located at No. 20 Mohammed Goni Road, Old GRA Maiduguri or, Mercy Corps Biu Office: Opposite Biu Forestry Office along Biu – Gombe Road, Biu LGA - Borno State, or submit bid via our online tender submission email at: tenders@mercy Corps.org



NRC NIGERIA –OPEN NATIONAL TENDER

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is a non-governmental, humanitarian organization with 60 years of experience in helping to create a safer and more dignified life for refugees and internally displaced people. NRC advocates for the rights and provides assistance, protection and durable solutions to refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide. NRC has been operating in Nigeria since late 2015 providing assistance with Emergency shelter, Livelihoods and Food Security, Water, sanitation and hygiene sectors, Information and Legal Counselling, Camp Management and Education.

The Norwegian Refugee Council hereby wishes to invite suitably qualified companies to bid for the supply of Goods/Works as indicated below as well as identify vendors for a long term Framework Agreement: -

- SUPPLY OF AGRO SKILL TRAINING AND START UP MATERIALS 4/NRC-NOT/NG/2021
- SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF 34FT INSULATED OPEN HALL PREFABRICATED CARAVAN IN BORNO AND ADAMAWA STATES 5/NRC-NOT/NG/2021

To obtain the bid documents, kindly send an email to ng.procurement@nrc.no with the tender reference number and description indicated above as the subject of the email on or before 4th February, 2021.

All application/proposals duly completed ITB (invitation to Bid) documents should be submitted via the email address prescribed on the tender document. It is mandatory to indicate the tender number and description as the subject of the email.

All tenders not submitted via the specified email address will not be considered. Tenders received after the deadline shall be considered late & shall be rejected & unopened. If the deadline specified herein falls on a government or NRC declared holiday or any unavoidable circumstances, the deadline shall be extended automatically to the following working day.

Any enquiry regarding the submission of this tender should be addressed to ng.procurement@nrc.no.



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES
TRANSFORMING IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT IN NIGERIA PROJECT

Project ID No: P123112
Credit No: CR 5506-NG

Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DETAILED DESIGN OF BENUE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR FORMULATION OF TRIMING PROJECT II

Date: 20th January, 2021
Reference No. (FMWR/TRIMING/2020/QCBS/CS/03)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)- CONSULTING SERVICES (FIRMS SELECTION)

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) is currently implementing the **Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria (TRIMING) Project** with a credit received from the International Development Association (IDA) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The TRIMING Project Development Objective is to improve access to irrigation and drainage services and to strengthen institutional arrangements for integrated water resources management and agriculture service delivery in selected large-scale public schemes in Northern Nigeria.

The Objective of the Assignment

The objectives of the consultancy are to: (i) update existing knowledge on the available water resources in the Benue Basin; (ii) improve water resources planning and management through capacity gap analysis and upscaling (iii); and formulate and implement priority investment for irrigation development (as the main thrust), multipurpose water productivity enhancement, reduce water induced risks and enhance the effectiveness of investments. The Objectives would be realized by three stages as follows: **Stage I: Pre- feasibility/Feasibility Studies; Stage II: Project Prioritization and Detailed Designs; and Stage III: Project Implementation.**

The scope of the services would include, but not limited to:

- Task 1: Reviewing and studying of the two past Water Resources Master Plans 2013 and their associated studies, promulgated policies and strategies;
- Task 2: To Carry out an updated evaluation of the water resources of surface and groundwater available in the Benue Basin Area understudy using state-of-the-art tools.
- Task 3: Evaluating demand projection for the Benue Basin by sub-sectors
- Task 4: Balancing the Demand and Supply Scenarios and Prioritization Schemes
- Task 5: Formulating the Benue River Basin Water Resources Management Plan and Task 6. Feasibility Study of the Chosen TRIMING II Project

The assignment will be conducted over a period of eighteen (18) months commencing immediately after contract signing.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.triming.org

The Federal Ministry of Water Resources through its Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Transforming Irrigation Management in Nigeria Project now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The short-listing criteria are:

- a) Proven evidence of general experience of Consultancy in water

resources management and dam safety;

b) Evidence of core business and number of years in business;

c) Availability of appropriate skills among staff, including but not limited to specialists in water resources management, hydrology, dam design and safety operation, Irrigation and drainage, geology /hydrogeology, water supply and sanitation, Institutional development, agriculture/agronomy, social economics, Livestock & Animal Husbandry, communication /gender/facilitation, GIS/Environmental Management, Rural development, PPP studies and financial engineering;

d) Firm's experience in similar assignments including technical details and details of the managerial and organizational structure of the firm (with a minimum 10 years in dam, and water resources management;

e) Firm's experience in working in similar conditions and environment (minimum 5 years).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and employment of Consultants (under IBRD loans and IDA Credit and Grants) by World Bank borrowers, January 2011 edition and revised in July 2014 (Consultants Guidelines) setting forth the World Bank Policy on Conflict of Interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address below during office hours 08:00 and 17:00 (Local time Monday to Friday) and/or send an email to the National Project Coordinator at address "info@triming.org".

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

In view of the current COVID-19 protocols/guidelines, your Expression of Interest may be submitted via e-mail or hard copy depending on the area of location and this must be delivered on or before **2.00pm** (Nigerian local time) on **3rd February, 2021.**

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Nigerian Trumpists

It is striking, to say the least, that of the nearly 90 million Twitter followers of outgoing U.S. President Donald Trump, before he was banned from that social media platform two weeks ago, Nigerians ranked fifth, after the U.S, UK, India and Canada. But it is even more striking that Nigeria is one of very few countries in which Trump remained consistently popular throughout the past four years of his administration, or rather, regime.

According to data released by the Pew Research Centre, a non-partisan think tank based in Washington, D.C, just 29 per cent of 37,000 people surveyed across 32 countries expressed confidence in Donald Trump. In all but two of the 32 countries, Nigeria and Israel, more than 50 per cent of those surveyed disapproved of him. In the first three years of his presidency (2017, 2018 and 2019), according to Pew's annual survey, Trump's approval ratings in the U.S itself and Argentina averaged 46 per cent and 15 per cent respectively. In neighbouring Mexico, wholly 89 per cent of the population disapproved of Trump in 2019.

In Nigeria, however, things are very different. In 2018, wholly 59 per cent of Nigerians approved of Donald Trump's leadership, while 58 per cent of Nigerians surveyed in both 2017 and 2019 respectively said they had 'strong confidence' or 'some confidence' in Donald Trump's presidency. In Israel, confidence in Donald Trump averaged 65 per cent during the same period. It is not difficult to understand why Donald Trump would rate so highly among Israelis, but why do so many Nigerians think so highly of him?

Trump's support in Nigeria and Israel are qualitatively very different, however. The Israelis' support for Trump is firmly grounded in his Middle East policies: his withdrawal from the nuclear agreement that eased sanctions on Iran, his relocation of US embassy to Jerusalem, and his so-called Israel-Palestine peace plan that he dubbed 'the deal of the century'. More significantly, perhaps, even though more Israelis have approved of Trump than don't, you will not find many Israelis who believe the unfounded allegations of massive fraud in the 3rd November 2020 presidential elections that ended Trump's term in office today.

In contrast, Nigerian supporters of Trump believe that Joe Biden's victory at the polls was rigged, and many even hoped that the election would be overturned. In other words, Nigerian supporters of Donald Trump are politically very similar to those of his so called 'base' in the U.S. But can they be? What can a Nigerian supporter of Donald Trump in Lagos or Abuja possibly have in common with a Trump supporter in Texas or Florida? The question itself is baffling, no doubt, but it also illustrates the complexities of racism, politics and

political psychology.

No U.S politician in recent memory, let alone a U.S president, has trafficked in open and blatant racism than The Donald. As a businessman and real estate mogul, Trump serially denied African-Americans rent in his properties and jobs in his organisations. His presidential campaign grew directly out of the racist Tea Party movement incensed by the election of America's first black president and his own racist idea that Obama was not 'American' enough, hence the need to make 'America Great Again'.

Indeed, his entire presidency is a reminder of the power of racism in American society. That over 70 million Americans voted for him for a second time merely reinforces that power, even if seven million more voted against him. But for all the acute racism that the Trump presidency represents these past four years, three instances stand out that should serve as a reminder to his Nigerian supporters of their own political folly.

First, Donald Trump, as a U.S president is a political statement, a statement that the 'the worst white person' is still valued more than whatever 'the best black person' could ever look or be like. No non-white person in the United States could have said or done the things Trump said and did and still end up in the White House. That he lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton in 2016 is besides the point. His first election simply demonstrates that if you are white, you can be acceptable however you are, even if you are a jerk. But if you are black, to be accepted in American society, you must be close to a saint, as Obama had to train himself to be throughout his life.

Second, the Trump presidency demonstrates, more than anything else before it, that Black Lives Don't Matter in the U.S, and by implication, anywhere else. Many have called the storming of the U.S seat of government by Trump's supporters two weeks ago a security breach. But is simply and purely racism. If the 'rioters' were overwhelmingly black and they stormed Congress, you can be sure police bullets would have rained on them. It would not have mattered whether they are supporters of Donald Trump or Joe Biden, or of anyone else, for that matter.

Finally, Trump personally tried to scuttle the election of Nigeria's Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to the position of Director-General of the World Trade Organization, even again the support of almost all other countries. She now has a good chance of making it, but had Trump won a second term, it is difficult to see how it would have been possible. So Nigerian Trumpists should know that the next time they are grieving his defeat, they are at once affirming his racism. You cannot have Trump without embracing racism, one way or another.

Kukah and the perils of preaching politics

By Philemon Bulus

One of the emerging dilemmas in Nigeria's democracy is the serious threat it regularly confronts from misguided utterances of people lacking experience and wisdom in politics or governance who exploit the unscrupulous exuberance of the media to ambush public attention. The indiscriminate propagation of such utterances usually sparks political outrage capable of escalating simmering contentions into public disturbances. The reality of deliberate incitement of political crises by non-political actors, frequently curtailed by the swift intervention of the DSS to take the culprits to task, is looming larger on the political arena, as the 2023 elections draw closer.

Rev. Father Mathew Hassan Kukah's extraordinary Christmas message rattled its intended target in the Muslim North, by insinuating that no "non-Northern Muslim president" could indulge in what he described as President Buhari's "nepotism" without provoking a military coup. It was a comment that many saw as an alarming tacit incitement of the Christian populace, delivered on a day traditionally devoted to soothing spiritual sermons promoting peace and unity. But, even in the ensuing exchange of predictable threats and rising acrimony among Christians and Muslims, the Reverend Father retorted: "Whatever I said can please or displease anyone, but that is my own opinion and doesn't stop others from saying their own opinion. If you think my motive is wrong, say yours." Such a defiant riposte would be typical for a politician, but from a reverend father, it sounded ungodly!

Obviously, Rev. Father Kukah is torn between his call and his calling. He unknowingly manifested this conflict when he sought to rationalise his unrepentant response to the discord he instigated with the political missile in his Xmas message by declaring "I have no problem with Muslims, Christians or adherents of any other religion but what I do not like is when someone is using religion to play politics, it is wrong". The reverend father cannot distinguish between preaching religion and playing politics, so he plays politics in the mistaken belief that he is preaching the gospel on Christmas Day, thereby reversing his role from healer to spoiler of human relations by inciting when he should be reconciling.

Rev. Father Kukah must nevertheless be conscious of the Biblical injunction "Give what is God's to God and what is Caesar's to Caesar", a divine definition of the two most essential components of human society and existence, being that which is exclusively Almighty God's and what is devolved as human responsibility. Only God, the Omnipresent, bestrides the entire universe but human beings should strive within their assigned roles and functions as depicted by reference to Caesar, the ruler of his people. Ultimately, harmony through peace and justice in adherence to God's injunctions is the desired and designated purpose and objective of human intervention.

What a wonderful world we would have should this be understood and adopted such that religious leaders like Rev. Father Kukah would willingly restrict themselves to guidance and counseling of political leaders and citizens through persuasion to achieve good governance and peaceful co-existence. Political leaders and citizens would then be constantly conscious of Almighty God's injunctions! Each of them would be performing within their areas of competence and discharging their respective assigned duties knowing that accountability is to God. Democracy would thrive with little or no incitement, rivalry and do-or-die politics, yielding enduring dividends.

It is compelling to wonder how or why 69-year-old Rev. Father Mathew Hassan Kukah got enmeshed in such unfortunate conflict of interest that contradicts his 45 years priesthood credentials and career. Kukah was ordained a Catholic Priest on December 19, 1976 and attended the University of Ibadan for a diploma in Religious Studies, Pontifical Urban University,

Rome in 1976 for a Bachelor of Divinity, University of Bradford, United Kingdom, in 1980 for a Master's degree in Peace Studies and University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in 1990 for a PhD. During his doctoral studies he produced his first book, 'Religion and Politics in Northern Nigeria' and was a consultant to the Vatican for five years.

Impressive as these theological and priesthood credentials are, it is remarkably ironic that Rev. Father Hassan Kukah did not proceed to gain fame and national recognition from the divine calling but rather focused on the politically contentious subject of his academic research, 'Religion and Politics in Northern Nigeria', and the "liberation" fervors simmering among his southern Kaduna people. From then on, all indications prove that the political agenda was of greater concern as he steadily wormed his way into the earthly embrace of politicians.

His godfather was none other than President Obasanjo. Thus, Kukah became a regular insider at the Presidential Villa and bagged some prominent political appointments including member of the Justice Oputa Investigation Commission on Human Rights Violations, Secretary of the National Political Reform Conference, Chairman of the Ogoni-Shell Reconciliation and member Electoral Reform Committee. He even attended the PDP Presidential Retreat held at the International Conference, Abuja after the 2007 general elections.

Rev. Father Kukah was chosen to preach the sermon at Stella Obasanjo's interdenominational funeral service in Abeokuta in 2005 while he was Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Kaduna, instead of Archbishop John Onaiyekan, the Catholic Archbishop of Abuja. In the sermon he also disclosed that Stella had earlier approached him to enable her get wedded to the First Nigerian so that she can receive communion adding "it is by the grace of God that we did welcome her back into the Catholic Church just after the Political Reform Conference at a very quiet ceremony". Kukah referred to President Obasanjo as his "friend" on several occasions. "I have come to know my friend. If you catch him in a good mood, everything will go well. But, on a bad day, it will be disaster," he remarked.

He also counted President Goodluck Jonathan as a friend and rose to his defence especially against initial indications that President Buhari's anti-corruption moves would not spare him. However in 2017, Kukah dismissed insinuations that he was close to former President Goodluck Jonathan for what he could get, saying "despite my friendship with Jonathan over this long period of time, we never discussed a penny, we never discussed one dollar; we never exchanged a penny, and we never exchanged a dollar." The Catholic bishop was also seen in a photograph alongside Sheikh Gumi, Obasanjo and then PDP presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar, when news reports said they met to reconcile the former president and vice president.

These presidential friendships questioned the independence of Kukah and the credibility of his posturing as a non-aligned priest who speaks truth to power. His numerous political statements have overshadowed his religious sermons as he advocates partisan and ethno-religious causes, which fan embers of discord rather than fostering peaceful co-existence. Curiously, the cleric established the Kukah Centre as a policy research institute that prioritizes "interfaith dialogue" and "involves actively promoting conversations among Nigeria's faith communities". One shudders to contemplate what the Kukah Centre's research outcome will be. The alarming aftershocks of his latest inciting outbursts lend credence to Reverend Agbali's observation that Kukah "is a high-ranking church official, who has been hanging too much around the corridors of power, so much that the incense of power has also filled his lungs, maybe with nostalgia."

Nigerians must resist all forms of incitement and adopt peaceful co-existence as the enabling environment for democracy to thrive and yield sustainable dividends.

Philemon Bulus writes from Jos

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365 days in office in Imo State

The deluge of felicitations that greeted the recent low key celebration to mark the 62nd birthday of Governor Hope Odidika Uzodinma in Owerri did not come as a surprise, not just because of his status as governor, or former senator, but indeed because he has always lived his life for his people right from his youthful days.

His struggle for self-determination from his early days till date, stands him out among his peers as a man who in spite of his humble beginnings and fair share of life's weaknesses, continued to aim for the top, putting God first always and like the biblical David, always running back to God to ask for mercy and compassion, which perhaps has remained his greatest asset and secret in that journey of life.

Odidika, as his parents named him (meaning, to be alive is more important than anything else) has been through thick and thin and has never pretended to be perfect, but has carried on like a man with a divine covenant to lay down his life for his people.

Like the several biblical stories that showed men and woman who God

used to touch their generations, inspite or themselves, God seems to have also decided to use Uzodinma to uplift Imo people after nearly 40 years in political wilderness.

In the last 365 days of the shared prosperity administration in Imo State, a lot has indeed been done! For instance, reforming the Justice Administration system, such that the poor can access justice equally and in good time just as the rich; renewal of the urban capital city of Owerri with better road maintenance and modern drainage systems as well as streetlights and trafficsigns that are now being obeyed; major road constructions in Okigwe and Orlu senatorial zones by a world class firm called Craneburg; free bus rides to and from work for all civil servants; automation of salaries and pensions with billions of naira being saved therefrom, the total elimination of the ghost worker/pensioner cankerworms; attraction of foreign investments in the oil sector, agriculture, construction, health, education and so on, most of which will begin to manifest fully post-COVID; reducing the cost of governance as

all avenues for wasteful spending of funds have been blocked with the introduction of the Single Treasury Account System (TSA).

Governor Uzodinma has successfully cleared arrears of salaries of 40,000 workers, out of the 46,000 workforce and has also paid 21,000 pensioners up to December, 2020. The few yet to be paid are mostly those with one irregularity or the other such as using their spouse's BVN, dormant bank accounts, using the BVN of microfinance banks, falsification or tampering of records of service, etc.

The governor has, however, assured that everyone who is cleared will be paid in full in the coming weeks and months, as he has vowed repeatedly never to tamper with "blood money", which is the way he describes salaries and pensions.

It is our fervent prayer that the same God who has brought Uzodinma this far, will grant him the enablement to discharge his duties without fear or favour, so help us God.

Chief Toni Wakiki Akuneme writes from Imo State

Missing Trump's comedy

Today January 20, 2021 marks the end of tenure of President Donald John Trump, the 45th President of the global leader, and most liberal and strongest democracy, the United States of America.

It is a great day when the world will again witness a peaceful and smooth transition of power from one democratically elected government to another and one of those many occasions where the US often justifies that the will of the people remains supreme.

Bringing the end of President Trump's dramatic tenure, specifically the structure of the elections to the transition process, came with a lot of interesting but controversial and horrible yet strange and phenomenal developments that the whole world would continue to recount.

Memories of events and scenarios, most interesting being the person of the Republican President, his jovial nature and idealism, and character and dreadfulness would overwhelmingly top the list of happenings and events that already stand to be greatly missed!

His alien culture during the rounds of debates in the buildup to the elections with his Democrat challenger and now President of the United, President Joe Biden was, indeed, a watershed. Contrary to the usual tradition during debates, the session this time was derailed by a tormenting amount of insults and baseless criticisms that not only surprised millions of Americans but other people around the world.

His arrogance, compounded by an outrageous behaviour, sometimes made me to ask whether he used to forget when he is on camera.

His zigzag on the novel coronavirus pandemic, accusations and allegations against international institutions and organisations especially the US withdrawal from the WHO and the mantra of making America Great were some of the greatest dilemma with him.

Interestingly, he will be remembered as one of the media-exposed presidents, always active on his Twitter handle and one of the few American presidents that did not go to war with any country throughout his tenure. All hail Trump as you depart the White House, enjoy a happy life in good health!

Yusuf Mairiga Shekarau writes from Yelwa, Plateau State

Open letter to President Buhari on appointment of new VC for FU Wukari

I wish to draw your attention to the marginalisation of Taraba indigenes who applied for the vacant position of Vice Chancellor at Federal University Wukari being perpetrated by some of your political appointees.

Mr. President, the position of the Vice Chancellor of FU-Wukari, Taraba State, was recently advertised and over 10 candidates have since applied for the job.

Out of these applicant's, one is a distinguished professor from Wukari,

with excellent academic profiles and years of cognate experience in the academia and administration.

It's pertinent to stress that Professor Dalhatu Umaru Sangari from Wukari is a renowned expert in his field and possess the requisite experience in leadership, policymaking, management, accountability, and global networking. These qualities should have been enough for him to be considered for appointment as the next VC of the university but this does not appear to be the case due to

the activities of the current VC and the head of the screening committee.

Indeed, there are serious allegations that the VC, Professor Kundiri, has conspired to disqualify Professor Dalhatu Sangari in order to enthrone a puppet as the next vice chancellor.

We do not believe the search for the VC is following due process. Why will the process of selecting a position of public trust be held in secrecy? Why are the VC and the search committee yet to publish the list of candidates, even after missing many deadlines?

Mr. President, it is very unfortunate that Taraba people, especially the people of Wukari (the host community) are not just a minority in their own home, but many qualified Tarabans have been denied appointment while their children are denied admission even with more than required JAMB scores.

What happens to the catchment zone, and advantages enjoyed by host communities?

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Curtail excesses of Amotekun

The idea of establishing the Southwest security outfit, Western Nigeria Security Network, popularly known as *Amotekun*, was conceived by governors of the region to bridge the gap created by the federal police in tackling some security challenges in the region about a year ago.

However, reports emanating from the region about the modus operandi of the outfit are very disturbing and need to be urgently checked.

The security outfit has been accused of various rights infringements. One of which was the shooting of a police officer, Fatai Yekini, in Sabo area of Oyo town by an *Amotekun* corps member identified as Ibrahim Ogundele on Saturday, January 2, 2021. Another incident happened in Ibarapa Local Government of the state, where a septuagenarian, Alhaji Usman Okebi and his two sons were killed.

Alhaji Usman was killed when the members of the corps allegedly stormed their settlement and started shooting sporadically.

Earlier, on December 19, 2020, *Amotekun* operatives were accused of killing two people in Isale Osi area of the state. Also on December 20, a 400-level student of the Federal College of Education in the state, Akolade Gbadebo, was killed by the operatives who claimed he was an armed robber and cultist.

The National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) disagreed with the corps on the allegation. Two youths were also allegedly killed by the corps in Tapa community of Ibarapa local government of Oyo State on January 6, 2021.

The latest of their abuses is the killing of a 23-year-old man, Tosin Thomas in Inalende Area of Ibadan on January 13th by one of its operatives identified as Afolabi Kazeem.

The development led to the suspension of commercial activities for hours as residents staged a peaceful protest. A news medium recently reported that 11 persons were allegedly killed by the corps in three weeks.

We join in condemning a statement by the Osun State Commandant of the *Amotekun*, during the launch of the corps, which stated that indecent dressing and bastardising the Yoruba language would not be tolerated.

We urge that people in authority avoid such statements as that could be misinterpreted by members of the corps to go after innocent citizens indiscriminately.

The warning by the revered traditional ruler, the Alaafin of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Olayiwola Adeyemi III, to the *Amotekun* corps was timely and commendable.

The oba was quoted as saying "*Amotekun* that are going about with guns are doing the job not given to them. *Amotekun* are doing the job God doesn't like.

"Because they are in uniform does not mean they can terrorize the community by collecting money from citizens".

We also commend Nobel Laureate, Professor Wole Soyinka, on the call for the *Amotekun* corps to toe the line of the law.

He said, "I have told them anytime you want us to come and assist, we will come even if it is just on the ethical session so that as you are training them to defend us, we are also training their minds so that *Amotekun* does not become another SARS".

From the foregoing, there is need for a reorientation of the members of the *Amotekun* corps. The methods adopted by the members are unorthodox and that should not be the case. Officials of the corps should ensure that all those recruited are of good character. They should also be properly trained and the mode of operation clearly spelt out to them. The use of technology in tracking criminals should be encouraged as well. They should work with the police and the issue of carrying arms by members should be addressed as they may not have been properly trained to handle such at this stage.

Also, the *Amotekun* should avoid actions that portray them as pursuing an ethnic agenda. It is important that they maintain professionalism and respect rules of engagement at all times. All those found wanting in the incidents recorded so far should be fished out and punished appropriately to serve as deterrent to others.

Amotekun should not be allowed to be hijacked by miscreants as that would defeat the purpose for which it was formed.



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My case against President Buhari for unfair treatment

By Umar Ardo, Ph.D

A few days ago, I read a news report of President Muhammadu Buhari calling on Nigerian elite to criticise his government fairly. In other words, he is asking that he should not be criticised unfairly. Since I have no mandate to take on the president on the fairness or lack of it with regards to his appointments, projects and whatever other benefits of his government vis-a-vis the different parts of the country, I will respond to his call on the elite insofar as it concerns me as an individual with a case of unfair treatment by the president.

As a Ph.D holder, as a former lecturer at the Nigerian Defence Academy and as one once an appointee in the government of President Olusegun Obasanjo with office at the Aso Rock Presidential Villa, I suppose I can rightly claim belonging to the elite group of the Nigerian society. I also know that I am among the virulent critics of the Buhari administration since 2017. But then, I am also THE KEY FIGURE that is responsible for Buhari's fourth contest and victory after three failed attempts. I can say without fear of contradiction that no Nigerian is responsible for laying the very foundation of President Buhari's fourth attempt to the presidency more than my humble self. And this is not a hyperbolic statement.

At a time when he lost his third presidential bid in April 2011 and vowed not to ever contest again, and when most people were running away from him, it was at that time that I patriotically braved it and came to his support. I brought in new ideas, new strategy, new vigour and new contacts, and other real and tangible values to his political aspiration. In less than three hours, I convinced him to change his publicly expressed political stance of not running again, and agree to go to the tribunal and to contest again. Afterward, I sourced for the funding of each and every aspect of my approved ideas. So I didn't sell my ideas to him for money. Hence, between April 2011 when CPC went to the tribunal and July 2013 when APC was registered, I was about his 'most trusted' political confidant in the execution of the new strategy. And the result is what he is today - the president!

Unarguably, without me doing what I did in that intervening period, Buhari would never have been the president of Nigeria in 2015 as it turned out.

But what did I get in return for the victory - rejection and total lockout! Astonishingly, I have till date not set eyes on him from the day he was announced president-elect. The last time we communicated on phone was on the Election Day, 28th March 2015. Except for his cryptic text message response of "Ameen Hardo" to my wishing him well on 27th August, 2015, commemorating the date of his overthrow as military Head of State, I never had any communication with President Buhari again. And this is in spite of all my spirited efforts of phoning and texting him on the lines we used to communicate with; of contacting those who used to give me unfettered and almost

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I believe President Buhari himself, those I brought on board his project and those the president introduced to me for the execution of the project, all know what I am saying is the absolute truth, evidential, provable and, therefore, indisputable. I have written a book titled 'Court and Politics: Chronicling my Experience in the Nigerian Theatre', in which I dedicated chapter seven to account in great detail activities relating to my role in the Buhari presidency

instant access to him; and of formally writing to him three letters seeking appointments with him. For no any fault of mine that I know of, the president failed to see me till date to even congratulate him on the victory I put in so much for him to achieve. Rationally, the least I expected of him after winning was to give me protection against his powerful opponents that I took on in the process of executing what I and him sat and plotted.

Unlike most others, who negotiated their support for him, I didn't negotiate nor ask for anything of him when I came to his aid; all my efforts were geared only towards his attaining victory, in the belief that he would fix this country by ridding us in the North East of Boko Haram

and Nigeria of corruption, which the Goodluck Jonathan regime apparently seemed initially unable to do. Hence, my not asking of him any personal gains, believing that, as a Muslim, he will recognise and appreciate my efforts and contributions, and repay me accordingly without having to ask. And that is the truth.

But as things subsequently turned out, I am totally mistaken; President Buhari is not what I thought him to be, both in terms of capacity to solve the country's teething issues and in character to repay good with good! For me personally, having been unfairly treated by him, I find it difficult to comprehend the president's call for fair criticism - prompting me to write this piece!

What did I do to deserve this unfair treatment from the president? No one to date told me; and that's all I want to be told. Without a reason, I feel betrayed by a cause I practically put my life on the line for. As we all know, three things define a man: his perseverance when in need; his attitude on attaining his need; and his gratitude towards those who helped him attain his need. These three tell who a person truly is! In the light of these, therefore, can the president in all honesty, talk of fairness? As fairness is reciprocal, if President Buhari wants to be treated fairly (not that I criticise him unfairly), should he not also learn to treat people, treat Nigerians and treat all those that helped him attain his otherwise unattainable ambition fairly? I think so. After all, repaying good with good is not only a divine injunction, but also the hallmark of good leadership.

I believe President Buhari himself, those who I brought on board his project and those the president introduced to me for the execution of the project, all know what I am saying is the absolute truth, evidential, provable and, therefore, indisputable. I have written a book titled "Court and Politics: Chronicling my Experience in the Nigerian Theatre", in which I dedicated chapter seven to account in great details activities relating to my role in the Buhari presidency. And whosoever wants to challenge my claims is welcome to be my guest.

Finally, having long made my point public through the media, I have since moved on, and have forgiven the president and all those we worked with to make the project a reality, leaving everyone to their consciences, believing that God Almighty will vindicate the righteous.

Dr. Ardo writes from Yola

PLATEAU STATE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD. JOS.

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PROJECTS, JANUARY, 2021

COUNTRY: NIGERIA
PROJECT: UBE, BALANCE OF 2017, 1ST - 4TH QTR. 2018 NORMAL INTERVENTION
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS: CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF CLASSROOMS, MOTORIZED BORE HOLES AND VIP TOILETS
COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS DATE: 20th JANUARY, 2021
TENDER OPENING DATE: 3rd MARCH, 2021

IFB NO. IFB/SUBEB/UBEC/NCB/001/BALANCE OF 2017/2018

- The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria through the intervention of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and Plateau State Government have made available funds for the course of Universal Basic Education in the State, and the Board intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for Renovation and construction of Classrooms/offices, Motorized Boreholes and VIP toilets in some Primary/ Junior Secondary Schools across Plateau State.
- The Plateau State Universal Basic Education Board wishes to invite reputable Contractors who must have registered with (Plateau SUBEB) to tender for the Construction/renovation works in the following Schools.

LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION WORKS. BALANCE 2017, 1ST – 4TH QUARTERS 2018.

BALANCE 2017					
S/N	LOT NO.	NAME OF SCHOOL	LGEA	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BLOCK
1	001	LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNGHA, MANGU	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF SIX CLASSROOMS ONE STOREY BUILDING WITH SIX (6) CONVENIENCES AND FOUR (4) OFFICES	
2	002	T/BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL SHENDAM, SHENDAM	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF SIX CLASSROOMS ONE STOREY BUILDING WITH SIX (6) CONVENIENCES AND FOUR (4) OFFICES	
3	003	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RE CONSTRUCTION OF VIP TOILETS	
4	004	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF SIX CLASSROOMS.	A
5	005	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFFICE.	B
6	006	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF FIVE CLASSROOMS.	C
7	007	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF LIBRARY/HALL	J
8	008	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF FIVE CLASSROOMS/OFFICE/STORE	K
9	009	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS.	L
10	010	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF ONE CLASSROOMS STORE AND TOILET	D
11	011	OBASANJO MODEL SCHOOL HWOLSHE, (Compound A).	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF FENCING (COMPOUND A)	
12	012	T/BAPTIST PRIMARY SCHOOL SHENDAM, SHENDAM	SHENDAM	COMPLETION OF FENCE AND GATE HOUSE	
13	013	LEA FADAN FOBUR	JOS EAST	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A
26	039	LEA BWAGAFOM	BARKIN LADI	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE (MUD)	B
27	040	GJSS HEIPANG	BARKIN LADI	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	E
28	041	GJSS MARIT	BARKIN LADI	RENOVATION OF EXAMINATION HALL	D
29	042	LEA BUHIT	BASSA	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B
30	043	ECWA ZABOLO	BASSA	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	A
31	044	LEA DUTSEN PENGANA	BASSA	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B
32	045	GJSS BINCHIN	BASSA	COMPLETION OF EXAMINATION HALL	C
33	046	GJSS ZALAKI	BASSA	COMPLETION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B
34	047	LEA KUNET	BOKKOS	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS	B
35	048	LEA GARWAZA	BOKKOS	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS	A
36	049	LEA ROM	BOKKOS	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A
37	050	LEA MAIDUNA RICHA	BOKKOS	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS	B
38	051	GJSS TARANGOL	BOKKOS	RENOVATION FOUR CLASSROOMS/TWO OFF/ TWO STORES	D
39	052	GJSS RICHA	BOKKOS	RENOVATION TWO CLASSROOM/LABORATORY	B
40	053	LEA PYAKMALU	BOKKOS	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS OFFICE/STORE	A
41	054	LEA TAGGAI MANGUNA	BOKKOS	RENOVATION FOUR CLASSROOMS	A
42	055	LEA MAIYANGA (A)	BOKKOS	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS IN ECCDE	A
43	056	LEA BODA	JOS EAST	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	A
44	057	LEA NAKWANG	JOS EAST	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	D
45	058	GJSS FEBAS	JOS EAST	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B
46	059	LEA FEBAS	JOS EAST	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C
47	060	GJSS KAWURI	JOS NORTH	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/TWO OFFICES	D
SECOND QUARTER					
48	061	LEA BABALE	JOS NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
49	062	LEA DANDA	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
50	063	LEA MUNGVEL	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
51	064	LEA DANANCHOR KURU	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
52	065	LEA DAHWOL	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
53	066	LEA YIPONG	KANAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
54	067	LEA BIRBYANG	KANAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
55	068	LEA KUTKUR	KANAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
56	069	LEA KUFAYIN BAWAS	KANAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
57	070	LEA KAZAI	KANAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
58	071	GJSS GYANGYANG II	KANAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
59	072	LEA BOLKON 1	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
60	073	LEA DINTING	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
61	074	LEA LEBOB DAWAKI	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
62	075	LEA KUNTANGLE	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
63	076	LEA LEPTAR GUGUR	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE	
64	077	GJSS NEMEL	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
65	078	LEA MABE	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
66	079	LEA GANGTANG	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
67	080	LEA KUKWAR	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
68	081	LEA LIPCHOK (NDERE)	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
69	082	GJSS GAZUM	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
70	083	LEA GAMAKAI CENTRAL	LANGTANG SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
71	084	LEA PRI. SCH. TIM-FIM	LANGTANG SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
72	085	GJSS GANGARE	JOS NORTH	RENOVATION OF SEVEN CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A
73	086	EKAN KURU	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C
74	087	LEA GAZOK	JOS SOUTH	COMPLETION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	A
75	088	ST. JOSEPH DU	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE	A
76	089	LEA KOGOM	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/LIBRARY	A
77	090	GJSS SOT VWANG	JOS SOUTH	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C
78	091	GOVT SCIENCE SCHOOL KURU	JOS SOUTH	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A

79	092	LEA MUNBUTBO	KANAM	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/TWO OFF/STORE	A	151	164	LEA KOPNUWANG	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
80	093	LEA GANGAR MBAN	KANAM	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		152	165	LEA NADANG	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
81	094	LEA KAKYAM	KANAM	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	A	153	166	NOMADIC GOEPIA	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
82	095	GJSS KWALMIYA	KANAM	RENOVATION OF EXAMINATION HALL/TWO OFFICES	B	154	167	LEA CHARONG	RIYOM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
83	096	GJSS KUNKYAM	KANAM	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	B	155	168	LEA DACHINDO	RIYOM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
84	097	GJSS KANTANA	KANAM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C	156	169	LEA FANG BACHI	RIYOM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
85	098	LEA GURUNTUNG	KANAM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	B	157	170	GJSS KWAKWI	RIYOM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
86	099	LEA GARYANG	KANKE	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	A	158	171	LEA YAMINI	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE	
87	100	LEA LEPEK GARAM	KANKE	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A	159	172	LEA NBEET	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
88	101	GJSS KABWIR	KANKE	COMPLETION OF A HALL FOR TWO LABORATORIES	D	160	173	LEA LU NUWAWANG	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
89	102	GJSS GYANG GYANG 1	KANKE	RENOVATION OF EXAMINATION HALL	F	161	174	LEA NTAJI ZEMSUK	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
90	103	GJSS DAWAKI	KANKE	RENOVATION OF EXAMINATION HALL	E	162	175	LEA NGOTUUGUT	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
91	104	GJSS NYAYIT	KANKE	RENOVATION OF EXAMINATION HALL	B	163	176	LEA LU-LAWAN (SHENDAM)	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
92	105	LEA GAZUM	LANGTANG NORTH	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	F	164	177	GJSS YELWAN SHENDAM	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
93	106	LEA TAHFA	LANGTANG NORTH	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C	165	178	GJSS GOEPAAL SHENDAM	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
94	107	LEA BAPKWAI	LANGTANG NORTH	RENOVATION OF FOUR CRMS/TWO OFF/TWO STORES	A	166	179	LEA PADAMAN GIWA	WASE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
95	108	GJSS LIMUN (BWARAT)	LANGTANG NORTH	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	B	167	180	LEA NOMADIC BOMBORI	WASE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
96	109	GJSS ZAMKO	LANGTANG NORTH	COMPLETION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	F	168	181	LEA UNG. DANBURAM	WASE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
THIRD QUARTER											
97	110	GJSS TIMBOL	LANGTANG SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		169	182	LEA MAVO	WASE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
98	111	LEA BWAI	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		170	183	GJSS WADATA KASUWA	WASE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
99	112	LEA KOPSHU	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		171	184	GJSS TAKALAFIYA	WASE	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
100	113	LEA NPAT	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		172	185	LEA NAKUM, BWALL	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A
101	114	LEA BUGAL	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		173	186	LEA MIKET	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	A
102	115	LEA PWASKOP	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		174	187	LEA MIKET	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C
103	116	LEA KAHARYAM (MANGUN)	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		175	188	GJSS SHINDAI	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	E
104	117	GJSS RAMANI	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		176	189	LEA KOPFOGOM	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS	A
105	118	LEA PRI SCH DUHUR KOMBUN	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		177	190	GJSS BUM	RIYOM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFFICE	C
106	119	LEA JWAKOM	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		178	191	GJSS WERENG	RIYOM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/TWO STORES	F
107	120	LEA DOSS	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		179	192	LEA KWI	RIYOM	RENOVATION OF FIVE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B
108	121	LEA GOTLONG	MIKANG	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		180	193	LEA TIGI	RIYOM	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/TWO OFFICES	A
109	122	LEA GANGGOENVEL	MIKANG	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		181	194	LEA PAPE MOEKAT	SHENDAM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	B
110	123	LEA KONGGONG	MIKANG	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		182	195	T/RCM KALONG	SHENDAM	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS IN ECCDE	B
111	124	GJSS JIMAKWI	MIKANG	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		183	196	T/RCM KALONG	SHENDAM	COMPLETION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE	E
112	125	LEA DYIS RCM	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		184	197	LEA KAWO	SHENDAM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	B
113	126	LEA KOSS 3	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		185	198	LEA YABARU DEMSHIN	SHENDAM	COMPLETION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A
114	127	LEA LANGUNG	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		186	199	LEA HAMBIAK (SAMIYA)	SHENDAM	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C
115	128	LEA NER PADA	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		187	200	LEA LARABA	SHENDAM	COMPLETION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	
116	129	LEA WULMI CENTRAL	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE		188	201	GJSS SHIMANKAR	SHENDAM	COMPLETION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	E
117	130	LEA DIMWAI (KANGMUN)	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		189	202	GSS BASHAR	WASE	RENOVATION OF FIVE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE/TOILET	A
118	131	LEA ASA	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		190	203	LEA GUWAN KOGI	WASE	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C
119	132	LEA DUNGPEY	PANKSHIN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		191	204	LEA GINYIR	WASE	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	C
120	133	LEA KWAN	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		192	205	LEA UNGW. MALLAM ADAMA	WASE	RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	B
121	134	LEA WALNIM	LANGTANG SOUTH	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C	193	206	NOMADIC BAYAN DUTSE	WASE	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A
122	135	LEA BOLGANG	LANGTANG SOUTH	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	A	194	207	GJSS LAMBA	WASE	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	D
123	136	LEA KARKASHI	LANGTANG SOUTH	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B	195	208	LEA BEHIND NDLEA	JOS NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
124	137	GJSS T/BUA	LANGTANG SOUTH	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	B	196	209	LEA TUDUN WADA	JOS NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
125	138	LEA DUNGWEL	MANGU	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A	197	210	RCM PRIMARY SCHOOL KABONG	JOS NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
126	139	LEA KOMTUL	MANGU	RENOVATION TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	B	198	211	CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL DADUR	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
127	140	LEA PWOSKOP	MANGU	RENOVATION FOUR CLASSROOMS	B	199	212	CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL LANGTANG	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
128	141	LEA HIKTUP	MANGU	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS (MUD)	B	200	213	CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL GAZUM	LANGTANG NORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
129	142	LEA MUTONG	MANGU	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE (MUD)	B	201	214	CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BOKKOS	BOKKOS	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
130	143	GJSS MURISH	MANGU	RENOVATION THREE CLASSROOMS	C	202	215	CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL DAFFO	BOKKOS	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
131	144	GJSS MANGU	MANGU	RENOVATION FOUR CLASSROOMS	G	203	216	CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL RICHIA	BOKKOS	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
132	145	GSS BWALBWANG	MANGU	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS, VP, DS & FCS OFFICES	F	204	217	RCM PRIMARY SCHOOL KABWIR	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
133	146	T/RCM GARKAWA	MIKANG	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	A	205	218	LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL KWALL	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
134	147	LEA BALTEP	MIKANG	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	C	206	219	RCM PRIMARY SCHOOL AMPER	KANKE	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
135	148	GJSS TUNKUS	MIKANG	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	F	207	220	ISLAMIYA ZAWAN	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
136	149	LEA JIMAKWI	MIKANG	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE	D	208	221	EKAN VOM	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
137	150	GJSS ASA	PANKSHIN	RENOVATION OF FOUR CLASSROOMS	D	209	222	RCM PRIMARY SCHOOL KURU	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
138	151	GJSS PANKSHIN	PANKSHIN	RENOVATION OF DORMITORY-BOYS HOSTEL	A	210	223	LEA JEBU BASSA	BASSA	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
139	152	EKAN MUPUN	PANKSHIN	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	A	211	224	ECWA ORIMARY SCHOOL MIANGO	BASSA	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
140	153	LEA LUMCHANG	PANKSHIN	COMPLETION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFFICE	B	212	225	LEA AMO KATAKO	BASSA	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
141	154	LEA JIMIN	PANKSHIN	RE-CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS	B	213	226	LEA FADAN FOBUR	JOS EAST	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
142	155	LEA KAPIL	PANKSHIN	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	B	214	227	LEA ANGWARE CENTRAL	JOS EAST	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
143	156	LEA NADU	PANKSHIN	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS	A	215	228	LEA GANAWURI	RIYOM	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
144	157	LEA SIHIN	PANKSHIN	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE(MUD)	A	216	229	LEA JOL	RIYOM	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
145	158	CHILD WELFARE ,BAAP	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE	A	217	230	ST MARKS' PRIMARY SCHOOL	BARKIN LADI	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
146	159	CHILD WELFARE ,BAAP	QUAÁNPNAN	RENOVATION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE IN ECCDE	C	218	231	ST JOSEPH'S BARKIN LADI	BARKIN LADI	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 CABIN PIT VIP TOILETS	
FOURTH QUARTER											
147	160	LEA PANDAM	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF THREE CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		219	232	OLUSEGUN OBASANJO MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL HWOLSHE	JOS SOUTH	CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES OF 25,000 LITRES ELEVATED STEEL TANK	
148	161	GJSS TURNIANG	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		220	233	LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL BUNGHA	MANGU	CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES OF 25,000 LITRES ELEVATED STEEL TANK	
149	162	GJSS YITLA'AR	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		221	234	ST MATTHEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL JENTA MANGORO	JOS SNORTH	CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES OF 25,000 LITRES ELEVATED STEEL TANK	
150	163	G.S.S WANG	QUAÁNPNAN	CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLASSROOMS/OFF/STORE		222	235	TRANS RCM NGOTUUGUT	SHENDAM	CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES OF 25,000 LITRES ELEVATED STEEL TANK	
						223	236	LEA PRIMARY SCHOOL MATIDONG	BOKKOS	CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES OF 25,000 LITRES ELEVATED STEEL TANK	

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COLLECTION OF BIDDING documents at the Department of Physical and Engineering Services between the hours of **10:00 am and 4:00 pm Mondays to Fridays daily.**

1. Bidders will be conducted through the NCB bidding procedure
2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Director, Department of Physical and Engineering Services and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below between the hours of 11:00 am – 4:00 pm each working day.
3. Bidders must come with photocopies of SUBEB receipt for tender fee, proof of Pre-Qualification for the collection of tender documents.

TENDER FEE: N 10,000.00
ACCOUNT NAME: PLATEAU SUBEB
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5900003789
BANK: HERITAGE BANK, BEACH ROAD, JOS.

SUBMISSION:

The following constitute the details for the submission of tender:

1. Tender must be submitted to the Director, Department of Physical and Engineering Services of Plateau State Universal Basic Education Board by dropping in designated Bid Box **on or before 10:00 am on 3rd March, 2021.**
2. Tender documents are to be enclosed in two separate envelopes and such envelopes should be packaged in a bigger size envelope, clearly marked with Lot No. on the Right hand side addressed to the Executive Chairman PSUBEB No. 7 Dogon Dutse, Jos.
3. Bids must be accompanied with 2.5% of bid price as bid security, obtained from a Bank or Insurance company.
4. Late bids will be rejected.
5. **All bidders should ensure they have visited the sites for verification before bidding to ensure correctness of the bid price.**
6. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders/representatives, who are advised to attend.
Time: 10 am Venue: SUBEB, Jos (Board room) Date: 3rd March, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PRE- QUALIFICATION

Firms/companies who are interested in bidding for jobs must possess the following eligibility requirements: The Company Profile **MUST** include the following.

1. Certificate of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
2. Detailed Company Profile.
3. Tax clearance certificate for the past Three (3) years ending 2020 and VAT registration Number.
4. Evidence of registration with Industrial Training Fund (ITF).
5. Evidence of payment into Plateau State IGR and PLSUBEB accounts for registration with PLSUBEB, Jos.
6. Registration details can be obtained at the Department of Physical and engineering Services of the Board.
7. Evidence of completion of similar jobs, i.e. satisfactory completion certificates.
8. All interested Companies must have on its Board or membership a professional who is either a Civil or Electrical Engineer, Architect, Builder, and Quantity Surveyor with certificates as project supervisors.
9. Any submission of uncertified documents may lead to outright rejection of the bid(s).

SUBMISSION OF PRE –QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE ON OR BEFORE 26th FEBRUARY, 2021 (I.E COMPLETE COMPANY PROFILE, INCLUDING SOFT COPY).

PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION

1. Payment of N30, 000.00 Registration Fee into the IGR Account of the Board of Internal Revenue, using Company's TIN Number obtained from the Board of Internal revenue.
2. Payment of N25, 000.00 Processing Fee into SUBEB Account @ Heritage Bank @ No. 25 Beach Road, Jos, Account Number 5900003789.
3. Present Bank Teller to SUBEB Accounts Department to obtain SUBEB receipt and Registration Form.
4. Proceed to the Physical & Engineering Services Department for computerization and finalization of Registration.
5. Submit Company profile to the Deputy Director Civil Works of the Physical and Engineering Services Department.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. All submission are to be made in English Language.
2. Plateau State Universal Basic Education Board is not obliged to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Board has identified service providers for the supply of the following materials to contractors to ensure quality control, uniformity, and standardization.

1. Aluminum roofing sheets gauge 0.55mm
2. Doors and windows gauge 16mm in angle iron frame
3. Magnetic White Board
4. Paint - Cream, White and National Green.

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SURVEYORS COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (SURCON) INVITATION TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SURVEYORS INVESTIGATING PANEL

In line with Section 16 Cap S18 LFN 2004, Disciplinary Powers of the Council, the Council during its 88th Meeting held on 17th December 2020 reconstituted the Surveyors Investigating Panel, SIP. The Council further directs the Panel to continue with investigations of all matters before it. Consistent with the provision of the Act, the Panel hereby invites the following Registered Surveyors to appear before it at its scheduled sitting for investigations into various allegations of professional misconduct labeled against surveyors.

S/No	SURVEYOR AND MATTERS UNDER INVESTIGATION	REG. No.
1	ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF SURV. MAIKANO YAKUBU fnis, AND SURV. OLADELE RASHEED ON ALLEGATION OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF KARSHI LAND FUNDS.	334 1130
2	ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF SURV. CHIKEZIE A JOSEPH ON ALLEGATION OF UNETHICAL PRACTICE IN SURVEY OF OIL SPILL SITES AT EKEREMO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF BAYELSA STATE.	1257
3	ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF SURV. ISAH SHEHU ON ALLEGATION OF UNETHICAL PRACTICE IN SURVEY OF CEMENT COMPANY OF NORTHERN NIGERIA SITES SOKOTO.	1636
4	ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF SURV. AGBENLA JOSEPH OLORUNJUWON fnis ON ALLEGATION OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT	705
5	ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF SURV. FOLAHANMI ROTIMI ON AUDIT REPORT AND ON ALLEGATION OF MISAPPROPRIATION OF SSCE FUNDS	1312
6	PETITION AGAINST SURV. UMAR ALKALI BY ZAMFARA STATE GOVERNMENT ON ALLEGATION OF UNETHICAL PRACTICE AND SERIOUS MISCONDUCT.	2494
7	PETITION AGAINST SURV. EGBUH INNOCENT ON ALLEGATION OF UNETHICAL PRACTICES IN RESPECT OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES, CROSS RIVER STATE	908
8	PETITION AGAINST SURV. OKOLO EMMANUEL BY UMUAGBA DEVELOPMENT UNION IMEZI-OWA, ENUGU STATE ON ALLEGATION OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT	1974
9	PETITION AGAINST SURV. IYAWO C.U BY NIS EDO STATE CHAPTER ON ALLEGATION OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT AND MALADMINISTRATION OF SURCON STATES COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, EDO STATE.	1849

2. Letters of invitation to appear before the sitting of the Panel have been sent to respective emails addresses of the Surveyors concerned and the same is posted to them by courier service. This publication is by the order of the Council and shall serve as reminder to the invitees to appear before the Panel as per the following schedule

Date:- Thursday, 28th January 2021
Time:- 10:00 am
Venue:- The Council Chamber, SURCON Headquarters, 10 Yauri Street, Garki II, Abuja.

Signed
Surv. KABIR, M. M
The Registrar/CEO

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 18, 2021)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

‘Cooking gas consumption reached 1m metric tonnes in 2020’

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) consumption exceeded one million metric ton in 2020, making it the first of such record in Nigeria.

Daily Trust reports that Nigeria consumed 840,594MT of gas in 2019, which was a 60.5 per cent rise over the 635,452MT recorded in 2018.

According to the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA), this steady

and sustained pattern of growth culminating in the over 1m MT of LPG domestic consumption milestone in 2020 has placed the country as the first in West Africa and one of the leading LPG consuming nations in Africa.

“With this feat, the country is on track to meet the five million MT by 2022 target, set in the Nigeria Gas Policy (NGP) of 2017, which translates to an average of one million MT/year, provided we collectively sustain and ramp up intervention efforts

and initiatives of government and all stakeholders,” the PPPRA Executive Secretary, Abdulkadir Saidu, said in a statement.

Saidu said the attainment of the 1m MT domestic utilisation milestone is a testimony to the progress made so far in ensuring the provision of alternative sources of fueling to Nigerians in place of the traditional PMS, AGO and DPK and altering the nation’s energy mix in favour of locally-available options.

The Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) Limited has increased its allocation of LPG to the domestic market from 350,000MT to 450,000MT this year to support this goal.

The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) also recently began the production and load-out of LPG at the new Nigerian Petroleum Development Company Limited (NPDC) Oredo Gas handling facility in Edo State, with a production stream of 330MT daily.

Customs awaits trade import lists from AfCFTA committee

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has said it is awaiting the National Action Committee (NAC) to provide the list of duties and charges waived for liberalised goods under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement.

Daily Trust reports that the AfCFTA that allows African countries to trade goods without huge import duties began on January 1, 2021. However, information about its implementation across the borders has been bleak.

But NCS, in a statement by its Public Relations Officer, Deputy Comptroller Joseph Attah, yesterday, said although the service is to implement the policy, lists of the affected trade items have not been given to it.

“We, therefore, await the National Action Committee (NAC) on the list of duties and charges waived for liberalised goods under AfCFTA.

“The list of the 90 per cent liberalised National Trade Offers; the list of 70 per cent non-liberalised exclusive goods at the regional level; the list of three per cent non-liberalised sensitive goods.

“The appointment of a competent authority responsible for issuing and authenticating certificates of origin and registering enterprises and products within the region,” it said.

“Hence the need to methodically harvest and integrate all data associated with AfCFTA into our system for easy deployment, access and use by the trading public.”

The NCS, which recently announced the constitution of the Joint Border Patrol team along with neighbouring countries, recommended that each country should have a representative in the continental chamber of commerce to ensure transparency within the body.

“While awaiting clear directives concerning tariffs for all goods covered by this agreement, we want to assure the public of our preparedness to fully deploy our services at the shortest notice,” the statement noted.

Downward trend continues as stocks lose N16bn

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The domestic equities market sustained the previous day’s loss as the All-Share Index fell marginally by seven basis points (bps) to close at 41,051.63 points due to sell-offs in BUA Cement (-1.1 per cent), Access (-3.7%), and UBA (-2.2%).

As a result, the year to date return fell to 1.9% while market capitalisation declined by 16.1 billion to settle at 21.5 trillion.

Activity level was mixed as volume traded fell 28.9% to 525 million units while value traded rose 27.9% to 5.3bn.

The most traded stocks by volume were Transcorp (42.9m units),

Zenith (28.5m units), and BUA Cement (25.7m units) while BUA Cement (2bn), Zenith (746.0m), and Guaranty (348.8m) topped by value.

Performance across sectors was mixed as 3 indices lost, 2 gained and one closed flat.

Investor sentiment as measured by market breadth strengthened to 2.2x from the 1.7x recorded previously as 43 stocks advanced against 20 decliners.

W A P I C (+10.0%), Afrimedia (+10.0%) and NEM (+10.0%) were the best-performing tickers while Ardova (-8.6%), Honeyflour (-8.3%) and FTN cocoa (-8.3%) were the losers.



FIRS generated N4.9tr in 2020

By Chris Agabi

The Federal Inland Revenue Service collected N4.952 trillion in total tax revenue in 2020, the Executive Chairman of the FIRS, Mr Muhammad Nami has said.

He told journalists in Abuja on Tuesday that the tax collection rate represents approximately 98 per cent of the national tax target of N5.076tr set for the FIRS by the federal government.

Mr Nami pointed out that this almost 100 per cent collection feat was all the more remarkable when placed against the backdrop of the debilitating effects of COVID-19 on the Nigerian economy, the all-time low price of crude oil in the international market, and the business disruptions and looting during the #EndSARS protests.

Other factors to consider include the generous tax waivers granted by FIRS to ease the impact of the COVID-19

shutdown, additional tax exemptions granted to small companies in the 2019 Finance Act, and insecurity in some parts of the country.

Mr Nami attributed the FIRS revenue generation success in 2020 to several reforms initiated by the board and management of the service under his leadership.

The reforms, he explained, included capacity building for members of the staff, improved staff welfare package, promotion and proper placement of staff, deployment of appropriate technology for tax operations, segmentation of taxpayers to ease tax compliance and continuous collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

Nami said: “The FIRS is optimistic this current fiscal year 2021 will be better than 2020. We shall perform exceedingly well given that our service reforms are expected to yield greater dividends, especially as different parts of tax administration are being automated.

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

SUNDAYS – TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS - SATURDAYS										WEDNESDAYS (ONLY)																	
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NEWS

Dana Air removes fees on flight changes

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Dana Air said it has introduced a flexible 'no change fee policy' that removes a fee when passengers change their flights.

The airline's Communications Manager, Kingsley Ezenwa, said with the policy, prospective passengers would only be charged a fare difference without a change fee when they make up to two changes on their ticket at least two hours to their flight.

"However, if the changes are made after the flight is operated or one hour to the flight, the fee will be applicable. This new policy is part of our promise to our guests to offer an improved service delivery, innovative and supportive products to meet and exceed their travel expectations.

"Our 10 percent on base fare web discount is still available to encourage our guests to embrace our multiple, safe, and secure online platforms," Ezenwa added.

Sterling, Mercy Corps to train 90,000 rural farmers

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Sterling Bank Plc has entered a partnership with Mercy Corps to train more than 90,000 farmers on better agricultural practices to improve output and grow the sector.

The programme, Feed the Future Nigeria Rural Resilience Activity, is a five-year programme funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Feed the Future Project.

Giving details of the intervention during the official signing of the Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) which held virtually, Group Head, Agriculture, and Solid Mineral Finance, Sterling Bank, Bukola Awosanya, noted that the partnership with Mercy Corps Nigeria is in tandem with the financial institution's commitment to the economic recovery of the country as recession and food inflation bite harder.

She said: "Agriculture is pivotal to our strategy as a financial institution. It had been clear to us before now that Nigeria would only prosper when we place priority on core areas of our national life.

"We have remained faithful to this strategy for years and this MOU represents an expression of our faith in the agribusiness value chain as well as its place in economic recovery and development," Awosanya stated.

Ndubuisi Anyanwu, Country Director at Mercy Corps Nigeria, said the project became necessary considering the need to support critical sectors and stakeholders in parts of Nigeria as the international organisation had done in other countries of the world.

Chief of Party, Feed the Future Nigeria, Rural Resilience Activity, Margarita Aswani, pointed that her organisation believes that ensuring economic recovery and development is one of the many ways to expand opportunities for every citizen, noting that Sterling Bank's role is critical to this process.

"We are glad to enter into this partnership with Sterling, seeing as it aligns with the bank's HEART Strategy. The many opportunities in this project will improve the lives of every stakeholder, especially the small-holder farmers."

NSE to launch first derivative product

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) has disclosed that it will soon launch its first derivative product after the NG Clearing limited received approval in principle from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to launch clearing and settlement of exchange-traded derivatives products as Nigeria's premier Central Counter Party (CCP) house.

This was disclosed by Chief Executive Officer, NSE, Oscar Onyema, while speaking to newsmen during the NSE's 2020 Market Recap/2021 outlook yesterday in Lagos.

Onyema also said plans are underway for the listing of ordinary

shares of the Nigerian Exchange Group holding group (NGX Group Plc) and its emergent subsidiaries for public trading at the stock market.

The NGX Group Plc was created as the parent company for the NSE and its operating structures with its three operating subsidiaries – Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX), the operating exchange; NGX Regulation Limited (NGX REGCO), the independent regulatory arm; and NGX Real Estate Limited (NGX RELCO), the real estate company – forming the group.

He said the listing of the shares is expected to be the first order business once the exchange gets approval of the ongoing demutualisation (conversion).

He added that its listing will be

by introduction - a process that allows the scheme shares from the demutualisation of the exchange to be listed for public trading without initial public offering (IPO) while noting that the timeline of activities will run smoothly with the receipt of all major regulatory approvals.

On the outlook of the market, the NSE CEO said the exchange expects the marginal reopening of businesses, normalisation of the economy and revenue diversification drive of the Nigerian economy to elicit positive sentiments throughout the year.

He however called for caution on the nation's growth expectation, stating that the second wave of COVID-19 in Nigeria and indeed globally, may slow down renewed social and economic activities



■ From left: Executive Commissioner, Corporate Services, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Mr Ibrahim Boyi; Executive Commissioner, Operations, SEC, Mr. Dayo Obisan; Executive Secretary, National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), Prof. Mohamad Nasir Sambo; Director General, SEC, Mr Lamido Yuguda, and the Executive Commissioner, Legal and Enforcement, SEC, Mr Reginald Karawusa during a meeting between SEC and NHIS in Abuja on Tuesday.

Emirates, Etihad test-run IATA Travel Pass

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is partnering with Emirates and Etihad Airways, both United Arab Emirates (UAE) airlines to test-run the IATA Travel Pass.

It is a mobile app to help passengers easily and securely manage their travel in line with any government requirements for COVID-19 testing or vaccine information.

IATA Travel Pass enables Emirates passengers to

create a 'digital passport' to verify their pre-travel test or if vaccination meets the requirements of the destination.

Prior to a full roll-out, Emirates will implement phase one in Dubai for the validation of COVID-19 PCR tests before departure.

Adel Al Redha Emirates' Chief Operating Officer said: "While international travel remains as safe as ever, there are new protocols and travel requirements with the current global pandemic."

On its part, Etihad

Airways, the national airline of the UAE, the travel pass would be offered to Etihad Airways guests on selected flights from Abu Dhabi in the first quarter of 2021. If successful, the pass will be extended to other destinations on the Etihad network.

IATA in an email statement yesterday said the Travel Pass will keep passengers in control of their data and facilitate the sharing of their test with airlines and authorities for travel.

It will also make it

convenient for passengers to manage travel documentation throughout their journey.

Chief Operating Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, Mohammad Al Bulooki, said, "COVID-19 tests and vaccinations will be key to get the world flying again."

Meanwhile, Emirates airline, in partnership with dnata, yesterday rolled out the COVID-19 vaccination programme for its substantial UAE-based workforce making available the Pfizer-BioNTech and Sinopharm vaccines.

'Why Heirs Holdings acquired stakes in OML 17'

By Chris Agabi

TNOG Oil and Gas Limited has said the parent company, Heirs Holdings, invested \$1.1 billion into acquiring 45 percent stakes in OML 17 because of the huge potential of the oil asset.

Mr. Samuel Nwanze, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) who spoke in an interview monitored on Arise TV, said although it has 27,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day capacity, the well has the potential to ramp up to

100,000 barrels per day.

Heirs Holdings and its affiliated company, Transnational Corporation of Nigeria Plc ("Transcorp") owners of TNOG Oil and Gas Limited recently acquired 45 percent of OML 17 from Shell, Total, and ENI.

"There are also huge employment opportunities (direct and indirect jobs) because we will grow what we currently have there. We see this as an opportunity to make a contribution in the economic and social development

of the people," Nwanze said.

Giving an insight into its community engagement policy because of the volatility of the environment, he said: "There are a lot of things we want to do. First, we want to relate and continue with the community engagement that Shell SPDC has been having with the communities. But we want to enhance that because we are indigenous. This is our home so we intend to apply the principles that we have done on the other assets we own."

NEWS

Why industrialization process is slow – Minister

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu, has said Nigeria's industrialization process had been slow due to weak technological base.

Onu stated this when he received the President of Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Babagana Muhammed in his office in Abuja on Tuesday.

He explained that the

Executive Order 5 would only be sustainable by bringing Nigerian engineers and scientists to the centre of the country's economic activities.

He stated that with all the research going on all over the world, new knowledge is coming up and it is important that our engineers be acquainted such innovative knowledge.

The Minister called on the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) and the National Science

Engineering and Infrastructure (NASENI) to work in synergy to bring an end to power problems in the country.

Earlier, the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Babagana Mohammed said the society had created an advocacy platform for exploration and harnessing of regional resources for rapid regional economic development, through collaborations amongst government, academia and industry.

Youths trained on local tricycle production

By Francis Arinze Iloani

The National Automotive Design and Development Council and Simba TVS, have partnered to train youths on the production of tricycles, popularly called 'Keke'.

Simba is a brand of three-wheelers (tricycles) in Nigeria.

Receiving a tricycle from Simba TVS on Tuesday in Abuja, the Director General of NADDCC, Jelani Aliyu, said the training has added a lot of value to the automotive industry as well as in addressing

youth unemployment.

"Three-wheelers are an integral part of transportation in Nigeria. You can transport people and goods with them. It's something we are very happy in doing," he said.

Aliyu said most tricycles used in Nigeria are locally assembled and that local content in production has also increased significantly over the years.

He said increased local content, domestic assemblage and transportation business using tricycles have created jobs for young

Nigerians.

The Regional Business Head of Simba TVS, Kamlesh Piralee, said the firm would further partner with NADDCC to use its training institute for youth empowerment.

"We do not only sell, we train the youths and give certificates to the technicians. They can get opportunities in the automatic sector," he said.

The Simba Group, founded in Nigeria in 1988, is a conglomerate with operations across Nigeria's most dynamic economic sectors.

COVID-19: CHI hopeful of economic rebound

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

CHI Limited, a beverage and fruit juice firm has said there are hopes of improved services this year as Nigeria recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement, the company encouraged Nigerians to apply their positive spirit in their endeavours and to overcome any challenges they may currently face as individuals and as a country.

The company noted that 2020 was an extraordinary year for many Nigerians due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the resultant unprecedented disruptions to socio-economic routines, and the crisis in the public health sector which made the year a very difficult one for most Nigerians.

It noted that it was able to address the

challenges posed by the first wave of the pandemic, the company was exploring varied opportunities for dealing with the resultant effects of the pandemic in various sectors of the economy.

The company believed that the country is ready to embrace opportunities that will come in the new year that has just begun.

Commenting, the Managing Director, Mr. Deepanjan Roy, said despite the challenges currently being experienced in the country, 2021 offers Nigerians another chance to achieve everything they have set out to achieve on a personal and collective front.

"As we celebrate the New Year, it is important for us to take stock of the outgone year and embrace new learnings for improvement in the new year," he added.

FG restates support for MSMEs

The Federal Government has pledged its commitment to supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in order to create more job opportunities for the nation's teeming youths.

The Director General of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDAN) Alhaji Dikko Radda made the pledge on Tuesday in Kano during a MSME's Support Organisation Dialogue.

Radda said the dialogue was aimed at bringing key stakeholders in the Nigerian MSME Eco system to discuss possible measures of moving the sector forward, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Represented by the Director Partnership and Coordination of the agency, Dr Friday Okpara, Radda said that MSME was considered as a key factor of economic transformation globally, hence much emphasis needed to be put in place with the aim of achieving the set objectives.

He maintained that the dialogue would be on issues on challenges confronting MSME development in Nigeria.

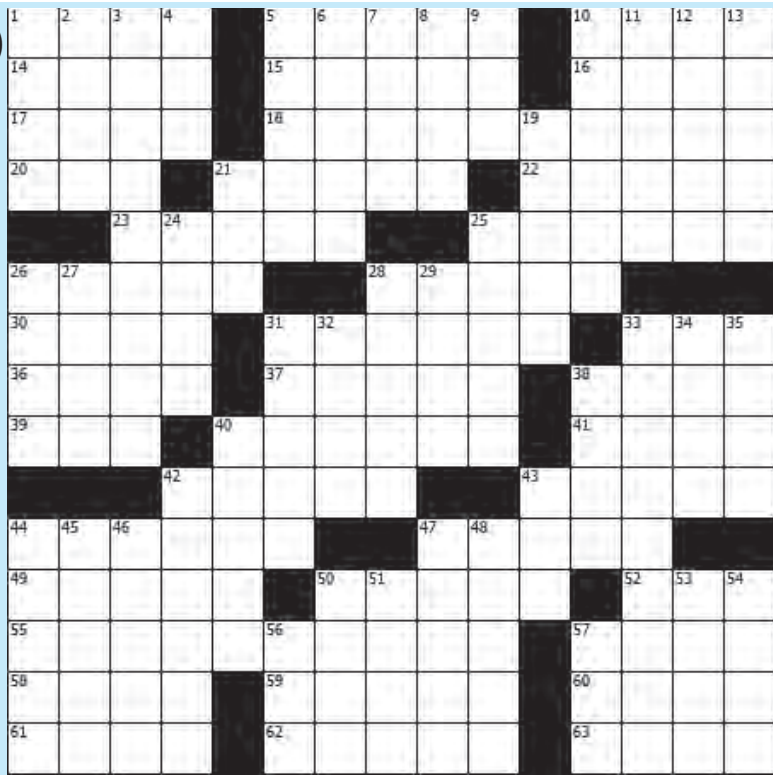
Radda said that the dialogue would also suggest ways of enhancing synergy toward MSME development, enhancing effectiveness of the federal and state governments MSME support to organisations for better service delivery among others.

In his remarks, Gov. Abdullahi Ganduje said his administration had conducted a research on the existing gaps of small and medium enterprises in Kano, which led to the establishment of the Ultramodern Dangote skills Acquisition training centre in the state.

Ganduje explained that his administration had trained over 1,000 youths, including women in Auto Mechanic with the aim of making them self-reliant. (NAN)

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



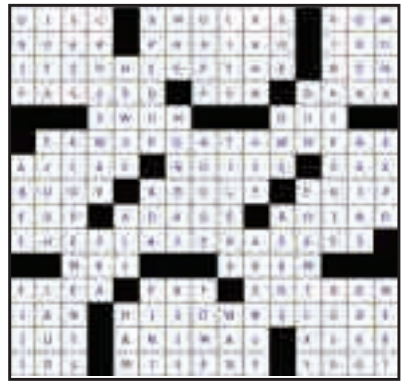
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- 15. Incensed
- 16. Exceptional
- 17. Over again
- 18. New Year's Day promise
- 20. "Cry ____ River" (2 wds.)
- 21. Summarize
- 22. Farm towers
- 23. Wave top
- 25. Struggle roughly
- 26. Tolerated
- 28. Skirt fold
- 30. Assists
- 31. Continuing story
- 33. Valuable stone
- 36. Joy
- 37. Cloudless
- 38. Remedy
- 39. Gore and Roker
- 40. Sci-fi weapons
- 41. Train track
- 42. Warning alarm
- 43. Famous
- 44. Crossword direction
- 47. Waltz, e.g.
- 49. Blouse
- 50. Strong string
- 52. Gents

Down

- 1. Comedian Sandler
- 2. Draw the ____
- 3. Phone number prefixes (2 wds.)
- 4. Embroider
- 5. Grows weary
- 6. Put up
- 7. Space gp.
- 8. Intersection sign
- 9. Lamprey
- 10. Monet, e.g.
- 11. Metal fasteners
- 12. Salivate excessively
- 13. Feel
- 19. Customary
- 21. Scarlet
- 24. Fragrant flower
- 25. Rips
- 26. Epic
- 27. Money drawer
- 28. Primp
- 29. Teller of falsehoods
- 31. Wound remainders
- 32. Other than
- 33. Central American country
- 34. Cleveland's lake
- 35. Merge
- 38. Gator's kin
- 40. Shopping aids
- 42. Most painful
- 43. Compass pt.
- 44. Organization (abbr.)
- 45. Asian country
- 46. Bus patron
- 47. Counts calories
- 48. Fidgety
- 50. Correct
- 51. Left
- 53. Always
- 54. Broadway sign
- 56. Bill
- 57. Plant seeds

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (182)



SUDOKU >>

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 182

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SNAPSHOT >>

One in four Britons say they resorted to DIY dentistry during lockdown, pulled out aching teeth with pliers



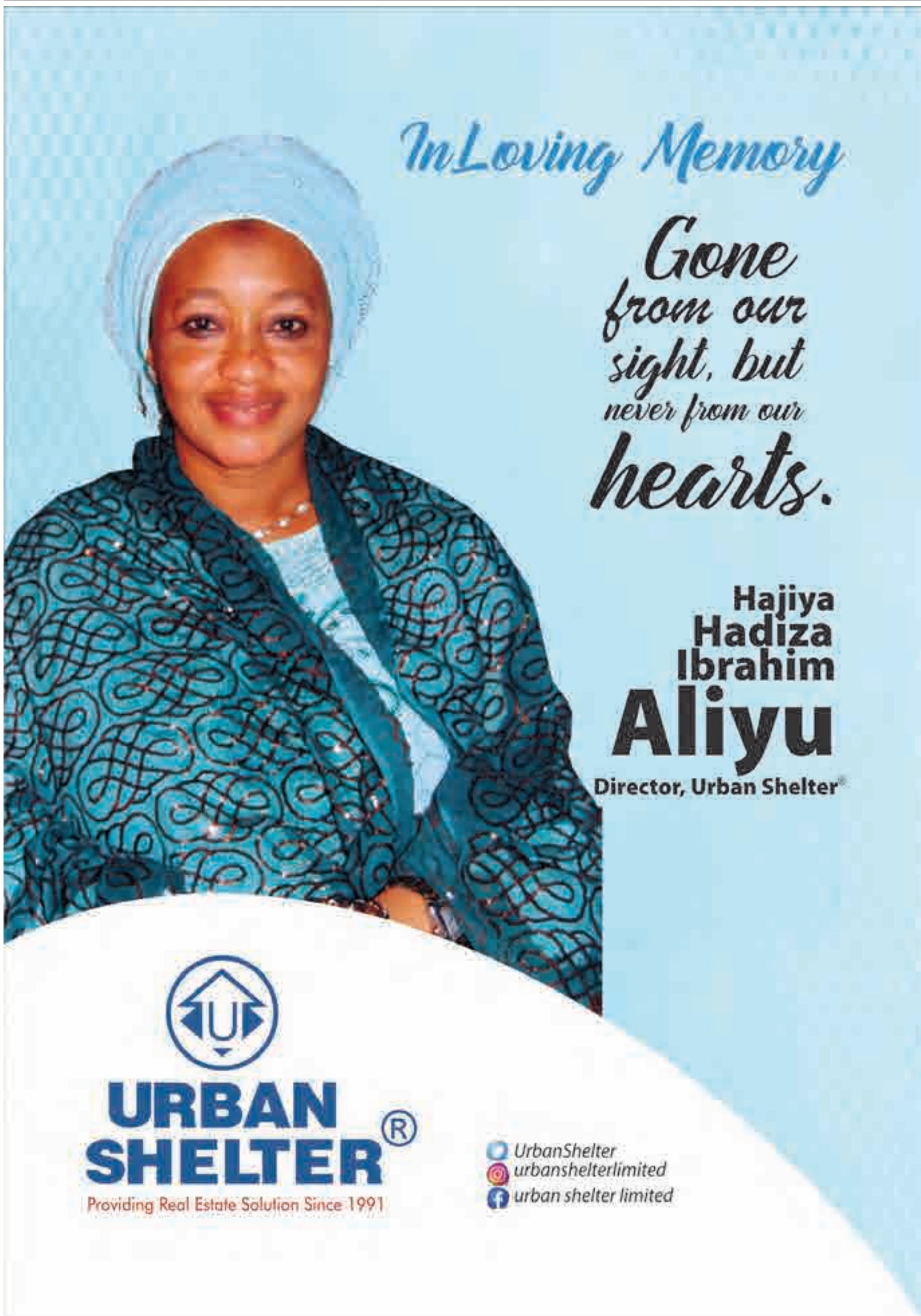
A study of 2,000 adults by the Oral Health Foundation in partnership with Colgate found that 24 per cent of adults in the UK tried to fix their teeth problems at home during the pandemic. In October last year, father-of-three Chris Savage, 42, from Southsea in Portsmouth, yanked two of his teeth out in his bedroom, after he was unable to register with a dentist. He told The News. "Nobody wants to take part of their own face away with a set of pliers with no real painkiller." Billy Taylor, from Axminster, Devon, told The Sun: "The pain was excruciating. My face was swelling. I think it was an abscess." Also, Fay Edwards told ITV's This Morning last year that she had unsuccessfully tried to remove a tooth after being left in excruciating pain. 'I started with tweezers trying to loosen the tooth. I got my husband's pliers and tried to remove it myself. I just wanted it out.' In April Paul Cutting, from Canvey Island, Essex, decided to pull out his wife Karen's aching molar after she was denied an emergency dental appointment. The latest study also found that problems around oral health were made worse by a rise in unhealthy eating and drinking habits during the lockdown. The foundation's chief executive, Nigel Carter, warned that "treatments in untrained hands often comprise of shortcuts that come with added dangers and can lead to permanent damage to your health."

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SIGN LANGUAGE >>



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1095 Days ...

In my Heart .

It's been 1095 days. It's been hard to take. Very hard! It's been difficult to accept. Very difficult! The feeling of loss is not getting any easier by the day. I have come to accept it never will! I miss you every day!

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihin rajiun. From Allah we all came. To Him we shall all return. May Allah give you his rahama and Aljannat Firdaus. Amin.

Mallam Ibrahim Aliyu
Sardaunan Minna



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COVID-19: FCTA warns school heads against breach of protocols

By **Terkula Igidi**

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has said principals and head teachers will be sanctioned if their schools are found to be unclean.

The FCTA acting Secretary of Education, Malam Leramoh Abdulrazak, who led the Chairman of the FCTA Secondary Education Board, Alhaji Yahaya Musa, acting Director of FCT Universal Basic Education Board and other top officials of the

secretariat on inspection visits to schools in the city yesterday urged the heads to adhere strictly to COVID-19 protocols.

The team which visited Government Junior Secondary School (GJSS), Area 11, Garki; GSS Area 10, Garki; Regina Pacis College, Garki II; and Government Science and Technical College (GSTC), Area 3, Garki, expressed satisfaction with the observance of the COVID-19 measures.

After the visits, Malam Abdulrazak said, "From what we have seen and our

interactions with students and teachers, we are satisfied that there is knowledge about COVID-19 and the safety protocols, and there is high level of compliance in the wearing of face mask, regular hand washing and maintaining social distance.

"It was also seen in the sitting arrangement whereby the capacities of the classes have been reduced to less than half in order to maintain social distance," and stressed that "head teachers and principals are primary agents of compliance to the protocols."

The acting secretary added that where there were gaps, the secretariat would call the attention of the school administrators, emphasising that "where we observe breach in some of the measures, the administrators will be sanctioned."

He further said, "In highly populated schools, we have introduced a shift system. We have morning and afternoon sessions where half of the class will come in the morning and the other would come in the afternoon to ensure compliance."

Abdulrazak added that the relevant departments and units in the SEB and UBEB would continue with routine inspection to ensure compliance in all schools.

The Principal of GSTC, Garki, Mr James Kuta, while speaking to journalists, assured that the school would observe religiously the non-pharmaceutical protocols, adding that his students had fabricated a hand washing machine as a demonstration of the school's commitment to complying with the COVID-19 safety measures.

Abaji chief appeals for bridge

By **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

The Village Head of Nanda in Agyana/Pandagi Ward of Abaji Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Chief Thomas Tukuruku, has appealed to the authorities of the council to construct a bridge across a stream in the area.

Chief Tukuruku, while speaking with our reporter on Saturday, said lack of a bridge across the stream had cut off his people from neighbouring villages.

He said he mobilised his subjects to raise funds and engaged a timber operator who constructed a wooden bridge across the stream to enable his people have access to some of the neighbouring communities.

He further said farmers in the community suffered losses while transporting crops to the market, noting that the construction of a standard bridge across the stream would reduce the suffering of the people of the community.

The chief also lamented lack of potable water, saying the two motorised boreholes that supplied water for the community had broken down and that residents trekked long distances to streams to fetch water.

Reacting, the Chairman of Abaji, Alhaji Abdulrahman Ajiya, said the council had already captured the construction of the bridge in its 2021 budget, adding that he would direct the works department of the council to visit the community to assess the cost for the repairs of the boreholes.



■ A pickup van crosses a wooden bridge which link Nanda-Panadagi communities in Abaji Area Council.
Photo **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

After *Daily Trust* report, work kicks off on Kuje road

By **Olayemi John-Mensah**

Months after a report by Daily Trust on the deplorable state of the only access road to Kuje Town, capital of Kuje Area Council of the FCT, accommodating thousands of workers who work in Abuja City, work has started to give the road a facelift.

Daily Trust in September, 2020, reported the hardship residents go through while plying the road as a result of gridlock from Tipper Garage to

Secretariat Junction occasioned by its deplorable condition.

Speaking to our reporter, the spokesperson of the chairman of the council, Nuhu Tanko, said the chairman was more worried than anyone over the deplorable state of the road and that he had been working towards rehabilitating it.

Tanko said they met with the Minister of the FCT to lay a complaint about the road, and that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) promised to fix the road.

A resident, Mr Yakuku, commended the government for remembering the people of Kuje, saying despite that life was a bit comfortable when it came to house rent, food and others, many people had packed out of the town due to the bad road and epileptic power supply.

A commercial driver, Bako Dauda, also said the bad road had done a lot of harm to many peoples' vehicles, adding that, "We are happy this is coming in this New Year."

Aduda commissions health, school projects

By **Abubakar Sadiq Isah**

The Senator representing the FCT, Philip Aduda, has commissioned health centres and classroom blocks which he donated to Nuku, Kwaita and Rimba communities of Abaji and Kwali area councils.

Senator Aduda, represented by his senior legislative aide, Alhaji Danjuma Kawu, also commissioned water projects in Gwargwada, Rubochi, the Onah's palace in Abaji, as well as in Anguwar Hausawa in Kwali Town.

Speaking during the commissioning of the two blocks of six classrooms in Nuku on Tuesday, Aduda said the classrooms would complement the effort of the FCTA towards enhancing access to quality education across the territory.

He noted that the health centres he built for residents of Pukafa and Rimba communities were part of his 2019 electioneering campaign promises.

He, therefore, called on the benefiting communities to make good use of the facilities.

The Village Head of Pukafa, Salihu Gwomna, commended Aduda for keeping to his campaign promises, adding that the completion of the health centre would improve the health of his people, even as he appealed to him to fence the facility.

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#EndSARS: 3 charged with arson for burning police station

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

The police in Lagos have filed a three count criminal charge against three suspected arsonists who allegedly set fire on Ilemba Hausa Police Post and Police Barracks, property of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

The charge was signed by Superintendent of Police Cardozo Yetunde from the Lagos State Police Command.

The suspected arsonists are Chibuikwe Madu, 35, Maruf Banuso, 35, and Timothy Dike, 20. They are alleged to have conspired with others who are still on the run to commit the offence during the #EndSARS protest.

The alleged offence was committed on October 20, 2020 at Ilemba Hausa Police Post, Ajangbadi, Lagos in the Lagos Magisterial District, contrary to and punishable under Section 411 of the

Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The suspects were also said to have in your possession a motorcycle suspected to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 329 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015.

They all pleaded not guilty to the charges. Further hearing has been fixed for February 8, 2021.



■ A Police sergeant prostrates to beg for mercy after threatening Judicial Panel of Enquiry member in Abeokuta

Photo: Peter Moses

Police arrest housewife for killing husband's fiancée

The police command in Kano State has arrested a 20-year-old housewife, Suwaiba Shuaibu, in Doguwa Local Government Area for allegedly stabbing to death her husband's 17-year-old fiancée.

The command spokesman, DSP Abdullahi Haruna, confirmed the arrest in a statement in Kano on Tuesday.

The statement showed that the incident occurred on Jan. 1, at Gimawa village of the LGA.

It announced that investigation revealed that the deceased and the suspect's husband had been in love for more than six years, and were due to wed on January 9.

"On January 2, at about 10.30 am, a complaint was received from one Kabiru Jafaru, of the same address that the body of

his 17-year-old daughter, who got missing on Jan. 1, was found in an uncompleted building in their neighbourhood.

"The complainant said the victim was suspected to have been stabbed on her neck by her killer(s).

"Upon receiving the complaint, the scene was visited and the body was evacuated to Tudun Wada General Hospital for examination by a medical doctor," the statement said.

It revealed that the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Habu Ahmad, instructed a team of detectives, led by the Doguwa Divisional Police Officer, CSP Bala Shuaibu, to investigate the matter.

The statement noted that

the team swung into action and apprehended the suspect.

"During interrogation, the suspect freely confessed she had called the victim on the phone, deceived and lured her to an uncompleted building in their neighbourhood where she used a sharp knife to stab her on her neck, chest and other parts of her body.

"The suspect disclosed she killed the victim out of jealousy, because her husband proposed to marry her," it said.

The statement also said the case had been transferred to the command's Criminal Investigation Department, Homicide Section, for discrete investigation, adding that the "suspect will be charged to court at the completion of investigation". (NAN)

Youths foil robbery attack, recover gun, motorcycle

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

A four-man armed robbery gang which invaded Igbolerin Ojo area of Lagos met stiff resistance from youths of the community who fought the hoodlums to a standstill.

The youths did not only repel the robbers, they recovered one locally made pistol, ammunition and a motorcycle belonging to the gang.

It was learnt that the robbers

arrived in the community on two motorcycles on Sunday around midnight but could not operate as the youths resisted them.

Though the robbers escaped on one of the motorcycles, they abandoned the other bike and one of their guns.

Lagos State Police spokesman, Muyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the incident said it occurred around 11:30pm on Sunday.

Adejobi said the youths

resisted the robbers who fled leaving behind one of their operational weapons.

"The suspected armed robbers came on two unregistered bikes but they were repelled by the youths who have been involved in the community policing strategies of the command.

"One unregistered operational bike and one locally made pistol with a live cartridge were recovered from them," he said.

Police nab 8 cultists for murder in Ogun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The police in Ogun State have arrested eight suspected cultists in different parts of Ifo Local Government Area for alleged murder.

The suspected cultists were members of the Eiye and Aiye cult groups suspected to be involved in the death of a notorious cultist popularly known as Ofada.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, disclosed this in Abeokuta yesterday.

He said the command on Sunday clamped down on members of the cult groups who engaged in a supremacy battle in the Ifo area of the state.

He said the battle claimed the life of one of them simply identified as Ofada who was shot dead by rival cultists.

According to Oyeyemi, a distress call was made to the police in Ifo divisional headquarters and the DPO, CSP Adekunle Adeniyi, led his men to the scene where they met two others with gunshot injuries.

He added that "the DPO and his men subsequently traced the rampaging cultists to Iyana Coker area where three amongst them - Soji Olamilekan, 29, Shobande Olalekan, 26, and Solomon Fadebi 33 - were arrested.

"On interrogation, they told the police that other members had fled to the Osuke area of Onipanu Ota where they were planning to launch another attack.

"Based on the information, the DPO Onipanu division was contacted and he moved to

Osuke where he met a group of cultists holding a meeting in a bush.

"On sighting the policemen, the hoodlums took to their heels but they were chased and with the assistance of the youths in the area four of the cultists - Balogun Oluwaseun, 22, Joseph Onwe, 24, Peter Raphael, 22 and Yusuf Emmanuel, 26 - were apprehended."

Oyeyemi further said that while investigation was going on, information got to the police that one of the cultists was seen receiving treatment for gun-shot injury in Arobiye village, Ota.

He said the DPO Onipanu moved in and got the suspect, 22-year-old Toheeb Olorunkemi, arrested.

The PPRO said the suspect "confessed to participating in the Ifo crisis in which he sustained gunshot injury.

Items recovered from the suspects were one locally made pistol, six live cartridges; four different types of handsets; one black beret and a small bag.

"The corpse of the slain cultist has been recovered and taken to the general hospital mortuary Ifo, and those injured have been taken to the same general hospital for medical care."

He said the Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, has ordered the transfer of the suspects to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department.

The PPRO added that the CP also ordered a manhunt for the remaining members of the groups in order to put their notorious activities to an end.

Judicial panel: How police shot my brother to death - Petitioner

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

A witness, Miss Lucy Thompson, has accused the disbanded Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of shooting her brother, Thompson Thompson, to death.

Speaking on Monday at the Judicial Panel of Inquiry investigating incidents of police brutality in the state, Thompson said his late brother was shot in August 2010 while returning from work.

The witness, who is a fashion designer from Idua community in Eket Local Government Area of the state, said that her late brother was shot in the chest.

Thompson said she was in their parlour watching a movie when she suddenly heard noise as if people were fighting.

According to her, since their house was by the main road and was not fenced, she moved out to see what was happening and saw policemen beating her brother because they wanted to collect

his bag, but he refused to give it to them.

She said when later allowed the policemen to take the bag from him, they then shot him twice in the chest.

She stated that the gunshots attracted people in the neighbourhood to the scene which made the policemen to immediately bundle her brother into the trunk of their vehicle and drive off to the station.

She explained that the corpse of her late brother, deposited in one of the mortuaries in Eket, was later buried in 2014, after several letters of complaint sent to the Commissioner of Police and Inspector General of Police.

"My father, through his lawyer, later wrote a letter to the Akwa Ibom State Commissioner of Police and Inspector General of Police but till date, nothing has been done," she stated.

The seven-man-panel preceded by Hon. Justice Ifioke Ukana adjourned the case to January 21.

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Katsina residents extol military onslaught on bandits

From Mahmoud Idris, Katsina

Communities in Sabuwa, Dandume and Faskari local government areas of Katsina State have expressed confidence in the Nigerian military's ability to dislodge bandits along the Katsina-Zamfara border.

They said the recent

onslaught on the criminals by the military was commendable.

While urging security agents to maintain the tempo, Garba Sule Machika of Sabuwa LGA, said the people have in the last two weeks witnessed the resilience of the military using fighter jets to bombard locations of the bandits.

"In recent weeks there have been significant changes in the way the military has dealt with bandits in this area. About 12 days ago, scores of hoodlums were killed by soldiers around Marabar Maigora; and the recent successes recorded by the military in Zamfara forest have weakened the activities of the bandits though there

are still pockets of attacks in our villages," he said.

Garba urged the security agents to sustain the tempo so that villagers who fled their homes would return.

Sani Iliyasu Dantankari, who was recently released by bandits after paying ransom, said the miscreants have been disoriented by the military action as many of them were

on the run in search of safety.

"In our 19 days captivity in their enclave at Zamfara forest, we overheard the bandits discussing how their members were being killed by the military along Kaduna-Abuja highway and Birnin Gwari area. They are virtually in disarray as military jets frequently shoot them in the forest," he said.

Residents want Birnin Gwari-Kaduna road, others reconstructed

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Residents of Birnin Gwari in Kaduna State have called on the federal government to award the contract for the immediate reconstruction of Kaduna-Birnin Gwari-Tegina highway as well as the Birnin Gwari-Funtua highway to curtail insecurity.

The residents said the roads, which are in deplorable state with so many potholes, contribute to the high cases of armed robbery and kidnapping in the area.

The chairman, Birnin Gwari Progressive Union (BEPU), Barrister Salisu Haruna, told *Arewa Trust Weekly* that due to banditry along the roads, travellers found it risky to move freely as from 4pm.

He said the reconstruction would significantly restore peace and security along the highways.

"Mr President, as we are writing this letter, you should be informed that no commuter drives along Kaduna-Birnin Gwari highway or Birnin Gwari-Funtua highway once it is 4 pm due to fear of kidnapers who demand and forcefully collect nothing less than N15 million from their victims," he said.

The union commended the vigilante group and self-defence initiatives in Birnin Gwari and Zamfara for complementing the efforts made by the army and the police to improve security in the area.

He explained that the vigilante had on several occasions confronted and chased away armed bandits and kidnapers.

Gafiya gets girl child community centre

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

The Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) has constructed and furnished a Girl Child Community Centre in Gafiya village of Kaita Local Government Area of Katsina State.

The project is a direct intervention of UBEC, facilitated by Senator Sadiq Yar'Adua, said the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Dr. Hamid Bobboyi, during the commissioning and official hand-over of the facility in Gafiya village.

Bobboyi lamented that Northern Nigeria holds the record of the highest number of out-of-school girls in the world, hence the need to have such centres to address part of the menace.

He said it was surprising given that in the past 400 years, women from the North played substantial role in the field of Islamic education and scholarship.

He said while it was okay to marry off young girls, as practiced in the region, it was also important to allow them to finish their secondary school education.

In his remarks, the Deputy Governor of Katsina State, Alhaji Mannir Yakubu



Pic by Tijjani Ibrahim

■ Girl-child Community Centre, Gafiya

identified poverty and unemployment as the major threats to society which he also linked to illiteracy.

Yakubu urged members of the community to make the best out of the project and commended UBEC and Senator Sadiq Yar'Adua for their foresight in initiating the project.

Arewa Trust Weekly reports that the centre has a reception, coordinator's office, staff room, two classrooms, computer room with 10 sets of computers,

multi-purpose workshop, five toilets, solar powered panels and inverter.

In a related development, Senator Sadiq Yar'Adua has built an orphanage in Kaita town of Kaita Local Government Area of Katsina State in memory of his grandmother, Hajiya Mariya.

The orphanage, which was handed over to the Jama'atu Izalatul Bid'ah Wa Iqamatus Sunnah (JIBWIS) has the capacity of accommodating 300 orphans and has a school and dormitory.

Civil defence cooperative's new exco assures members on welfare

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

The incoming executive of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Staff Cooperative Investments and Thrift Society, Kaduna State command has assured members that it will meet their welfare needs.

The newly elected executives further assured that by the end of their tenure, they would take the cooperative society a step higher than they inherited it.

Speaking shortly after

taking oath of office, the newly elected chairman, ASC Haruna Sunday said: "We shall put in all our ideas and potentials to ensure that we improve the standard of living of all members of the cooperative."

Arewa Trust Weekly reports that others elected to lead the cooperative for the next two years include Emmanuel Adegbe as Vice Chairman; Waje Barnabas as Secretary General; Amos Dauda as Assistant Secretary; Haruna Ese as Treasurer; and Caleb Bakano as Financial Secretary.

Others are Rahila Joshua as PRO; Danjuma Saidu as Chief Whip; Titus Hassan as Internal Auditor and Abdulganiyu Okino as Legal Adviser.

Speaking earlier, the state commandant who doubles as patron of the cooperative, Nuraddeen Abdullahi, urged the exco to consider their election as proof of confidence and warned them not to disappoint those who put their trusted in them. He tasked them on honesty, justice, transparency and accountability in their affairs.

KDSG strategises on building peace in Zangon Kafaf

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Governor Nasir el-Rufai of Kaduna State has assured that his administration will leave no stone unturned in its effort to deepen the mutual understanding achieved during last year's peace building process initiated by the Atypap Chieftdom.

He said the state government would continue to channel energy towards securing enduring peace for legitimate activities to thrive in all parts of the state and urged the people not to take laws into their hands.

In a message to a peace and reconciliation meeting between Atypap and Fulani youths held at Ungwan Wakili in Zangon Kafaf Local Government Area, the governor, who was represented by the state Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, encouraged residents to always report any breach of peace to the appropriate authorities.

In his message to the meeting, the Agwatypap, Dominic Gambo Yahaya, who was represented by the Dan Madami Atypap, John Bala Gora, commended the people for showing significant interest in restoring peace in Atypap land and urged those that fled the chieftdom to return.

The chairman of the Peace and Security Partnership Committee, John Bala Gora, told the gathering that the essence of the meeting was to seek ways of enhancing peaceful coexistence among the people living in Atypap chieftdom.

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Kano community where females relocate to have secondary education

By Sani Ibrahim Paki

Dan Shayi is a community in Rimin Gado Local Government Area of Kano State, some 40 kilometres away from the state capital.

From the bad access roads to a lone health facility built some two years ago with only one bed and lack of potable water, residents of the community continue to lament and cry for dividends of democracy.

The residents, however, said they are more worried about the fact that for any of their female children to obtain secondary education, such has to relocate from the community because of the lack of a secondary school in the area.

This is at a time the state government has declared free and compulsory basic education across the state.

During a visit to the area, Chronicle observed that the only alternative for those who wish to further their education beyond primary level is by travelling some 20 kilometres to neighbouring communities of Karofin Yashi, Tamawa, Gulu or Yalwan Danziyal.

But as a result of the bad condition of the only road linking the village with other parts of the local government area, students who wish to go to secondary schools have to use bicycles or motorcycles.

This has made it almost impossible for female children to access these schools without having to relocate from their



■ Dan Shayi Ward Head, Mal. Shehu Sani

■ Newly builedical facility at Dan Shayi

community. "We don't have a secondary school here. Those who want to go have to trek all the way to Yalwan Danziyal or Kwankwaso (in neighbouring Madobi Local Government) or use their bicycles.

"Some also go there by car after crossing a river, so it is not really easy for ladies to go there. And when it is the rainy season, it is not that easy to get there due to the rivers surrounding us and the road problem.

"I can't think of any lady that has ever completed her secondary education within the area. Parents who want their daughters to be educated beyond primary level have to take them to other local government areas," Malam

Shehu Sani, the Ward Head of the community, told Chronicle.

Malam Sani said their daughters were willing to study and the parents were not against them studying but for the absence of a secondary school in their community.

"My daughter-in-law for instance has even completed her secondary school, though she had to be going to another village every day," he said.

Another resident of the community, Malam Ilyasu Abdulkadir, said his daughter is presently studying at a faraway boarding school in Garko Local Government Area.

"But not every father has the will and the financial capacity to sponsor his girl-child to that level. Majority of them

marry them off even before completion," he said.

Even in the four-block lone primary school in the area, Chronicle observed that most of the classrooms do not have chairs while a part of one of its blocks has been blown away by a windstorm.

Also, parts of the classroom ceilings have turned to birds' nests due to their exposure to direct sunlight and dilapidation.

Aside from the school problem, the village is also faced with other challenges in the areas of access road, hospital, potable water supply and electricity.

"Even you people suffered on your way here due to the road problem," the ward head said to our reporter.

"We have a hospital there (pointing at the primary healthcare centre in the community), but there are not enough health workers to handle it, no beds, no light or medicine to run it. There are supposed to be three health workers there, but only one is available.

"We usually travel to Kwankwaso or Yalwan Danziyal for treatment. Even for pregnant women who wish to see a doctor for antenatal, they have to travel that distance. In the process, many have been having miscarriages. The only thing our hospital could do is to add drip to patients," he said.

The community leader also lamented that as a result of having only one bed to accommodate patients, when there is demand from more

than one patient, the other has to be laid down on a mat.

"As for electricity, there are only poles that have been erected for years, but we are yet to be connected with the power grid," he said.

He called on the local and state governments to come to their aid to address the road challenge, which he said was contributing a lot to their educational backwardness.

"The only road linking our village to other communities can only be followed conveniently by bicycles and motorcycles but not cars," he lamented.

'We see politicians once in every four years'

On whether they have complained about their predicament to the appropriate authorities, Malam Sani said the only time they see politicians is during elections and political campaigns.

"Politicians only come here once in every four years. When it is time for their campaigns, they will drop their cars at the entrance and use motorcycles to promise us heaven on earth and once they win, the story will continue to be the same," he lamented.

Dan Shayi community dwellers' lives depend largely on farming, but even to transport their agricultural produce to nearby markets is often a nightmare.

Several other communities with similar challenges exist in different parts of the state.

NITDA DG donates cars to police, others in Hadejia LGA

By Habibu Umar Aminu

The Director General, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), Inuwa Kashifu Abdullahi, has donated three cars to three organisations in Hadejia Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

The beneficiaries are Nigeria Police (B) Divisional Office, NDLEA Area Command Unit and the Izala group.

Presenting the vehicles on behalf of DG, Emir of Hadejia, Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje, charged them to make judicious use of the vehicles to bring positive development to the community.

Responding on behalf of the beneficiaries, the Area Commander of the NDLEA, Mr Adanu Edo, promised to make good use of the car and called on people in the area to expose criminal hide out and illicit drug sellers in their communities.

Winners of January 16 LG election in kano

As announced by Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC), the following are the chairmen-elect for the 44 LGAs of Kano State following the January 16 local council election:

Ajingi	-	Murtala Uba Muhammad
Albasu	-	Mu'azu Abubakar
Bagwai	-	Inuwa Zangina Dangada
Bebeji	-	Alhaji Ali Namadi (died on January 19)
Bichi	-	Dr. Yusuf Mohammad
Bunkure	-	Abdulra'uf Umar Nadabo
Dala	-	Ibrahim Mohammed Dansile
Dambatta	-	Mohammed Abdullahi Kere
Dawakin Kudu	-	Nasiru Ibrahim Matage
Dawakin Tofa	-	Ado Tambai Kwa
Doguwa	-	Mahmud Hudu
Fagge	-	Ibrahim Mohammed Abdullahi
Gabasawa	-	Mahe Garba Garin Danga
Garko	-	Salisu Musa Sarina
Garum Mallam	-	Mudassir Aliyu Dakasoye
Gaya	-	Ahmad T. Abdullahi
Gezawa	-	Hudu Usman Zabainawa
Gwale	-	Khalid Ishaq Diso

Gwarzo	-	Engr. Bashir Abdullahi Kutama
Kabo	-	Salisu Kabiru Kabo
Kano Municipal	-	Khamaluddeen Fa'izu Nama'aji
Karaye	-	Balarabe Isyaku Yusuf
Kibiya	-	Alkasim Abdullahi Shika
Kiru	-	Muntari Isyaku
Kumbotso	-	Hassan Garba Farawa
Kunchi	-	Aminu Idi Shuwaki
Kura	-	Mustapha Abdullahi Rabi'u
Madobi	-	Muhammad Lawan Yahaya
Makoda	-	Mamuda Adamu Abdullahi
Minjibir	-	Saleh Ado Minjibir
Nasarawa	-	Auwalu Lawal Shu'aibu
Rano	-	Dahiru Muhammad Musa
Rimin Gado	-	Barrister Dahiru Maigari
Rogo	-	Basiru Bello Mubarak
Shanono	-	Abdullahi Abubakar
Sumaila	-	Ibrahim Hamisu Rimi
Takai	-	Muhammad Bappa
Tarauni	-	Abubakar Zakari Mohammed
Tofa	-	Nafi'u Haruna Garba
Tsanyawa	-	Alhaji Kabiru Suleiman Dunbulum
Tudun Wada	-	Ahmad Tijjani Musa
Ungogo	-	Engr. Dr. Abdullahi Garba Ramat
Warawa	-	Yusuf Abdullahi
Wudil	-	Muntari Garba



Ijesha market fire: Traders count losses

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Days after fire razed the popular Ijesha market, traders are still counting their losses while appealing for support from both the federal and state governments.

At least 62 shops and 28 houses were completely destroyed by the fire which occurred on Saturday.

The fire, which responders said started around 5:00pm, razed down goods worth millions of naira. Luckily, no life was lost during the inferno which started from a gas cylinder kept in a room that was converted into a store.

Nneka Okonji, one of the affected traders, said the fire destroyed all her life savings.

She said she had gone to stock her shop with groceries and baby wears the previous week preparatory to starting fresh sales in the new year.

“What a way to start a year!

Last year, it was COVID-19 which affected our sales. Now it is fire. What a world! I lost over N6 million in the inferno. How do I start this year? How do I pay the loan I collected from a microfinance bank?” she said while fighting back tears.

Another trader, Risikat Ibrahim, called on the government to come to their aid, stressing that if help fails to come, some of the affected traders might die as a result of hardship.

Assistant Territorial Manager of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Ibrahim Farinloye, said the fire outbreak at Ijesha Market completely destroyed about 14 shops, partially affected 48 shops and destroyed an adjoining residential house with 24 rooms.

He said 62 traders and about 28 households were all affected by the fire.



■ Scene of fire incident at Ijesha Market in Lagos.

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka.

136 people die in 225 road accidents in Osun

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

No fewer than 136 people were died in 225 road accidents involving 319 vehicles in Osun State between January and December 2020.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Osun State, Mrs Kudirat Ibrahim, revealed this in Osogbo yesterday while addressing commercial drivers and motorcycle riders.

Ibrahim said 2,724 people were involved in road accidents recorded by FRSC and that 1,362 people were injured while 1,226 people were rescued from accident scenes.

She expressed worry over reckless driving by drivers and overspeeding by commercial motorcycle riders

Ibrahim appealed to vehicle owners to install speed limit device on their vehicles and warned that FRSC would go tough on road traffic offenders in the state to prevent avoidable loss of lives.

Land grabbers invade Ogun community

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Community leaders of Feru village in Ado Odo-Ota, Ogun State, have sent a Save-Our-Soul message to the state governor, Dapo Abiodun, to rescue them from being killed by suspected land grabbers who have invaded

Farmers ask governors to support maize farming

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Leaders of the Poultry Association of Nigeria (PAN) in the Southwestern states on Tuesday stormed Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, to express their displeasure over the high cost of maize in the country.

They called on the governors in the region to support maize farming to avoid hunger and save jobs in the country.

Led by its general secretary, Dr. Olalekan Odunsi, the association said many of its members were in debts while some have closed down their businesses as a result of the high cost of feeds.

Other chairmen at the

press conference were; Mr. Godwin Egbebe (Lagos), Mr. Bisi Babalola (Ekiti), Chief Hemi Olukiran (Osun), Mr. Damian Ogunbo, (Ondo), Mrs. Blessing Alawode (Ogun), Mr. Gbemiso Agboola (Oyo) and Mr. Ojo Akinwunmi (Kwara).

Dr. Odunsi cited shortfall in rainfall, illegal export, herdsmen activities and insecurity challenges as factors affecting farming in the region.

According to him, governors in the region need to put as much efforts in the cultivation of maize as they have done with rice.

The general secretary said that if government refuses to

act now, the industry might suffer total collapse soon.

“If urgent attention is not given to the lingering crisis of grains especially maize and Soya, we fear that an industry with such an enviable statistic may suffer a total collapse.

“In July 2020, the price of maize, due to inadequate supply against the huge demand by poultry sector and other users, rose from N105, 000 to N165, 000. In the midst of this hike in price, the Central Bank of Nigeria announced a ban on forex for the importation of maize which further drove the price to as high as N185, 000/ton,” he said.

Life has been miserable since my hubby died - widow

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The wife of one of the soldiers killed by Boko Haram insurgents in the North-East in 2020, Roheemat Adenike Ogunbisi, has appealed to the federal government to consider her two-year-

old daughter and pay the entitlement of her husband.

Ismail Ogunbisi was killed in January 2020 in Sambisa forest, Borno State.

According to Roheemat, the Army paid her N300,000 in April 2020 as burial expenses of her husband when she was

“This is becoming intolerable and barbaric. The government should come to our aid and put a stop to this turmoil. My people can't sleep with their two eyes closed anymore because the land grabbers operate both in the day and night. If this issue is not addressed in time, it might lead to violence between our youths and the land grabbers,

invited to Maiduguri.

She was later contacted in September 2020 to bring the documents of the late Ogunbisi to Abuja for what she was told would be for speedy payment of his entitlements, but till the time of this publication, she has not been paid any money.

“This is becoming intolerable and barbaric. The government should come to our aid and put a stop to this turmoil. My people can't sleep with their two eyes closed anymore because the land grabbers operate both in the day and night. If this issue is not addressed in time, it might lead to violence between our youths and the land grabbers,

which I do not want to happen,” he said

Gbenga Ibuoye, a miner, who narrated how land grabbers have been invading his site since the beginning of the year, destroying properties and halting business activities, said several petitions have been written to the state commissioner of police and other relevant authorities.

Ogun to complete abandoned estates

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

As part of efforts to reduce housing deficit in the state and provide affordable housing to the people, the Ogun State government said it would soon complete five abandoned housing estates.

The Commissioner for Housing, Jagunmolu Akande Omoniyi, made this known in an interview with journalists in his office in Abeokuta, the state capital.

Omoniyi said the estates located at Ayetoro, Ikenne, Ago-Iwoye, Ijebu-Igbo and Ota, had been built over the years, noting that the houses would be given a face-lift to allow residents have access to decent housing.

“This ministry has decided to renovate the existing housing estates built by the previous administrations, which are yet to be occupied by people, and we are willing to give it a new look, so that residents who have signified interest in occupying the estates can do so,” he added.

The commissioner further said that the state government would not relent in providing affordable housing for the people, declaring that, “All is set on the implementation of the 10,000 Federal Government Social Housing Scheme, among other housing policies of the government.”

US: Everything you need to know about Biden's inauguration today

By Dareh Gregorian

Joe Biden will be sworn in as the 46th president of the United States today in a ceremony that will keep with tradition while being unlike any other inauguration in U.S. history.

There will be pomp, ceremony, former presidents, congressional leaders, A-list performers, parades and tributes to the troops - but before a small, socially distanced audience in a city that has been locked down because of the dual threats of the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed almost 400,000 people in the U.S., and possible domestic terrorism after the deadly violence at the U.S. Capitol.

One thing there won't be is an argument that Biden will have drawn the biggest crowd in inauguration history - he and officials in Washington, D.C., hope it will be the smallest, with people watching from their couches instead of the National Mall.

The day's events will be far more star-studded than Donald Trump's inauguration, which was headlined by country singers Toby Keith and Lee Greenwood. Among those participating Wednesday are pop superstars Lady Gaga and Jennifer Lopez, rock icon Bruce Springsteen and country superstar Garth Brooks.

Here's what to expect Inauguration Day - and night

In broad strokes, Biden and Kamala Harris will be sworn in as president and vice president shortly after noon ET, and Biden will deliver his first presidential address to the country. At night, he is forgoing the traditional inaugural balls because of the pandemic, and he will instead take part in a television event called "Celebrating America."

Who will - and won't - be in attendance?

As was the case with previous inaugurations, most of Congress and the Supreme Court are expected to be in attendance, as are some former presidents. Barack Obama, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton are all set to attend, as are former first ladies Michelle Obama, Laura Bush and Hillary Clinton. Jimmy Carter, the country's oldest living former president, at 96, and former first lady Rosalynn Carter will not be there, but they sent their "best wishes." The inauguration is the first they have missed since Carter was sworn in in 1977.

Also absent will be Trump, making him the first president to skip his successor's inauguration since Andrew Johnson in 1869. Vice



■ President-elect Joe Biden and his Vice Kamala Harris

President Mike Pence will attend.

What's the schedule for the swearing-in?

The exact start time hasn't been announced, but the event is expected to begin around 11 a.m. ET at the West Front of the Capitol.

The proceedings will begin with an invocation by the Rev. Leo J. O'Donovan, a Jesuit priest who is the former president of Georgetown University and a close friend of the Biden family. Andrea Hall, the first African American female fire-fighter to become captain of the Fire Rescue Department in South Fulton, Georgia, will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lady Gaga - who teamed with Biden on domestic violence issues when he was vice president and campaigned for him in the 2020 election - will sing the national anthem.

Amanda Gorman, who became the country's first Youth Poet Laureate in 2017, will read a poem she has written for the occasion called "The Hill We Climb." Like Biden, Gorman had a speech impediment that she has worked hard to overcome. She has also announced plans to run for president herself in 2036 - the first election she'll be old enough to do so.

Gorman will be followed by a performance by Jennifer Lopez, like Gaga a former Super Bowl performer. Brooks, who played Obama's inauguration in 2009, will also perform.

A longtime friend of the Biden family, the Rev. Silvester Beaman, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Delaware, will deliver a benediction.

Who is swearing in Biden?

As is tradition, the chief justice, John Roberts, will

administer the oath of office to Biden just after the clock strikes 12. Biden will take the oath with his hand on top of his 127-year-old, 5-inch-thick family Bible, which will be held by his wife, Jill Biden.

"Have you been working out?" "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert asked her in an interview last month.

Her husband told Colbert that the giant Bible has "been a family heirloom on the Biden side of the family, and every important date is in there."

"For example, every time I've been sworn in for anything, the date has been on that and is inscribed on the Bible," Biden said.

Who's swearing in Harris?

Harris, the first woman, the first Black American and the first South Asian American vice president, will be sworn in by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latina member of the Supreme Court. Like Harris, Sotomayor is a former prosecutor. Sotomayor has experience swearing in vice presidents - she administered the oath to Biden as vice president in 2013.

Harris will be sworn in on two Bibles - one that belonged to a close family friend named Regina Shelton and another that belonged to Thurgood Marshall. Harris has hailed Marshall, the country's first African American Supreme Court justice, as one of her heroes.

What's the theme of Biden's address?

The inaugural theme is "America United," a theme Biden campaigned on and which he is expected to focus on in his speech. A transition official said Biden was still working on the speech over the weekend with family members and senior adviser Mike Donilon. In addition to unity, he is also expected to

speak about healing and to lay out his vision for the many crises the country faces in a plain-spoken way.

Many safety protocols will be in place because of the coronavirus, which will give the ceremony a different look from those of years past. Attendees will be socially distanced, and they will have to wear masks.

The precautions - and a desire to stop people from traveling during the pandemic - led the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, which is in charge of putting the inaugural together, to drastically reduce the number of people who are invited. The committee typically makes 200,000 tickets available for members of Congress, but this year every lawmaker gets two. The committee said the number of attendees will be about the same as when the president delivers a State of the Union speech inside the Capitol, about 1,000 people.

In addition, the traditional luncheon that follows the inaugural ceremony and the inaugural balls has been canceled. The inaugural committee is holding three "virtual" balls Tuesday night, one of them called "We Are One," which will feature remarks from Harris.

The inaugural committee is honoring those who stay away with the "Field of Flags," an extensive public art display on the National Mall that will include about 191,500 U.S. flags of varying sizes, including flags representing every state and territory. There will also be 56 "pillars of light" in honor of all states and territories, the committee said.

What about security after the riot?

Numerous extra security precautions were put in place

after pro-Trump supporters breached the Capitol during the electoral vote count. Over 25,000 National Guard members have been called up to keep the event secure, extra security fencing has been erected near the Capitol, and the White House and numerous streets have been shut down.

The National Mall, usually a place for onlookers to gather, has been closed down, a first. Two groups that had permits for demonstrations agreed to hold them in different areas nearby, and attendees will be screened on their way to the demonstrations.

While Biden has pushed back against suggestions to move the event indoors, the threat of violence has forced some changes. A rehearsal originally scheduled for Sunday was delayed until Monday, and then it was briefly interrupted when a small explosion at a nearby homeless encampment caused a security scare. Precautions also forced Biden to scrap his plans to take a ceremonial Amtrak trip to Washington from Wilmington.

What's happening after the ceremony?

After the swearing-in ceremony is completed, Biden and Harris will take part in a Pass in Review with members of the military on the East Front of the Capitol. Pass in Reviews are a military tradition that honor the peaceful transfer of power to a new commander-in-chief, and every branch of the military will be represented.

After the review, Biden, Harris and their spouses will honor the military by going to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, where they will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Obamas, the Bushes and the Clintons will attend the wreath laying ceremony, as well.

What's Trump doing?

Trump is scheduled to leave the White House on Wednesday morning, taking a final trip on Air Force One down to his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

Discussions are underway for a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, where Trump could deliver remarks before he heads south, where he would arrive ahead of Biden's swearing-in. Possibilities include re-creating the traditional pageantry of a formal state visit by a head of state, including a color guard, a military band, a red carpet and even a 21-gun salute, a person involved in the planning said.

(NBC News)

What you should know about Nigeria's internet code of practice

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Information and Technology experts said the internet can provide a lot of benefits like serving as a source of information, online education, research, commerce, communication and as a key driver for innovation.

But the internet equally provides content that users would find objectionable and would not want themselves, their children, or even society at large, exposed to.

While an open internet is important for driving innovation, there are several factors to be considered in its promotion, such as privacy and data protection, child online protection, objectionable content, unsolicited communications, and traffic management practices that are considered necessary in order to maintain network efficiency. To this end, Nigeria came up with the Internet Code of Practice to define the rights and obligations of Internet Access Service Providers.

The specific objectives of the Code, according to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), are to: protect the right of Internet users to an Open Internet; provide clear guidelines to Internet Access Service Providers on the use of traffic management practices.

Others are to outline the obligations of Internet Access Service Providers in relation to the protection of consumers' personal data; and outline the obligations of Internet Access Service Providers in the handling of offensive and potentially harmful content, and the protection of minors and vulnerable audiences online and ensure adequate safeguards are put in place by Internet Access Service Providers against unsolicited Internet communications.

Transparency

The code says an Internet Access Service Provider shall disclose on its website and in all service agreements, full and accurate information regarding the performance, technical and commercial terms of its Internet Access Services in a manner sufficient for consumers and third-party content providers to make informed choices regarding their use of such services.

The NCC further says any traffic management practices employed by an Internet Access Service Provider for the purposes of network optimization shall be fully publicly disclosed, including: the specific reason(s) why the traffic management practices are required; the specific goal(s) of the practices implemented; the manner in, and the extent to which those practices may affect the Internet Access Services.

No discrimination

Another important aspects of the code is the provision that says an Internet Access Service Provider shall treat all lawful traffic within the same service category equally, without discrimination, restriction or interference, irrespective of the sender and receiver, the content accessed or distributed, the applications or services used or provided, or the terminal equipment used.

No blocking

"An Internet Access Service Provider shall not block any lawful content, applications, services, or non-harmful devices, with the exception of reasonable network management", the code says.

No throttling

It further says an Internet Access Service Provider shall not impair or degrade lawful internet traffic on the basis of internet content, source, destination, application, or service, or use of a non-harmful device, with the exception of reasonable network management.

No preferential data prioritization

There shall not engage in preferential data prioritization under any circumstances. And Zero-rating may be permissible to the extent that it furthers the objectives of the Act.

Privacy and Data Protection Obligations

The NCC code says an Internet Access Service Provider shall comply with the provisions of Nigeria's data protection regulations.

Data Security

It also provides that an Internet Access Service Provider shall take reasonable measures to protect customer information from unauthorized use, disclosure, or access.

"The security measures taken by an Internet Access Service Provider to implement the requirement set forth in this section shall appropriately take into account each of the following factors; the sensitivity of the data collected; and technical feasibility.

Child Online Protection

NCC said an Internet Access Service Provider should include in its Terms and Conditions of Service, a clear set of rules for the use of the Service that complies with the Cybercrime Act 2015, Child Online Protection Policy and all other applicable laws and regulations. The Terms and Conditions shall be published prominently on the Internet Access Service Provider's website and on all service agreements, either electronic or otherwise.

Reporting Mechanism for Child Sex Abuse Content

It says an Internet Access Service Provider shall provide clear and adequate directions to its customers for reporting child sexual abuse content to the Commission.

Blocking of Access to Child Sexual Abuse Content

"An Internet Access Service Provider shall have measures in place for the immediate blocking of access to child sexual abuse content, once notified by the Commission", it says.

Parental Control Measures

There is also a provision for Optional Parental Control Measures (PCMs), such as content filters, usage monitoring tools, and usage control tools.

This, it says, will be offered either directly to customers or via the provision of information in a reasonably prominent position on the Internet Access Service Provider's website regarding third party websites that provide a means for consumers to have access to or acquire parental control tools.

Badaru urges youths to key into digital technologies

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Jigawa State Governor, Alhaji Muhammadu Badaru Abubakar, has urged Nigerian youths to key into the digital technologies and focus more on critical thinking in order to find solutions to Nigeria's economic and security challenges.

Badaru made this call at the 1st Jigawa Innovation Summit with the theme: 'Creating a Viable Innovative Ecosystem for Economic Development' organised by the state government in collaboration with National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) and Youth Coalition for Development (YCD).

The governor said it is only

through critical thinking that the minds of Nigerian youths could be opened to see the opportunities and create jobs.

"We have to look at the areas where we have competitiveness and see how best we can make our economy work through those areas. Like I have always said, we can achieve this largely in agriculture. We have vast land and water for irrigation in Jigawa. We will continue to focus on how to develop agriculture and its value chain", he said.

Speaking at the summit, the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Dr Isa Ali Ibrahim Pantami, commended Jigawa State for its digital economy drive.

Dr Pantami said the rate of unemployment in

the country motivated the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy to think outside the box by focusing more on creating potential employers rather than potential employees.

He said, "If you enrolled people in university and they graduated without sufficient skills, they will never be self-reliant, they will always go around looking for jobs. But when you provide digital skills for your citizens, they will be employers of others, which Jigawa Innovation Summit should also focus on", he said.

The minister cited Jeff Bezos, owner of Amazon, second richest person in the world, as the perfect example of employer with millions of people working under him.



■ Huawei y7 prime 2019 - A

Firm announces winners of data science hackathon challenge

By Zakariyya Adaramola

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

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

The challenge which lasted for four days had 21 data scientists enrolled and 4 on the leader-board.

Three winners were announced by Tekedia Institute a United States-based institution with a focus on business management and leadership development.

Speaking on the Data Science Week challenge along with other 9 speakers from 3 continents was Ngozi Ola-Israel, Chief Financial Officer & Chief Data Officer, who explained that the challenge was geared towards driving the increased adoption of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence solutions in the

organization.

The event designed to empower the employees of AXA Nigeria with relevant Data Analytics and Machine Learning skills needed for them to be more effective in their day-to-day task thereby bringing more value to the business, she said.

Whilst thanking the participants, organizers, and leaders on board, she said that the company will continue to take active steps to use data analysis to make a sustainable impact in the insurance space.

Glo Rewards Cashtoken returns with prizes

Glo Rewards Cashtoken, a recharge-based loyalty program of national telecommunications operator, Globacom is back for another season.

The program which is packaged exclusively for all existing and new Glo prepaid subscribers runs between 18th December 2020 and 31st March, 2021.

The new season, according a Globacom statement was unveiled to give opportunity to other Glo subscribers, particularly those who missed out on prizes in the first season. In the scheme, subscribers stand a chance to win between N5,000 and N100 million in weekly lottery draws.

The company explained that reminiscent of the first season, Cashtoken will be earned by subscribers each time they recharge their lines adding that each Cashtoken will give an assured cashback.

Globacom said, "To enroll for GloRewards, subscribers will Dial *777*6# and start recharging to earn Cashtokens. However, welcome Cashtoken awaits new customers on first recharge of N200 only, after which they will earn more Cashtokens on every cumulative recharge of N1000 during a calendar month".

It added that existing customers will earn Cashtokens on every N1000 cumulative recharge within a

calendar month.

The company stated that subscribers who meet the eligibility criteria will continue to earn and accumulate Cashtoken, adding that there is no upper limit to accumulating Cashtokens. It added that cashtokens will be credited in a virtual wallet that is linked to the customer's mobile number.

According to Globacom, "Subscribers will be able view and redeem their cashtokens by dialing *6700# to purchase airtime/data, pay electricity bills, pay CableTV bills or other payments. They can also transfer their accumulated cash tokens to the bank and cash out the equivalent value",

INSIDE POLITICS

PoliQuote

APC was a hurried arrangement, it was hurriedly formed to take power when the then government was drifting. APC would have been better until people who were not members of the party; people who came for congratulatory message hijacked it and became lords - **Sen Rochas Okorocha**

Anambra gov'ship poll to hold Nov 6 - INEC

● We are ready - APC, APGA

By Abbas Jimoh (Abuja) & Titus Eleweke (Awka)

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has fixed November 6, 2021, for the conduct of the Anambra State governorship election.

INEC National Commissioner and Chairman, Information and Voter Education Committee (IVEC), Festus Okoye, said this on Tuesday at the end of the management meeting of the commission.

He said under Section 178(1) & (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and Section 25(7) & (8) of the Electoral Act, 2010 (as amended), election into the office of a state governor shall hold not earlier than 150 days and not later than 30 days before the expiration of the term of office of the last holder of the office.

"Constitutionally and statutorily, the tenure of the Governor of Anambra State will expire on 17th March 2022 and the earliest date for the election into the office of governor of Anambra State, shall be 18th October 2021 and the latest date for the election shall be 15th February 2022.

"In the exercise of the powers conferred on it by the constitution, the Electoral Act and all other powers enabling it in that regard, the commission has fixed 6th November 2021 as the date for the conduct of the



■ INEC Chair, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu

Anambra State governorship election," Okoye said.

He said by the timetable and schedule of activities, INEC will issue the statutory notice for election on June 9, 2021.

He added that the collection of Forms EC9 (Formerly CF001) and EC9B (Formerly CF002) for the election will take place on 10 June, 2021 and the conduct of party primaries and resolution of disputes arising from the primaries will take place on 10th June-1st July 2021.

Okoye said the personal particulars of the candidates will be published on July 16, 2021, and the parties will commence campaigns on August 8, 2021.

He said the final list of nominated candidates will be published on October 7, 2021.

He urged all the registered political parties to pay close attention to the timelines and schedule of activities outlined in the timetable and schedule as they are constitutional and statutorily provisions.

"We also enjoin political parties to conduct rancour-free primaries, guarantee level playing field for all aspirants and conduct necessary due diligence on all forms and documents that will be submitted to the commission.

"The commission is concerned about the spate of acrimonious primaries as well as the nomination of unqualified candidates, which results in avoidable litigations, and the nullification of elections by Election Petition Tribunals," Okoye said.

Meanwhile, the major political parties in Anambra State, yesterday, said they are prepared and ready for the poll.

Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Chief Basil Ejidike, said the date was known to all the political parties and APC is ready for the election.

However, state chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Ndubisi Nwobu, said he could not react on the date until he got the information himself.

On its part, the Commissioner for Information and Public Enlightenment, Anambra State, Mr C. Adinuba, said the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) is ready and prepared for the election.

'Kwankwaso/Ganduje feud affecting Kano's progress'

From Zahradeen Yakubu Shuaibu

A former Commissioner of Works in Kano State, Engr. Mu'azu Magaji, has said the feud between former governor of the state, Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso and his successor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, is negatively affecting the development of the state.

Magaji, who chairs the NNPC-AKK pipeline project committee established by Kano state government, said if the two political leaders reunited and bury their political differences, Kano State will be peaceful.

In a series of Facebook posts, he alleged that there were some top politicians in Kano behind the lingering dispute between Kwankwaso and Ganduje for their personal benefits.

"Now I begin to understand why some evil ones don't want Governor Ganduje to reconcile with Kwankwaso. If there is no political crisis here and there in the state they won't get anything since they are not well-educated.

"The best for Kwankwaso and Ganduje now is to drop their political differences for their own sake and also for the progress of Kano," he wrote.

Gombe govt, PDP bicker over traffic, streetlights

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

Gombe State government and members of the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) have engaged in hot exchange of words over non-functional traffic streetlights in the state capital.

Residents of Gombe metropolis have been complaining for months over the dysfunctional traffic and streetlights. This, according to them, is responsible for the increasing accidents on the roads and petty crimes, especially in the evenings.

PDP said during the administration of former Governor Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo, major roads in Gombe metropolis had functional streetlights.

However, Sulaiman Musa, Senior Special Assistant on New Media to the governor took to the social media, saying the governor was focusing on the transformation of the rural areas in the state.

Responding, the state's PDP Public Relations Officer II, Khalid Mu'azu Izala, said the failure to make the streetlights functional was one of the failures of the APC-led administration in the state.

No plot to impeach Gov Diri - Bayelsa Assembly

From Basse Willie, Yenagoa

Bayelsa State House of Assembly has denied rumour of an alleged impeachment plot against the state governor, Senator Douye Diri.

Addressing newsmen, the Chairman, House Committee on Information, Tare Porri, said the house had never

contemplated impeaching the governor.

There were reports that members of the state assembly are collating signatures to remove the governor over his alleged refusal to share N38 billion federal government refund to the state with them.

But Porri, who represents

Ekeremor Constituency 1, said the house cannot request for the sharing of the refund money meant for the development of the state.

"We want to warn those behind the rumour, those who think that they can just wake up and accuse the house that is made up of respected and honourable

members representing 24 constituencies. It's quite unfortunate that we have to gamble with this type of situation in this state.

"We have never contemplated that. The assembly is in partnership and synergy with the governor to move the state forward," he said.

2023: We'll give Nigerians new political direction - NNM

By Saawua Terzungwe

A new political group, the New Nigerian Movement (NNM), has said it will give Nigerians a new political direction ahead of the 2023 general polls.

In a communique issued on Tuesday after its inaugural meeting in Abuja,

signed by its newly elected national chairman, Alhaji Ahmed Haruna Dan-Zago, the movement said it was determined to give Nigerians a new direction that would guarantee peace, true unity, equity and mutual trust.

The movement, which declared support for power

shift to the Southern part of the country in 2023, also said generational power shift in the country was necessary.

It said President Muhammadu Buhari has done well in efforts to "salvage Nigeria from age-long decay."

The communiqué reads in part: "The New Nigeria

Movement (NNM) therefore resolved to team up with patriotic Nigerians and the president to move the country forward.

"Our movement is in total support of the clarion call by Nigerians for power shift to the South and generational power shift."

Yobe to hold LG polls on Feb. 27 - Official

Yobe State will hold elections into its 17 local government councils on Feb 27, Dr Mamman Mohammed, Chairman of the state electoral

body, has announced.

He told newsmen in Damaturu on Tuesday that more than 1,365,000 registered voters were

expected to participate in the exercise to produce 17 council chairmen and 178 councillors.

The chairman called for

the cooperation of all security agencies for successful conduct of the elections.

"In our efforts to achieve this, we need an environment

that is conducive and fully secured to allow free, fair, credible and peaceful election without rancour or acrimony," he said. NAN

NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP. ▶ N21,474,567TR (-0.07%) ↓ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 41,051.63POINTS (-0.07%) ↓ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 525,006,911BN SHARES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
				
273.34 -0.46%	412.95 -0.73%	606.06 0.56%	274.58 6.29%	2,046.01 -0.36%

NSE GENERAL INDEX						COMMODITIES PRICE	
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME		
FINANCIAL SERVICES						CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	\$50.87
1 ACCESS BANK PLC	328,793.34	9.25	-3.65	306	19,341,795		
2 UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	304,374.85	8.90	-2.20	207	13,725,317		
3 ZENITH BANK PLC	822,588.14	26.20	0.19	382	28,524,941		
BANKING				895	61,592,053		
4 FBN HOLDINGS PLC	262,035.64	7.30	0.68	224	13,164,122		
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				224	13,164,122		
FINANCIAL SERVICES				1,119	74,756,175		
ICT							
5 MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,460,267.22	170.00	-	96	639,650		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES				96	639,650		
INDUSTRIAL GOODS							
6 DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,997,703.04	234.60	-	106	734,190		
7 LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	394,640.99	24.50	2.08	232	10,301,180		
BUILDING MATERIALS				338	11,035,370		
INDUSTRIAL GOODS				338	11,035,370		
8 SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	317,760.06	540.00	-	55	76,781		
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION				55	76,781		
OIL AND GAS							
9 CHELLARAMS PLC	1,633.81	2.26	-	4	1,986		
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				4	1,986		
CONGLOMERATES				4	1,986		
CONSUMER GOODS							
10 MCNICHOLS PLC	166.62	0.51	-	1	1,000		
FOOD PRODUCTS				1	1,000		
CONSUMER GOODS 1					1,000		
FINANCIAL SERVICES							
11 LIVINGSTON MORTGAGE BANK PLC	3,000.00	0.60	-	3	387,750,000		
MORTGAGE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				3	387,750,000		
FINANCIAL SERVICES				3	387,750,000		
SERVICES							
12 THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	3	104,342		
WASTE MANAGEMENT				3	104,342		
SERVICES				3	104,342		
GROWTH BOARD TOTALS				11	387,857,328		
13 FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,452.00	0.66	-8.33	45	3,716,015		
14 ONOMO OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	-	13	35,913		
15 PRESCO PLC	74,500.00	74.50	0.68	27	270,189		
CROP PRODUCTION				85	4,022,117		
16 ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	3	10,000		
FISHING/HUNTING/TRAPPING				3	10,000		
17 LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	7,650.00	2.55	9.91	124	8,874,953		
LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL SPECIALTIES				124	8,874,953		
AGRICULTURE				212	12,907,070		
CONGLOMERATES							
18 JOHN HOLT PLC	194.58	0.50	-	5	141,874		
19 S O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0		
20 TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	47,558.15	1.17	9.35	64	42,940,581		
21 U A C N PLC	22,762.24	7.90	-5.39	108	4,179,631		
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				177	47,262,086		
CONGLOMERATES				177	47,262,086		
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE							
22 ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	5	16,000		
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION				5	16,000		
23 JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	29,937.60	18.90	-0.53	41	572,269		
24 ROADS NIG. PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0		
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION				41	572,269		
25 UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	14,847.98	0.80	-	48	1,775,301		
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT				48	1,775,301		
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE				94	2,363,570		
26 DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0		
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS				0	0		
27 CHAMPION BREW. PLC	11,587.65	1.48	9.63	9	532,528		
28 GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0		
29 GUINNESS NIG. PLC	40,522.08	18.50	-	40	158,579		
30 INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	178,632.76	6.65	-	23	278,808		
31 NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	487,811.03	61.00	1.67	46	486,809		
BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS				118	1,456,724		
32 DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	249,011.00	20.50	0.49	252	11,159,347		
33 FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	131,212.15	32.00	3.23	159	7,058,392		
34 HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	8,723.22	1.10	-8.33	104	6,104,467		
35 MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0		
36 N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,425.60	8.00	7.96	9	281,090		
37 NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	45,702.81	17.25	-	22	295,395		
38 UNION DICOM SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0		
FOOD PRODUCTS				546	24,898,691		
39 CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	20,096.76	10.70	2.39	79	1,277,723		
40 NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	47	11,054		
FOOD PRODUCTS-DIVERSIFIED				126	1,288,777		
41 NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0		
42 VITAFODAM NIG. PLC	11,257.60	9.00	-1.64	33	592,714		
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES				33	592,714		
43 P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	21,440.58	5.40	3.85	54	1,398,729		
44 UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	77,270.32	13.45	-	64	701,437		
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS				118	2,100,166		
CONSUMER GOODS				941	30,337,072		
FINANCIAL SERVICES							
45 ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	120,189.56	6.55	-	71	2,781,772		
46 FIDELITY BANK PLC	78,231.95	2.70	-0.74	101	8,422,042		
47 GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	993,302.30	33.75	0.30	298	10,357,308		
48 JAIZ BANK PLC	20,624.97	0.70	2.94	40	2,540,678		
49 STERLING BANK PLC	55,853.41	1.94	-3.00	68	8,113,140		
50 UNION BANK NIG. PLC	160,164.14	5.50	-2.65	52	3,198,018		
51 UNITY BANK PLC	8,182.54	0.70	-	8	14,223		
52 WEMA BANK PLC	27,002.13	0.70	-1.41	68	11,595,627		
BANKING				706	47,022,801		
53 AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,940.40	0.24	9.09	25	10,843,960		
54 AIICO INSURANCE PLC	29,976.23	1.45	9.85	87	4,626,391		
55 AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	61,200.00	1.70	0.59	161	21,596,014		
56 CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	4,388.85	0.41	7.89	5	499,500		
57 CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	13,443.13	0.74	8.82	27	1,936,436		
58 CORINATION INSURANCE PLC	15,834.51	0.66	10.00	89	15,567,891		
59 COLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0		
60 GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,350.80	0.22	10.00	8	1,280,250		
61 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0		
62 LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	3,881.42	0.53	8.16	70	10,576,882		
63 LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	8,200.00	0.82	9.33	16	21,395,754		
64 MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	5,586.37	0.50	8.70	24	18,563,200		
65 NEM INSURANCE PLC	25,383.38	2.53	10.00	19	3,144,989		
66 NIGER INSURANCE PLC	2,321.84	0.30	7.14	8	3,339,634		
67 PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	7,288.91	0.55	10.00	53	13,992,488		
68 REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,600.81	0.39	8.33	3	617,700		
69 SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	3,409.34	0.30	7.14	4	3,578,654		
70 STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0		
71 STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0		
72 SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	1.00	-	6	119,967		
73 UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0		
74 UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,840.00	0.24	9.09	35	9,410,011		
75 VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	4,021.33	0.29	7.41	2	1,318,180		
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				642	142,407,901		
76 NFI MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,001.62	1.75	-0.57	62	4,821,568		
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS				62	4,821,568		
77 ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0		
78 ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0		
79 INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0		
80 RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0		
81 UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0		
MORTGAGE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				0	0		
82 AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,200.00	7.10	-	42	585,844		
83 CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	35,291.19	6.00	-	16	911,900		
84 DRAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	0	0		
85 FCB GROUP PLC	62,774.59	3.17	-0.94	44	5,197,023		
86 ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	2,058.15	0.40	8.11	12	6,751,695		
87 STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	23	54,041		
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				1,700	218,228,177		
FINANCIAL SERVICES				1,700	218,228,177		
HEALTHCARE							
89 EKDCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0		
90 UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,172.54	0.33	10.00	6	1,117,552		
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS				6	1,117,552		
91 MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	3	1,118		
MEDICAL SUPPLIES				3	1,118		
92 EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0		
93							

AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES

Biden to block Trump's COVID rule change on president's final day

US President-elect Joe Biden is to undo one of Donald Trump's last actions in office by blocking his decree lifting Covid travel bans on visitors from much of Europe and Brazil.

Mr Biden's spokeswoman said now was not the time to be easing travel measures.

Joe Biden will take office at 12:00 (17:00 GMT) on Wednesday. However, much of the spotlight is on Mr Trump's final moves, including presidential pardons.

Security is intense in Washington DC ahead of the inauguration

ceremony.

Thousands of National Guard reserve soldiers have been deployed in the wake of the storming of the Capitol building by a pro-Trump mob on 6 January that left five people dead.

The FBI had earlier warned of possible protests across the nation by right-wing extremists emboldened by the invasion.

What was the Trump decree about?

The US imposed travel restrictions on Europe last March and the Brazilian entry ban was put in place in May, but the White House decreed on Monday

that the entry ban would end on 26 January, six days after Mr Biden takes office.

Just minutes later, Mr Biden's spokeswoman, Jen Psaki, said on Twitter: "On the advice of our medical team, the administration does not intend to lift these restrictions on 1/26. In fact, we plan to strengthen public health measures around international travel in order to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

She said that with "more contagious variants emerging around the world, this is not the time to be lifting restrictions on international travel".

UGANDA

Govt accuses US of 'subverting' presidential election

Uganda's government accused the United States of trying to "subvert" last week's presidential elections after the US ambassador attempted to visit opposition leader Bobi Wine, who has been under house arrest.

US Ambassador Natalie E Brown was stopped from visiting Wine at his residence in a suburb in the northern outskirts of the capital, the embassy said in a statement late on Monday.

The mission said Brown wanted to check on the "health and

safety" of Wine, who became famous after years of singing about government corruption and nepotism, charges the government denies.

The former pop star-turned-legislator, who came second with almost 35 percent votes, rejected the results and accused his rival, President Yoweri Museveni, of winning by fraud. Wine has so far provided no evidence to support his allegations.

The electoral commission, however, on Saturday declared Museveni the winner with 58.6 percent of the

vote. Museveni, 76, has been in power since 1986.

On Tuesday, Wine's lawyers filed a petition in the high court challenging the legality of detaining Wine and his wife without charge. The court has not yet said when the petition will be heard, lawyer Benjamin Katana told Reuters news agency.

'Meddle in Uganda's internal politics'

Government spokesman Ofwono Opono said Brown had no business visiting Wine.

THAI

Woman jailed for record 43 years for criticising monarchy

A Thai woman has been jailed for 43 years for criticising the royal family, the country's harshest ever sentence for insulting the monarchy.

The former civil servant, known only as Anchan, posted audio clips from a podcast on social media.

The 63-year-old said she had simply shared the audio files and had not commented on the content. Thailand's lèse-majesté law, which forbids any insult to the monarchy, is among the strictest in the world.

After a three-year

break, Thailand revived the controversial law late last year in an attempt to curb months of anti-government protests, with demonstrators demanding changes to the monarchy.

Anchan pleaded guilty to 29 separate violations of sharing and posting clips on YouTube and Facebook between 2014 and 2015, her lawyer told the Reuters news agency.

She was initially sentenced to 87 years, but this was cut in half because of her guilty plea. Anchan is among a group of 14 people charged with

lèse-majesté shortly after a military junta seized power in 2014, vowing to stamp out criticism of the monarchy.

The group is accused of uploading podcasts, popular in dissident circles, which questioned official accounts of the monarchy. The author of the podcasts served only two years in jail, and has already been released.

The trial was held behind closed doors and the evidence against the defendant kept secret for reasons of national security.

CHINA

Trapped miners say thanks for medicine, call for sausages

Twelve miners trapped underground after an explosion at a Chinese mine have said they are grateful for nutritional liquids and medicine delivered via a long thin communication tunnel, but would really like some pork sausages.

The miners have been

able to communicate via a new telephone line.

Rescuers had initially lowered rations on a cable, and received back a note saying "Don't stop trying to reach us".

Ten other miners remain missing in the gold mine, their fate unclear.

The 22 men were

trapped at the Hushan mine near Yantai in eastern Shandong

province on 10 January when an explosion damaged the exit and the communications system of the mine, which was still under construction. The cause of the explosion is not known.

UNITED STATES

Top Republican says Trump 'provoked' Capitol mob

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell says Trump supporters who stormed the Capitol were 'fed lies'.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said the crowd of Trump supporters who attacked the US Congress on January 6 were "violent criminals" who were "fed lies" and "provoked" by President Donald Trump.

Speaking to the US Senate on Tuesday, McConnell's remarks are his strongest condemnation of President Trump's role in the January 6 attack by Trump's supporters on

the US Congress.

"The last time the Senate convened we had just reclaimed the Capitol from violent criminals who tried to stop Congress from doing our duty," said McConnell, the No 1 Republican in the Senate.

"The mob was fed lies. They were provoked by the president and other powerful people. And they tried to use fear and violence to stop a specific proceeding of the first branch of the federal government which they did not like," he said.

The Democratic-led US House of Representatives impeached Trump on one

charge of incitement to insurrection for rallying his supporters and telling them to march on the Capitol.

A crowd of several thousand invaded the building where Congress was meeting in a special session to ratifying Joe Biden's election victory, forcing members to evacuate the House and Senate chambers.

Five people died in the incident, including a woman shot by police and an officer who died later from wounds suffered in an attack by the mob. A second police officer committed suicide after the events.



Members of the National Guard rest outside the US Capitol yesterday in Washington, DC, ahead of the 59th inaugural ceremony for President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris in Washington, DC

Photo: AFP

TUNISIA

Protesters revive 'Arab Spring' chant to demand govt's fall

Protesters rallied in Tunisia's capital on Tuesday after several nights of street violence, reviving the chant that rang a decade ago in a revolution that brought in democracy: "the people want the fall of the regime".

Daytime protests in Tunis and some other cities demanding jobs, dignity and the release of detainees have followed clashes over recent nights between security forces and youths, as COVID-19 restrictions add to wider

economic malaise.

"The whole system must go... We will return to the streets and we will regain our rights and our dignity that a corrupt elite seized after the revolution," said Maher Abid, an unemployed protester.

Shortly before last week's 10th anniversary of the revolution, Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi's government ordered a four-day lockdown, a tighter night-time curfew and a ban on protests.

However, in cities

across the country youths have thrown stones and petrol bombs, burnt tyres and looted shops, while police have deployed tear gas and batons, arresting hundreds. Up to 250 people gathered in central Tunis' Bourguiba Avenue on Tuesday while other demonstrations took place in towns near Sidi Bouzid, where the 2011 revolution began. The toppling then of Tunisia's long-serving ruler inspired similar uprisings across the region dubbed the "Arab Spring".

ITALY

PM Conte faces crucial Senate vote to stay in power

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has urged senators to back his government as it battles with the pandemic and faces a confidence vote that could prompt his resignation.

He is predicted to get enough votes in Italy's upper house to stay in office, though weakened by lacking a parliamentary majority.

Last week former PM Matteo Renzi pulled his party out of the ruling

coalition over its handling of the pandemic.

That plunged the coalition into crisis.

Mr Conte only had a slim majority in the Senate even before Mr Renzi's small, liberal Italia Viva party pulled out of the government.

Mr Conte, a law professor, has led a centrist coalition since 2018. He told the Senate it was vital to maintain political cohesion faced with the "historic challenge" of the

pandemic.

The Senate result is expected some time after 19:00 (18:00 GMT). If Mr Conte wins, even with no absolute majority (a majority of all the senators), he can stay in office.

Italia Viva senators plan to abstain, increasing Mr Conte's chances of survival. The main parties in his coalition are anti-establishment Five Star (M5S) and the centre-left Democratic Party (PD).

PHOTO NEWS



■ From left: Secretary to Ogun State government, Tokunbo Talabi; Commissioner for Health, Dr Tomi Coker; Governor Dapo Abiodun and a medical doctor during a visit to the victims of Tuesday's petrol tanker disaster at the State Hospital, Ijaiye, Abeokuta, yesterday Photo: Peter Moses



■ Edo State Governor, Mr. Godwin Obaseki (right) after a meeting with the new Edo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Philip Aliyu Ogbadu (left), at Government House, Benin City, yesterday



■ From left: Vice Chancellor, Plateau State University, Prof. Yahana Izem; Chairman, Bokokos Local Government Area, Mr Yusuf Machen; and Governor Simon Lalong, during the inspection of on-going school projects/facilities at the university by the governor, in Bokokos area of Plateau State yesterday



■ Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi of Enugu State (3rd right); former Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Ike Ekweremadu (6th right); Deputy Minority Leader, House of Representative political leaders, and others, when the people of Enugu West Senatorial District paid a solidarity visit to the governor, at the Government House Enugu, yesterday



■ Vice President Yemi Osinbajo during the virtual launch of the Rapid Response Register for COVID-19 Cash Transfer to the urban poor, at the Presidential Villa in Abuja, yesterday

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I, formerly known as **ZAINABU ADAMU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB ALHASSAN**. All my documents, remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

FATIMA: I was formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA MUKTAR**. That I now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MUKTAR AMINU**. All documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

JOHN: I formerly known and addressed as **OSITE PASCAL OSIGBEMHE** now wish to be known and addressed as **OSITE JOHN OSIGBEMHE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I Formally known and called **ODO JONAH** Now wish to be known and called **ODO IKECHUKWU JONAS**. All my former documents remain valid. Banks, **NIMC** and the General public should take note.

LAMARA: I, formerly known and addressed as **LAMARA HASSAN**, now wish to be called and addressed as **LAMARA HASSAN TAGWAI**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

KOLLO: I, formerly known as **PAUL LUCA KOLLO** now wish to be known and addressed as **PAUL LUCA KOLLO** and my correct date of birth is **16/12/1986** not **12/06/1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **SA'AD YAYAYA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SA'AD MALAM YAHAYA**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

HALIMATU: I was formerly known as **HALIMATU LAWAL GAFAI** now wish to be known and address **MRS HALIMATU ABUBAKAR GAFAI** all documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and the general public should please take note.

SUBE: I formerly known and addressed as **KARIM SUE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDUL KAREEM SUBE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned general public to take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI MAIGADA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MUHAMMADU ABDULLAHI ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

SUNUSI: I, formerly known and addressed as **SANUSI MUHAMMED**, now wish to be called and addressed as **SUNUSI MUHAMMED**, and correct DOB is **01/May/1990**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

MARYAM: I, formerly known as **MARYAM ADEADAMOLA AMUNIGUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM ADEADAMOLA SALAU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ISYAKU JIBRIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISYAKA JIBRIN NAKAKA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public take note

This is to inform general public that **I** formerly known and addressed as **RABI ALIYU DOSARA** wish to change my name from **RABI ALIYU DOSARA** to **RABI ILIYASU DOSARA**. All documents remain valid, including office of appointment, promotion and banks. General Public, Zenith Bank, Universal Basic Education Zamfara state to note, please.

OSUEME: I formerly known and addressed as **HAJIA OKOTSE AZAGBOR** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OSUEME OKOTSE JULIE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

PAULINA: I, formerly known as **PAULINE EMEJE SIMON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **PAULINA SIMON**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

ZAKARI: I, formerly known and addressed as **YUSUF ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAKARI ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

JASPER: I, formerly known and addressed as **ATOLAGBE ADIGUN GANIU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ATOLAGBE JASPER OLAWALE** with date of Birth **19th December, 1989**. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public should please take note.

I am bearing the name of **FALILA AMINU**, now wish to be called **FADILA MUHAMMAD**. All former Documents remains valid. General public please take note

I formerly known and addressed as **1. MARYAM IBRAHIM 2. MARYAM IBRAHIM SAULAWA** now wish to be known and addresses as **MARYAM IBRAHIM SAULAWA**, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ONYEKWO: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS CHIDUMGA EZEKIEL UZUNMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ONYEKWO CHIDUMGA UZUNMA FRANCISCA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

Yusuf: I, formerly known as Yusuf Sherifat Oyiza, now wish to be known and addressed as Yusuf Shefiyat Oyiza. All former documents remain valid. NABTEB, Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR NAFIU HALADU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR NAFIU DADI**, and correct DOB is **04/12/1994**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as **SAI'DU ADAMU SAI'DU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU SAI'DU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I am bearing the name of **VICTOR MARY NNENA** now wish to be called **ITIEZA MARY NNENA**. All former documents remains valid. General public should take note.

I formerly called as **MOHAMMED BELLO MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and called as **MOHAMMED BELLO D.O.B 05/12/1999** not **01/01/1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

OSOH: I formerly known and addressed as **AGUN BLESSING OSOH** now wish to be known and addressed as **EDEKI BLESSING OSOH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

YISA: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS AKINDE DOOSUR AND I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS YISA DORATHY DOOSUR. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

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YAHAYA: I, formerly known as **YAHAYA SAMINU** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA SAMINU ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known as **TUKUR MUDAHA** now wishes to be known and addressed as **TUKUR MUSTAFA**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note

UPELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **SIMON OGAH UKPELE** now wish to be known and addressed as **UPELE SIMON OGAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ADEOLA: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS AKINSANYA OLUFUNMILAYO ADEOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS EFUNBOADE OLUFUNMILAYO ADEOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

BALOGUN: I, formerly known as **BALOGUN SULAIMON AMOO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BALOGUN MICHAEL ACCESS**. All former documents remain valid. The concerned authorities: ACCESS BANK/DIAMOND/GBank, and general public should please take note

OBADIAH: I formerly known as **OBADIAH DANIEL SMAH**, now wish to be known as **AYELE OBADIAH DANIEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

RAHILA: I formerly known as **MABAS RAHILA MARKUS**, now wish to be called and addressed as **RAHILA ISTIFANUS ZAKI**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

I formerly known as **UMAR ADO YAKASAI** now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI UMAR ADO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

ABBAS: I formerly known and addressed as **ABBAS HENRIENTA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABBAS LAWRENTA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ALI: I formally known and addressed as **JIGA ANDRAWUS ASHIFA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALI ANDRAWUS**. All former documents remain valid any authority concerned and general public take note.

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

VICTORIA: I formerly known as **MISS. ADARAMOLA OLUWAFISAYO VICTORIA**, now wish to be known as **MRS. YUSUF OLUWAFISAYO VICTORIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

BATAIYA: I, formerly known and addressed as **KASIM MOHAMMED BATAIYA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BATAIYA MUHAMMAD KASSIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known as **AKPAN ELIZABETH OMOTENIOLA** now wish to be known as **SHUAIB ELIZABETH OMOTENIOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

EMMANUEL: I formerly known and addressed as **BRAIMAH LOVERO FIDELIS** now wish to be known and addressed as **BRAIMAH FIDELIS EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known and addressed as Miss Cook Sandra Ohunene, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Sadiq Sandra Ohunene. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

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

BENITA: I formerly known as **MISS. BENITA NNAMANI**, now wish to be known as **MRS. BENITA IFEOMA EWELIKE**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

MAHMUD: I, formerly known as **MAMUDA SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MAHMUD SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HAMZA YUNUS** now wish to be known and addresses as **HAMZA YUNUS ADAM**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

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JULIANA: I formerly known as **MISS. JIMOH JULIANA**, now wish to be known as **MRS. YAKUBU, JULIANA GOTAU**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

DAMILOLA: I, formerly known as **DAMILOLA YEWANDE FAGBOLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DAMILOLA YEWANDE ADEBAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ADETIMEHIN ADEKUNLE** now wish to be known and addresses as **MOSES ADEKUNLE**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

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ABUR: I formerly known as **ABUR SUSAN EUNICE** now wish to be known as **ABUR EUNICE NGODOO**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

YAKASAI: I formally known as **ZULAI HASSAN SABO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ZULAI TANKO YAKASAI**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

VICTORIA: I formerly known as **MISS. AYOK NANA JAMES CHECHET**, now wish to be known as **MRS. NANA, VICTORIA JAMES**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MANSUR IBRAHIM** now wishes to be known and addressed as **MANSUR YELDU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note

I formerly known as **JOSEPH WANDA DOB 02 01 1993** now wishes to be known and addressed as **JOSEPH DAHALI WANDA DOB 02 01 2003**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note

DIMAS: I formerly known as **ALICE DIMAS** now wish to be known and addressed as **WINYIMAM DIMAS DOB8/4/1997 NOT1/6/1996**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

JOEL: I formerly known as **TIMBEE JOY MNGUSUUR** now wish to be known as **JOEL NGUSUU TIMBEE**. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

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JESSE: I formerly known as **DISHURET JESSE DIGGRAW**, now wish to be known as **FWANGS DISHURET JESSE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **NURADDIN IBRAHIM** now wish to be known as **NURADDEEN IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

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IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **SULAIMAN IBRAHIM SEYOJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULAIMAN IBRAHIM DOB30/6/1971 NOT1/8/1971**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known and addressed as **UMAR ALIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR ALIYU NOMA** all former documents remain valid, First Bank of Nig., **NIMC** and general public should take note.

AUDU: I formally known as **HANNATU SAMARI RIMI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HANNATU AUDU**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

PERPETUAL: I formerly known as **PERPETUAL CHIAMAKA OBIESI**, now wish to be known as **PERPETUAL CHIAMAKA ONUBUNWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ISMAIL** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI ISMAIL**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

ASHAFA: I Formerly known and address as **SHAFAYATU ABDULRAHMAN**. Now wish to be known and address as **SHAFAYATU ABDULRAHMAN ASHAFA**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: My name is **MAIMURI AUDU** but was wrongly captured as **UMAR ABDULLAHI** by **NIMC** now my correct name is **MAIMURI AUDU**. All former documents remain valid. **NIMC**, Authorities and General Public should take note.

MARY: I, formerly known as **MISS MARY TAIMANDA BULUS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS MARY TAIMANDA JOSEPH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

BELLO: I formally known as **BELLO MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BELLO TUKUR MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

VIVIAN: I formerly known as **STEPHEN, MUSA VIVIAN ANGEL**, now wish to be known as **STEPHEN, ANGEL VIVIAN** and my date of birth was wrongly captured on my Account/BNV as **11th July, 1982** instead of **11th July, 1991**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **SHEHU ADAMU** Now wish to be known and address as **MISBAHU SHEHU** and my DOB is **07/02/1983** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

SANI: I Formerly known and address as **OYIZA SUNDAY**. Now wish to be known and address as **SAFEEYA SANI**. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note

GEORGE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS FAITH ONU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. FAITH ONU GEORGE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SULEIMAN NGASKI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SULEIMAN** with Phone No. **07068592498** all former documents remain valid, Unity Bank of Nig., **NIMC** and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **LUKA ISHAKU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LUKA ISHAKU HASHEKED**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as **BOT AISHA GARB**, now wish to be known as **DABOT AISHA GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

I formally known as **SHEHU MUSA** and know wish to be addressed as **SHEHU MUSA MISAU** all my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

YUSUF: I was formerly known and addressed as **YUSUF R HARUNA**. That I now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF HARUNA RAWAYAU** all documents bearing former names remain valid, and the general public should please take note.

OMIONAWELE: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS AGAZUMA OSEDEBAMEN RACHEAL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MISS OMIONAWELE OSEDEBAMEN RACHEAL**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general to take note.

I, formally known and address as **MISS MANDU ALFREDE ETUK**, now wish to be known and address as **MRS. MANDU ESSIEH JOSEPH**. All documents bearing the former name remain valid. The National Youth Service Corps, Cross River State University of Technology and the general public should please take note and act accordingly.

I formerly known as **OGUJI PAUL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUJI OKWUCHUKWU PAUL**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MARTINS: I formerly known as **ISA'AC MARTINS ALAU**, now wish to be known as **JENOM MARTINS**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD.
Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc
Account No: 0000913253
Sort Code: 221081552

Bank: First Bank Plc
Account No: 2002911690
Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc
Account No: 1007117397
Sort Code: 033080013

Bank: GTBank Plc
Account No: 0024570856
Sort Code: 058083231

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

AYUBA: I formerly known as AYUBA LUKA AYUBA, now wish to be known as NGOKAS, AYUBA LUKA. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as ABDULLAHI DAHIRU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM GANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SULEIMAN, I formerly known as AUWAL IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as SULEIMAN BABA BOLARI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as FATIMA UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA BABA DALHATU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JAFAR, I formerly known as LAMARANA JAFAR now wish to be called and addressed as JAFAR UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as MUSA ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM DANBINTA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MARY: I formerly known as MAGDALINE ABAH, now wish to be known as ABAH MARY OYICOWO. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

Affidavit of facts, I formerly known as RAMATU MANU GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as RUTH LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RAHINATU, I formerly known as GARBA HAFSAT now wish to be called and addressed as RAHINATU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YAYAJI, I formerly known as UMAR AUWALU now wish to be called and addressed as YAYAJI MOHAMMED KWAIRANGA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as GARBA MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD SANI ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BABAYO, I formerly known as ALIYU BABANGIDA now wish to be called and addressed as BABAYO HAMMARI ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RAWLINGS: I formerly known as PETER RAWLINGS, now wish to be known as KINNIN RAWLINGS RODRIGUE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

Affidavit of facts, I formerly known as ADAMU ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU BUKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as KHADIJA HUSSAINI now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HARUNA, I formerly known as HARUNA MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as HARUNA MUHAMMAD HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

USMAN, I formerly known as USMAN HUSSAINI now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN HUSSEINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as YAHAYA RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAIFULLAHI, I formerly known as NUHU RIBADO now wish to be called and addressed as SAIFULLAHI MUHD LIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JAMILU, I formerly known as JAMEEL ABDULLAHI YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU ISAH YUSIF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YUNUSA, I formerly known as HASSAN KABIRU now wish to be called and addressed as YUNUSA AHMAD MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IDRIS, I formerly known as IBRAHIM IDRIS now wish to be called and addressed as IDRIS IBRAHIM IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FURERA, I formerly known as FURERA MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as FURERA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AUWAL, I formerly known as ISAH IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as AUWAL ABBAS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as FATIMA KABIR USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA USMAN MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public note

ABDULSHAKUR, I formerly known as ABDULSHAKUR BALARABE now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULSHAKUR BALARABE GARBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULAZEEZ, I formerly known as SALISU MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULAZEEZ HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as FATIMA ABDULMUMINI now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA BASHIR IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ADAMU, I formerly known as ARI SHITTU now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JAMILU, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR BENJAMEN now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HAFSATU MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as HAFSAT MUSA ISAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public note

SALIM, I formerly known as USMAN SALEM now wish to be called and addressed as SALIM USMAN ABDULJALAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as HUSSAINI BAPPAYO now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULRAHMAN, I formerly known as BOYI ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN ZUBAIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as SANI AUWAL now wish to be called and addressed as SANI MOHAMMED IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as FIBI BITRUS now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD SANI DALLADI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as KABIRU BALA MOHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as KABIRU MOHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. AUTHORITY CONCERN and general public note

VIVIAN, I formerly known as VIVIAN SATURDAY IGHALO now wish to be called and addressed as VIVIAN EUGENE UTOMI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SULAIMAN, I formerly known as GARBA ALI now wish to be called and addressed as SULAIMAN IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINA, I formerly known as AMINA DAN MANU now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA MUHAMMAD DANMANU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as ALYASSARU ZUBAIRU now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED ADAMU GARBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAGIRU, I formerly known as BUBA ALI now wish to be called and addressed as SAGIRU SUNUSI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MOHAMMED USMAN CHAMA now wish to be called and addressed as MUKTARI MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public note

HUSSAIN, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ALIYU LADAN now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAIN YAKUBU HUSSAIN Date of birth 15 02 1997. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUMMY, I formerly known as DANLADI AIMANA now wish to be called and addressed as MUMMY LAMI USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MARYAM, I formerly known as IZZATU UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as HASSAN AMINU now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD SAIDU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ANAS, I formerly known as MOHAMMED USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as ANAS HAMZA ABDULKARIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ABDULRAZAK ABDULAZIZ now wish to be called and addressed as GARBA BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public note

SAKA, I formerly known as SAHID ZAKARI now wish to be called and addressed as SAKA SAHEED ABIOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as MALAMI ISYAKU now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM BABADI DIABULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SALIM, I formerly known as BASHIR MUHAMMADU now wish to be called and addressed as SALIM BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as MOHAMMED ISAH now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ABDULKADIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BELLO, I formerly known as MUSA YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as BELLO USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BALA, I formerly known as BALA MUHAMMAD SANI now wish to be called and addressed as BALA MUHAMMAD YUSIF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AISHAT, I formerly known as HABIBA IDRIS now wish to be called and addressed as AISHAT ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HABIBA, I formerly known as MARYAM ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBA YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABUSSALAM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as ABDUSSALAM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as MUSA JAMILU now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD KAWU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as SARAKUNA MARKUS now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM HAMZA ABDULKARIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BADIA, I formerly known as BADI ABUBAKAR NUHU now wish to be called and addressed as BADI ABUBAKAR NUHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as UMAR HABU now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR HABIB ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as AISHATU BASHIR now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA MUHAMMAD NAFIU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as MUSA ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LUKMAN, I formerly known as RABIU MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as LUKMAN USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HARUNA, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABDULHAMID now wish to be called and addressed as HARUNA ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

That I was formally being called and address as GHADDAFI GARBA of the same address, but now I wish to be called and address as GADDAFI GARBA of the same address. All former document should valid. the authority should concerned.

ADAMU, I formerly known as ADAMU ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU ADAMU MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINA, I formerly known as AISHA LAMIDO now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA BELLO LAMUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AHMAD, I formerly known as ABDULLAHI ISHAKU now wish to be called and addressed as AHMAD ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as KANI NASIRU now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR ABDULLAHI ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULHADI, I formerly known as BITRUS DORIN now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULHADI ISAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MARYAM, I formerly known as HADIZA SAMAILA now wish to be called and addressed as MARYAM SAMAILA with date of birth 08 07 2002. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JUSTINA, I formerly known as JUSTINA UDE now wish to be called and addressed as JUSTINA EFENYINWA CHIBUNZE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SALISU, I formerly known as SALISU BASHIR now wish to be called and addressed as SALISU MUHAMMAD BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR NASIRU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI ALHAJI MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HUSSEINI, I formerly known as UMAR SAMAILA now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSEINI ADAMU BAPPAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAUDAT, I formerly known as SAUDAT ABBA DOB 12/09/1992 now wish to be called and addressed as SAUDAT ABBAH MUKHTAR DOB 14/12/1995. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NASIRU, I formerly known as SANI KAWO NASIRU now wish to be called and addressed as NASIRU HABIBU SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NASIRU, I formerly known as MURTALA SIRAJU now wish to be called and addressed as NASIRU SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as HADIZA IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA BAPPAH IDAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABDULKADIR now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED NUHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ADAMU, I formerly known as ADAMU SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU ISAH MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YUSHAU, I formerly known as YUSHAU WADA now wish to be called and addressed as YUSHAU ISHAKA WADA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ORUCHE, I formerly known as ORUCHE CORNELIUS now wish to be called and addressed as ORUCHE PASCAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HAFSAT, I formerly known as HAFSAT JIBIR now wish to be called and addressed as HAFSAT IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FURERA, I formerly known as MOHD UWANI now wish to be called and addressed as FURERA ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as ADAMU AMINU now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM DANBINTA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as DANMANU HAFIZ now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR ISAH JUGGAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SALISU, I formerly known as TASI'U MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as SALISU TASI'U TAKAI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ADAMU, I formerly known as AUDU ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU AUDU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

USMAN, I formerly known as USMAN ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as MOHAMMED USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED USMAN BAGE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as MUBARAK DANGASUWA now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMAD, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMAD ISAH JUGGAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YUSIF, I formerly known as YUSIF ABUBAKAR RABO now wish to be called and addressed as YUSIF ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HAJARA, I formerly known as HAUWA BELLO ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as HAJARA BELLO ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HARUNA, I formerly known as SAMAILA MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as HARUNA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ZAINAB, I formerly known as NAFISA MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB MUHAMMAD SIX. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MARIYA, I formerly known as ZAKARIYA HUSSAINI now wish to be called and addressed as MARIYA HAMZA ABDULKARIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SHAFI, I formerly known as SAIFULLAHI MOHD now wish to be called and addressed as SHAFI, U MOHD. All former documents remain valid. MAIGATARI LGA and the general public should please take note.

RAHILAT, I formerly known as RAHILAT LAMI UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as RAHILAT LAMI ABDULKADIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BABANGIDA, I formerly known as JIBIR BABANGIDA now wish to be called and addressed as BABANGIDA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

DAN, I formerly known as ABDULWAHAB ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as DAN INNA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUAZU, I formerly known as LODDO MOHD SANI now wish to be called and addressed as MUAZU SALIHU SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as GWANI MUHAMMADU now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD DANJUMA KABIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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AISHATU, I formerly known as HAFSAT GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as AISHATU BUBA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SA'ADATU: I, formerly known as SA'ADATU ABDU ILIYASU, now wish to be known and addressed as SA'ADATU ILIYASU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BARAKAT: I formerly known as BARAKATU ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as BARAKAT UTHMAN. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

SAMUEL: I formerly known and addressed as Akogun Anu Regina now wish to be known and addressed as Samuel Princess Regina. I was born on 25/01/2001 not 27/07/1986. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

YUSUF : I, formerly known and addressed as AVINDE LUKMANU, now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF SALIU LUKMON. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

EMMA I formerly known and addressed as MOHAMMED EMMA, now wish to be known and addressed as EMMA MUSA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MUSA, I formerly known as ABDULHAMID RILWANU now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BLESSING: I formerly known as DINATU YAKUBU now wish to be called and addressed as BLESSING YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MAGREAT: I, formerly known as MAGREAT JOHN, now wish to be known and addressed as MAGREAT EMMANUEL JOHN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

JENNIFER: I formerly known and addressed as ADEGBOYEGA TEMILOLUWA JENNIFER. Now wish to be known and addressed as SAMUEL SOLA JENNIFER. I was born on -20/01/2003 not 08/10/1997. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

IGBOZURIKE : I, formerly known and addressed as JULIET OBIAGERI ONWUZURUGBO (MISS), now wish to be known and addressed as JULIET OBIAGERI IGBOZURIKE (MRS), due to marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

AISHATU: I formerly known as AISHATU MUHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as AISHATU SAIDU. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

HAFSAT, I formerly known as HAUWA HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as HAFSAT USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RAMATU: I formerly known as RAHAMAH BUHARI now wish to be called and addressed as RAMATU BUHARI. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

KADUNA: I, formerly known as SOLOMON DAUDA and KADUNA SOLOMON BATURE respectively now wish to be known and called KADUNA BATURE. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ADEMOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEBOWALE ADELOLUWATOSIN. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEMOLA OLUWATOSIN OLA. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME/CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH That I was formerly known and addressed as EMMANUEL ABAYOMI ASANUGBERE, now wish to be known and addressed as COLE EMMANUEL ABAYOMI. That my date of birth was wrongly written as 24th of February, 1990 instead of 28th of February, 1977. All former documents remain valid. Banks, General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

FADIMATU: I formerly known as FAIZA ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as FADIMATU ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

ABDULRASHEED, I formerly known as ADAMU YAHAYA now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULRASHEED HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

CECILIA: I formerly known as CECILIA JANABA ALMAJA now wish to be called and addressed as CECILIA ALMAJA. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MASCORT: I formerly known as KELLY MASCORT IROGBETIN now wish to be called as MASCORT IROGBETIN KELLY. All former documents remain valid. General public all authority concern should please take note

I, MAKINTAALI AHMAD on my Bank Account, my name was wrongly written as MAKINTA MOHAMMED and my date of birth was wrongly written as 21st day of July, 1995 instead of MAKINTAALI AHMAD and my date of birth as 21st day of November, 1999. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINMUSANMI: I, formerly known and addressed as ALABA OLAITAN ESTHER. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKINMUSANMI OLAITAN ESTHER. That my correct date of birth is 8th day of April, 1992. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

HADIZA I formally known as HAUWA UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as HADIZA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN, I formerly known as ISHIYAKA USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN AHMED B. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AHMED: I formerly known as AHMED HADIZA now wish to be called and addressed as AHMED HADIZA OREYI. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

MARY: I, formerly known as MARY NNEEDINMA ONICHABOR, now wish to be known and called MRS MARY NNEEDINMA OKOLI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ASOGBA: I, formerly known and addressed as AGEMO ESTHER MEDEYONMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ASOGBA ESTHER MEDEYONMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as POPOOLA BUKOLA GRACE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OJO BUKOLA GRACE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JACOB: I, formerly known as OGBONNA JACOB now wish to be known and addressed as OGBONNA JACOB JACOB. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

SAIDU, I formerly known as MUSA YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as SAIDU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SHEHU: I formally known as SHEHU UMARU. Now wish to be called as SHEHU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. general public and authority concerns should take note please.

ATTAH: I, formerly known as ATTAH JAMES OMACHONU, now wish to be known and called ATTAH JAMES OMATTAH MY DATE OF BIRTH IS OCT 31, 1995. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

GODONU: I, formerly known and addressed as GODONU BODEWUSE WHENAYON. Now wish to be known and addressed as GODONU BODEWUSE MATHEW. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OKECHUKWU: I, formerly known and addressed as IDIKA EBERE BLESSING. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKECHUKWU EBERE BLESSING. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

That I was formally known as ZAINAB BELLO SHEHU now wish to be called and address as ZARAH SHEHU and general public to take note

AISHATU, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as AISHATU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ALHAJI: I formerly known as ALHAJI HON OGWU now wish to be called as ALHAJI OGWU. All former documents remain valid. general public all authority concern should please take note

JACOB: I, formerly known as CHUBIYO AUDU, now wish to be known and called JACOB SALOME UMULOJO. WRONG DATE OF BIRTH: 01-01-1997 CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH: 06-06-2001. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ENYINNA : I formerly known and addressed as UDOKA HONEST EKPON. Now wish to be known and addressed as UDOKA HONEST ENYINNA. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

AKALEZI: I, formerly known and addressed as AKALEZI JOHN KELECHI. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKALEZI STEPHEN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIM I formerly known and addressed as UMAR IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as DALA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

INUWA, I formerly known as MUH'D SANI now wish to be called and addressed as INUWA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RASHIDAT: I, formerly known as RASHIDAT ONYIREHI ALIYU and OKARAGA ONYIREHI RASHIDAT, now wish to be known and addressed as RASHIDAT ONYIREHI ZUBAIR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MUSA: I, formerly known as SUNDU. H. MUSA, now wish to be known and called MUSA HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OKECHUKWU : I formerly known and addressed as CHUKWUMA CHIOMA VIVIAN. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKECHUKWU CHIOMA VIVIAN. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

CHIYENUM: I, formerly known and addressed as OJUJENUM OZEGBE GODWIN. Now wish to be known and addressed as CHIYENUM OGHENETEGA GODWIN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KAFIYA I formerly known and addressed as BUKAR ISA now wish to be known and addressed as BUKAR ISA KAFIYA. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HARUNA, I formerly known as HUSSAINI ALKASIM now wish to be called and addressed as HARUNA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AVONG: I Formerly known as AVONG ERNEST with DOB 27/09/1992. Now wish to be called and addressed as AVONG ERNEST BOBAI with DOB 27/09/1993. All Former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

AHMAD: I formerly known as AHAMMED MUBARAK now wish to be called and addressed as AHMAD MUBARAK. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs MOMOH KUDIRAT OYIZA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs SULEIMAN KUDIRAT OYIZA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JAIYEBOA: I, formerly known and addressed as GBADAMOSI HALIMOT SHADIAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as JAIYEBOA HALIMOT BOLANLE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as UMAR BABA GAMBO now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR ISA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

AMINU, I formerly known as YA'U UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUSA: I Formerly known as MUHAMMED MANSIR. Now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA AHMED MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Any Authority Concerned and the General public to please take note

SULAIMAN: I, formerly known and addressed as KASALI HAMMED. Now wish to be known and addressed as SULAIMAN TOHEEB ALAGBE. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

EDEH: I, formerly known and addressed as EJI JULIET LEDIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as EDEH JULIET OROGOH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED ODO JUDE HENRY & DOB 11/05/1994 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS ODO AMUCHE JUDE & DOB 11/05/1999 GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

HADIZA : I formerly known as HADIZA ABDULLAHI now wish to be known as HADIZA ABDULLAHI YUSUF. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as BABAYO ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LINDA: I, formerly known as ONOME ANTHONY, now wish to be known and addressed as LINDA INIOVO. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

On my BVN my name was wrongly written as DORCAS FOLASHADE OLUSEYE instead of my correct name TOSIN FOLASHADE OLUSEYE as it appear on my international passport. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEKANMBI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEKANMBI LEKAN AHMED. Date of birth 28/02/1992. Old Address - 28 Ogbonna street, Lantoro Abokuta. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEKANMBI LEKAN AHMED. Date of birth 19/09/1995. Now Address - 25 OGUNBONA STREET LANTORO ABOKUTA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note. Phone Number: 09037753795

KHALED I, Formerly known as KHALED UMAR or HALDU UMARU now wish to be known and addressed as KHALED UMAR OGWUJO. 12th January, 1997. All former document remain valid, public to take note.

ABUKAR : I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED now wish to be known as ABUKAR MOHAMMED. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

AHMED, I formerly known as ISHIYAKA ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as AHMED HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RUDE: I Formerly known as GALADIMA AUUDU RUDE. Now wish to be called and addressed as RUDE GALADIMA. All former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

OKESIJI: I, formerly known and addressed as OKUNEYE ABOSEDE VICTORIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKESIJI ABOSEDE VICTORIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SHODIPO: I, formerly known and addressed as AWOLANA ADEDOYIN RUKIYAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs SHODIPO ADEDOYIN RUKIYAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMAR: I, formerly known as UMAR MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as UMAR MADU. All former documents remain valid. And my correct DOB is 09-10-2002 not 22-09-2002. General public should take note.

- ALHAJI : I formerly known as ALHAJI BUKAR GONI now wish to be known as GONI ALHAJI BUKAR. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I was formerly known as GAMBO SALIHU now wish to be known and called as UMMA GAMBO SALIHU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General Public should please take note

Confirmation of birth Certificate MURUMBA OBIORA OGUEGBU was born on the 31 March 1967. All former documents remain valid. General Public take note

ADEYEMO: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEYEMO JAMIU. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEYEMO ADEADAMOLA ALAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME LJADU : That my name was written as LJADU ITUNU FOLASHADE instead of LJADU ITUNU REMILEKUN. Henceforth, I now wish to be known and addressed as LJADU ITUNU REMILEKUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MOHAMMED: I Formerly known as MOHAMMED USMAN USMAN with DOB 10/09/1998 now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED USMAN USMAN. All former documents remain valid. with DOB 10/10/1992. NECO And General public should please take note

HASSAN : I formerly known as HASSAN ADO MUAZU BUKAR now wish to be known as HASSAN ADO BUKAR. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I was formerly known as JENNIFER CHRISTOPHER ODIILINYE now wish to be known and called as ODIILINYE JANET CHISOM. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

DAVID: I Formerly known as NICHOLAS PAUL. Now wish to be called and addressed as DAVID PAUL My correct DOB is 02/FEBRUARY/1995 Not 02/ FEBRUARY/1988. All former documents remain valid. Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

JOEL: I, formerly known and addressed as TOKUNBO SETH MONDAY. Now wish to be known and addressed as JOEL SETH SEJORO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OJEWANDE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADENIRAN TAWAB AYOBAMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OJEWANDE TAWAB ADENIRAN. That my correct date of birth is 28th day of January, 2000. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

HASSANA: I formerly known as HASSANA A. SULAIMAN & HASSANA MUHAMMAD SULEIMAN now wish to be known and addressed as HASSANA SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, ZENITH BANK PLC And General Public Should please take note.

UGWOKE. I formerly known as CHINAKA ASANYA, now wish to be known and addressed as UGWOKE MICHAEL CHINAKA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

ADDITION OF NAME: I was formerly known as MARYAM ALINow wish to be known and called as MARYAM ALIYU IDRIS. All my former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note

TABITHA: I formerly known as TABITHA ISHAKU now wish to be known as TABITHA ISHIYAKU. All former documents remain valid. authorities concern and general public to note.

ABIGAIL: I, formerly known and addressed as ABIGAIL SULE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABIGAIL OLAYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FUNKE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss FUNKE FALILAT ADENIJI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs FUNKE FALILAT AILERU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR I formerly known and addressed as HARUNA UMARU now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR A ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GALI I formerly known as GHALI LADAN now wish to be known and address as GALI LADAN with DATE OF BIRTH: 04/04/1993 not 11/4/1993. All former documents remain valid and general public particularly: UNION BANK PLC should take note

I formally known as Bashir Abubakar Bashir now wish to be called and addressed as Abubakar Bashir. My previous documents remain valid. Moddibo Adama University of Technology (MAUTECH)Yola and authorities concerned should take note.

KEMI: I, formerly known as AREMU KEMI BLESSING, now wish to be known and addressed as KEMI BLESSING CHRISTOPHER. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AWOBAJO: I, formerly known and addressed as WAKSHAMA TARHYEL INUSA. Now wish to be known and addressed as AWOBAJO TARHYEL INUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME That I ABDULFAZEZ FIYINFOLUWA RABU and ENIOLA FIYINFOLUWA ADEKUNJO. Now wish to be known and addressed as RABU ABDULFAZEZ ENIOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATIMA I formerly known and addressed as FATIMA ADAMU ISA YARO, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA AHMED. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GARBA: I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR GARBA now wish to be known and addressed as ABUDAKAR GARBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ADAMU, I formerly known as ALH SHEHU ADAMU YARO now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known as ABBA ALHASSAN, now wish to be known and called ABUBAKAR ALHASSAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AKPUDUVO: I, formerly known and addressed as OKEKE VIVIAN EBERE. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKPUDUVO VIVIAN EBERE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH That I AKINYEMI MOHAMMED JAMIU was born on 11th day of July, 1985 not 7th day of November, 1985. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HAWWA: I formerly known as ADAMU HAWWA LEME, ADAMU HAWWA BAWA & UMAR HAWWA U. LEME now wish to be known and addressed as HAWWA ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. SPECIALIST HOSPITAL JALINGO And General Public Should please take note.

JAMES: I formerly known as JOSEPH JAMES MONDAY with D.O.B 03-03-1979 now wish to be known and addressed as JAMES JOSEPH with D.O.B 06-03-1988. All former document remain valid. General public and any authority concern should take note.

AGUSTINA: I, formerly known as EMMANUEL AGUSTINA INIOVO, now wish to be known and called AGUSTINA EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

CHANCHANGI: I formerly known as SANI YUSUF NADABO now wish to be called and addressed as CHANCHANGI SANI NADABO. All former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

OLADEPO: I, formerly known and addressed as OSEWA OLUBUNMI ESTHER. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLADEPO OLUBUNMI ESTHER. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ODETOLA : I, formerly known and addressed as ADETONA ADEFUNKE ABISOLA, now wish to be known and addressed as ODETOLA ADEFUNKE ABISOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MOHAMMED I formerly known as SANI MOH'D BISHIR now wish to be known and address as MOHAMMED SANI BISHIR with DATE OF BIRTH: 4th-August, 1978. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

HAWWA I formerly known as FATIMA AHMED, now wish to be known and addressed as HAWWA AHMED ARKWAYAM. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

ADAMU I formerly known as **ADAMU INUWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU INUWA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

KABIR I formerly known as **KABIR ISA** now wish to be known and addressed as **KABIR YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid and general public particularly; **GTB BANK** should take note

OBEDIANCE; I formerly known as **JESSICA NICODIMUS** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMOS OBEDIANCE**. All former document remain valid General public and any authority concern should take note.

NSING - I, formerly known as **NSING FAVOUR MARKJANE**. Now wish to be known as **NSING FAVOUR CHITUKA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MGBORUKWE - I was formerly known as **ORJI CHIOMA CHIDIMMA**. That I now wish to be known as **MGBORUKWE CHIOMA CHIDIMMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ALOMI: That I was formerly known as **MONJOK JOSEPHINE MONDANCE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. JOSEPHINE ALOMI AROKU**. All former documents remain valid. Patient and proprietary medicine vendors licence and the general public should please take note.

SANI I formerly known as **SALISU SANI** now wish to be known and address as **SANI SALISU** with **DATE OF BIRTH:12/05/1989**. All former documents remain valid and general public particularly **STANBIC IBTC BANK** should take note

MUHAMMAD: I formally known as **YUSUF IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BALA: I formerly known as **ALHAJI BALA MAINA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BALA MAINA** All former document remain valid General public and authority concern should take note

MRS. SANGA - I, formerly known as **MISS. BLESSING IBOR BASSEY**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. SANGA BLESSING NGINI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

AKPAN - I was formerly known as **FRIDAY OKON UKOH**. That I now wish to be known as **AKPAN FRIDAY OKON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EMENIKE - She was formerly known as **AWAGU NANCY CHIDINMA**. That she now wish to be known as **EMENIKE NANCY CHIDINMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GARBA. I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SADIQ BALA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GARBA INUWA**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

DANJUMA: I formally known as **SHAHIDA DANJUMA MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHAHIDA ABDULLAH DANJUMA**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as **ADAMU SOLOMON SANI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU SAHANUN SANI**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

DR. MRS ANGUS - I, formerly known as **EGBO CHINENYE FAITH**. Now wish to be known as **DR. MRS ANGUS CHINENYE FAITH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UGOTA - I was formerly known as **PAULINUS DESTINY EMMANUEL**. That I now wish to be known as **UGOTA DESTINY EMMANUEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

GRACE: That I was formerly known as **DEBORAH EFFIONG CHRISTOPHER**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **DEBORAH GRACE CHRISTOPHER**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

KACHALLA: I Formerly known as **KACHALLA ALI MALA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KACHALLA MALA ALI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULLAH: I formally known as **UMARU MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR MUSA ABDULLAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DANIEL - I, formerly known as **ODUMB FELIX**. Now wish to be known as **DANIEL FRED CHRISTOPHER**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. IKEKPEAZU - I, formerly known as **MISS. IHUEZE CHINYERE NKIRU**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. IKEKPEAZU CHINYERE NKIRU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

OHAERI - I was formerly known as **MISS. CHIOMA JACINTA ONYEMA**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. OHAERI CHIOMA JACINTA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

BEKE: That I was formerly known as **IWANG STELLA PAUL**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **BEKE JUSTINA PAUL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

BALA I, formerly known as **BALA MUHAMMAD KUIRI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD BALA**. All former documents remain valid. And my correct **DOB is 01-02-1995** not otherwise stated there in. General public should take note.

MBAL : I formally known as **MUKTAR SALEH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALMUKTAR SALEH MBAL**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DUMMENE - I, formerly known as **FRANK SUAH**. Now wish to be known as **DUMMENE BARILEERA SUAH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

HARRIET - I, formerly known as **HARRIET OGHENEFEGOR IKI-ESTOLEE**. Now wish to be known as **HARRIET OGHENEFEGOR EBODE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EKEANYANWU: That I was formerly known as **MISS. NNUNYA UGONNA AMARACHI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. EKEANYANWU. UGONNA AMARACHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

SOLOMON: That I was formerly known as **MISS. ANTHONY NICE ONYEBUCHI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. SOLOMON NICE ONYEBUCHI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

SABO: I Formerly known as **MALLAM SABO SULAIMAN** with **DOB 12/10/1974** now wish to be known and addressed as **SABO SULAIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. with **DOB 05/05/1974**. **FCMB** And General public should please take note

I, HABU MUAZU sincerely declare that the names: **HABU MUAZU** and **HABU MUAZU ALHAJI** are referred to me as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **HABU MUAZU**. All former documents remains valid, authorities concerned and public note.

NWANKWO - I, formerly known as **EMMANUEL OKIKE**. Now wish to be known as **NWANKWO CHISOM PRINCE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. UZOR - I, formerly known as **MISS. IKEOBI NNEOMA CHINWE**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. UZOR NNEOMA CHINWE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UDOHUO: That I was formerly known as **JOHN IFIOK WISDOM**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **JOHN IFIOK UDOUHO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

WELSH: That I was formerly known as **MISS. NWADIKE OLUCHI PRISCA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. WELSH OLUCHI PRISCA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUSA: I formally known as **BARA'U YUSUF**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BARA'U MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ISA I formally known as **MOHAMMED ISA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD BG ISA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. OKPARA -JOHN - I, formerly known as **OKOHUE STEPHENA ONLUNOSEN**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. OKPARA -JOHN STEPHENA ONLUNOSEN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. NWANERI - I, formerly known as **MISS. UKWUOMA NNEAMAKA IHUAKU**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. NWANERI NNEAMAKA IHUAKU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

NDU: That I was formerly known as **MISS. JULIANA OJIMBA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. GODSTIME NDU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

JETAVVO: That I was formerly known as **MOSES EZEKIEL**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **JETAVVO EZEKIEL**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

I, Samaila Birman Ali of No. 8 Afaka road Barnakallah Kaduna State wish to inform the general public of the loss of my original particulars Lexus Jeep Model RX 350 2010 model of the following:

- 1) Original customs duty letter
- 2) Customs valuation assessment form
- 3) F.O.U Custom DTML mile 2
- 4) Zuzu 6 letter and change ownership
- 5) Letter and receipt of payment and R/Os.

The above mentioned, managers cheque got lost on 2nd December, 2020 along Independence Way Opp Ranchers Bee Stadium, Kaduna State. All effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned address. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

PRINCESS - I, formerly known as **PRINCESS ADAEZE CHUKU**. Now wish to be known as **PRINCESS ADAEZE ASHIEGBU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

RICHARD - I, formerly known as **RICHARD OBUMNAEME ONWUZULIKE**. Now wish to be known as **RICHARD OBUMNAEME JOSEPH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

NWADINEKE: That I was formerly known as **OPARA BENEDICTA IFEOMA** and **BENEDICTA IFEOMA EMERIBE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **OPARA BENEDICTA IFEOMA NWADINEKE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

UGBOMEN: That I was **MISS. MIRACLE ISIMEMEN EDEOGHON**, now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. UGBOMEH MIRACLE ISIMEMEN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE PROBATE DIVISION BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE

WHEREAS the person whose names and address are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place in the said column.

AND whereas the person whose address is set out in the second column hereunder claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above court for a grant of "LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION" of personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such person unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the Probate Registry High Court of Justice Birnin Kebbi, within TWENTY ONE DAYS (21 DAYS) from the date of publication of this NOTICE.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	SCHEDULE-	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
LATE HASSAN IBRAHIM NIGERIA POLICE FORCE, ASOKORO DIVISION, ABUJA, FCT WHO DIED ON 01/1/2021		UMAR IBRAHIM SHIYAR SARAKUNA AREA BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE THE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED.

Dated at Birnin Kebbi on the 19 JANUARY, 2021

PROBATE REGISTRY
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI STATE.

HUSSANI ABDULLAH
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ZAMFARA STATE OF NIGERIA, PROBATE DIVISION ZAMFARA STATE

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DECEASED	APPLICANT FOR GRANT
MALLAM TANBAI BUNGUJOU OF FGCC GUSAU, WHO DIED ON 26-JULY-2019 AT GENERAL HOSPITAL BUNGUJOU BUNGUJOU LOCAL GOVT ZAMFARA STATE.	ZAYYANU AHMAD LIMANCHI AREA BUNGUJOU LOCAL GOVERNMENT ZAMFARA STATE THE SON OF THE DECEASED.

DATED THIS 18TH day of JANUARY, 2021

PROBATE REGISTRY
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
GUSAU, ZAMFARA STATE

BELLO MUHAMMAD KUCHERI
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, Danlami Musa of No.T 19 Minna Road T/Wada Kaduna wish to inform the general public of the loss of original offer of Grand on plot No.26 Road AA Hayin Dan Mani Layout in Igabi L.G Area, bearing the names of Musa Tefa. The said document got lost on the 20th November, 2020 and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned address. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE LOSS OF DOCUMENT/ GRANTS RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY: ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2020 AT ABOUT 16:55HRS, ONE ALI MUHAMMAD OF SHOP NO. 8 AA MUNASSAR SHOPPING COMPLEX BARBAN LINE MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE REPORTED AT THE STATE INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (SIB) POLICE HEADQUARTERS MAIDUGURI THAT HE LOST HIS DOCUMENTS AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK BY INSURGENTS THAT NECESSITATED MY RELOCATION FROM BARABULIN NGRANNAM AREA TO DAMBOA ROAD. DOCUMENT/GRANTS NUMBER 80/30435 BEARING MAMMAN G. BASHIR AND 80/30436 BEARING ALHAJI SHERIFF. HENCE HIS REPORT. ACTION TAKEN: THE COMPLAINANT IS ADVISED TO GO TO COURT OF LAW AND SWEAR TO AN AFFIDAVIT TO ENABLE HIS OBTAIN REPLACEMENT FROM THE AUTHORITY CONCERN.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I' **ANYANWU EMEKA ALI**, FORMERLY USING THE NAME **MONCHWE EZEKIEL TUMELO** WITH SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT NUMBER **A05220781** AS A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN. HENCEFORTH WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS WITH MY NIGERIA PASSPORT AS **ANYANWU EMEKA ALI** WITH MY NIGERIA PASSPORT NUMBER **A11214032** AS A NIGERIAN CITIZEN, FROM **UMUDIM EZIANA NTIGHA, ISIALA NGWA, ABIA STATE NIGERIA**. GENERAL PUBLIC AND AUTHORITY CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA, PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place stated in the said column.

AND WHERE AS the person/persons whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for a grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" of the personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" will be granted to such person/persons unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice Katsina within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

DECEASED	APPLICANT FOR GRANT
LATE KABIR ABU KARFI OF KATSINA STATE HOSPITAL SERVICE MANAGEMENT BOARD DIED ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT MALUMFASHI	ALWAL NABIR KARFI TOWN, MALUMFASHI L.G.A, KATSINA THE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED.

DATED THIS 19TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

KABIR SHUAIBU
PROBATE REGISTRAR

ASSOCIATION OF AFFILIATED FRIENDS

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

The Trustees are:

1. Engr. Cetus Usendok	2. Mr. Nwanuwem Udom
3. Mr. Insiobong Etukudo	4. Mr. Felix Ekpo
5. Mr. Victor Ekpo	6. Mr. Ekpedeme Udoka
7. Mr. Promise Udoh	8. Mr. Etim Nelson
9. Mr. Blessing Ukwak	

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote Peace, progress and contribute to the development of Nigeria and the society at large.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi street, Maitama Abuja. Within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:
Secretary

348 killed, 411 abducted in Nigeria in 1 month - Report

By Idowu Isamotu

No fewer than 348 people lost their lives to violent attacks across Nigeria in December last year; while 411 others were abducted, a report released by a non-governmental organisation, Nigeria Mourns, has revealed.

The breakdown of the report, which was published on Monday, showed that 315 out of 348 people killed were civilians; while 33 others were security operatives. The data, according to the report, was gathered through the use

of newspaper reports and family sources to track violent killings.

Borno State, troubled by Boko Haram insurgents and members of ISWAP, among the 27 states affected, recorded the most alarming figures during the month with 70 deaths.

The casualty figures for each of the 27 states, according to the report, are: Borno, 70; Kaduna, 64; Niger, 26; Katsina, 24; Ogun, 23; Zamfara, 19; Benue, 17; Edo, 17; Delta, 14; Ebonyi, 13; Adamawa, 8; Oyo, 6; Ondo, 6; Bayelsa, 5; FCT, 5; Lagos, 5; Rivers, 4; Plateau, 3;

Imo, 3; Cross River, 3; Kogi, 3; Jigawa, 3; Taraba, 2; Anambra, 2; Kano, 1; Osun, 1 and Enugu, 1.

The report showed 136 people were killed by suspected bandits, 66 people killed by persons suspected to be members of Boko Haram or its breakaway faction, ISWAP; and 60 by in cult clashes.

In addition, communal crises, according to the report, led to the death of 41 people; while 30 persons died in isolated attacks, eight killed by herdsmen and seven people through extrajudicial killings.

REDAN mourns as ex-Sports Minister, Ka'oje, dies

By Idowu Isamotu

The Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria yesterday mourned a former Minister of Sports and ex-president of the Nigerian Institute of Building, Bala Ka'oje, who died on Tuesday at the age of 60.

REDAN President, Alhaji Aliyu Oroji Wamakko, in a statement, expressed shock over Ka'oje's demise. He said the former minister's death had thrown Nigeria's sporting fraternity, real estate and construction sector into a mourning mood.

He described the late

ex-minister as a dignified, detribalised, unassuming administrator and real estate expert who showed great passion and interest in the development and improvement of the real estate and construction sector and that of Nigeria sports.

He said Ka'oje was, until his death, a member of the Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria Board of Trustees.

Wamakko prayed Almighty Allah grant the soul of Kaoje eternal rest in paradise; and his family, friends, associates and Nigerians, the fortitude to bear the loss.

1m Nigerians to benefit from COVID-19 cash transfer - Osinbajo

One million Nigerians are to benefit from the Federal Government's COVID-19 Cash Transfer Project which aims to lift the urban poor affected by the pandemic out of poverty.

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo said this on Tuesday in Abuja while inaugurating the COVID-19 Rapid Response Registration (RRR) Cash Transfer Project.

According to him, the project is a national initiative to build a shock responsive framework for capturing and registering the urban poor and vulnerable populations across Nigeria.

Osinbajo said that the new register complements the already existing platforms under the

World Bank supported National Social Safety nets Project.

"As of Dec. 31, 2020, we have identified and registered about 24.3 million poor and vulnerable individuals into the National Social Register; equivalent to about 5.7 million households.

"Through this project, we are currently injecting about N10billion directly into the hands of about two million poor and vulnerable households every month."

According to him, the initiative is about the largest evidence-based effort by any administration on poverty reduction and its impact on the lives of the poor is huge.

"This is by way of improving the

livelihoods of the beneficiaries through enhanced household purchasing power, smoothening consumption, increasing savings and acquisition of household assets and improving the local economy. Osinbajo said that the RRR was designed to focus mainly on the urban poor wards selected using scientifically validated methods of satellite remote sensing technology, machine learning algorithm and big data analysis.

"This social protection method of targeting is the first strategy to be developed and tested in the Sub-Saharan Africa region and Nigeria will be the first country for its implementation.

"With the RRR, which uses

a wholly technology-based approach, we are primed to achieve an end-to-end digital foot-print in cash transfers for the urban poor.

"Which also helps us achieve our financial inclusion policy under the Enhancing Financial Innovation and Access programme (EFInA)."

News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the first set of 3,115 beneficiaries have already received N5,000 each cash transfer and the programme will continue until it reaches the one million target.

The cash transfers will be received by the beneficiaries for six months.

Also at the event, the Minister

of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Sadiya Farouq, said that the RRR would provide the gateway to many social development initiatives.

"This is because it uses innovative advancements in technology, in combination with ground-truthing processes, to generate an early response system.

"By design, the register also links to other databases such as banking information of respondents and national identity numbers.

"It is a process that is advanced in unifying national databank towards the delivery of social development in Nigeria. (NAN)

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ADDITION OF NAME: PRAISE: That I was formerly known as **FRIDAY ITORO**. That I now wish to add **PRAISE** to my names. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **FRIDAY PRAISE ITORO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

OTU - I was formerly known as **ABAGHA ENYINNAYA FRANKLIN**. That I now wish to be known as **OUT OGBONNIA FRANKLIN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

BEBAA - I was formerly known as **PROMISE JAMES EBENEZER**. That I now wish to be known as **BEBAA BARILEDUM PROMISE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **OLAJUMOKE OLUKOJU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLAJUMOKE OLUKOJU ANTHONY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **KEHINDE ALE** Now wish to be known and addressed as **KEHINDE JOSEPH ALE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

WARIBOKO: That I was formerly known as **MISS. SANTLEY OSEBHEN EHIHWA-IVORE**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. SANTLEY EHIHWA-ONIMIM WARIBOKO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

IGBINEWEKA - I was formerly known as **ONI ANNA OSAGIEDUWA**. That I now wish to be known as **IGBINEWEKA ANNA ONI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

HASSANA: I, formerly known as **HASINA DA'U ALIYU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSANA DA'U ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **RABIU ADEMOLA KABIRU WITH D.O.B 24-04-1987** Now wish to be known and addressed as **RABIU KABIRU WITH D.O.B 06-05-1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **HUSAINI AMINU DADA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SARKIN GOBIR AMINU DADA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME - I, MRS. MONSURAT DEJI, wish to confirm that the names **MURKALA MONSURATU AKINSOLA, AKINSOLA MONSURATU MUKAI and MONSURAT DEJI**, belongs to one and the same person **MRS. MONSURAT DEJI**. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MONDAY - I was formerly known as **MONDAY AKPAN**. That I now wish to be known as **MONDAY EKPON-IMOHO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **HADIZA MODI SHAGARI** Now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABUBAKAR SALIHU 1970-1988 NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ABUBAKAR SALIHU TURETA ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. MINISTRIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I, formerly known as **FATIMA MUSA MAINA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ALIYU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHINONSO - I was formerly known as **MISS. FAITH CHINONSO URUAKPA**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. CHINONSO FAITH UCHE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

HART - I was formerly known as **AHAIWE ANGELA CHIOMA**. That I now wish to be known as **HART ANGELA CHIOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ABEKE OLUKOJU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABENI FELICIA OLUKOJU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **UMAR NASIRU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **UMARU NAZIRU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **HASIYA NURA KANGIWA WITH D.O.B 20-07-2000** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ASIYA NURA KANGIWA WITH D.O.B 20-07-2003**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit;
Men: Court Affidavit

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA.

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
PHILIP YISA TSADO WHO DIED ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE NIGERIAN AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.	CATHERINE LAMI BULUS GUARDIAN TO AND MIRRELA TSADO OF BLOCK 1 FLAT 8 MATADI ST. WUSE ZONE 3. SISTER AND DAUGHTER.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
SIGNED:
MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU
CHIEF REGISTRAR

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
CHIEF FIDELIS NWOYE UBUNAMA WHO DIED ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020 WHO WAS SELF EMPLOYED.	PRINCE AUSTINE UBUNAMA AND CHIGOZIE UBUNAMA BASIL OF NO.2, ANGOLA STREET, WUSE ZONE 2. SON AND SON.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
SIGNED:
MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU
CHIEF REGISTRAR

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DECEASED NAME AND ADDRESS	APPLICANTS FOR GRANT
JUDE OBUMNIKE OKEKE WHO DIED ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 WHO WAS WORKING UNDER THE FCT HIGH COURT, ABUJA.	GRACE NGOZI JUDE - OKEKE AND DIVINE CHIEMELIE JUDE - OKEKE OF HOUSE 3, ROAD 693, ABUJA MODEL CITY, GWARINPA. WIDOW.

DATED AT ABUJA THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
SIGNED:
MUHAMMAD MUSTAPHA ADAMU
CHIEF REGISTRAR

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Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

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■ From left: Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Nassarawa State University, Professor Olayemi Akinwumi; Director General, National Emergency Management Agency, AVM Muhammadu Muhammed (rtd) and Director Institute of Governance and Development Studies Nassarawa State University, Professor Andrew Zamani during a delegation visit from the University to NEMA headquarters in Abuja

Controversy as Afenifere opts out of Yoruba summit

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

Controversy is trailing Thursday's summit on "Yoruba Nation: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" slated for Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, Daily Trust can report.

Afenifere, the pan-Yoruba socio-cultural group, said yesterday it would not participate in the summit.

Besides, the spokesman for the group, Mr. Yinka Odumakin confirmed that its patriarch, Chief Reuben Fashoranti who has been invited for the summit would not attend.

The summit being conveyed by the Yoruba Patriots' Movement is to deliberate on the future of the Yoruba nation in the current political dispensation, according to the Secretary, Planning Committee, Engr. Adekunle Olayinka.

He disclosed that the summit, which would be co-chaired by Gen. Alani Akinrinade, former Chief of Defence Staff and High Chief Rashidi Ladoja, former Governor of Oyo State, will be attended by present and former governors as well as notable past and present political office holders in the six southwest states of Lagos, Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo.

It listed Chief Fashoranti; Senator Biyi Durojaiye, Prince Tajudeen Olusi, Otunba Subomi

Balogun, Chief Afe Babalola, Aare Gani Adams, Pastor Tunde Bakare, amongst others as some of the participants.

But the summit is generating ripples in the South-West region following the decision of Afenifere to opt-out.

Odumakin in a chat with Daily Trust said Afenifere was not invited but the group only sent an invitation to Chief Fashoranti to attend as a guest.

He said Afenifere should have been consulted for such a summit. "If we are not considered that important, there is no point for us to attend," he said.

Daily Trust however learnt that the decision of Afenifere to opt-out of the summit was hinged on suspicion that it was a politically motivated summit to promote the speculated ambition of the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Tinubu.

Though Tinubu has not declared interest in the presidency, many supporters, loyalists and admirers have been making case for him to succeed President Muhammadu Buhari.

One of the promoters of the group is the former National Chairman of the APC, Chief Bisi Akande, a close ally of Tinubu, who is a patron of the movement while another Tinubu's ally, Tajudeen Olusi, the Chairman of

APC Elders' Forum in Lagos, was listed as one of the participants.

A source said, "From all indications, the summit is to champion the 2023 ambition of Asiwaju and Afenifere has never hidden its opposition to Tinubu's presidency."

Speaking with Daily Trust yesterday, National Coordinator of the movement, the organisers of the summit, Chief Oladosu Oladipo dismissed the threat by Afenifere, saying there are three wings of Afenifere and two have confirmed participation in the summit.

Oladipo said those threatening not to attend are "negligible" and vowed that the summit would go on as planned.

He also accused the Afenifere chieftains of threatening to shun the summit as promoting "Igbo presidency".

Asked if the summit was in respect of Tinubu's presidency as being insinuated, he said there was nothing wrong with that as long as he is a Yoruba person.

He said, "They are disposed to an Igbo president and they have made it very clear but Chief Olu Falae told me that I should send invitations to all of them including Chief Ayo Adebajo. If they learn not to come, they have a choice, can we force them?"

'167 Nigerians lack access to hand washing facilities'

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

The 2019 Water Sanitation and Hygiene National Outcome Routine Mapping (WASHNORM) has revealed that a total of 167 million people in Nigeria lack access to handwashing facilities with soap close to their homes, which increases disease infection especially COVID-19 in the country.

According to the report, only one percent of the population of Bauchi State have access to handwashing facilities with soap and water close to their homes.

Bauchi State Commissioner of Water Resources, Jidauna Tula Mbami disclosed this Tuesday during the commissioning of hand-washing facilities at the Special Education

School donated by Heineken African Foundation (HAF) in collaboration with WaterAid Nigeria in an effort to fight the spread of the COVID-19 infection among students with special needs.

Mbami said that the emergency situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic while exacerbating the impact of the WASH crisis, also provides an opportunity to mitigate existing risk and build effective and sustainable WASH system.

"WaterAid Nigeria with support from the Heineken Africa Foundation has provided a large package of WASH facilities and kits to be distributed to LGAs, schools, health centres and public places for better health outcomes specifically," he said

Newly elected LG chairman dies in Kano

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

Alhaji Ali Namadi, who emerged victorious in last Saturday's local government election in Bebeji Local Government Area of Kano State is dead.

His death was announced early Tuesday by his campaign's public relations officer, Ibrahim Adamu Tiga, barely two days after the state's electoral commission confirmed his victory.

Tiga said the deceased died

on Tuesday around 1:00 a.m after a brief illness. He said the deceased even drove himself to the hospital where he later died.

Namadi was among the successful APC chairmanship candidates in the just concluded local government councils' elections held on Saturday 16th January 2021, who are still awaiting their swearing-in.

He was buried in his hometown, Bebeji, on Tuesday morning.

Police arraign suspects over death of teenager in Yobe

By Ibrahim Baba Saleh, Damaturu

The Yobe State Police Command has charged four suspects to court in connection with death of Balkisu Ali a teenager who died at Yobe Govt Lodge two weeks ago.

The arraignment followed an autopsy conducted on the corpse at the University Teaching Hospital, Damaturu, to unravel the actual cause of death.

In a statement signed by the command's Public Relations, ASP Dungus Abdulkarim, the police said "the post-mortem

examination has revealed that the deceased died as a result of cardio-respiratory failure resulting from excessive use of Drugs (or Drug overdose)".

"With the conclusion of the investigation, suspects will soon be arraigned in court for charges, other than homicide, including criminal conspiracy, procurement and adultery"

The command further urged all and sundry to desist from peddling rumours that could be detrimental to the interest of the deceased family and the general security in the state.

COVID-19: 11 health workers test positive in Taraba

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

Eleven health workers comprising three medical doctors and eight nurses working at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Jalingo, Taraba State have tested positive for COVID-19.

The Medical Director of the

center, Dr Aisha Shehu Adamu confirmed this to Daily Trust in an interview.

She said a total number of 11 medical personnel working in the centre tested positive for coronavirus out of which three are medical doctors while eight are nurses.

She said two other patients who are not staff of the centre have also tested positive for coronavirus and are on admission in the centre.

Daily Trust findings revealed that there is an increase in the number of coronavirus infections in the state especially in Jalingo

the state capital from last week.

This is coming when government and private schools including the state university and other tertiary institutions reopened Monday in the state.

Reports from the state specialist hospital Jalingo also indicated that there are many

coronavirus related cases there.

The state commissioner of Health, Dr Innocent Vakkai told Daily Trust that situation report would be released on Thursday during the state committee on coronavirus meeting when various hospitals bring in their reports.

10 killed, houses razed as villagers, bandits clash in Zamfara

By Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu & Shehu Umar, Gusau

At least 10 people were killed and houses burnt following a deadly clash between suspected bandits and residents in Talli, Dutsin Gari, and Rayau villages in Kanoma district in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State, Daily Trust gathered.

Residents told our correspondent that the armed men on motorbikes stormed

Dutsin Gari community with the intention to kidnap residents but met fierce resistance from the already prepared villagers.

A gunfight between the villagers and the armed bandits ensued and it took several hours before the armed men were forced to leave the area.

The assailants then proceeded to Rayau village and fought the residents there.

"The armed men killed some prominent leaders of

local vigilante groups there and carted away animals. Some of the residents in the communities who had earlier fled for fear of reprisal attack from the bandits had their houses torched by the attackers," a resident said.

The spokesman for the state Police Command, SP Muhammad Shehu could not be reached for comment at the time of filing this report.

An eyewitness also told the BBC Hausa Service on the

phone that the bandits invaded the two towns on Monday.

He said later, members of the community decided to take action and followed the bandits to the bush where they are living.

"They just entered our villages shooting sporadically at people. We don't have guns but we carried what we had and followed them to the bush to protect ourselves but they continued shooting people.

"They killed more than 10

people. So far, we have seven of their corpses with us and we have to go to the bush and bring the remaining," he said.

He added that the soldiers came after the attack and left without doing anything.

Speaking to BBC Hausa, Zamfara State commissioner of security and home affairs, Abubakar Dauran, said he received the report of the attack and sent security personnel to the area, adding that he was still waiting for their response.

Court remands teenage girl for setting boyfriend ablaze

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

A 17-year-old girl, Esther Alex, has been remanded in a Makurdi Custodial Centre for allegedly setting her now-deceased boyfriend on fire.

Alex was arraigned on Tuesday before a Magistrate Court in Makurdi in Benue State for allegedly committing mischief by fire and culpable homicide.

First Information Report (FIR) indicated that the accused teenager, one Esther Alex, of No 1, Zaki Biam Street, Wadata in Makurdi went to the house of Chidimma Omah, 28 years old at No 17, Yandev Street of same Wadata in Makurdi and poured petrol in it while he was asleep and set him ablaze.

When the charges were read to the accused, she admitted

to fully understand the content.

But, no plea was taken for want of jurisdiction.

The prosecutor, Inspector Dominic Ochaba, therefore, asked that the accused be remanded in Makurdi Correctional Center, pending the conclusion of the investigation into the matter.

Counsel to the accused, S.O. Obekpa, however, did not object to the prosecution's demand but drew the attention of the court to the First Information Report.

The Magistrate, Regina Ochokwunu, however, declined the application sought by the counsel to the accused and ordered that the accused be remanded in the Custodial Centre.

Ochokwunu adjourned the case to March 5, 2021, for further mention.



■ The Managing Director Federal Housing Authority, Senator Gbenga Ashafa (left) in company of the Executive Director Business Development, Abdulmumin Jibrin (R) on inspection of the Authority's on-going project at Ajoda, Ibadan, Oyo State

FG targets 10m out-of-school children for BESDA programme

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

The Federal Government yesterday said it is targeting 10 million out-of-school children to benefit from the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) program.

The Minister of State for Education, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba disclosed this on Tuesday at the official flagged off of BESDA in Minna, the Niger state capital.

The Minister said 17 out of the 36 states of the federation were beneficiaries of the program with the view to take off many Nigerian children of school age roaming the streets.

He said "over 10 million out-of-school children in the country were targeted to benefit from the program and I will urge Niger State that had benefitted 6 million dollars to ensure full implementation of the program to improve its literacy rate."

The Niger State Chairman of SUBEB, Dr Isah Adamu in his welcome address said that

BESDA has so far received 6 million dollars equivalent of N1,933,750,000.00 in two tranches in May and August 2019 respectively.

He explained that in carrying out its mandate, no fewer than 1,599 Almajiri centers were identified in 517 communities of the 15 focal local governments of the state with 206,093 out of school children were captured in which 132,086 were males and 74,007 females.

Adamu also revealed that 72,553 out of school children were enrolled in the 367 selected non-formal education centres for the targeted 47,934 out of school children in Niger state.

Also, the Niger State Governor, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello noted that the state has considered education as a major priority and recognised it as the foundation of genuine sustainable development, shared common aspirations with the federal government all for the transformation of education in Nigeria.

179 die in road crashes in Edo in 2020

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Edo State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corp, Henry Benamaisia, has disclosed that no fewer than 179 persons died in road crashes across the state in 2020.

Benamaisia who disclosed this yesterday to our reporter in Benin said 252 accidents happened across the state in 2020.

He said "1,718 persons involved in the 252 crashes, 179 died while 608 sustained various degrees of injuries."

The sector commander attributed the accidents to over speeding, dangerous driving, wrongful overtaking, route violation and driving under the influence of alcohol among others.

He said that in 2021, the command has stepped up public enlightenment campaigns and enforcement, as they have discovered that without enforcement, road users will continue to flout traffic rules.

He said, "We have sensitised the National Union of Road Transport

Worker (NURTW), Road Transport Employer's Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) and motor parks across the state to stop selling alcohol in the motor parks."

"We have discovered that most of the accidents happened on the highway and we have increased our visibility on the highway in order to reduce crashes on the road."

He however called on road users in the state to imbibe the driving culture of obeying traffic rules.

Kukah: North Central Muslim group warns against inflammatory rhetoric

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

President, North Central Muslim Peace Initiative, Alhaji Saleh Zazzaga, has called for restraint in the inflammatory rhetoric in various quarters and on social media in reaction to the Christmas message by the Catholic Bishop of Sokoto Diocese, Matthew Kukah, saying the issue is unnecessarily over flogged.

Speaking yesterday with

newsmen in Jos the Plateau State capital, Zazzaga said Bishop Kukah for long has been speaking to address the ills in the nation, and that it is improper for any person or group of persons to give it an ethno-religious connotation because it has the tendency to trigger violence in the country.

Zazzaga said he has read an ultimatum given to Kukah by a group in Sokoto to apologise or leave the state and the several reactions that followed

the ultimatum in the social media and several quarters, saying that such happenings is not healthy for the nation and will divide the citizenry than unite them.

He urged government at all levels to establish and maintain a close relationship with clergymen and constructive critics like Bishop Kukah, across all religions, so that they can keep sharing ideas and getting good counsel where necessary.



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■ Lionel Messi

Messi gets two-match ban after historic Barca red

Lionel Messi was handed a two-match ban on Tuesday following his first-ever sending off for Barcelona. The Argentine forward was shown a red card at the end of Sunday's 3-2 extra-time defeat to Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish Super Cup final after lashing

out at Asier Villalibre. Messi had twice been sent off playing for Argentina, including at the 2019 Copa America, but never in 16 years and 753 matches with Barcelona's first team. The six-time Ballon d'Or winner's ban was announced by the Spanish Football Federation. Messi shook off a thigh

problem to start in Seville and was required to play all 120 minutes as Barca attempted to take the game to penalties. Instead, the 33-year-old lost his temper at the end of a combative contest, reacting to a late challenge from Villalibre by swiping his hands across the back of his opponent. Messi was red-carded 15 years

ago for Barca but it was with the reserves in a third division match, according to Spanish statistician Alexis Martin-Tamayo. Ronald Koeman's side face third-tier Cornella away in the Copa del Rey on Thursday and Elche on Sunday in La Liga where they are placed third, with Messi missing both games.

Dare, NFF, Lumumba, others mourn ex-sports minister, Ka'oje

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

The Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Mr Sunday Dare has said the death of former Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Malam Bala Bawa Ka'oje is a huge loss to not only his family and friends but the country at large. In a statement, Mr Dare said it is "Shocking to learn about the death of former Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Engineer Bala Bawa Kaoje. So sad that Nigeria has lost a very illustrious son who served this country meritoriously. His death has robbed Nigeria of another bright mind and committed public servant. This is not just a loss to his family and friends, but the country in general. "He made his mark while serving as Minister of Youth and Sports. He was a multi-

talented man who served his people and the country with all his mind and might. May God console his family and grant him eternal rest," he said. In the same vein, the Nigeria Football Federation expressed its shock and sadness at the passing of the former minister, through the NFF General Secretary, Dr Mohammed Sanusi describing the deceased as "a dignified and unassuming public servant who showed great passion and interest in the development and improvement of Nigeria sports." Speaking with a former member of the House of Reps, former NFF presidential candidate and a close friend, Hon Lumumba Adeh, he said the former minister was a good man who died suddenly as he showed no sign of serious sickness as at when he saw him last.

"In as much as it is difficult to talk at a time like this, but then having known him for over 20 years, you are bound to know some of his traits and characters. He is a firm person, very much himself. He says what he means, he has very little deception when you are dealing with him. "Bala is one person you can take his words to the bank. He was a friend, a good man. His death is so sudden. I was with him last Wednesday and he showed no sign of serious sickness but God knows best as death is the way of all humans," he said with a grief-stricken voice. Born in Kebbi State on 20th September 1960, Bala Bawa Ka'oje earned a master's degree in structural engineering from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. His remains were interred in Abuja on Tuesday afternoon.



■ Former Sports Minister, Malam Bala Bawa Ka'oje

10 Students awarded scholarships at Yusuf Yakubu's basketball tourney

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

No fewer than 10 outstanding participants were given scholarships to study and play basketball in the United States of America (USA) and Nigeria this season at the end of the Yusuf Yakubu All American Basketball Tournament and Camp for Girls. Two boys and three girls were given the United States of America Scholarship as

the 3 boys and 2 girls also received scholarships to study in Nigeria. The basketball tournament, which was organised by the Mentoring All Nations Globally Foundation (MANGO INC) saw over 200 boys in the competition tagged Mango basketball clinic while over 350 for the girl child empowerment basketball clinic held at the KadaKings Basketball Courts Ungwan

Sunday in Kaduna State recently. According to the Founder of the MANGO Foundation, Yusuf Yakubu, while speaking on the foundation annual camp, Yakubu said his foundation would continue to collaborate with schools in the United States of America to expose more Nigerian talents to get the scholarship from American colleges and also go on to play in money-spinning

America Basketball Association (NBA) league. "My aim as the founder is to empower kids through MANGO INC Foundation with scholarships to study both in Nigeria and overseas, in conducive academic classrooms, provide good water for the community, empower girl child through sports, academic focus, a mental breakdown on how successful every girl child can be, help the

girl in boosting their self-esteem, be able to provide the necessary provision for widows and widowers all around the globe not just in Nigeria," he said. The Elizabeth City State University student, Yakubu who is among the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) commended his coach Shawn Walker for his continuous support to his basketball career.

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It is with grateful hearts to the Almighty Allah that we remember and celebrate the life of our patriarch **Alhaji Abdul Lasisi Oyedeni Sanusi-Amosun**, who passed on twenty-four years ago. Dad, we cannot forget your worthy legacies of love, wholesome family values and service to all and sundry during your life-time. May Almighty Allah (SWT) grant you Aljannah Firdaus. Aamin.

Senator Ibikunle Amosun CON, FCA
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51 years in a thousand words

"It is always the season for the old to learn".

Aeschylus, 525-456bc, Greek poet

Last week, I participated in a virtual conference under the theme, "Never Again: 51 Years After the Nigerian Civil War." It was organised by Nzuko Umunna, an Igbo Think Tank with support from some media organisations. Participation at the attendance was bettered only by the frank expositions and lamentations that reminded one of how stuck we are in a past that will not yield to a future because neither the past nor the future show any meaningful convergence of the elite. On the face of it, a theme with emphatic "Never Again!" will suggest an exercise that will rally substantial national consensus that events leading to the civil war and the civil war were some of the darkest chapters in our history, and should be carefully documented and harnessed as major building blocks of a new nation.

It may not have been the intention, but my reading of it was that the conference was a resounding comment on the disarray that pervades our national psyche on all matters, which define our past, the current circumstances under which we all suffer and a future that is bleak and blank, inviting all and sundry to design it. Virtually every participant - except perhaps irredentist Nnamdi Kanu - were over 50 years at least. It is safe to assume that 90 per cent of those who followed the conference were not even born in 1970, the year that the civil war ended, but their voices were loud and assertive at the conference. It turns out that those who embodied the history, shaped it and witnessed it had bred generations of bitter and ill-informed generations, which now install barricades around the nation to represent their versions of their lives and legacies.

The only consensus of the conference was that many things are seriously wrong with our country. Beyond this, conflicting versions of the starting point of a depressing tale of consistent decline welcome any enquiry into our roots with bewildering strands, many of which have acquired lives of their own. Some locate the first missteps at the 1914 amalgamation. Some will point at quarrels over constitutions, census, elections, conflicts with ethnic undertones, faulty designs of the federation and regional conflicts, all of which undermined the legitimacy of the new post-colonial Nigeria and made the 1966 coup virtually inevitable. There are others whose

start will be marked by the bloodshed in a coup that was undertaken in January 1966 in a manner that suggested that only political leaders and military officers from selected parts of the country were its target, and a turning point that suffered from a fatally naive idea that a better country could be built on the back of widespread discontent at political largess secured through violence. There are other starting points located at the July 1966 counter-coup, the bungled attempts to rein-in secessionist tendencies, the pogroms and the decision to secede. Everything about the war is fertile ground for dispute. Its trigger, execution and end are violently contested by people whose learning medium is the internet and circles, which thrive only on feeding major sections of the population with made-to-measure history. Post-war developments provide additional sources of dispute, from rehabilitation and integration policies to the fact that no Igbo person has been a number one citizen of the country, elected or otherwise, and the Igbo is still being victimised by a nation, which sees nothing unjust in the five states that the Igbo share.

Where are the success stories of a nation that was created by the power of the foreigner 121 years ago, and has spent more time outside colonial control than under it? What happened to the historians that began to capture the idealism, the vision, the struggles and the determination and success of two generations of Nigerians who grew up to find their lives in colonial bondage, but resolved to fight it for freedom? How could a country that puts such store in knowledge and pride in history lose vital chapters of its existence, chapters that speak of proud Africans who believed in their capacities to rule themselves; to make mistakes and fix them; to dream big and build the foundations of a future with vision and faith?

Where is the history that speaks to the willingness of the Nigerian in all parts of the country to write a new chapter in greatness by the manner he welcomed the Igbo back into a nation they helped build; the faith of the Igbo in the intrinsic goodness of Nigerians who made spaces available to him in every inch of the country; the enterprise and industry of the Igbo that allowed him to rebuild and reclaim pride of place in the economy of every community he made a home in post-war Nigeria; the incredible

speed of reconciliation that allowed major players in the rebellion and those ranged against them to share political parties, support each other against each other in political competition in less than a decade after a terrible civil war? Where is the story of the Nigerian elite and simple folk that stood up against apartheid; the political elite that stood up against a military that had run out of ideas and spaces; the world-class intellectuals that built excellent universities, military officers that led the search for peace in distant lands, respected economic entrepreneurs, sports people and millions of Nigerians who walked with a swagger and the type of confidence around a world that knew a Nigerian at sight?

Nigerians had lost many opportunities to build a model African nation that is as good as the best with its loss of the value of history. It stopped the vital work of building the past into the present and the future. The end of the civil war coincided with the start of an era where core values were eroded by massive sources of easy wealth. Immediate gratification became the defining objective of all public and private endeavours. Leadership became dwarfed by corruption and lack of vision, and the nation began to live a day at a time. This was the perfect context needed by those who will benefit from re-writing history and harvesting massive influence. The political elite took its eyes off building a nation and began a damaging scramble for power to plunder the commonwealth and build little enclaves too weak to be of use to the citizen, but capable of setting him up against contrived enemies. Fabricated history became weaponised, providing even punks outside the country with enough ammunition to create alternative history and ride on them into cult status. They now define the enemy and prescribe what to do with and about them. They give abandoned generations a false sense of reality, some meaning for their alienated existence, and ready-made enemies to vent on.

Fifty one years after the civil war, Nigeria is fighting a worse war. While its political elite scrape the bottom of a damaged barrel, other leaders and elders find relevance only by routinely demonising each other's identities. Organised criminals are exploiting a weak leadership and taking up positions in lives of millions of citizens. Millions of the young do not see their places in the future of the country. This is the time to ask the nation what it took to fight a just war and preserve a nation that deserved preserving. It is still the same country, but it badly needs citizens who will read its history correctly and pull it away from the edge because no country stays on the edge forever. If these citizens exist, they need to step up. There are no easy options for Nigeria, but the option of tolerating its continuing decline is the worst for every Nigerian, wherever they stand.

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Nissany stays on as Williams test driver



■ Roy Nissany

Roy Nissany will continue as Williams test driver for the 2021 season.

The 26-year-old Israeli will have three outings in practice sessions at Grands Prix, plus one day of pre-season testing as part of his deal.

It means race drivers George Russell and Nicholas Latifi will have one day in the car each before the season-opening Bahrain GP on 28 March.

Last season, Nissany took part in free practice sessions for Williams at the Spanish, Italian and Bahrain Grands Prix.

McGregor to earn 20 times more than opponent for UFC 257 rematch



■ Conor McGregor

Conor McGregor will earn a guaranteed \$3m (2.47m) for his UFC return on Saturday night, according to reports when he makes his return to the Octagon.

The Irish fighter will take on Dustin Poirier in a rematch of a 2014 bout between the pair, which McGregor won by TKO at UFC 178.

For this weekend's rematch, the Dubliner will receive the lion's share of the fight purse. Poirier will take home \$150,000, according to The Sun, 20 times less than his opponent.