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## Nyako: Jonathan should not contest

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

STATE governors who are members of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) would know how to handle President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan if he decides to contest for the presidency in the 2011 general elections, Governor of Adamawa State Admiral Murtala Hammayaro Nyako said yesterday.

Speaking on the Voice of America (VOA) Hausa Service, Nyako said PDP has already made public its decision that the North will produce its presidential candidate in 2011, and

“President Jonathan should follow the PDP’s zoning arrangement

that it is captured in the party’s gentleman’s agreement despite the fact that the Nigerian constitution empowers every eligible and sane person to vie for any elective post.

Nyako said, “President Jonathan should follow the PDP’s zoning arrangement unless it is changed, and if he will contest we (governors) know how to treat him and the issue.”

On the issue of Vice President, Nyako said the governors advised President Jonathan to select anyone he is comfortable with among the serving lawmakers or governors, and he nominated Kaduna State governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo.

He added that even in the developed democracies,

# Akunyili to be named INEC chairman

By Nasiru L. Abubakar & Atika Balal

INFORMATION and Communications Minister Professor Dora Nkem Akunyili’s name will shortly be forwarded by President Goodluck Jonathan to the Senate for confirmation as Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), *Daily Trust* learnt from impeccable sources in Abuja yesterday.

The INEC chairman’s position

became vacant two weeks ago, when Professor Maurice Iwu was ordered by the Presidency to proceed on terminal leave preparatory to the expiration of his 5-year tenure next month.

Sources told *Daily Trust* that President Jonathan worked on a long list of names from all over the country, and was under much pressure from the international community and from local civil society groups to appoint a very credible person as INEC chairman in order to lay the grounds for fulfill-

ing his promise to ensure free and fair elections in the country next year.

However, *Daily Trust* learnt, a powerful delegation from the South Eastern states met with the president last week and complained that the East has lost and is still losing some key positions in the Federal Government in recent years. They particularly referred to the post of Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria [CBN], and said when Professor Chukwuma

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FROM left: Governor Gabriel Suswam of Benue, Governor Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko of Sokoto State, Vice President designate Namadi Sambo, Governor Saidu Dankingari of Kebbi State and Ekiti State Governor Segun Oni, accompanying the vice president designate to the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday.

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# Board to determine Pfizer victims

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

CONTRARY to expectations that DNA test results would determine the actual victims of the Kano 1996 Trovan test, the Board of Trustees of Healthcare Trust Fund is to make the final determination on eligibility of claimants.

Already, 547 applications from claimants were processed by the

board for onward DNA tests to be conducted by Bode Technology Group Inc., a United States forensic company.

The collection of DNA samples began Monday, and the testing process will last for several weeks. A statement said yesterday that the Board of Trustees of Healthcare Trust Fund would determine the eligibility of the

claimants after the tests.

"This is a lengthy and complex scientific process that ensures the integrity of the process by which samples are both collected and tested. The board and not Bode [Technology Group Inc] will make the final determination on eligibility of the claimants," said the board.

Controversy in the settlement

of the victims of the clinical test administered on 200 Kano children by American pharmaceutical giant, Pfizer, took another twist with the withdrawal of the victims from the DNA test last week. Despite the fact that test was administered on only 217 children, the board said 547 DNA applications were received by the Board of Trustees of the Health-

care/Meningitis Fund of the 1996 Trovan Clinical Study in their Lamido Road office in Kano.

In the withdrawal letter signed by Barrister Etigwe Uwa on behalf of the Consortium of Claimants Lawyers, the victims said they withdrew their applications to the board for compensation regarding the injuries suffered as a result of the 1996 test.

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CROSS section of members of the House of Representatives at the National Assembly during their deliberations on the Vice President designate yesterday.

## Hoodlums attack Jos Media Trust office

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

STAFF of the Jos Bureau of Media Trust Nigeria Limited came to the office yesterday to find one of the windows in the office smashed in what appears to be an attempt to break into the office.

The window pane at the rear of the building was smashed, scattering broken glass on the desk and rugs.

Nothing was taken from the office as an inventory of the items later revealed.

The security man at the premises, Malam Dauda, had travelled to Adamawa since Saturday and did not return until yesterday after the incident.

Those living in the area when interviewed said they did not hear any unusual sound in the night to arouse any suspicion.

The incident has been reported at the Millionaires' Quarters police station under which the area falls, and policemen who were on duty said they would investigate it.

The state chairman of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Katdapba Gobum when contacted, condemned the incident, saying it was unfortunate if the intention of those responsible was to silence the media.

The state Commissioner for Information Gregory Yenlong could not be reached for comment.

## Zamfara high court judge abducted, released

From Sadeeq Aliyu, Gusau

THE judge of High Court 1V in Gusau, Zamfara State, Justice Musa Anka, who was abducted Monday by unknown persons at his residence in Tudun wada area of Gusau was released yesterday.

Though the motive and

identity of the abductors are yet unknown, Justice Anka was released unhurt early yesterday.

The judge promised to speak to our correspondent later yesterday but did not return to his court at the appointed time. Witnesses told Daily Trust that the abductors were about 10 in number and

were armed.

Police Public Relations Officer ASP Sanusi Amiru confirmed the incident but explained that their investigation so far revealed that the judge was whisked away by men of the State Security Service. He said when they got to his house, they chased away his police

guards to effect an arrest. He did not say why the judge was arrested by the SSS. At the time of filing this report, ASP Amiru said the judge was giving statement to the police on what transpired. The PPRO said it is only when they compile the statement that they would give details on the matter.

## Attackers of police station still on the run

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE police in Nasarawa State are yet to make headway on a recent attack on a police station in Giza Development Area of the state by armed youths who stole five AK47 rifles and some ammunition after shooting some policemen on duty.

About 30 armed bandits shot their way into the police station from where they took away the firearms. The operation lasted

several minutes after which the attackers escaped without a trace.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Richard Akoji told Daily Trust on phone yesterday that the police were still unable to get a clue on the invasion, although he said a thorough investigation was on.

"It was a sudden attack. We are investigating. We have invited people from the area for interviews on whether they have a clue on where the attackers came from,

and their identities and whether they suspected any strange movement, but we have not been able to get a clue", the PPRO said.

"For now, we are not suspecting anyone. No clue. It was a sudden attack", he said.

He said the two policemen who were shot and wounded in the attack were recuperating. One of the wounded, Constable Bawa Dangana, told newsmen that the hoodlums attacked the police station shouting, "kill them soldier"

while firing.

Administrator of Giza Development Area Alhaji Sanusi Abdul said two other persons were shot in the incident. He said he had already reported the matter to the state police command headquarters in Lafia.

In 2001, armed bandits invaded a police station in the neighboring Azara Local Government Area, made away with firearms and left some people, including policemen dead.

Plateau NUJ chairman Katdapba Gobum condemned the incident, saying it was unfortunate if the intention of those responsible was to silence the media

# Senate, House of Reps confirm Sambo as VP

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar & Turaki A. Hassan

THE two chambers of the National Assembly have confirmed the nomination of Kaduna State governor Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo as Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In the Upper Legislative Chamber, Senate President David Mark read the President Goodluck Jonathan's request after which Majority Leader Teslim Folarin moved that Senate adopts Order 40 (2) of its Standing Rules to expressly consider the request.

The order states that "A message from the President, if presented to the Senate by the Leader of the Senate may be brought up at any time before the commencement or at the close of public business, and shall be considered forthwith or ordered to be considered upon a future day."

Speaking during the consideration hearing, Deputy Senate President Ike Ekwremadu said, "Having been a state governor and commissioner in Kaduna, I believe he (Sambo) has the temperament and experience to occupy the office of vice presi-

dent."

The request received unanimous approval with all senators at the sitting voting in support of Namadi's emergence as new vice president.

Chairman Senate Committee on Information and Media Senator Ayogu Eze (PDP, Enugu North) told journalists that the accelerated confirmation of the vice president was as a result of "plea by our president that he was anxious to complete his government by swearing in the vice president tomorrow (today) and moving on with the programmes

of his administration."

The House of Reps also approved Sambo's nomination through a voice vote after House Leader Rep. Tunde Akogun moved a motion that the House do consider and approve the nomination.

Speaker Dimeji Bankole, who wanted the House to vote in favour of or against without debate, asked that votes be taken but members protested which threw the chamber into rowdy session that lasted for 30 minutes.

Minority Leader Mohammed Ali Ndume (ANPP, Borno) said

the opposition had no objection to the nomination of the Kaduna State governor as vice president since he had met the constitutionally stipulated requirements for the office.

When the question was put by Bankole, the yes overwhelmed the nays.

The approval is in line with Section 146 (3) of the 1999 Constitution which provides for nomination of new vice president after the death of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua and elevation of former Vice President Jonathan as President.



FROM left: Miss Museum and Tourism 2010, Miss Precious Okon, Miss Museum 2010, Miss Joy Iruobe and Miss Museum Education, Miss Lola Ogunsakin, at the World International Museum Day Celebration in Lagos yesterday.

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## NAPTIP quizzes Yarima over marriage

By Akor Ojoma

SENATOR Ahmed Sani Yarima was yesterday quizzed for three hours by the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons and Other Related Matters (NAPTIP) over his marriage to an allegedly under-aged Egyptian girl.

Sani, a former governor of Zamfara State, told NAPTIP investigators that he did not contravene any law of the country through his marriage.

He said after the marriage was contracted by an imam at the National Mosque Abuja, he submitted the affidavit of marriage to the Sharia Court of Appeal, which he said did not find him wanting in any area regarding the marriage.

According to a source, Yarima told the agency that he does not know the age of the girl, which he said is in High School. When asked whether he didn't look at her age as stated in her International Passport, Yarima said he will not make the age of his wife public even if he knows.

The agency granted Yarima bail on self-recognition being a serving senator of the Federal Republic and asked him to report back to the agency on June 17.

The former Zamfara State governor failed to honour the agency's invitation asking him to appear on May 4. He however walked into the agency's office yesterday in Abuja on his own and answered questions for about 3 hours.

## Ogbulafor presides over PDP NWC meeting

By Muideen Olaniyi

PRINCE Vincent Ogbulafor, who resigned as National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), presided over the National Working Committee (NWC) meeting of the party yesterday.

This is contrary to the belief that Ogbulafor had packed his belongings from the party secretariat after he submitted his resignation letter last week. Ogbulafor's resignation notice is expected to end by June 13, 2010.

Speaking with journalists

after the NWC meeting in Abuja, PDP National Vice Chairman (Southeast) Chief Olisa Metu said the party's new chairman would be produced through the ongoing process from the Southeast geo-political zone.

He ruled out the possibility of consensus candidate as he said that more people are joining the race.

Metu, who said that the dark horse would emerge from any of the Southeast states after the ongoing consultations between party leaders from the zone and that of the national level, pointed

out that the new chairman would be presented to National Executive Committee (NEC) by the NWC.

While describing the increasing number of personalities that have shown interest in the PDP chairmanship office as a showcase of Southeast 'strength in diversity', he said Ogbulafor decided to resign on moral grounds without any pressure.

"The process will throw up the chairman. But I hope you know that the resignation of the national chairman was not planned for. It was not constitu-

tional and not envisaged.

"So automatically you don't expect a chairman to emerge immediately. It will take while before he will emerge. I will take you back to how long it took for Ahmadu Ali to emerge after Audu Ogbeh. You remember how long it took Bernard Eze to emerge as National Secretary after Ojo Madueke was made a minister," Metu said.

Meanwhile, Prince Vincent Ogbulafor whose resignation notice is expected to end by June 13, 2010, yesterday presided over the NWC meeting.

## Court adjourns ruling on Niger guber tussle indefinitely

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

THE Court of Appeal in Abuja has adjourned indefinitely judgment in an application filed by All Nigerian Peoples Party (ANPP) candidate David Umaru seeking to overturn its judgment upholding the victory of Governor Aliyu Muazu Babangida of Niger State

as the winner of the April 14, 2007 gubernatorial election.

The five man panel of the appellate court led by Justice Rabi Danlami however noted that the date for the judgment would be communicated to all the parties in the matter to through their respective counsels.

Before the adjournment, all the

counsel in the matter had adumbrated on why the court should favour their clients in the final decision.

Chief Mike Ahamba (SAN) had persuaded the pane of the Justices to set aside its judgment delivered on February 19, 2009 adding that it was entered in error.

On the other hand, Counsel

to the incumbent governor, Olajide Ayodele (SAN) and counsel to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Samson Ameh (SAN), and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) had unanimously prayed the court to discontinue the submission of the appellant counsel, Ahamba, and throw out or dismiss his appeal.

# Anatomy of the President's new team

By Mohammed S. Shehu

**P**RESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan Tuesday effected significant changes in the presidential Villa, sending shivers down the spine of late President Umaru Yar'adua's senior aides.

Jonathan appointed a new Chief of Staff, Principal Secretary, a new ADC and Special Adviser on Media and Publicity.

This is the first major changes by Jonathan since he became president following the demise of Yar'adua on May 5.

The president re-created the powerful office of the Chief of Staff (COS) introduced by former President Olusegun Obasanjo but scrapped by late Yar'adua.

Under Obasanjo the post assumed a larger than life status because it was occupied by a top military gun and Obasanjo's friend Major General Abdullahi Mohammed.

To fill the new post, Jonathan has appointed Mike Oghiadomhe, former Edo State deputy governor and his Principal Secretary when he was vice president.

As close aides of late Yar'adua try to fathom out Jonathan's action, political watchers interpret the move by the president as an attempt to flex his muscles and consolidate his grip on the political front as Nigeria's political horizon begins to take proper shape after about five months of uncertainty over late Yar'adua's illness and his subsequent death.

Indeed, the demise of Yar'adua has left behind a polarized political system that

needed the new president to quickly tackle in order to consolidate his political gains and that is exactly what the new president intends to do.

A top presidency source said even though the president is not out to victimise anybody on account of loyalty to Yar'adua, he does not trust some of the aides because of the roles they played in keeping the nation in the dark about the late president's ill health for about four months.

But right from the very day he was sworn-in as president, signs of major political changes were very clear to the presidential aides, especially those seem to be close allies of the late president.

Now that the appointments are beginning to be reviewed in phases, it appears Jonathan is bent on carving his own legacy by appointing his allies to fill top Villa positions.

There are other appointments to be made range from special advisers, senior special assistants and special assistants.

Another consideration likely to heighten the fear among aides is that Jonathan may also like to co-opt his aides who worked with him when he was the vice president. And to enable them move along with him, and that means most of Yar'adua's aides have to give way.

Apparently, reading the sign earlier, former Special Adviser on Media and Communication Olusegun Adeniyi took the first bold step last week by throwing in the towel.

Though Adeniyi resigned on his own

volition, but sources said he was being careful not to be sacked, as such he, chose to quit on time. Adeniyi handed over the position of presidential spokesman to Ima Niboro.

Another aide purported to have resigned is Yar'adua's Chief Economic Adviser, Tanimu Yakubu Kurfi, who was regarded as one of the most influential aides of the late president and his strategic office gave him unfettered access to the late president, hence, he was seen by many as one who would not survive.

But since the demise of Yar'adua, Tanimu has suddenly disappeared from the radar. So it is not clear whether he has quit on his own volition or not.

But unlike Adeniyi and Kurfi, the Principal Secretary to the late President Mr. David Edebie was sacked on Tuesday. Edebie, an ally of James Ibori, was replaced by Malam Tukur Hassan, former secretary of the Energy Council of Nigeria.

Other presidential aides waiting in the wings are the Special Adviser on National Assembly Matters, Senator Mohammed Abba-Aji. Abba-Aji may find it very difficult to scale the hurdle considering his alleged role in controversies that trailed the inability of late Yar'adua to transmit vacation letter to the National Assembly.

Abba-Aji case in that letter scandal was further made worse when the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Ahmed Yayale told the Senate that that a letter was transmitted to the National Assembly but was deliberately held back

by Abba-Aji.

But Abba-Aji, in his response, denied Yayale's claim but even that may not be enough to exonerate him. Another aide whose job is on the line is the Chief Physician, Dr. Salisu Banye. Banye as a physician is unlikely to continue Jonathan's physician. Others on this line are the Senior Special Assistant on Aviation, Capt. Shehu Iyal, who is referred to as the longest serving presidential aide.

Iyal was appointed by former President Olusegun Obasanjo. Others are the Senior Special Assistant on Protocol, Alhaji Inuwa Baba; and the Senior Special Assistant/Secretarial Speech Writer, Mr. Mathew Aikhionbare.

Senior Special Adviser on SERVICOM, Mr. Ad-Obe Obe; the Senior Special Assistant on Political Matters, Senator Polycarp Nwite; and the Special Assistant on Political Matters, Mr. Bolaji Adebisi are also hanging on the wings.

Yet nother is Yar'adua's Special Adviser on Relations with Civil Society, Chineme Edwin Ume-Ezeoke. Ume-Ezeoke, son of the ANPP National Chairman Edwin Ume-Ezoke.

Ezeoke recently became a rallying point for Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other Civil Society groups in the country, he may not have stepped on toes but his appointment may have to also give way to loyalists to come.

As the aides anxiously wait for the next reorganisation, it is very clear that many of them have their jobs on line.

## Too much rumble in the oil towers

By Hamisu Muhammad

**I**T sounds unusual to appoint a Group Managing Director (GMD) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) only to sack him within 6 weeks. It happens to Mallam Shehu Ladan, the former Group Managing Director of the NNPC. His appointment and sack happens within 6 weeks. His appointment letter dated 6th April, 2010 and just 41 days after on the 17th May, 2010 a sacked letter landed on his door step.

The untimely exit of Ladan put a big question mark as to why President Goodluck Jonathan acted in such a short period of time and in such a manner. Ladan's appointment last month attracted a lot of cheers in and out of the oil industry. Within his short stay, dozen of well wishers including states governors, security agencies and operators of the oil and gas industry trooped to the oil towers to congratulate him and gave their assurances of support for his tenure.

The statement by the presidents spokesperson Ima Noboro did not state the sins committed by Ladan, but not a few view the action as shocking. The office of the GMD is regarded as the most strategic in the oil industry and for such things to happen at this particular time calls for concern. Some schools of thought link the untimely exit of Ladan to the poor working relationship he had with the Minister of Petroleum Resources Diezani Allison-Madueke within his short stay. The Minister recently restructured the administration of the NNPC without consulting him, as the head of the agency contrary to



normal procedure in the NNPC.

The changes which affected most top officials within the rank of the General Manager, Group General Managers and Group Executive Directors have affected his administrative plans for the NNPC towers.

A source within the NNPC said ideally, the restructuring in the oil tower should be bottom-top approach or at least the GMD in consultation with the Chairman of the board should effect any changes at the top. "The NNPC Act stipulated that the Group Managing Director should in consultation with the Chairman of the Board

make the changes at the top position." "Ordinarily she (the minister) was supposed to consult him before making the changes since the people are going to work under him. "On the appointment of the Group Managing Director the Act provides that on board advice, Mr President should appoint the new GMD but now that there is no Board for NNPC, it is the minister who will advise the presidency for such appointment." Sources said since his appointment Ladan had been witnessing interference in the administration of the NNPC without much input by the NNPC top management.

However, there are so many schools of thought concerning the whole issue. Some say Ladan was a victim of the politics of the North West Zone which now has the vice president. So in the spirit of the federal character, it will be unfair for the vice president and the head of the nation's foremost parastatal to come from the same state.

Others say the sack is deliberate to position him for the post of deputy governor in Kaduna State now that Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa becomes the governor courtesy of Sambo's elevation. Ladan is said to be a close associate of Yakowa.

Indeed, some believe Ladan's

stance on the passing of the original version of the Petroleum Industry Bill now before the National Assembly without much amendment might have cost him his seat. There are speculations that some key regulations in the bill which does not favour the International Oil Companies (IOCs) will be removed from the bill or be amended. Recently the President asked the Minister of Petroleum Resources and his Special Adviser on Petroleum Matters, Emmanuel Egbogah to revisit some of the key portions of the proposed oil law and make amendment where necessary.

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those given the mandate to govern their countries are people who have track records of leadership experience, citing US and UK as example, where those who lead them were either former members of the parliament or state governors.

Asked whether he was invited by the president to occupy the vice president's seat, Nyako said, "I have no ambition to be vice president. I don't have the intention to occupy that seat. I'm concentrating on my work in order to give people my best."

# Minister: Nearly 1 in 4 children under 5 is underweight

By Akor Ojoma

NEARLY one in four Nigerian children under 5 years is underweight and further analysis reveals that 9% are severely underweight, Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development Iyom Josephine Anenih has said.

The minister stated this yesterday at a joint ministerial press briefing with the Minister of Health, Professor Christian Onyebuchi Chukwu on the forthcoming 2010 Children's Day and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health week.

She said in Nigeria and other developing nations of the world, malnutrition and related maternal, infant and child mortality continue to be a problem of public health significance.

She said the theme for this year's event is 'Partnering for improved nutrition and mother child' while the slogan is 'Ensure adequate nutrition for mother, newborn and child.' She emphasizes the importance of effective partnership amongst the 3 tiers of government, national and international development partners and other stakeholders to address the issue of malnutrition among children and mothers.

Minister of Health Professor Christian Onyebuchi Chukwu said 60% of children who die from common preventable and treatable childhood diseases die as a result of underlying malnutrition. He called on all stakeholders to partner with government to provide the much needed support for optimal infant and young child feeding.



LAGOS State Governor Babatunde Fashola (second right), presenting a souvenir to the Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Spring Bank Plc, Mrs. Sola Ayodele (second left), during a courtesy visit by the bank's management to his office at Lagos House, Ikeja yesterday. Those with them are head, Executive Team, of the bank, Mr. Dayo Adigbole (right), and the Group Executive, State Public Sector, Mr. Adeniyi Adeyinka Ademola (left).

# Namadi meets Jonathan ahead today's swearing-in

By Mohammed S. Shehu

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan yesterday met with the Vice President designate, Kaduna State Governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo, at the Presidential Villa, Abuja. Namadi may be sworn-in as vice president today during or before the weekly Federal Executive Council meeting following his confirmation yesterday by the two chambers of the National Assembly.

Soon after the confirmation, Namadi along with some state governors drove into the State House, Abuja at about 3:30pm and quickly went into the president's office.

The governors were Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko of Sokoto State, Isa Yuguda of Bauchi State, Gabriel Suswan of Benue State, Saidu Dakingari of Kebbi State and Segun Oni of Ekiti State. After the meeting which lasted for about 30 minutes, Namadi with the governors, emerged from the president's office and assembled before the arrival of the visiting Sierra Leone President Ernest Bai Koroma.

Later Jonathan joined them to receive Koroma and after the reception, the two presidents went into the office while Namadi and the governors drove

out of the Villa. A statement by Jonathan's spokesman Ima Niboro said while receiving Koroma in his office, Jonathan pledged to continue to work in close collaboration with other African governments to promote peace, stability, growth and development in the continent.

"Nothing will change in our brotherly relations with Sierra Leone and other African countries," Jonathan assured Koroma who was accompanied by the Speaker of the Sierra-Leonean Parliament, Justice Abel Stronge, the Parliament's Majority Leader, Mr. S.B. Dumbuya, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Paulo Conteh, the Minister of Interior, Mr. Dauda Camara and the Minister of Information Mr. Ibrahim Kargbo.

In his remarks, Koroma said that he had chosen to come personally to commiserate with President Jonathan, and also congratulate him on his assumption of office because of the enduring tradition of excellent brotherly relations between his country and Nigeria.

Jonathan also received a condolence message from the President of the World Bank, Mr. Robert B. Zoellick which was delivered by the Bank's Country Director for Nigeria, Mr. Onno Ruhl.

# Report: Police Service Commission ill funded

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Police Service Commission (PSC) has been grappling with meagre budgetary allocations, the Commissions 2008 Annual Report indicated.

The report said the Commission has since its establishment in 2001 been faced with financial and accommodation problems. "The Commission continue to grapple with the problems of inadequate budgetary allocations and lack of office accommodation. The situation has persisted since its establishment in 2001," the report said.

The commission keep top secrets of police records and requires strategic office accommodation. "Some important property of the Commission including vital police records have laid in open for years," the report said.

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Soludo's tenure was not renewed, the late President Umaru Yar'adua replaced him with a Northerner. They said the same thing must not happen again with the INEC chairmanship.

According to the sources, Dr. Jonathan agreed and assured the delegates that he would nominate the next INEC chairman from the South East. After reviewing several names, he finally settled for Professor Akunyili. The sub-

mission of her name to the Senate was delayed in order to allow the issue of the Vice Presidency to be settled first, *Daily Trust* learnt. With the confirmation of new Vice President Mohamed Namadi Sambo by the two chambers of the National Assembly yesterday, Mrs. Akunyili's name could be forwarded to the Senate this week or very early next week, sources said.

When our reporter contacted Professor Akunyili last night and asked her to comment

on her impending nomination as INEC chairman, she said, "I have no idea. What did I say?" Our reporter said, "You said you have no idea." The minister said, "Okay, thank you very much. Good night." A few minutes later, Mrs Akunyili called the reporter and said, "I think it is a rumour. If it is not a rumour, I would have been told."

Mrs Akunyili is noted for her loyalty to President Goodluck Jonathan. She was the first minister in the old Yar'adua cabinet

to sponsor a memo in the Federal Cabinet calling for an investigation into the health of Yar'adua after he had been hospitalised for weeks in Saudi Arabia. She later retreated to Lagos and granted a series of radio, television and newspaper interviews with both local and foreign media, railing against what she called "the cabal" around Yar'adua. After Jonathan dissolved the cabinet in March, she bounced back in the new one and retained her Information and Communications portfolio.

# Commission trains village women on hajj rites

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) in collaboration with the Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) is training village women on Hajj rites ahead of this year's exercise, an official said.

NAHCON Commissioner, Policy, Personnel, Management, and Finance, Alhaji Leyadi Tela made this known yesterday in Abuja at the onset workshop aimed at training women who would be engaged in teaching intending pilgrims to perform Hajj from Nigeria.

"The collaboration is

to form a training group to go round all the states in the federation and collaborate with the state governments, state welfare boards, and local governments in training and orientation of intending pilgrims," he said.

Tela said the commission decided to collaborate with women consid-

ering the fact that "50%" of Nigerian pilgrims are women and most of them are rural women who are not exposed to the external societies.

He said most of the women go to hajj and get lost because they are exposed to so many things for the first time.

He said the training

would be in according to the Islamic teachings from Qur'an and Hadith, while intending pilgrims would know the dos and don'ts according to NAHCON rules and regulations.

"In the next three years the Nigeria's hajj organization would be equal to other countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, and Egypt,

India or American pilgrims in terms of orientations."

So far, he said about fifty-six people are taking part in the workshop, which at the end could be divided into zones groups across the country to train another sets who will also train intending pilgrims defending the number of pilgrims in the state.

## NOA plans drama series to improve public service

By Romoke W. Ahmad

THE National Orientation Agency (NOA) has organized workshop for script writers to enable them produce scripts for popular TV/Radio drama series on 'Raising integrity standard in the public service and Nigerian society'.

Director General of NOA Alhaji Idi M. Faruk said the workshop is geared towards restoring the lost value of public service which is the nerve centre and engine room of every government since public service keeps the system going as governments comes and goes.

He said the series to be produced will incorporate and promote ethics and integrity as essential elements for the transformation of Nigerians in all spheres of life.

"The eight case scenario of the popular programme 'integrity at work' would be

adapted into a TV drama which will be aired on regular basis on National TV networks," he added.

Veteran script writers and lecturers drawn from across the country are to put head together and come up with a good drama script for the programme while PI Consults Limited, involved in the production of the international drama series 'Cock crow at dawn', will handle the project.

The workshop was declared open on Monday by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and National Orientation Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq Muhammed at Saminaka resort in Kaduna State.

The minister who was represented by Alhaji Gambo Dori, director of national orientation in the ministry, said the project was conceived as a strategic initiative under the ongoing reform of the public service.

## Zamfara builds ammunition depot

By Misbahu Bashir

GOVERNOR Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi of Zamfara State said the state government has built a massive ammunition depot for the army at the cost of N80 million.

The governor made the assertion during a visit to the ministry of defence in Abuja yesterday.

He said 80 per cent of work at the depot has been completed and will be handed over to the army next month.

The depot will be used as a replacement for the existing one in Gusau Town, which is considered too close to human settlement.

The army had initially

proposed to relocate the depot to Kachia in Kaduna State due to its closeness to the town. "The depot was built far away from the town and according to standard," the governor said.

There were explosions at an armoury in Lagos 2001 in which a number of people were affected.

The governor also said the government has built a massive solid minerals processing company which will commence operation soon.

Defence Minister Adetokumbo Kayode said the processing industry will boost the economy of the country and the state as well as provide jobs for people, adding that the depot will be utilized fully by the army.



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VEHICLES donated to three divisional police stations and office of the State Security Service in Akko Local Government Area of Gombe State by the Local Government Council yesterday.

## Nafada tasks leaders on education

By Turaki A. Hassan

DEPUTY Speaker of the House of Representatives Usman Bayero Nafada said leaders at all level of governance should prioritise education to emancipate the continent from the menace of hunger, poverty, diseases and crisis.

Nafada said this is necessary if Africa must make

meaningful progress in the 21st century where Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is the order of the day.

Nafada spoke in Accra, Ghana, when he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) by the European-American University in the Commonwealth of Dominica.

He said he feels challenged by the award to step up more efforts in advancing the cause of educational development of Africans and the world at large.

"Education is the greatest emancipator and a most effective means of achieving sustainable development in a global world, and called on leaders at all levels to chan-

nel more energies in evolving policies and programmes that will support educational institutions in Africa and the world over," he said.

The doctorate degree was handed to Nafada by the President of the European-American University, Professor John Kersey represented by the Vice President, Professor Andrew Linley.

## ECOWAS ministers to discuss food crisis

By Aisha Umar Agaie

MINISTERS of Agriculture from ECOWAS Member States will hold an extraordinary meeting today in Lome, Togo, to consider issues relating to food and nutritional crisis in West Africa.

They are also expected to agree on regional meas-

ures and promote Community solidarity.

The ministers who will be treated to a presentation by the ECOWAS Commission on the food and nutritional crisis in the Sahelian countries and its implications for the region will take stock of measures envisaged by members to address the crisis as well

as consider the report of a two-day experts' meeting which began on Monday, 16th May 2010.

A statement from ECOWAS commission said the food situation has been compounded by a pastoral crisis which has compelled increased pastoralist migration southward and increased conflicts between

farmers and pastoralists.

It is estimated that in Niger, some 7.8 million people are affected by food insecurity, out of which 2.6 million people are faced with severe food insecurity, including 12 per cent of children under five years who were said to be suffering from acute malnutrition as at June 2009.

## Police promote 46,000 officers

By Misbahu Bashir

INSPECTOR General of Police Ogbonna Onovo has approved the promotion of 46,220 policemen to various ranks with effect from May 1 2010.

Those promoted include

29,668 constables who moved to corporals and 6,676 corporals who became sergeants while 9,876 sergeants were promoted to inspectors.

Police Force Public Relations Officer ACP Emmanuel Ojukwu said the

affected officers have passed their promotion examinations at different police training institutions.

In a separate development, the IGP has ordered policemen to comb Abia, Anambra, Enugu, Ebonyi and Imo states to arrest

criminals and bring them to justice. "The IGP has ordered massive onslaught of criminals and their collaborators in the area," Ojukwu said.

The police said any group or community suspected to be harbouring kidnappers will be severely dealt with.



FROM left: President Ernest Bai Koroma of Sierra Leone being received by President Goodluck Jonathan and Vice President-designate Namadi Sambo in Abuja, yesterday.

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## 'Why politicians go broke after tenure'

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

LACK of entrepreneurship skills has been identified as the main reason why politicians in the country go broke after the expiration of their tenures in office, participants of a 2-day pre-disengagement retreat for political office holders in the FCT area councils have said.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the retreat with the theme, "Towards a Sustainable Economic Empowerment of Political Office Holders" in Kaduna State, the participants lamented that many

politicians become indigent soon after leaving office. In the communiqué which was signed by the Vice Chairman of Bwari Area Council Dr. Bello Nuhu Dogondaji, the participants stressed the need for all tiers of government to have units charged with the responsibility of giving entrepreneurship counselling to former political office holders.

They also advocated for the initiation of a programme that could guarantee credit to the politicians to enable them establish businesses upon the completion of their terms in office.

# UniBen VC tasks researchers on alternative energy

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE Vice Chancellor of the University of Benin Professor Osayuki Oshodin has said that the ultimate objective of Nigerian researchers is to reduce dependence on coal, oil, natural gas and all fossil energy resources that have been linked to climate change.

The vice chancellor who spoke at the opening ceremony of the

first Jatropha cultivation and Bio-fuel production workshop organized by the National Centre for Energy and Environment of the University of Benin, said "Jatropha feedstock is a vast source of Biofuel which can reduce our dependence on fossil fuel with significant environmental benefits, valuable multipurpose ability to alleviate soil degradation, desertification and deforestation".

He added that since two third of the country's population derived their income from agriculture, cultivation of Jatropha would improve the livelihood of many.

The Director of the National Centre for Energy and Environment of the University of Benin Professor Lawrence Ezemonye said while the first generation feeds stocks would remain an important component in the Bio-

fuel portfolio, the advancement of dedicated feed stocks such as Jatropha would help achieve the aggressive mandate of renewable energy deployment.

"Conceptually, increase in the use of biofuels from Jatropha replaces fossil fuels that continually add carbon dioxide to the atmosphere with fuel that recycles carbon dioxide between the atmosphere and terrestrial eco-

systems", he said Edo State Commissioner for Agriculture Tunde Lakoju said the dilemma Nigeria faced in energy potentiality is in the generation, transmission and distribution of energy.

He said he was confident that with its present leadership, the Centre for Energy and Environment would be able to meet the mandate of providing alternative source of energy for the country.

## Sambo urges review of university curriculum

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

VICE President designate and Kaduna State Governor Namadi Sambo yesterday called for a review of the university curriculum to address the problems of unemployment in the country.

Declaring open a seminar for pro-chancellors of state owned universities of Nigeria in Kaduna, he said there was an urgent need to

review the curriculum to include entrepreneurship education.

"Learning in aspects of self-employment initiatives should be given a prime place in your curriculum as that would help to reduce the level of unemployment in the country," he said.

Governor Sambo who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa expressed concern over the rate of unemployment in the country. He expressed satisfaction with the progress being recorded in the state owned university. The immediate past chairman of the committee of pro-chancellor of state-owned universities in Nigeria Professor Idris Abdulkadir called for the establishment a National Secondary Schools Commission to regulate the activities of secondary schools in the country.

"If we standardize the quality of education at the secondary level, I believe the central admission policy will not be necessary," he said.

He stressed the need for the stabilization of the country's universities, especially with regards to the academic calendar.

## 2 held over sale of NSCDC employment letter

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State command of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has arrested a man suspected of collecting an appointment letter through dubious means from the security outfit for sale to a job seeker. He was arrested with an accomplice.

The State Commandant of the NSCDC, Haruna Shehu, told newsmen in his office in Bauchi yesterday that one Dahiru Mohammed came to his office with fake credentials to claim an employment letter

belonging to one Shehu Bappa.

Haruna Shehu said the command however later discovered that the suspect collected the appointment letter with the intention of selling it to one AbdurRa'uf Ibrahim for N88,000.

He said after the recruitment exercise conducted recently by the NSCDC, a boy came with fake credentials with the same name on the appointment letter belonging to one Shehu Bappa in order to sell it to his friend. His men swung into action and arrested the two.

## Police seek public cooperation on criminals

FROM Adewale Giwa, Akure

THE Ondo State Commissioner of Police Mr. Ballah Magaji Nasarawa has appealed to members of the public to always assist the command with necessary information that could lead to the arrest of armed robbers.

Addressing journalists in Akure yesterday, Nasarawa said the fight against crime could not be curtailed by police without necessary support from members of the public.

"As policemen, we are ready to work hand in hand with members of the public. All we need from them

is adequate information that can lead to the arrest of criminals. We are going to make sure that the information given to us is not going to be made public, we are ready to make such information a secret", he said.

He commended the state government for its assistance to the command, saying the state government had ordered for the purchase of 500 bullet proof vests, 50 hilux vans and 25 BMW motorcycles to assist the command in fighting crime in the state.

He appealed to well meaning Nigerians and corporate organizations to come to the aid of the command through provisions of security gadgets.

Learning in aspects of self-employment initiatives should be given a prime place in your curriculum as that would help to reduce the level of unemployment in the country.

# Peace Corps wins case against police

By John Chuks Azu

AN FCT High Court in Gudu, Abuja, has struck out the case brought before it by the Nigeria Police Force against the Peace Corps of Nigeria for lack of formal charge and diligent prosecution.

While delivering the judge-

ment, Justice Abubakar Talba also discharged the accused persons in the case and upheld the four grounds submitted by the counsel to the Peace Corps, Chris Alashi, by observing that since approving the remand warrant for the police to arraign the accused persons on 1st October, 2009, no formal

charge has been brought before it against them. The Nigeria Police Force raided the national headquarters of the Peace Corps on Oct. 1, 2009 and arraigned its National Commandant Dickson Akoh over allegations of running an illegal paramilitary organisation. Others arraigned along with Akoh are

David Michael, Usman Musa, Ini Akpan, Joseph Bayo, Unibi Joseph, Philip Iroh, Ettah Ubi and Thomas Oga.

Justice Talba also held that the Public Order Act upon which the allegations are based are inconsistent with the constitution of Nigeria, adding that the said Act

contradicts the African Charter on Human and People's Rights which Nigeria is a signatory to. There was, however, no representation from the Nigeria Police when the judge called for its response to the Preliminary Objection earlier made by the defense counsel and no excuse was given for this.



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Cross section of Nigerian delegates at the opening of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

## AC wants handling of Yar'adua's illness probed

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE federal government needs to institute a probe into the way the health crisis of the late President Umaru Yar'adua was managed, the Action Congress (AC) has said.

AC National Publicity Secretary Alhaji Lai Mohammed said yesterday that this is necessary so that useful lessons can be learnt from the whole unfortunate issue.

He said since the president of a country is an institution, anything that affects him/her can change the fate of humanity, not just that of the country involved.

Mohammed said the Senate was wrong in rejecting the motion which sought to investigate how Yar'adua's health was managed since he was flown to Saudi Arabia Nov. 23rd 2009. He said it will be a great disservice to the memory of the late president and an insult to all Nigerians if the issue is not probed. It also said the probe does not offend any religious sensibility, as claimed by some Senators, since it is not about the cause of Yar'adua's death but about the management of his health crisis.

## Nigerian students in Malaysia pray for late Yar'adua

By Maureen Onochie

NIGERIAN Students at Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, Malaysia, have held a special prayer session for the reposed soul of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

The session started with readings and prayers from the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Bible offered by Abdallah Abdulwahab Abdallah and Pastor Otas respectively.

According to a statement signed by Bashir Abdu Muzakkari, Acting Secretary, Nigerian Students' Association of the institution, Nigerian High Commissioner to Malaysia, His Excellency Peter J.E Anegebe represented by Minister for Education & Students Affairs of the High Commission Ms. Mario thanked the students for their efforts and having the interest of Nigeria in mind.

She urged the students to be of good behavior and to be worthy ambassadors of their country in Malaysia by promoting unity, peace and love to one another.

Dato Hamida who represented the University's management expressed their grief over the nation's loss saying "On behalf of our president, Emeritus Tan Sri Limkokwing, I will like to condole with the families of the late president and all Nigerians for this great loss. I commend the Nigerian students here in Limkokwing University for their efforts in organizing this historic, yet sad event," she said.

## FG satisfied with Benin-Ore road rehab

By Mustapha Suleiman

MINISTER of State for Works Eng. Chris Ogiemwonyi has expressed satisfaction at the level and quality of work already done on the Benin-Ore road.

The minister said this yesterday while inspecting the ongoing rehabilitation project being handled by Messrs Reynolds Construction Company Nig. Ltd., by the contractor.

He, however, instructed the contractor to immediately deploy resources and personnel to tackle the failed spots at the Benin end of the road.

Ogiemwonyi further directed that substantial progress must be achieved on the work before the rainy season settles, pointing out that Nigerians deserve to have that road and other on-going road projects completed within the specified time to ensure good road networks in the country.

The minister emphasized that the Federal Ministry of Works will continue to regularly monitor and inspect all on-going projects to ensure compliance to contract specifications and timely completion of such projects.

He therefore solicited for the understanding and cooperation of all Nigerian towards government's desire and commitment to provide good road infrastructure in the country.

## Minister: Coal for power project in progress

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

MINISTER of Mines and Steel Development Arc. Musa Mohammed Sada has reiterated the Federal Government's determination to use coal for power generation to meet the energy needs of Nigerians.

The minister dropped the hint during a working visit to the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa as part of his familiarization tour to formations under his ministry in Kaduna State.

He said due to the importance attached to regular power supply to Nigeria's economy, the Federal Government inaugurated a "Multi-Sectoral Committee" to give the nation alternative source of power through the use of coal powered plants.

He said the coal deposits in Enugu and Kogi states would be enough for the "Coal for Power project" if fully exploited. The minister added that the geological data generated on coal deposits in part of the country by the National Steel Raw Materials Exploration Agency (NSRMEA) in Kaduna is already attracting investors to the coal for power generation project. He said the ministry was already formalizing the operations of the Artisanal and Small Scale Miners to enhance their output in terms of job and wealth creation in the country.

The Kaduna deputy governor, who was one time Minister of Solid Minerals Development, said that the Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited and the Solid Mineral resources sector in the country require urgent attention because of their potentials for the economic and industrial development of Nigeria.

## Jang, Lar, others for 2010 Wase Tarok day

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

GOVERNOR Jonah Jang of Plateau State, Chief Solomon Lar and the former Minister of Federal Capital Territory (FCT) retired Lieutenant-General Jeremiah Timbut Useni are among the dignitaries expected at this year's historical Tarok Day.

The annual Tarok Day, which was initiated in 1987, is being organised to showcase the rich cultural values and tradition of the Tarok people.

The ceremony, scheduled to take place at the premises of Government Secondary School (GSS) Kadarko, Wase local government of Plateau State, also serves as a platform for the reunion of the Tarok people and their neighbours, friends and associates.



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**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLES  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
NATIONAL CHAIRMAN/NEC MEMBERS/BOARD  
OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS**

Dear Sirs & Madams,

**RE: 2011 PRESIDENTIAL POLLS/PDP ZONAL FORMULA**

I am a founding/pioneer member of the P.D.P who also served in the National Assembly from 1999.

I wish to share my view with the great visionaries and wise men of our great party in the subject matter referenced above. Please kindly peruse this plea of mine as that of one seeking peace and legitimacy for our party P.D.P.

It has become necessary hence watching the ugly incidents erupting from different parts of our country if not checked could lead to an implosion in our P.D.P family.

Therefore, one would want to know what the matter is, and to proffer solution as a good party man.

To my understanding, the crux of the entire matter is the struggle for the control of the centre of our party and who becomes President in the 2011 elections. Let me therefore guide us as I foresee the hijacking of our party by the great political hawks whose specialty is to destroy, divide and rule.

As the largest party in Africa, if we fail to put our house in order before 2011 polls we may crash out of relevance. But we have the opportunity to rule this country for the next 30 years if we do the needful and rightful.

We should not allow the beneficiaries of the Party's goodwill due to their selfish interest hijack the party machinery and destroy the process of Democratic doctrines P.D.P is known for. I therefore warn that wisdom and maturity be applied in resolving the differences, and allow God to direct our steps, thoughts and actions.

**Our Main Problem:** If wisdom is not applied, our choice of 2011 presidential candidate irrespective of the zone he/she comes from will definitely affect the survival of our party and its policy on rotational presidency. While giving my support to this policy, its application in this peculiar case seems to conflict with equity and must be thoroughly x-rayed, as it may affect the unity of our great country Nigeria. Every tribe and region has the constitutionally right to aspire to the office of President.

Presently, the presidency is zoned to the North. While making this our policy, we did not envisage the circumstance of the president dying or being impeached from office mid term. It has now become a matter of discourse for mutual understanding and tolerance for one another.

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Today, God and providence has turned the pendulum to the South South Zone. Truthfully speaking, the North has the moral right of claim. But none except the Late President Yar'Adua would respect the party policy and stick to another 4 year tenure without recourse to the constitutional right of two terms from 2011.

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Therefore, the only person who can resolve this imbalance and who has the legal right to the ticket is the joint partner to President Yar'Adua whose tenure is still Running.

I strongly believe also that no other individual from the North or South will honestly accept to do only four years without completing his constitutional entitlement. This is the **MAIN ISSUE** for honest minds to consider and proffer best solution for our party to move forward.

I therefore move that we should jointly assist and persuade our new President Goodluck Jonathan to accept this remaining one year as his first tenure and 2011 to 2015 as his final tenure having served jointly with Late Yar'Adua. I know we would by this achieve relative peace and tranquility in the entire South South as this would affect them mentally and morally as an integral part of our great nation Nigeria. We would also be showing them appreciation towards their contributions to the general welfare of our country and put paid to their constant cry against neglect and marginalization.

Furthermore, may I appeal to the great men and women of our great party to eschew bitterness and embrace one another in Love and Unity for the continued success of our great party. We should also consider amending our policy on rotational presidency to accommodate all seen and unseen circumstances. And to work together towards achieving another resounding victory on 2011 elections.

Finally, may I remind us that power comes from God and man must not fight the will of God, may I also appeal to my people of South East who are looking forward to 2015 to be patient and put our trust in God.

Lastly, may I congratulate the great members of our National Assembly who guided the ship of state to safety during our trying moments.

Long live the Peoples Democratic Party and long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I remain

Yours truly,

**RT. HON. (SEN.) UCHE NWOLE**  
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# One killed, 10 injured in land dispute

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

ONE person, Yakubu Tswagba, has been killed in Kpatsuwa village in Mokwa area of Niger State in a land dispute between the community and its neighbouring village, Ndafulu. According to an elder in Kpatsuwa, Mr Philip Ahmed, who spoke with Daily Trust yesterday, trouble started between the two communities when the Ndafulu people allegedly decided to use their land without permission.

He alleged that the Ndafulu people attacked Kpatsuwa in the middle of the night, killed one and injured 10 others.

"The Ndafulu people who are settlers in our community wanted to build a primary school on our land, but we also want to use the land, so we refused and the case was taken before the chairman of the local government and the Etsu Nupe. A delegation was sent by the emir to settle the dispute and the Etsu Nupe urged the settlers to follow due process and avoid confrontations, but they went ahead to recruit

people to attack us", he said.

Ahmed accused the police of being insensitive to their plights, saying they were yet to make any arrest as the culprits are still moving around freely and making statements that could cause a fresh crisis. The Niger State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Mr Richard Oguche confirmed the incident, adding that the police were on the trail of those behind the attack. He appealed to the communities to remain calm.

## PTA threatens ATBU management over hike in fees

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Parent/Teachers Association of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, and International Secondary School has threatened to take the management of the institution to court over increase in school fees by over 100 percent to seek a stay of action. Addressing newsmen Monday, the chairman of the association, Alhaji Abdu Hassan, said the association decided to go to court because the management increased school fees from N10, 500, to N25, 000 with-

out consulting them or improving the welfare of its teachers and facilities in the school. He said the school did not have enough classrooms and also lacked facilities such as library, computer center and laboratory. He added that the teachers were also not properly paid.

When contacted, the chairman of the management Board of the school, Professor Usman El-Nafaty, said the increase became necessary because of the need to employ and sustain qualified teachers. He added that the school is a private enterprise

and must source for funds to sustain it. While calling on the teachers and parents to appreciate the realities on ground, he urged them to embrace dialogue and not resort to legal action. Professor El-Nafaty who said the management of the school had the right to increase its school fees to improve learning conditions, added that the Federal Ministry of Education, last year, said salaries of workers in primary and secondary schools in universities across the country were to be decided and paid by their institutions.

## 68,000 HIV positive in Ogun

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

ABOUT 68,000 persons have tested positive to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in Ogun State, the Executive Director of the State Action Committee on AIDS (SACA) Ranti Oladunde has disclosed. The state also has a higher prevalent rate compared with Ekiti and Osun States in the South-west zone with 1.7 percent which dropped from 3.5 in 2008 to 1.3 and 1.2 per cent recorded by the two states respectively.

Speaking at a one-day media forum organized by the Enhanced Nigeria Response to HIV/AIDS in conjunction with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) World Service Trust (WST) in Abeokuta Monday, Oladunde said the figure represented a drop of about 75 per cent in the prevalence rate in the state.

## I followed due process to return to PDP- Atiku

From Ibrahim Muhammad, Yola

FORMER Vice President Alhaji Atiku Abubakar at weekend in Adamawa State said he did not return to the PDP through any faction but as a law abiding citizen followed due process in his return in line with the PDP constitution.

Atiku told a group of party members who received him at his Jada country home that the controversy surrounding his re-entry into the PDP was politically motivated and would be sorted out in like manner.

According to him, every individual has the right to join any party of his choice and he does not recognize any faction in the party but believes in oneness of the PDP as a family.

He said, "Nyako, the number one citizen of the state and the state chairman of the party, Alhaji Minjiyawa Umaru Kugama, are the ones that brought factions into the party intentionally as a strategy to divide the PDP membership for selfishness reasons". He said he had fully returned to the fold after consultations with his supporters and a letter was written to the national secretariat of the PDP after approval by the party hierarchy.

"I'm back to the PDP, my coming is not to factionalize the party. Honestly, Nyako should be held for factionalizing the party. Mark me, the era of deceit has gone in the PDP, I'm assuring you people, any decision we will make in the party you will be first consulted, and not to impose things on you people again", he said. Speaking also, elder Linus Ali Kemsu who led a delegation of PDP supporters from the Kugama-Nyako led group said, "People of Jada are solidly behind Atiku and will join hands with him to make sure that the PDP is solid in the state," pointing out that the former vice president is their son and there is no way they could abandon him.

## VACANCIES IN A DONOR FUNDED (UK/NORWAY) HEALTH PROGRAMME

The Maternal and Neo-natal Child Health (MNCH) initiative is a 4 year aid programme which operates alongside the PRRINN programme that focuses on strengthening routine immunization in four Northern Nigerian States. The MNCH programme aims to address the unacceptable high rates of poverty, maternal, child and newborn morbidity and mortality in the selected Northern Nigerian States. The programme is funded by the Norwegian government in partnership with the UK Department for International Development (DFID). It is operated by a consortium of three organizations, namely: Health Partners International UK, Save the Children, UK and GRID Consulting Nigeria.

The MNCH Initiative aims to facilitate health reform agendas in support of the revitalization of the Primary Health Care services (PHCs) at the state level in each of the programme operating states. This initiative operates alongside the PRRINN programme to add value to strengthening immunization with a special focus on improving MNCH outcomes. The joint programme collaborates with stakeholders in the health sector as well as civil societies to provide quantifiable improvements to the PHC systems in Northern Nigeria.

PRRINN-MNCH is managed by a team of internationally recruited professionals. Its programme activities are carried out in Jigawa, Katsina, Yobe and Zamfara with coordination from the programme's head office in Kano. The programme has commenced operations but seeks to recruit more professionals to coordinate the administrative and technical activities at the state level. Thereby ensuring optimal management of its staff and available resources geared towards achieving the programme's overall objectives.

### Health and Demographic Surveillance Site Manager (Zamfara)

The Health and Demographic Surveillance System (HDSS) Manager will be located and resident in Zamfara State. S/he will manage the overall operations of the demographic and health research field station and its team. The Manager will coordinate and monitor field-works, as well as the related computing and research activities within the state. S/he will have the mandate to monitor the impact of maternal and child health interventions on the target population.

**Qualification:** Interested candidates must have a master's degree in any one of Demography, Statistics, Economics, Sociology, or Public Health. S/he must have minimum of 5 years relevant work experience in Nigeria with proven research publications on topics related to health or demography. The ideal candidate must have a strong practical knowledge of the use of computers, its application to demography and a good understanding of database softwares.

### State Programme Officer (Yobe)

The State Programme Officer will be located in Yobe, and will providing technical support to the supply side of PRRINN-MNCH programme activities in the State. S/he will support the Senior State Programme

Officer in coordinating programme activities, such as planning, advocacy and social mobilization in the state

**Qualification:** Interested candidates must possess a degree in public health or any of the health sciences, with a minimum of 5 years work experience. S/he must have a good knowledge of the operations of health care delivery services, particularly with PHCs in Nigeria. S/he must be a good communicator, computer proficient, with strong inter-personal and organizational skills. Previous related work experience will be an added advantage.

### Accountants (Kano, Zamfara)

The Accountants will be located in each of the offices and will provide financial and accounting support at the State levels. S/he will support the Finance and Admin manager in the Kano office and the State Team Manager in the Zamfara office. S/he will operate an effective cash management system, maintain good accounting records and books and prepare monthly and annual financial reports to the head office. The ideal candidate will manage and monitor all office running costs including petty cash disbursements, processing and payment of Consultants' advances, retirements and fees.

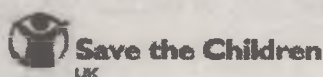
**Qualification:** Interested candidates must have a minimum of a first degree or its equivalent in accounting. S/he must have a minimum of 3 years hands-on experience in an accounting or a related organization. S/he must have a strong knowledge and use of Microsoft spreadsheet and some computerized accounting softwares. The ideal candidate must have good written and inter-personal skills. Previous experience in a similar donor-funding organization will be an added advantage.

### Terms of Employment:

The appointments will be for a contract term of up to 2 years, with a 6 months probationary period. In the light of this, the programme offers extremely competitive salary packages. However, local terms and conditions are applicable.

### Applications:

Interested candidates should send applications and electronic copies of their updated CVs including contact telephone numbers and email addresses as an attachment in a Microsoft word document to: [prinn@gridconsulting.net](mailto:prinn@gridconsulting.net). The subject line of your e-mail MUST contain the title of the position applied for. Applications not sent in this format will NOT be processed. All applications must be received by the 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2010. Interviews will commence soon after with a view to successful candidates commencing work immediately.





A tiny child wails perched high on the barricade of tyres protecting Thai anti-government protesters from bullets fired by government troops in Bangkok street yesterday.

# Man arraigned over attempt to sell 5-year-old daughter

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THIRTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Nasir Muhammad from Niger Republic has been arraigned before the Federal High Court in Sokoto State, for attempting to sell his five year

old daughter. Arraigned with him, was 29 year old Hussaini Surajo, also from Niger Republic.

Nasir was said to have commenced negotiations for the sale of his daughter at N7million Cefas when he was arrested. When the charge was read to the

accused persons at the court yesterday, they both pleaded guilty. The presiding judge, Justice I.M Sani noted the serious nature of the offence and advised the accused persons to get a lawyer. She then adjourned the matter till June 3rd, 2010.

## 2011: NEMA tests strategies on civil unrest

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

AHEAD of the 2011 general elections, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) yesterday in Kaduna tested the effectiveness of its strategies for combating civil unrest. The exercise tagged "Operation Itoju" was held at the Armed Forces Simulation Centre, Jaji, Kaduna.

The Director General of the agency AVM Mohammed M. Audu-Bida said the exercise was to test the efficacy of the adopted and signed document titled, "Search and rescue and epidemic evaluation plan."

The Director General of NEMA, who was represented by the North-West zonal coordinator of the agency, Alhaji Mustapha Suleiman, said the agency

was determined to build a culture of preparedness, response and community resilience to disasters in the country.

The Commandant of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji AVM S. A. Leke said the simulation centres were designed primarily to facilitate the training of commanders and their staff at all levels.

### ADMISSION INTO FCT SCHOOL OF NURSING, GWAGWALADA, ABUJA, FOR BASIC NURSING PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 2010

This is to inform interested candidates wishing to seek admission into FCT School of Nursing Gwagwalada, Abuja for **BASIC NURSING PROGRAMME** that admission forms are now on sale at Room 080, FCT Health & Human Services Secretariat, Nursing Department Area 11, Garki, Abuja.

Candidates wishing to obtain the form should show evidence of payment of Non refundable fee of N3,000.00 (Three Thousand Naira) only from FINBANK (First Inland Bank) Plc. Gimbiya Street, Area 11, Garki, Abuja. Candidates are to pay into **account No. 236435070901.**

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**ENTRY QUALIFICATION:** Eligible candidates should possess either WAEC, GCE, SSCE or NECO with at least **FIVE CREDIT** passes including English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

**B.T. Frank**  
Chief Midwife Tutor  
For: Hon. Secretary, HHSS.

## ATBU gets 4 new professors

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE management of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, has confirmed the promotion of four staff to the rank of professors and six to associate professors. A statement by the Principal Assistant Registrar, Public Relations of the university, Kabiru Garba Amnu, said those promoted to professors include Dr. Ibrahim Yusuf who is now a Professor of Industrial Microbiology

and Dr. Mrs. Fatima Joe Swa, Professor of Plant Physiology.

The others are Dr. Joseph Enemali who is now a Professor of Technology Education and late Dr. Ibanga Akpabio, Professor of Industrial Chemistry.

The six who were promoted to the rank of Associate Professors are Dr. Ahmed Abdulhameed, Ecology, Dr. Harami Adamu, Organic Chemistry and Dr. O.B.E Salawu as Associate Professor of Water Resources.

Others are Dr. Odey Osha, Material Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Abdul'azeez and Dr. Buba Ahmed were elevated to Associate Professors of Physics and Agricultural Entomology respectively.

The statement added that the promotions of Yusuf, Swa, Abdulhameed, Adamu and Salawu are effective from October 1, 2007 while those of Enemali, Akpabio, Osha, Abdul'azeez and Buba would take effect from October 1, 2008.

## 'Doma needs second term to consolidate'

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

MEMBERS of the Akye community of Lafia East Development Area of Nasarawa State have thrown their weight behind the aspiration for second term by Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma, saying a second chance would help him consolidate the administration's gains.

The community forum which briefed the media in Lafia Monday also canvassed support for the Nasarawa-South Senatorial aspiration of Alhaji Yusuf Agabi who is currently consulting to contest on the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP).

The Akye Forum leader, John Moyi, described the

administration of Doma as successful in terms of performance in various sectors including agriculture, infrastructure, education, health and other critical areas of development. He said the governor needs a second term for the sake of continuity in the provision of basic needs to meet the years of development aspiration of Nasarawa people.



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## OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION

### Announcement

#### Payment of Monetisation Arrears to Staff of Federal Government Parastatals

Sequel to the ongoing preparations to effect payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the monetisation arrears to staff of Federal Government Parastatals, the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) wishes to announce as follows:

#### A) 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the Payment Exercise

Closing date for submission of correction of bank details is Tuesday **15<sup>th</sup> June, 2010;**

- i) The corrected bank details should be submitted to the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation through the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.
- ii) All submissions should be duly signed by the Chief Executives of the Parastatals and Head of Accounts/Finance Departments.

#### B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the Payment Exercise

In order to have a smooth payment exercise in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase, the following should be noted;

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- ii) Comprehensive names of all next-of-kins of deceased beneficiaries of each Parastatal should be submitted at once and not in piece-meal. The names of the next-of-kins should be reflected along with the names of the deceased.
- iii) Where there is change of name due to marriage, the maiden name should be shown along with the name after marriage.
- iv) Only bank accounts in commercial banks that are in the Clearing System should be used. The use of Micro Finance Institutions should be discouraged to avoid delay in the remittance of the arrears.
- v) Beneficiaries' bank accounts should be active and not dormant. The correct **Account Numbers** and **Sort Codes** should be confirmed from the beneficiaries' bankers before submission to the Verification Panel in the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to avoid sending money into wrong accounts.
- vi) Complaints on underpayments should be referred to the Verification Panel for necessary action.

Signed;  
**Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo, OON**  
Accountant-General of the Federation

# Online Reactions

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ON [www.dailytrust.com](http://www.dailytrust.com)



## Court commences hearing on Plateau okada ban

I think it is utter rubbish for the Achaba guys to go to court. Over what? Over a state legislation? If I were a member of

ACCOMMORAN, I wouldn't bother spending our money on litigation. I will advise our members to move to neigh-

boring states. It is a waste of time and resources because they will not win. A law passed by the State House of Assem-

bly can't be overturned by the judiciary.  
**Mustafa Ali**  
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**PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan**

## Mohammed Namadi Sambo ... From Sir Kashim to Aguda House



**GOVERNOR Namadi Sambo**

THE new VP should try to understand that Nigeria is larger than Kaduna state. Therefore he should try as much as possible to face the challenges that will confront him in his new office by giving more chances to good people to work with him.

**Abubkr Badru Jkamshi**  
[damurna@yahoo.com](mailto:damurna@yahoo.com)

While acknowledging the fact that Namadi was not the best choice for the Vice President, as believers in destiny, we receive his nomination in good faith and pray that he will disappoint his critics. Those who are opposed to his nomination have no option than to take heart and resign everything to fate

and those who supported his nomination should not see it as their own making. Rather they should see it as an act of the Almighty. I wish him the best and pray Allah to give him wisdom to do the right thing, May Allah guide and protect him. Once again, congratulations.

**Lamara Garba Azare**  
[lamaragarba@yahoo.com](mailto:lamaragarba@yahoo.com)

Namadi, we wish you best of luck if this is your destiny. May Allah make Nigeria a perfect place, free from corruption through your efforts. Amin!

**Buhari Sani Gusau**  
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It's our hope that the nomination of

Mohammed Namadi Sambo as Vice President will help in defusing the current political crisis that is looming now in both the north and southern parts of Nigeria. I hereby call on my fellow Nigerians to support the government of Goodluck/Namadi. With our support they can take Nigeria to greater heights.

**Abubakar Chika Maru**  
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Arch. Namadi Sambo, we wish you safe landing in Aguda House. However, know that there isn't much difference between a Governor and a Vice President. The only differences are the title and the residence. The main aim - Governor or Vice President - is to serve the people. We wish you a happy tenure in office as Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. God bless our country Nigeria.

**Yahaya Ibn Idris**  
[ibnidrees@gmail.com](mailto:ibnidrees@gmail.com)

Is the Senate now telling us that anybody that is sent by the President will simply be approved, whosoever that person is and what ever his/her reputation? I don't think that makes sense since the constitution does not stop you from screening that person. I think that for you to fully represent the interest of the people that sent you there, you should thoroughly screen the person and not

just approve. We are not in an autocratic regime please! This is democracy and we expect some sense of it.

**Usman Ahmed Danbaba**  
[danbaba1986@yahoo.com](mailto:danbaba1986@yahoo.com)

Mohammed Namadi Sambo, the Vice President's office is for you and nobody will struggle with you over it. We want you to deliver what is expected of you.

**Augustus S. Akpan**  
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'When God wants to decree a matter, He tells it 'Be!' and it is. Nothing is greater than God. Despite so many different opinions in regard to Namadi Sambo's nomination as Vice President, and regardless of the political bickering that has arisen on that matter, it has finally come to pass. From the day a child is born into this world, his fate has been decided by his creator. What comes after is just a mere fulfilment of that prophesy. Therefore no man born of a woman can change that destiny. It is the destiny of Sambo and Goodluck to find themselves where they are now. It is more of a destiny to the people of southern Kaduna that their time is now. What is left now is our prayer for these God's children to deliver.

**Salisu Umar**  
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## Jonathan's tricky 2011 calculations

JONATHAN as a Nigerian has right to contest for the presidency of this great nation like all of us. The zoning arrangement was created to protect selfish interests and is not in the Nigerian constitution.

**Rash**  
[spaco98@yahoo.com](mailto:spaco98@yahoo.com)

Mr. President, I agree with you that one year in office won't make any difference in your presidency so I advice you run for this position next year. The North-central, North-west and the South-west have got their share. We are left with the South-south, South-east, and North-east.

**Mohammed Abdul**  
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## Many faces of digital lottery

THE National Lotteries Commission, The NCC and indeed the Police should look into this. Were the Telecommunication Companies registered to carry out lotteries? Why are the charges for a simple SMS more than that of an international voice call?

If some service was received by customers then the lottery idea may be tolerable but this is pure theft and it must not be allowed to continue unchecked! Are the mega profits being made not enough or is there a collusion somewhere to siphon off users credits? EFCC and ICPC should also come in.

**Muhammad NaIya**  
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## PDP NWC holds emergency meeting ...as Nwite, Izuogu declare interest in Ogbulafor's job

MORE internal problems are expected to storm this party because of their selfish interests, giving room for the opposition to capture the forth

coming election in 2011. We pray for free and fair elections come 2011.

**Yahaya Ibn Idris**  
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## Low quality education worries Kogi commissioner

IT is really unfortunate that the Hon. Commissioner is just realizing the decay in our Education sector in Kogi. He's been Principal in various secondary schools in the early 80's to the late 90's. We had expected that by now he would have impacted well enough in the development of the sector given his past

experience rather than this cry of foul now. Let him go and do a holistic review of the system and get on track. Mr. Onoja should realize that he's well respected amongst the elite in Kogi giving his past experience. He should put that to good use.

**Paul O.**  
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# NNPC GMD sacked after 41 days

IT is a shame that in the 21st century, Nigeria is still recycling leaders. Other than that, there is no rationale whatsoever in making Ladan the Kaduna state Deputy Governor. Does that means that in the whole of the state with a population of over 5 million people they couldn't find anyone to take over from Yakowa that they had to go and drag someone who is already comfortably employed elsewhere. I am afraid of where we are headed under the circumstance. Indeed, we need a rethink.

**Lamara Garba Azare**

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There is some absolutely wrong with the psyche of our elites. How can a technocrat appointed to a troubled industry just be sacked? What are the objectives? Nigeria should and ought to be the prime consideration in such instances. Where it is Cigari himself who "opted" out, then he is not worth the title because he has placed himself over and above the NATION!

**Muhammad NaIya**  
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...Ladan for Deputy Governor of Kaduna State? But Ladan is not a politician. Can he secure that seat? Many top ranking PDP members in Kaduna are eyeing that seat. Nonetheless, since the President, being the Commander-in-Chief, has an interest in him, he can secure it. We pray for the good to secure the bidding.

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We are tired of hearing the word

'audit'. Infact it must be painful to Nigerians. We've heard of it in connection to the power sector, roads, petroleum etc, and all with no result yet. May be they are waiting for the masses to put pressure or change the entire leadership before they will wake up.

**Usman Ahmed Danbaba**  
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I want to advise all to see the bigger picture in all of this with a view to addressing the future of Kaduna state and the entire nation in general.

**Abubakar**  
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The recent appointment of Oniwon as the new GMD of NNPC following the removal of Shehu Ladan is a nice development in the oil and has sector because an Engineer is better suited for that position than a lawyer. We hope this new GMD will prove to Nigerians that he is really a fellow of the NSE by working hard.

**Ali**  
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## Your Letters

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### Jonathan should respect PDP's zoning arrangement

I read with shock and surprise from some of our national dailies the ridiculous and mischievous interpretation some political scavengers under the umbrella of "United Nigeria Forum, UNF" have given to the BBC interview Atiku Abubakar granted on the 6th May 2010.

The "UNF" cleverly picked some issues raised on the interview to malign the former Vice President. Who is deceiving who?

For the sake of clarity, here are the key issues raised in that interview:

BBC: *But how effective do you think President Goodluck Jonathan is likely to be, there are also some challenges facing Nigeria at the moment?*

Atiku: Indeed, there are a lot challenges facing Nigeria at the moment but the most important challenge facing Nigeria is the stability of our democracy and the deepening of the democratic institutions that have been built.

BBC: *Do you think he would have to choose a VP from the North?*

Atiku: Obviously yes, to have a political balance and equilibrium in the country. It has always been like that. Power has always been shared between the North and the South in one form or the other.

BBC: *Now the informal agreement has always been that a President from the North serves two-terms and then the President from the South two-terms. But President Yar'adua only had half-a-term*

Atiku: Well, yes, I am aware of that agreement, I was a party to it, it exists and I expect the party will implement that policy and if the party decides not to implement it then, it will also have to meet and review it.

BBC: *When you say implement it, you mean in terms of the 2010*

*election because President Goodluck Jonathan of-cause is from the South. Does that mean if they implement the policy, so does that mean a different candidate from the North would have to stand?*

Atiku: That is the understanding definitely.

BBC: *So, if he did say, he was going to stand, would that cause political upheaval in Nigeria?*

Atiku: I know it is bound to cause some political instability and that is what we don't want at this point in time. Because we want to stabilize our democracy, we want to stabilize our polity so that we can develop.

What is so sinister about Atiku Abubakar's responses to warrant that outburst of "UNF" that is typical of hired character assassins?

The issue is the PDP zoning policy and the need to uphold it. President Jonathan must respect party policies. We must do away with hypocrisy, betrayal and treachery.

Lami Yusuf, NEPA Road, Gwarinpa Estate, Abuja.

## Text us on 08 131 8000 30

### Kaduna society, please

I wonder why there should be opposition to a Christian governor for Kaduna State. Congratulations, VP Namadi Sambo and Governor Patrick Yakowa.  
SAMAILA Boro, Bauchi, 08036528846.

### Haba Jonathan

WHAT do mean by saying that one year is not enough to meet governance targets? Even one million years can't be enough to meet targets. Just do what you can in the time you have and leave the stage.

NURA Hamza Mara, Katsina, 08034783011.

### Re: Learn from Edo

MR Francis' is a good advice to all. Point of correction, though; Adams Oshiomhole is not a Muslim; he is from a Muslim family home.  
KABIRU, Lafia, 08065443489.

### Point to ponder

THOSE defending Jonathan's eligibility to run in 2011 should ask themselves why if a president comes from south his vice comes from north and if the president is a Christian his vice must be a Muslim just as the case now with Jonathan and Namadi Sambo. Or are they saying it is constitutional? Please let's give peace a chance.

GALADIMA Umar, Gombe market road, Billiri, Gombe State, 07064491468.

### Re: Wrong, Idang Alibi

I want to remind one Sheriff Modu who responded to Columnist Idang Alibi in yesterday's *Daily Trust* that if Obasanjo had allowed a free and fair primary in 2007 Yar'adua wouldn't have won; a southerner would have emerged. Let him check the

record.

MR IHIABE A. D., Abuja, 08052600219.

### Uncalled for

OF course, this is Nigeria where anything goes. The removal of Shehu Ladan as NNPC GMD after only a few weeks in office is baffling. What is going on, Mr Goodluck Jonathan? Is this how to start your administration? It's too early to make such dubious decisions. Please tread with wisdom.

JIBRIN Zago, 08039616007.

### Different stroke

JUST a year in office, President Obama of US signs the Freedom of the Press Act on Monday in the Oval Office. After many years, we are still debating when and why our FOI should be passed into law. Hoping.

MUSA Saleh, 08035819225.



By Joe A. Kpamber

## Repositioning FHA

These are dramatic times in the housing business, but you wouldn't know it from speaking to Arch Terver Gemade, who took office as the Managing Director (MD) at Federal Housing Authority last year. Over the years, housing shortages have been a pain for all, but with the new Managing Director, things are changing and there is light at the end of the tunnel for low income earners.

He said, "There are many empty houses in the Federal Capital City, Abuja while many residents have no roofs over their heads; on the hand, landlords put a very high rental premium on their houses and they are simply unaffordable for most Nigerians". So what's Gemade going to do about it?

His primary target is to develop houses for the low income earners, but because government does not do the funding any more, the FHA has to also embark on high income housing so that it can have a premium to be able to break even and pay back some loans with interest. Thus the properties at the higher income bracket will cross-subsidize the ones at the lower end of the market. The plan is already ongoing. Projects have been completed and commissioned; for example 240 housing units in Lugbe (Abuja) and 558 housing units in Isher-Olofin (Lagos) have been completed. Contracts have been awarded for a further 88 housing units in Gwarinpa, Kado-Mbiko section and about 300 houses in Abesan and the completion of other housing units in Gwarinpa is being done.

Under Gemade the FHA also plans to expand, with partnership being envisaged with local and foreign investors. Also signed are Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with a number of companies like BNL, Bahaus International Ltd, Millard Fuller Foundation and others to deliver about 2,624 housing units towards attaining the target of 100,000 housing units by 2013.

In order to achieve this, the FHA has offices spread across the six geo-political zones of the country; the aim is to have their impact felt nation-wide. They are also acquiring more lands in the states.

Gemade sees himself as part of a grand collective enterprise to build a new society, to use the FHA platform to build more houses and to help develop the new Abuja City of our dream. This in turn will reduce the massive urban housing shortage in Abuja and other cities as they grow and expand without proper infrastructure. Therefore, this has made building of more houses a social priority at FHA as its top officials believe, as Gemade does, that prefabricated housing for the masses represent the modern alternative building systems that hold the key to affordable social

His primary target is to develop houses for the low income earners, but because government does not do the funding any more

housing for low income earners.

Gemade who thinks that Abuja is competing especially with Dubai to be one of the great cities of the 21st century, has unveiled a 10 year plan to upgrade Abuja and other cities in the country.

His plan addresses what he sees as the three chief challenges facing the city as it makes that transition. First, he expects Abuja's population, already at a record high, to grow by around 3 million by 2015, to 5 million. Second, the city's infrastructure, much of it quite old, is crumbling, and needs to be upgraded. Third, the city must become both green and ozone-layer friendly.

His goals include a massive increase in affordable housing, a plan that everyone in Abuja would live within ten minutes' walk of a public park and overhaul of public transport.

If these plans bear fruits, and there is no reasons why they should not, given Gemade's doggedness, Abuja may yet witness a transformation in housing that gives everyone living in the city a sense of belonging.

Kpamber wrote from Abuja.

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## EDITORIAL

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## Illegal universities

**T**he increasing number of illegal universities in Nigeria is disturbing. The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius Okojie, disclosed recently that 34 universities currently operate illegally in the country, including some foreign ones, noting that the NUC had already closed seven of them, while investigations and court cases had been initiated on nine others.

Some of the illegal universities have been found to be campuses of universities in the United Kingdom and the United States. It is embarrassing that even neighbouring African countries have discovered Nigeria to be a goldmine for the business of illegal universities.

These illegal universities advertise their programmes to unsuspecting candidates. They provide free pamphlets and flyers at receptionists' counters in hotels and restaurants, especially those frequented by their target audiences, avoiding newspaper and other formal advertising formats, in order to avoid monitoring. Many of the illegal universities operate during weekends in the premises of primary and secondary schools. Some of them make their students to register with probably fake university in the UK or USA to sit for an examination with the promise of earning them two or three different degrees in a year! Many Nigerians, who desire to acquire a university degree, often by any means, become vulnerable to the deceptions of illegal universities.

Of the over one million candidates that sit annually for the University Matriculation Examination, now Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), only about 15% usually secure admission to public universities in the country. The private universities are, on the other hand, exclusive learning centres, charging fees that are beyond what an average Nigerian can afford. With 64 public (federal and state-owned) in addition to 34 private universities, it is unfortunate that many young Nigerian boys and girls who qualify to have a university education, are left to roam the streets, with virtually no alternative. This is due largely to insufficient admission space occasioned by over-stretched facilities, obsolete library and laboratory equipment; and dilapidated structures. The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which should function to complement conventional universities by catering especially for workers with a view not only to allowing for capacity building but also to giving all categories of Nigerians equal opportunities and access to tertiary education, has failed to meet its statutory mandate. The unnecessary emphasis placed by government on university degree as well as the discrimination against polytechnic and other tertiary school graduates partly account for the wild scramble by Nigerians for a university degree. This situation prompts those who lack the mental ability for acquiring a degree to look for it, by hook or by crook, sometime by both.

**I**t is worrying that illegal universities that operate in the country have continued to admit students, run courses and award degrees while the NUC, which is the official monitoring agency, is unable to arrest the situation. This is the third time the NUC would cry foul over the same issue. The nonchalant and complicit attitude of the NUC demonstrated by its failure to adequately check the ubiquitous spread of illegal universities has led to inefficient monitoring mechanism. To address the situation, the NUC should collaborate with relevant security agencies in order to strengthen its surveillance mechanism. Government must summon the political will to confront and address all the factors that prompt Nigerians to patronize illegal universities or buy spurious degrees by otherwise backyard schools abroad. This should include improving facilities in the public universities; as well as de-emphasizing the long-standing discrimination between university and polytechnic graduates. Periodic publications by the NUC of the list of government-approved universities would help employers of labour to reject certificates presented by graduates of illegal universities seeking employment. The NOUN must also be made relevant to the statutory goals for which it was established.

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## Choosing the vice president

**N**amadi Sambo, architect and presently Governor of Kaduna State may by now be smarting up to perform the functions of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Sambo was the most unlikely candidate. Quiet, unassuming and yet dogged, he has had difficulty getting out of the shadow of his predecessor Ahmed Makarfi, not because his performance was lacklustre but because he chose to consolidate on what Makarfi left behind. This policy of ensuring continuity took the shine off remarkable achievements that were recorded these past three years. It is to the credit of both Makarfi and Sambo that Kaduna was returned to its known past glory of peace, and impressive infrastructure.

There is significance in the selection of Namadi Sambo. It revealed a President Jonathan deftly returning to the constituency he seemed to have alienated, when he appointed his ministers. I had said then that he satisfied the National Assembly in the exercise. Now it is his turn to placate the Governors.

If you think that our political experience in the exit process of President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2007 was a crisis, know you how much of it had to do with an ambitious Vice President struggling to succeed his mentor and boss, and a sadistic President embittered by the emptying of the upper segment of his tenure hour glass, and wishing to cling willy-nilly to power. Both President Olusegun Obasanjo and his Vice Atiku Abubakar threw the national interest to the winds and went at each others' throat on trivial ambition and ego massaging.

**T**he nation and the people suffered for it. Efforts and resources were wasted chasing the wind of their selfish whims. And God did not do as the gladiators wished. Atiku's reserves for chasing the Presidency were instead spent fighting the third term bid of President Obasanjo. Of course the third term bid failed and Atiku Abubakar has claimed credit for this debacle. Meanwhile Obasanjo's retaliatory bid to install a frail puppet in Yar'adua failed to work because Yar'adua showed he was man enough to be on his own and severed the strings as soon as he had a firm grip of the

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handles of power. Goodluck Jonathan would do likewise, be rest assured.

In selecting a vice for Goodluck Jonathan, care must be taken to consciously select a one whose ambition to succeed the boss will not lead to the undermining of the mentors effort to leave an indelible mark within the given time frame. I personally do not believe in zoning the Presidency. It is a medieval idea and in any case unconstitutional. As a Nigerian, I will feel

acted with dignity and maturity such that hardly any crack in their relationship was noticed. Shagari executed policy. Ekwueme engaged in dialogue to produce a fair assessment of impact and accurate gauging of the national mood. The Party, headed by Chief Meredith Akinloye was big, strong, and respectable. I recall the NPN calypso we are moving on, in one direction, and President Shagari's later day lament that regimes should be changed by the ballot and not by the bullet.

**T**hat 1983 coup truncated our democratic experience and did not offer us an opportunity to evolve through democratic regime change. The chemistry between

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comfortable in the hands of the Donald Dukes, the Fasolas and the Obis of this world, just as I believe my southern contemporaries would feel secure in the hands of the Nuhu Ribadus, the El Rufa is and the Gojes of this world. Times have changed throwing up a new citizenry for the country who have overcome primordial sentiments and can work selflessly for God, man, and country. I see the President Goodluck Jonathan performing well on the remainder of Yar'adua's mandate to warrant and want a mandate of his own. I do not see him packing his gear to leave Aso Rock at the end of this tenure.

His moves so far prove that he is politically astute, and could be unexpectedly shrewd.

**I**dare say now, that come 2011, Goodluck Jonathan will run for President. He has more reasons to run than there are for him to abdicate for a Northern candidature. Namadi Sambo had better prepare for a long haul flight.

In the 2nd Republic, both President Shehu Shagari and Vice President Alex Ekwueme

President Shagari and Vice President Ekwueme was the nearest to perfect.

**T**he military option from 1983, fraught with instability, revealed to Nigerians the ease with which uniformed intelligentsia could undermine themselves in their exposure to political power. Pursuit of satisfaction for the ego leads to disagreements that undermine state security and stability.

*From my mailbag: Re: Jesus as INEC chair*

*Your write-ups are so intelligent and witty, the truth so succinctly intricately interwoven with humour, sometimes I can't help but be afraid that you are looking for the trouble that Bola Ige and his counterparts suffered.*

*It's sad to think that a country like ours that is practising a kwashiorkor-ized version of rule of law and fundamental human rights; still makes us afraid that journalists like you end up like Bayo Ohu and co.*

*Is it not it funny that a simple Freedom of Information Bill has not been able to be passed since the advent of Baba's democracy. Nigeria makes no sense any more.*

*vickeystephen@yahoo.com*  
*I very much enjoyed your piece in the Daily Trust (Wednesday May 12, 2010).*

*I always find it ironic when I hear people refer to Nigeria as a very religious country. That General Obasanjo led this country for 8 years and continues to be king maker is indicative of the fact that we need to consciously align the theory with the reality.*

*Aminu Idris*

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## Governors of 19 Northern States

# CONGRATULATIONS



His Excellency, **Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR**  
President, Commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria



His Excellency, **Arch. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, GCOM**  
Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

On behalf of the people and Governments of the 19 Northern States, I join other Nigerians to congratulate the President, **Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR**, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on his assumption of office as the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Your Excellency, your transformation to the exalted position of President of our dear nation is obviously a divine intervention by Almighty God to chart the future of our nation for the greater development of our people. We therefore see this development as a divine call to serve the people in line with servant-leadership principles like commitment to the rule of law, good governance, accountability, transparency and service to humanity as espoused and encapsulated in the 7-Point Agenda as the fulcrum for the attainment of the Vision 20:2020.

We also congratulate Your Excellency on the nomination, successful screening and inauguration of **Arch. Mohammed Namadi Sambo** as the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. We

acknowledge his tremendous achievements in the transformation of Kaduna State in the last three years. We recall the various measures he put in place to achieve the present level of peace and tranquility in Kaduna State, the successful hosting of the National Sports Festival (KADA Games 2009) and his vision to transform the city of Kaduna into a millennium and modern city through the physical and infrastructural development of the city. In addition, as the host State, the co-operation he gave the Northern Governors Forum during meetings and other activities has been marvelous. We therefore salute your courage and foresight in your choice of Arch. Mohammed Namadi Sambo as the Vice President.

We urge you to remain steadfast and resolute in your determination to pilot the affairs of our dear Nation particularly at this critical period of her development. The tasks ahead are challenging and daunting but we are confident that Your Excellency and Your Vice are equal to the task.

We join millions of fellow Nigerians to pray to Almighty God to guide and guard you in your service to the Nation.

Signed:

The Chief Servant  
**Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, OON (Talban Minna)**  
Governor, Niger State and  
Joint Chairman, Northern Governors Forum and  
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# AFRICA REPORT

## Malawi court convicts gay couple

A court in Malawi has convicted a gay couple of gross indecency and unnatural acts. Steven Monjeza, 26, and Tiwonge Chimbalanga, 20, were arrested in December 2009 after celebrating their engagement ahead of a wedding planned for 2010.

They have been in jail ever since and now face 14 years in prison. Their arrest had sparked international condemnation and a debate about homosexuality in the country.

Judge Nyakwawa Usiwa-

Usiwa convicted both men of engaging in gay sex, which he said was "against the order of nature". They are to be sentenced on 20 May. In calling for a lighter sentence, the couple's lawyer argued that the pair's actions had not victimised anyone.

Outside the courtroom, hundreds of curious people blocked roads to peek at the couple as they were driven back to the cell at Chichiri Prison amid heavy security.

Dressed in a black suit, white

shirt, and blue-and-white tie, Monjeza looked expressionless, evidently resigned to his fate. In earlier court appearances, he looked downcast and could sometimes be seen shedding tears.

His partner, Chimbalanga - always the more jovial of the couple - turned up in a grey jacket over a black shirt, slacks and slippers. He acknowledged the curious people with high fives as he was driven away.

"Unlike in a rape case, there was no complainant or victim in

this case," he said. "Here are two consenting adults doing their thing in private. Nobody will be threatened or offended if they are released into society."

But the chief prosecutor welcomed the judge's decision.

"In Malawi, we don't allow men to marry men or women to marry women," said Dickens Mwambazi. "I think 90% of the crowd here agree with the ruling." Same-sex liaisons are frowned upon in Malawi, where homosexual acts are outlawed.

The men had denied the charges and their lawyers said their constitutional rights had been violated. But, the Centre for the Development of People (Cedep) and the Centre for Human Rights and Rehabilitation (CHRR) have been urging authorities to relax the country's stance on homosexuals.

The BBC's Raphael Tenthani in Blantyre, Malawi's commercial capital, says the government is also coming under pressure from Western donors over the issue.

## Tension high in key Ethiopia election region



SUPPORTERS of Ethiopia's biggest opposition coalition Medrek, at a rally in the Oromia region.

THE tension is palpable in the Horn of Africa nation's Oromia region ahead of national elections on Sunday, with six people killed in just four weeks.

The region is home to the Oromo, Ethiopia's biggest ethnic group with 27 million out of 80 million people. The area also produces most of the coffee in Africa's biggest grower, along with oil seeds, sesame and livestock, which are all key exports.

Forty policemen march two-by-two through a remote Ethiopian town drawing stares from local farmers for their incongruous high-tech stab vests, body armour and riot helmets.

Oromia is seen by analysts as key to the future of sub-Saharan Africa's second most populous nation, a country that is Washington's main ally in the region and a growing destination for foreign direct investment.

On the road to Midakegne, soldiers and police stop and search cars, pat people down and check IDs, sometimes taking notes. Locals often seem frightened to talk about politics.

The eight-party opposition coalition, Medrek, says two of the six dead were theirs, while the ruling party says it has lost one candidate and a policeman was killed.

Another two died when a grenade was flung into a meeting of the Oromo People's Democratic Organisation (OPDO), part of the ruling

Ethiopian People's Democratic Front (EPRDF) coalition

Also playing on people's nerves is the fact that Ethiopia's last national elections in 2005 ended with a disputed result. Seven policemen and 193 protesters died in street riots in the capital Addis Ababa and top opposition leaders were jailed.

The opposition argues it would sweep to power if the ruling party stopped intimidating and jailing its members. The government dismisses that accusation as nonsense and says it will win easily on its development record.

The ruling party has embarked on massive investment in infrastructure such as roads and energy. The International Monetary Fund said last month that Ethiopia would excel this year with growth in excess of 5 percent.

Many people in Oromia told Reuters they were confused about how to vote, with some towns overwhelmingly supporting the opposition coalition Medrek, and others the OPDO.

Opposition figures say the Oromo have never had any power despite the OPDO's place in the government. They see that party as controlled by Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's Tigrayan People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (TPLF) -- which they say runs the other three parties in the ruling coalition.

## Somali cabinet set for shake-up

SHARIF Ahmed, the Somali president, has said he will appoint a new prime minister in an attempt to resolve a bitter power struggle between the current premier and the speaker of parliament.

On Sunday, Sheikh Aden Madobe, the speaker, said that parliament had passed a vote of no confidence in the government, but this was disputed by some members and Madobe resigned on Monday.

Analysts said the move by the president was likely to have been decided in a deal with the speaker and Omar Abdirashid Sharmarke, the prime minister, to save the government from total disintegration.

"It is likely that the president will reappoint the current prime minister, as long as they had no rift between them," Rashid Abdi, a Somalia analyst at the International Crisis Group, said.

## Striking Algerian rail workers win big pay rise

ALGERIAN railway workers ended a week-long strike after the government agreed to a 20 percent pay rise, a concession economists have warned could fuel inflation and encourage more strikes in the north African country.

Nouredine Dekhli, a senior executive with the state-owned SNTF train operator, said management and union leaders had reached a deal on Monday.

"The workers will get a minimum 20 percent pay rise," Dekhli told state radio.

In the past six months, mounting public anger over low wages and rising consumer prices has led to a wave of strikes in several sectors including health, education, industry, and public administration.

## Middle East



BASHAR al-Assad (right) greets Saad Hariri in Damascus

### Hariri visits Syria amid spat with US, Israel

LEBANESE Prime Minister Saad Hariri arrived in Damascus yesterday ahead of a planned trip to Washington, which accuses Syria of supplying Lebanon's Hezbollah with missiles. Hariri, who has rejected those claims, met Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, the official SANA news agency reported without elaborating.

Hariri's second official visit to Damascus follows accusations by Israel and the United States that Syria and Iran are continuing to supply the Lebanese Shiite movement with arms and undermining regional stability.

The Lebanese premier is due to visit the United States at the end of May for a meeting with President Barack Obama, and is expected to address the United Nations Security Council, of which Lebanon is currently a non-permanent member.

Yemen court sentences six Somali pirates to death

A Yemeni court yesterday sentenced six Somali pirates to death and jailed six others for 10 years each for hijacking a Yemeni oil tanker and killing two cabin crew in April last year.

The hijackers had forcibly captured the oil tanker Qana after it set sail from Al-Mukalla port in southeast Yemen on April 26, 2009. Yemeni forces recovered the ship the following day after a gunfight with the pirates.

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# Re-WHO WILL SAVE KEBBI PDP FROM DAKINGARI

(A Rejoinder)

While we are firmly convinced that the fictitious and cowardly writers of the above titled advert which appeared on page 26 of the Daily Trust Newspaper of Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010 should not be dignified with a response, still some issues raised by the writers need to be put in proper perspective. It is pertinent to note at this juncture that the advert was unsigned because the faceless writers do not exist.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the advert the writers inadvertently, compared Aliero to Shakespeare's Julius Ceaser and Governor Sa'idu Usman Nasamu Dakingari to Brutus. Inadvertent because the writers forgot that the vast majority of the people of Kebbi State have for long compared the coming of Governor Dakingari through Aliero as a classic example of Prophet Moses coming through the Pharaoh of Egypt and ultimately the former destroying the evil dynasty of the latter.

The writers, having accepted that Aliero "made a wrong judgment of character in picking Governor Dakingari as his successor" and having accepted that it was his personal and single-handed decision, they should have gone ahead to acknowledge that he was either mad in taking that decision alone as a despot or that it was Allah's divine intervention to save Kebbi people from the unacceptable dynasty that he so desperately wanted to create.

It would have been more sensible if the ghost writers identified and itemized those expectations they claimed Aliero brought Governor Dakingari to meet and which Governor Dakingari failed or refused to meet. They have their reasons for refusing to give the details. We are conversant with their reasons. Those expectations are basically self-serving and not for the benefit and well being of the people of Kebbi State, otherwise we challenge the sponsors of the article to go public with the records of Governor Dakingari's misdeeds.

It is common knowledge to the people of Kebbi State that Ex-Governor Aliero left behind a financially crippled state, indebted to the tune of over fifty billion Naira which Governor Sa'idu Dakingari has since offset. Governor Dakingari has in addition to this, offset the huge pension debt owed government retirees and has ensured also that workers never have to wait for the Federation Account Allocation Committee to meet, before they are paid their salaries and wages. Having recognized that Governor Dakingari's administration is not the business as usual type that is interested in bogus award of contracts that were mostly never executed, though fully paid for (in most cases up-front), Governor Dakingari became the toast and darling of not only the state's civil servants, retirees and their dependents, but also the common man on the street throughout the state.

Though we intend to shortly come up with the documented records of Governor Dakingari's achievements as compared to his predecessors (with documentary proof), it may be necessary to remind the writers that while it is true that the past administration of former Governor Adamu Aliero established the state's university, it was established only in name and the mobilization that was paid (in full) by that administration. End of the story. It is Governor Dakingari who actually paid the contractors to build the university, and it was him who procured all the equipment needed by the university. The records are there.

It is depressing and disheartening to note the low level to which the faceless writers and their sponsors could go by attempting to bring into the murky waters of politics the Governor's family. No decent politician will do that and, certainly, Governor Dakingari, his teeming supporters, associates and aides are decent politicians. Same goes for the writers' vain and mischievous attempt to sow seeds of discord between Governor Dakingari and President Jonathan Goodluck, the purpose of which is to deliberately divert attention from the crimes and evils of their sponsor which are well known to all Nigerians. For the records, the relationship between Governor Dakingari and the President is very cordial and has been so long before His Excellency, the Vice President became the President and no attempt by the writers or their cohorts can ever succeed in breaking this cordial relationship.

It is obvious that desperation can make people lose their sanity and memory, except where mischief, deliberate and selective amnesia are intended. It is a callous abuse of our sensibilities for these faceless writers to think that we have forgotten what their godfather did with the local governments' resources of the state during his tenure as the state's Chief Executive.

On the writers' allegation that Governor Dakingari has unconstitutionally created new local government councils, readers need to know that it was the former Governor Aliero that created additional local government areas unconstitutionally in 2003 to serve as a deceptive pivot of his second-term campaign bid. The recently enacted Local Development Areas (Not Local Governments) were a creation of the Kebbi State House of Assembly pursuant to the enabling constitutional stipulation, and Governor Dakingari, in keeping with his oath of office, is faithfully executing the law enacted by the House with the sole intent of bringing and extending good governance and dividends of democracy to the grassroots. The good people of Kebbi State need no diviner to tell them whose government is self-serving and for personal enrichment and whose government is not.

It is funny, indeed laughable, that the writers accused Governor Dakingari of financial indiscipline. We don't know the parameters they used in reaching this

dubious conclusion. To the best of our knowledge, however, it is to the credit of the present administration that today, Kebbi State is not indebted to any bank, nor is it indebted to any contractor, civil servant, retiree nor any Federal or State revenue collecting agency. This is in addition to the numerous tarred roads that have opened up our rural areas; the provision of portable water and electricity to almost all communities as well as the construction of medical facilities across the state that are too numerous to mention in this write up. In addition, is the innovative introduction of measures targeted at checking child malnutrition as well as free medical care and drugs for women and children.

Furthermore, the education sector witnessed an unprecedented improvement in terms of increased scholarship awards; refurbishment of dilapidated infrastructure and outright construction of new schools where none existed before. Basic and secondary education is today absolutely free in Kebbi State.


It is on record that when Governor Dakingari mounted the leadership saddle, Kebbi State was ranked by the Central Bank of Nigeria, using the then current economic indices at its disposal, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> poorest state in Nigeria only better than Jigawa State. As at today, Kebbi State is ranked among the top ten by the same Central Bank. As if to prove this, the Director General of UNESCO ranked the state as 1<sup>st</sup> in child and women health care in the country; the construction of 17 new General Hospitals; beating the MDG recommended target of construction of 70 Health Centers by each governor in his 4 year term; and the construction of the new Specialist Hospital in Birnin Kebbi. The former Minister of State for Power on a thank you visit to the state for the numerous assistance the Governor had rendered to PHCN Plc announced to Journalists that by both his Ministry's ranking and that of PHCN Plc Kebbi State is now ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in rural electricity supply. Add to this our ranking as best in the country by the former Minister of Works in the provision of tarred rural roads and other infrastructure meant to check the rural - urban migration. These and many others. Are these what one can, in all honesty, call financial indiscipline?

To achieve all these, Governor Dakingari had at the commencement of his administration, set up committees on all aspects of socio-economic development of Kebbi State, in order to have a coordinated and balanced development of the state using the state's greatest asset - human resource. He made use of its abundant intellectuals from the academia, civil servants (serving and retired) as well as tapping into relevant national institutions and non-governmental agencies who did not only study but recommended the best ways possible to move the state forward in their respective areas of expertise viz education, health, agriculture and infrastructure. Governor Dakingari then charged, in most cases, these same eminent personalities with the responsibility of implementing their recommendations, making funds available where necessary.

For the records, Governor Dakingari has introduced a style of governance which ensures that the era of sharing peoples' commonwealth like you share groundnuts with friends and relations (an established tradition before he assumed governorship) has gone forever in Kebbi State. Hence the recent introduction of the e-payment system by the state's Ministry of Finance which the faceless writers and their sponsors are certainly not comfortable with. How can they be, when the new system has finally sealed the only remaining source through which they have been milking the State dry? The use of some unscrupulous finance clerks and cashiers they had deliberately planted to siphon government funds through the payment of salaries to ghost workers on the government's payrolls, as well as inflated and at times phony contracts, has now been blocked and consigned to the dustbin of history while the huge savings from this scam are now re-channeled to the development of the state.

The writers also alleged that Governor Dakingari has imported or introduced political thuggery into Kebbi politics. As a matter of fact, all indigenes of Kebbi State know who our chief political thug is, and also know how and why the chief thug has continued to sustain these miscreants. As a matter of interest, who bailed one thug, popularly known as Lauje after he brutally murdered someone only for the same Lauje to recently cause the most painful death, at a go, of seven community and political leaders perceived to be allies of Governor Dakingari while they were sitting in the verandah of their house, simply because they do not share the political belief of his mentors? That is the question that security agencies are now trying to unravel.

Kebbi State is peaceful and it is a reference point of where genuine dividends of democracy abound. Governor Dakingari intends to keep it so and no amount of propaganda would deter him from this cause. All genuine PDP members are solidly behind him. **It is time to advise these antagonists and enemies of progress to either align with the aims and objectives of his administration in the state or shut up.**



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NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong-il (c) visits the construction sites of the Paektusan Songun Youth Power Station.

## N/Korea calls rare parliament session

NORTH Korea has called a rare second session of parliament, with a possible major announcement in store, two months after a meeting which changed the constitution to boost leader Kim Jong-il's powers.

Analysts said the extra session, which state media said would be held on June 7, could provide an opportunity to reveal crucial personnel changes or new economic projects with the destitute country's major ally, China, following Kim's trip in early May. Kim did not attend the last session,

on April 9, which amended the constitution to strengthen the powers of the National Defence Commission, the focus of leadership in the reclusive state which he heads as chairman.

Analysts said the session could also mark the 10th anniversary of a summit between the two Koreas by overturning pledges of reconciliation made then in light of accusations in the South it was responsible for sinking a South Korean naval vessel in March.



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## China welcomes Iran nuclear fuel swap deal

CHINA welcomed a nuclear fuel swap with Iran agreed in talks with Brazil and Turkey and urged more negotiations, breaking ranks with Western powers who rejected the deal as too little to halt momentum for sanctions.

Iran agreed on Monday to send some of its uranium abroad, reviving a fuel swap plan drafted by the United Nations with the aim of keeping Tehran's nuclear activities in check.

But Tehran made clear it did not intend to suspend domestic uranium enrichment that Western governments have said appears

aimed at giving it the means to make nuclear weapons.

Western powers have said the fuel swap offer promoted by Brazil and Turkey will not be enough to ease their worries. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened top advisers on Tuesday to assess the deal.

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said he was encouraged. His reaction suggested that world powers discussing possible new UN sanctions against Iran may part ways on how much weight to give Iran's offer.

Foreign Ministry

spokesman Ma Zhaoxu later said his government hoped the agreement would "benefit the process of peacefully resolving the Iran nuclear issue through dialogue and negotiations."

Neither Yang nor Ma said directly whether China believes the Western powers should now rethink their sanctions demands. Both stressed Beijing prefers a negotiated solution to the dispute.

"China has always believed that dialogue and negotiations are the best channel for resolving the Iran nuclear issue," Ma told a regular news conference.

## Suicide attacker kills at least 18 in Kabul

A Taliban suicide car bomber has killed 12 Afghan civilians and six foreign troops in an attack on a NATO convoy in the Afghan capital Kabul. A Taliban spokesman said they were responsible for the attack and had used a van packed with explosives.

The interior ministry said 12 Afghan civilians had been killed and 47 others were wounded. One senior police officer claimed five US and two Canadian soldiers had been killed, while another source said

five foreign troops had died. A spokesman for NATO-led forces would not confirm the toll but said a convoy had been attacked.

President Hamid Karzai said that there had been casualties from the NATO-led International Security and Assistance Force, without giving details.

An increasingly resurgent Taliban announced a spring offensive in May against government officials and foreign forces and diplomats in Afghanistan.

# Odd World

## Gulf hotel installs gold-dispensing machine

IT'S the ultimate hole-in-the-wall -- a money machine that dispenses pure gold. But installed beneath the gold-coated ceilings of Abu Dhabi's Emirates Palace hotel, where royalty and billionaires come for cappuccinos topped with gold flakes, the machine almost seems part of the furniture.

"The reason we chose Emirates Palace is because it really fits with the surroundings here," said German entrepreneur Thomas Geissler, creator of the "Gold to Go" brand and chief executive of Ex Oriente Lux.

The exterior of the machine is coated with a thin layer of gold and offers customers 320 items to choose from, ranging from gold bars that can weigh up to 10 grams, to customized gold coins.



A man uses an ATM (automated teller machine) at the Emirates Palace hotel in Abu Dhabi.

## Half of Russians believe bribery solves 'problems'

MORE than half of Russians think bribing officials is the best way to "solve problems," according to a new poll. Fifty-five percent of respondents to a Levada Center poll of 1,600 Russians said they believed that "bribes are given by everyone who comes across officials" in Russia.

President Dmitry Medvedev, halfway through his four-year term, has pledged to fight Russia's all-pervasive graft and build a law-abiding state, where everyone observes the rules rather than looking for ways around them.

But findings by the Levada Center showed that Russians still pay bribes to obtain better medical services, prefer to "buy" their driving licenses, bribe police when caught violating traffic rules, or pay to ensure that their child can dodge the draft or get a place at the right school.

Ten percent confessed they had even paid to arrange funerals for relatives or loved ones.

Only 10 percent of those polled believe that only "cheats and criminals" bribed officials and 30 percent said that those offering "cash in envelopes" are in fact "ordinary people who have no other way to solve their problems."

Watchdog Transparency International last November rated Russia, a G8 country, joint 146th out of 180 nations in its Corruption Perception Index, along with Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and five other developing nations.

## Police: Woman hid in coffin to escape custody


AUTHORITIES say a Philadelphia woman hid in a coffin at a central Pennsylvania funeral home to escape custody. Nicole April Kelly was arraigned Monday on charges stemming from the escape.

Police say the 19-year-old Kelly was being transported to jail by Juniata County deputies on Thursday to await extradition to another county on other charges. Authorities say Kelly escaped from the deputies, prompting a search that lasted several hours.

Investigators say the owner of the Brown Funeral Home found her in the coffin and held her until police arrived.

Kelly remains jailed in lieu of \$75,000 bail. It's not clear whether she has an attorney.

The funeral home is seek restitution for damage to the coffin.



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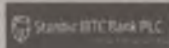
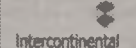
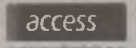
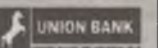

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**DIRECTOR-GENERAL** of the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Engr. Emeka Ezeh (middle) with procurement consultants, Paschal Egwim (left) and Chibuzor Ekwewuo at an interactive session with contractors and consultants working on Federal Government projects at the Nicon Luxury Hotel, Abuja, yesterday.

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Owr: 12:15; (Tue-Fri/Sun); 12:40 (Mon/Sat)  
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## Banks say Nigerians not asking for loans

By Idris Ahmed

COMMERCIAL banks in the country yesterday said that Nigerians are not demanding for credit facilities from them to expand their businesses.

The banks said that they are keen in lending money to anyone that approaches them for loan. "The banking industry is extremely keen on seeing that the demand side of credit expands", the Group Managing Director of Access Bank Plc Aigboje Aig Imokhue said at a press briefing after the Bankers' Committee meeting in Abuja.

Government has set aside several billions for the development of agriculture, small businesses and power sector.

Aside the N200 billion the Ministry of Agriculture and the Central Bank of Nigeria are to provide to banks for onward lending to farmers, CBN also made available N500 billion for SMEs and power sector.

Additional N250 was also announced for the SMEs by the CBN some weeks ago.

Some commercial farmers and small holder farmers said the conditions for

accessing the loans are too stringent. Some of the conditions include landed properties in highbrow areas and large livestock.

Imokhue said a lot of works have been done on the supply side and the banks are keen to get borrowers who would take the liquidity that is available.

"We want people that would put them into the productive aspect of the economy to grow the economy. We can conveniently say now that finance is not the issue", he said.

He said interest rate that the banks charge the higher risk borrowers have not fallen compared to the interest rate charges for the lower risk borrowers.

"Several non-risk borrowers are now borrowing at single digit and the spread between the aggregate deposit and aggregate lending have fallen significantly", the Access Bank boss said.

At the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting last week in Abuja, CBN Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi said money is available but banks are yet to receive bankable projects they can invest in.

The bankers also said yesterday that a sub-committee of the Bankers Committee has been set up to thoroughly assess and evaluate the three companies handling ATM in the country.

The committee was given two weeks to evaluate the effect of ATM on the banking sector and submit report.

They also hinted that there are many issued to tackle before establishing the holding company which CBN advised the banks to set up in its proposed unbundling of the universal banking model.

On the two year term limit CBN has fixed for the non-executive directors of banks, the CBN Director, Banking Supervision Samuel Oni said the aim was to be able to assess the soundness of banks.

According to the bankers, the 2 percent provision that the banks are expected to provide for loss loans as issued by the CBN in its prudential guidelines has been expunged because there was no basis for it.

## STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Tuesday, May 18, 2010
Index:	27,437.25
Deals:	8,784
Volume:	602,484,866
Value:	N 5,525,553,042.94
Cap.:	N6,670,454,814,230.43

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Inflation	12.5%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$4.3bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$70 a barrel
Power Supply	3,700MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,037,422.5m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.2200%
Treasury Bills	1.3%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

CBN EXCHANGE RATES			
17/5/2010	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2624	0.2724	0.2824
DANISH KRONER	21.5179	24.6008	24.6837
EURO	182.506	183.1232	183.7404
POUNDS STERLING	213.4658	214.1877	214.9096
RIYAL	39.4267	39.56	39.6933
SDR	216.7481	217.4811	218.2141
SWISS FRANC	130.207	130.6473	131.0876
US DOLLAR	147.85	148.35	148.85
WAUA	217.0431	217.7771	218.5111
YEN	1.5984	1.6038	1.6092

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<b>BUYING</b>	
Dollar	N151
Euro	N195
Pound	N231
<b>SELLING</b>	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N198
Pound	N234

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

## Business

# Whither the NIPP power projects?

As the Presidential Advisory Committee on Power headed by President Goodluck Jonathan settles to reform the troubled sector, questions are being raised over the state of the NIPP projects for which billions have been spent for improved generation, transmission and supply of electricity in Nigeria

By: Fidelis Mac-Leva

AS Nigerians continue to grope in darkness due to dwindling power supply, several questions are being raised over the billions that have so far been expended by government to reform the troubled power sector. These huge financial investments were made through various contracts awarded to boost power generation, transmission and distribution in the country.

For instance, the National Integrated Power Projects [NIPP] for which the federal government had injected the sum of N762.93billion in February last year were also expected to add 4,770MW of electricity to the national grid by the end of 2011. But with the degenerating situation in the sector, analysts say there seems to be no hope in sight that this would become a reality.

The administration of former president Olusegun Obasanjo had earlier spent about \$10billion on the same NIPP projects but none was completed at the end of his tenure in May 2007.

Former Power Minister, Lanre Babalola, had stated that a comprehensive review of the NIPP projects to ascertain the cost of completing them had been completed, but there are doubts as to whether the first units of the NIPP projects would be commissioned in the first quarter of 2011 as projected.

The NIPP projects include: Calabar, expected to generate 562MW; Egbema [337MW]; Ihovbor [450MW]; Gbarian [225MW]; Omoku [225MW] and Alaoji [960MW]. Others are Papalanto and Omotosho which were expected to generate 675MW and 451MW respectively.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Federal Executive Council, FEC, held late last year, the Federal Government approved contracts amounting to the sum of N348billion. The approval which was aimed at meeting the failed 6000MW target of electricity was meant to cover power generation, transmission and distribution.

The approvals were based on the recommendations of the Presidential Council on the National Integrated Power Projects [NIPP] which included N21.43million, 14million Euros and \$1.97billion respectively. The Council was headed by then vice President, Goodluck Jonathan who is now substantive President and helms-



man of the Power Ministry.

At the end of the meeting which was convened primarily to appraise the nation's worsening electricity generating problems, Information Minister, Professor Dora Akunyili, told Journalists at a press conference that the projects were approved and ratified by the FEC.

Akunyili said the projects were for the manufacture and supply of twenty commercial relay testing equipment, complete accessories and software including factory acceptance test. It also covered the training of two TCN engineers in the sum of N46, 425,702.19k and 99,660 Euros at the exchange rate during the time of payment, she explained.

Other projects approved and ratified by the FEC based on the recommendations of the NIPP Steering Council, include: the extension of the Kainji 330Kv substation; construction of 1x159MVA/330/132KV substation at Kainji and construction of 2x30/40MVA substation at New Bussa in the sum of N1, 453,535,667.00; plus \$14,987,145.58 at the prevailing rate with 18 months completion period at the time of award.

The FEC meeting, also ratified the construction of Ikorodu-Odogunyon Shagamu

132 Double circuit line at the cost of N1, 184,817,577.48 and 8,931,795.26 Euros; provision of ramp and jetty at Imo Rave bridge for the crossing of heavy equipment in respect NIPP at the cost of N1,999,285,968.10 with six months completion period.

Earlier in April last year at the 6th session of the NIPP steering committee, chaired by then Vice President Goodluck Jonathan [now substantive President] contracts worth N15billion were approved. The approved contracts were meant for the supply of various categories of injection transformers, including 19 pieces of 2.5MVA injection transformers, 209 pieces of 7.5MVA injection transformers, 155 pieces of 15MVA injection transformers, 190 pieces of 11KV control/relay panels. Again the contracts were meant to boost electricity supply in the country.

In the area of generation the projects approved and awarded were aimed at increasing generation capacity to the existing capacity of 4,314.2MW as at July 2009. For instance the contract for the Sapele thermal power station was expected to add about 120MW to the system from the last quarter of 2009.

The Alaoji power station contract was approved for the con-

struction of Ramp and Jetty at the Imo River Bridge to facilitate the transportation of the heavy turbines [over 350 metric tons for the plant]. It was projected that upon completion the plant would have a generation capacity of 1,074MW.

Similarly the Afam Thermal Plant contract was awarded for the rehabilitation of one of the units in order to restore the rated capacity of unit GT18 to 75MW, while the Shiroro and Sapele Power Stations were to restore 150MW and add 90MW respectively.

In the area of transmission, contracts were awarded primarily to increase the capacity of the transmission grid in order to wheel additional power to the major load centers. The projects in the area of transmission covered various parts of the country including, Niger, Rivers, Lagos, Kebbi and Kano states.

In distribution, contracts that were approved for award were for the supply of major equipment such as transformers, circuit breakers and isolators, among others. The state of the NIPP projects remains a matter of public concern even though the relevant government agencies have continued to give assurances that work on them are in progress.

The PHCN had explained that

these equipments which were for distribution stations in all parts of the country could not be manufactured in Nigeria and had to be procured from known and tested manufacturers abroad. It is not clear whether or not the equipments have been procured and distributed.

Although the state of the NIPP projects remains a matter of public concern, the relevant government agencies have continued to give assurances that work on them are in progress. PHCN boss, Engineer Hussein Labo and the Minister of State [Power] Nuhu Somo Wya separately told Daily Trust that the NIPP projects are on course.

"The NIPPs are going very well. All the projects are on course. Some of the units will deliver power within this year, but the bulk of them will deliver power next year. Everything is going on according to plan. The company, NIPP is a well established company and it is operating on its own", Wya said.

The Manager, Public Relations of the NIPP, Abba Kura, failed to respond to a questionnaire emailed to him to provide answers on the current state of the NIPP projects. He also did not answer phone calls subsequently put to him by our reporter.

## Business/Insurance

### Keep your promises, Minister tells insurance operators

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE minister of state for finance Remi Babalola has challenged insurance operators in the country to deliver on their promises to insurers.

The minister gave the charge in Lagos at a one-day international insurance conference by the Nigerian Insurers Association (NIA). According to Babalola, while underwriting firms seeks opportunities to deepen their premium income through the compulsory insurances, they should also deliver on services and claims payment. While assuring of govern-

ment's desire to enforce compulsory insurances in Nigeria, the Minister said: "How can we have compulsory insurance and yet no enforcement? On our part as a government and the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) as a regulator, all efforts will be made to ensure the enforceability of insurance regulations in the country."

The compulsory insurance products include Employment Liability Insurance, Group Life Insurance, Builder's Liability Insurance, Occupiers Liability Insurance, Healthcare Professional Indemnity Insurance

and Motor Third Party Liability Insurance. Represented by Basisua Nwinee, the senior technical adviser to the minister of state, Babalola challenged the operators to also seek ways of making the industry robust and playing by established norms.

"I cannot talk on insurance without mentioning the seven key success factors for every insurance company in Nigeria, namely: prompt claim settlement, superior corporate governance, enhanced technology, competent management, human capital development, innovative products and efficient customer service."

### Africa Alliance Insurance asset base hits N22bn

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE asset base of Africa Alliance Insurance Plc has hit N22 billion, representing an increase of N18 billion from the N4 billion it had after recapitalisation in 2007, its managing director and CEO, Alphonsus Okpor, has disclosed.

Okpor who made this known at the weekend during the 50th anniversary dinner/long service award ceremony of the company held in Lagos noted that the company's unaudited capital base also improved from about N2 billion in 2007 to over N10.2 billion in 2009.

The MD who noted that the company has weathered difficult storms to survive for 50 years said its strengths lay in the company's ability to diversify into other sectors of the economy. "Africa Alliance has diversified into other sectors of the economy and now owns Frenchies Foods Nigeria limited and Axiom Air Limited, a Cargo Airline" he said adding that "in line with our ever expanding vision, the company has also invested outside Nigeria, culminating in its ownership of Ghana Life Insurance Company and Alert General Insurance Company, based in Monrovia, Liberia."

### Default on claims, have your certificate revoked- NAICOM warns

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) has warned insurance companies notorious on genuine claims default to desist from doing so or have their operating license revoked.

The Commissioner of Insurance, Mr. Fola Daniel, made this known in Sokoto while flagging-off six compulsory insurance products in the state. The products include Employment Liability Insurance, Group Life Insurance, Builder's Liability Insurance, Occupiers Liability Insurance, Healthcare Professional Indemnity Insurance and Motor Third Party Liability Insurance.

A statement from NAICOM spokesman Lucky Fiapka quoted the commissioner as saying "the issue of non-payment of claims by few operators in the market gave the industry very bad publicity in the past" adding that the insurance industry over the years had witnessed a level of progress in the area of claims settlement by underwriting firms. He said: "The Commission is confronting this frontally and I am pleased to state that the issue of non-pay-

ment of claims by insurance companies is now becoming a thing of the past. "We are ready to cancel certificate of any insurance company that fails to pay claims and on time. We insist that cheques must be given within the period of 90 days.

According to Daniel NAICOM has had cause to sanction some firms found engaging in unethical behaviour in recent past to serve as deterrent to others and would not hesitate to do that again should the need arise.

Speaking at the occasion, the Sokoto State Governor, Alhaji Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, said any campaign calling on Nigerians to embrace the insurance culture must go beyond mere rhetoric.

The governor, who was represented by the state Commissioner for Commerce and Industry, Alhaji Mu'azu Lamido, noted that insurance was a vital component of the economy. "I have always believed that the Nigerian environment and its people deserve more than they presently get in terms of protection of lives and properties through insurance".

## Business/Aviation



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### AON decries poor infrastructure in nation's airport

Stories from Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

THE Airlines Operators of Nigeria (AON) has called on the federal Government to urgently address the situation and save Nigeria from a re-occurrence of such national embarrassment.

The Assistant Secretary-General of AON Alhaji Muhammed Tukur, who spoke to reporters yesterday in Lagos, said that for a long time, the association had

been warning Nigerians about the poor state of Nigeria's airports.

Tukur said, "We had mentioned that these airports were a serious embarrassment to our nation. We have wondered many times whether we are really serious about improving aviation."

"Last week, an unbelievable embarrassment happened to Nigeria; there was power outage at Nigeria's premier Airport, the Murtala Muhammed International Airport for three hours.

Air travel was completely halted for this period. This scandal is simply unacceptable. It is obvious to all discerning Nigerians that the Murtala Muhammed International Airport has failed; It is overcrowded and poorly managed."

The Senate had on Thursday last week ordered its committee on Aviation to investigate the power outages that had adversely affected activities at the airport on Sunday and Monday last week.

### Volcanic Ash: ICAO sets up Task Force

INTERNATIONAL Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has established an International Volcanic Ash Task Force to oversee a method to determine the safe levels of operation in airspace contaminated by volcanic ash.

The Task Force comprising a team of experts from states and industry will prepare by 1 August a report with guidance material. This will be followed by a roadmap to establish globally-harmonized ash concentration thresholds by May 2011. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General of ICAO said: "Given the enormous economic impact of the volcanic ash clouds over

Europe and untold inconvenience to millions of passengers, we are actively coordinating and promoting the creation of technical and operational guidelines that will help States react more and more effectively to this kind of situation."

According to him, States invited to join the Task Force are those where the International Airports Volcano Watch are located, namely Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Japan, New Zealand, UK and US. Brazil and Spain are also nominated along with fourteen international organizations.

### Nigeria Airports Summit holds May 25

KEY stakeholders in airport business are expected to participate in the 2010 edition of the Nigeria Airports Summit scheduled to hold on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the conference centre of Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos.

The event which is organized by Output Communications is tagged "Nigeria's Airport Reforms & Globalization" is to be declared open by Nigeria's Minister of Aviation, Mrs. Fidelia Njeze.

The Summit will also feature presentations by distinguished international speakers and experts which include Mr. Richard Aisuebeogun, Chief Executive Officer, Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN); Mr. Nick Fadugba, Secretary General, African Airlines Association (AFRAA); Dr. Harold Demuren, Director General, Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and Alhaji Ibrahim Auyo, Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA).

Others are Adebayo Araba, Rector, Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, (NCAT) Zaria; Barrister Jide Agbaje, Jide Agbaje & Associates; Engr. Oliver Eberendu, CEO, Revilo Aerospace Limited; Mr. George Uriesi, Director of Operations, FAAN; Mr. Chris Aligbe, CEO, Belujane Consult Limited.

## Business

**'Small businesses, biggest employer'**

By Sunday Williams

SMALL entrepreneurs provide more job opportunities to Nigerians than government and the big companies, an expert on micro enterprises Mr. Tunde Oloyede has said. Mr. Oloyede who is an enterprise developer spoke in Abuja Monday at a workshop for newsmen.

"The significance of these micro businesses is often overlooked. They are the ants in the ant hill rather than the more glamorous animals in the forest. And yet they make up a half of all the jobs in Nigeria," he said.

*Daily Trust* reports that the Federal Government through the Central Bank of Nigeria is pumping N200bn into the development of this sector.

The government which set up micro finance banks in 2005 through an Act in 2004 has also asked banks to contribute part of their annual

profits for developing this sector. Effort in this direction to get N50bn funding for the sector is yet to materialize.

The World Bank has also injected some funds into the sector, but the expert says the problem requires more than funding to be tackled.

He points at the problem of low market access, poor information flow, discriminatory legislation, poor access to land and weak skills

Part of the reasons why the sector remains underdeveloped, according to the expert is lack of soft and hard infrastructure. The soft infrastructure, he said include lack of knowledge and information of the sector, while the hard infrastructure covers lack of power and poor transport system.

*Daily Trust* reports that Nigeria has never had any policy on small scale industry.

In an interview with this paper, Alhaji Sanusi Majajama, the National Pres-

ident of Small Scale Industrialists (NASSI), a group that promotes the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs in Nigeria said: "We have policies on commerce, education and health care but not on small scale industries."

He said Nigeria's micro enterprises rating among other countries are low.

According to the table made available to newsmen, even though the sector contribute up to 75% in jobs, its contribution to export earnings is a paltry three per cent while its contribution to the total goods and services produced (GDP: Gross Domestic Product) stood at 10%.

This is in contrast to a country like Japan whose micro sector employs 70 per cent of the country's populace, while contributing 40 per cent to its external earnings and 68 per cent in GDP. Countries worth emulation, according to statistics are UK, USA, Hong Kong and India.

**Nigerian inflation rises to 12.5% in April**

NIGERIA'S consumer inflation rose to 12.5 percent year-on-year in April from 11.8 percent the in March, the National Bureau of Statistics said yesterday.

Growth in food prices, which form the bulk of the inflation index basket in Africa's most populous country, climbed to 14.3 percent year-

on-year from 13.5 percent the previous month.

"The rise in Nigerian inflation ... is a worry in the context of continued easy monetary policy, and the looming inflation risks ahead, but it is unlikely to signal any change in policy rates just yet," said Razia Khan, head of Africa research for London-

based Standard Chartered Bank.

The Central Bank last week said that Nigeria's 2010 expansionary budget and the soaking up of non-performing loans by "state-owned bad bank" could trigger an inflationary risk later in the year, but left its benchmark rate unchanged at 6.0%. (*Reuters*)

**Unity Bank cuts 2009 pretax loss to 1.3%**

UNITY Bank Plc said yesterday it cut its 2009 pretax loss by 1.3 percent to N21.09 billion from N21.37 billion the previous year.

Gross earnings at the bank, which was directed by the central bank in October to beef up its capital base after an industry-wide audit found it was

weakly capitalised, rose to N49.42 billion from 42.98 billion a year earlier, the bank said in a filing to the Nigerian Stock Exchange. (*Reuters*)

**FCMB Q1 pretax profit drops 48 per cent**

FIRST City Monument Bank said yesterday that its pre-tax profit dropped 48.4 percent to 1.13 billion naira in the first quarter.

The bank's gross earnings

fell 23.05 percent to 14.44 billion naira from 18.76 billion naira in the same quarter of 2008, the bank said in a filing to the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

FCMB had earlier said its 2009 pretax profit fell 82 percent to 856.6 million naira and proposed a 0.05 naira dividend per share. (*Reuters*)



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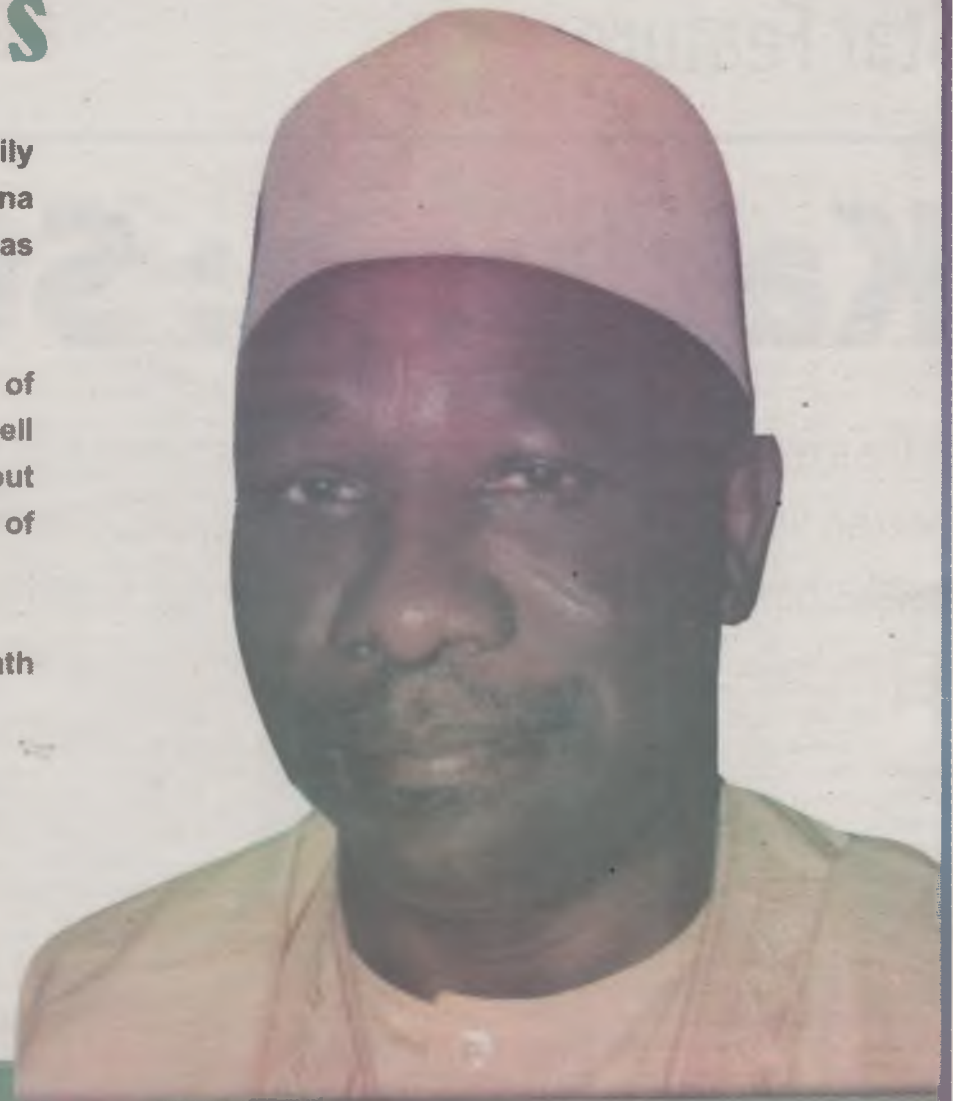
Barrister Ezekiel Goje on behalf of my family congratulate the former Deputy Governor of Kaduna state, Mr Patrick Yokowa for his new status as Executive Governor of Kaduna state.

History will remember you as the first Governor of Kaduna state under civil rule as we your friends and well wishers are also confident that you will properly put yourself in the sand of time as one of the best Governor of the state.

May Almighty God in his infinite mercies guide your path towards glory for the good of mankind.



SIGNED:  
Barrister Ezekiel Goje



His Excellency,  
**Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa**



**Comptroller Habu Bawa Gusau,**  
Comptroller Federal Operations,  
Zone B.

## *Congratulatory Message*

**W**e, the officers and men of the Nigerian Customs Service, Federal Operations Unit, zone B, Kaduna. Salute and congratulate our amiable and dedicated comptroller, **Habu Bawa Gusau** over a well deserved merit award as the second best most outstanding Customs Area Comptroller.

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## Star Feature

## Kaduna: Storm over a

As the reconciliation and the fact finding committees submit their reports this week, *Daily Trust* talked to both sides of the crisis that rocked **Sheikh Ja'afar Adam** Mosque and Islamic Centre last month, and presents the facts and issues at stake. However, the truth of the matter will take some time to unfold as our reporter **Ibraheem Musa** found.

**F**OR a long time, the feud has been simmering, but last month, it reached a crisis point, overwhelmed the mosque and caused security concerns at the Kaduna legislators' quarters. Severally, concerned Muslims, Kaduna state government and the Zazzau emirate council interceded to no avail. Separately, the Bureau for Religious Affairs, on two occasions, has parleyed with both camps and each side told its own story. Ego, false claims as well as lack of accountability, from available facts, have dogged Sheikh Jaafar Adam Memorial Mosque and Islamic centre. Specifically, the story lines are similar and the plot, characters and motive are the same, and they revolve around Mahdi Shehu, Kabir Tukur Birchi and Malam Isa Jingir.

Young, educated and well-to-do, Mahdi is popular in the medical, media and religious circles as well as civil society organisations in Kaduna. Slim, articulate and somewhat cantankerous, Mahdi leads the reformist group in the mosque management committee, while Kabir and a coterie of followers favoured the status quo.

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Specifically, for over two years, a cold war raged between the two camps but on April 15, the two forces took up arms in hostility. Thereafter, the legislators' quarters, where the mosque is situated, has been on security watch.

Significantly, the story is a long one, dating seven years ago, involving Muslim clerics, government officials and members of the mosque committee. In 2003, the Unguwar Dosa community, especially the legislative quarters, wanted to build a



SHEIKH Ja'afar Adam mosque, where the crisis is brewing

befitting mosque, and Muslims from within and outside the area, donated their widow's mite to the project. Specifically, Etsu Pategi and I.C Umar, a retired colonel, donated two plots and one piece of land, respectively. The adjacent plot was acquired for N2.5 million and both in cash and in kind, donations kept pouring in, and the building started in earnest. In particular, Alhaji Usman Mohammed and Alhaji Shehu Maigari, the current chairman of Doguwa local government in Kano state, kept the donations and supervised the project.

In 2007, Shehu left Unguwar Dosa, having been made sole administrator in Kano state, but before leaving, without consultation, he handed over to Kabir. However, his action was neither queried nor ratified as there was no proper management committee, but Kabir, on assuming the chairmanship, constituted one on a rule of the thumb basis. Donors,

regular worshippers and willing attendants, as well as those living around the mosque, by his own criteria, became members of the committee. However, the management committee, according to reports, operated in a laissez faire manner as minutes, budgets, expenditure profile and sundry documentations were never kept. Mahdi and a few others, at several meetings, raised concerns over these flaws, but their alarm fell on deaf ears. Particularly, they wanted Kabir's appointment formalised, and a secretary, deputy chairman as well as auditor to be appointed. But their suggestion came to naught.

In 2009, after the mosque and school were commissioned, Mahdi raised these issues serially and severally, but Kabir and Abdullahi Modibo, according to reports, ignored the clarion call. Similarly, like the mosque, the school was also run haphaz-

ardly, with neither a syllabus nor a curriculum, as well as the right teachers. Hafeez Ojoye, the head teacher, is a third class graduate of zoology who has never read Islamic studies in either the sec-

ondary or tertiary school. Remarkably, a teacher could grab just about any book and teach the students, but the reformers wanted that to change. In addition, allegations of sexual harassment were raised at a meeting, as were issues of child battering. On January



SHEIKH Ja'afar Adam Islamic Learning centre, an arm of the mosque.

# mosque

16, following the deluge of complaints, Kabir convened a joint school and mosque management committee meeting to look at the issues. Three sub-committees were set up with different mandates.

Kabir and Mahdi, the arch rivals, were asked to produce an operational manual and guideline for the school, and on the committee were four other members, including a lawyer. Three Ulama, at the same meeting, were asked to draw up the school's syllabus, and a third committee was mandated to investigate sundry allegations. The committees got cracking but after a month, a spate of resignations swept through them, three days before their reports were ready. "Surprisingly, on 26th of February by 6.25 am, using an MTN line," Mahdi told *Daily Trust*, "Kabiru Birchi texted his resignation to nine telephone numbers." Specifically, he relinquished his chairmanship of both the board and other committees of the mosque and Islamic school. Curiously, on the same day, by 2:30 pm, Abdullahi Modibo, the secretary of the Trustee board also resigned via a letter. Similarly, he resigned from both the mosque and school boards, and at the same time, Malam Isa Jingir, the deputy Imam also threw in the towel.

The resignations occurred on Friday and immediately after jumaat prayers, an emergency meeting was convened and Alhaji Mahmud Taudid was appointed acting chairman. Mahdi, Abdul Hadi and Alhaji Usman were delegated to Kabir Birchi, inviting him to the next meeting which he attended. The meeting, according to reports, asked why he resigned and the ex chairman, without mincing words, fingered Mahdi's trenchant criticisms, constant fault-finding and general meddlesomeness. On his part, Mahdi said that he merely raised issues that are "factual, tangible and necessary" and for insisting on due process and going by the rules, he owed Kabiru no apologies. On that note, Kabir's resignation was sealed and the meeting concluded, but more revelations followed.

Unwittingly, the spate of resignations opened a new vista to the crisis. Abdullahi, in his resignation letter, listed a certificate of incorporation, registering the mosque and Islamic center, as documents he had handed over. Forgery, false claims and collusion, Mahdi alleged, came to the fore as on February 11, 2009, according to a document, an executive management meeting held at the mosque



MALLAM Isa Jingir, Deputy Imam

and 10 members attended. Kabir, at that meeting, mooted the idea of a board of trustees for the mosque, and according to a certified true copy of the document, Malam Tahir Usman, Col Usman Umar (rtd) and Abdullahi Sale, were elected members. No such meeting or election held on the said date. In addition, Binta Ayuba, Fatima Yakubu Aliyu and Ali Madugu, including Aminu Abubakar Kurfi and Abbas Mohammed, were said to have attended that meeting. However, they are "fake, fictitious and non-existent" because as women, Binta and Fatima couldn't have been in a mosque committee, let alone attend its meeting. Significantly, Binta was an aide to Hajjiya Asmau Makarfi, former first lady of Kaduna state, while Fatima is the wife of Alhaji Tahir. Tahir is Governor Namadi Sambo's Special Adviser on Religious affairs, and according to reports, they are not residents of Unguwar Dosa.

In addition, the registration by Kabir and co, in cahoots with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), violated section 677 of the Company and Allied Matters Act. Before registration, a public notice ought to have been published in two national dailies, listing the aims and objectives as well as the Board of Trustees and of the two dailies. One must be a national newspaper while the other must be circulating in the town where the association is based. The notice, on January 14, 2009, appeared in *New Nigerian* and Abuja-based *Freedom* newspaper, contravening the act. In law, owing to these flaws, there is no Sheikh Jaafar Adam Memorial mosque, and both the mosque and school management ignored the registration. Undaunted, the Tauhid-led management committee soldiered on, and on March 28, the three sub-committees turned in their reports and they were deliberated upon.

Earlier, for both teaching and

communication in school, the teachers had insisted on only Arabic, and this hardline had cost it many students. However, at that meeting, the joint mosque and school committee resolved that Arabic as well as Hausa should be used in the school, especially to facilitate learning and comprehension. In addition, the school management committee was dissolved, and a caretaker was put in place. All teachers, they also resolved, should be disengaged, and be given a one month salary in lieu of notice. However, the teachers can re-apply, but they will be screened, interviewed and debriefed, by the Izala movement. In addition, a standard discipline manual, for both students, teaching and non teaching staff, will be fashioned out. At the meeting, a detailed syllabus was adopted for the school, as were other recommendations.

Women, till this moment, constitute about half of the students population, but up till now, Mahdi told *Daily Trust*, there is not a single female teacher in spite of their availability and willingness. On this account, most men have allegedly withdrawn their wives or female relatives, protesting the avalanche of young and unmarried teachers. To resolve this, the glass ceiling was removed and women, according to the committee, should constitute 50% of the work force. Overwhelmingly, these and other resolutions were deliberated and adopted and on that note, there was a lull in the crisis, and temporarily, the combatants laid down arms, but only for a while.

On April 16, at 12:15 pm, about 20 uniformed Hisba men, stormed the mosque, blocked the entrance and took strategic positions, and one Umar Shehu Zaria led the operation. Umar, with Hisba in tow, went straight to a chair, picked the microphone and started pre-prayer preaching, when he is neither a trustee of the mosque, nor among the designated preachers. However, within a few minutes, the authorised preacher arrived, but the Hisba men prevented him from entering the mosque, and Umar carried on preaching. At 12:45pm, Isa Jingir, former deputy Imam, resurfaced after more than a month of his resignation, he made for the pulpit and read the sermon. Significantly, Malam Tahir, the substantive Imam, was in his office preparing for his sermon, but his former deputy had taken over, and he was prevented from coming out. Someone, according to Mahdi, complained aloud, saying the Imam was around, and Isa



A side view of the mosque.

was at best a deputy Imam, but Hisba men, on Umar's instructions, descended on the dissenter, took him outside the mosque and beat him black and blue. Tension, confusion and insecurity enveloped the mosque and the Hakim Kawo, the representative of Sarkin Zazzau wanted to leave, but Mahdi went to persuade him to stay, and that nearly cost his life. Incidentally, Mahdi's attempt to calm the district head, earned him the Hisba's wrath. Slapped, kicked and dragged outside, he was beaten and battered, and it was the intervention of operation yaki, the crime busting outfit, that saved Mahdi.

However, Isa Jingir contradicted Mahdi's claims. He told *Daily Trust* that he never resigned his appointment, alleging that Mahdi is the brain behind the disinformation. Similarly, he gave his own account of the entire crisis. Mahdi wanted his sister to be employed in the Islamic school, and the authorities, according to Isa, insisted on due process and this angered him. Thereafter, he threatened to deal with them and for this reason, he mounted a campaign of calumny, calling them "boko haram." Failing in that regard, he attempted to come between him and Malam Tahir, the substantive Imam by buying a house for the latter. Consequently, Kabiru and Modibo, sensing Mahdi's plot, resigned their positions but he didn't. However, Isa's text message to Malam Tahir, a transcript of which is with *Daily Trust*, contradicts his claim. Written in Hausa, the text read "...Malam Inna sanar da kai da dukkan 'yan kwamiti yau na sauka daga matsayin naibi," meaning "Malam I'm informing you and all committee members that I'm resigning as deputy Imam."

Similarly, Isa Tahir contradicted Mahdi's claims regarding the school's head teacher. Hafeez speaks and writes fluent Arabic, according to him, but documents available disagree with Isa's assertion. A zoology graduate from Obafemi Awolowo University, Hafeez went to Enitan primary school and Aguda Grammar

school, all in Lagos. Significantly, he re-sat the SSCE in 1996 and in both primary and secondary schools, as well as his SSCE re-take, including his university, Hafeez was a science student who never offered either IRK nor Arabic. Given this, it is difficult for him to speak and write fluent Arabic.

In addition, Mahdi said that there no single female staff, in spite of their availability, in the Islamic school, a claim which Isa disagreed with. He told our correspondent that there are an equal number of female teachers as their male counterparts. However, enquiries at the school not only proved the contrary, but also supported Mahdi. On Monday, May 9, *Daily Trust* called Kabir for his own side of the story, but he said he was on his way to Lagos. On Sunday, May 16, he promised to return and speak with the reporter and on Saturday, a day to the appointment, the reporter called him, but Kabir neither picked the calls nor returned them. In addition, he sent him a text which the former chairman did not reply. Last Sunday, on the appointed date, *Daily Trust* called him yet again, but Kabir did not answer.

All said and done, facts and documents seem to support him, but Mahdi, within and around the legislative quarters, is perceived as being boastful, arrogant and a rabble rouser. More telling, owing to his Bridge Builders, an inter faith NGO that he promotes, some residents see him as apostate, and accuse him of occult activities, and reports link Malam Tahir to the rumour, a story the Imam denied. For over one week, *Daily Trust* could not get a shred of evidence. Hopefully, the Balarabe Jigo-led reconciliation committee, and the committee headed by Yaro Farakwai to investigate the issues that led to the crisis, which will submit its report this week, will find out the truth of the matter, and lay blames at the appropriate quarters. Only that will prevent the crisis from recurring.



ALHAJI Mahdi Shehu fielding questions in the Kaduna office of *Daily Trust*.

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LATE PRESIDENT  
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## Business/Finance

## Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of \$shares (N)
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
ADSWITCH PLC	1	2.00	2,100	3,990.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	1		2,100	3,990.00
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROC. PLC	40	0.94	5,682,350	5,261,142.50
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	15	0.81	302,660	245,154.60
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	53	14.70	2,587,414	35,953,430.54
PRESCO PLC	10	6.50	150,683	975,695.10
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	118		8,723,107	42,435,422.74
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIRL/SERVICES/LOGIST. PLC	8	3.06	234,172	716,566.32
NIG/AVIAT. HAND/ COY PLC	109	12.65	798,760	10,104,314.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	117		1,032,932	10,820,880.32
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	3	0.50	10,250	5,125.00
R. T. BRISCOE (NIGERIA) PLC	39	5.00	577,904	2,901,564.57
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	42		588,154	2,906,689.57
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	256	9.71	10,489,794	101,216,323.39
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	51	2.21	1,071,619	2,404,387.82
DIAMOND BANK PLC	81	8.25	14,872,104	123,718,030.99
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	53	5.60	439,883	2,456,518.06
FIRST CITY MON. BANK PLC	73	8.50	5,193,320	44,566,151.37
FIDELITY BANK PLC	192	2.91	9,516,003	28,001,196.38
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	898	15.00	17,179,132	258,494,942.88
FINBANK PLC	87	0.55	5,807,964	3,258,151.60
GTBANK PLC	571	17.37	20,817,859	358,856,010.98
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	73	10.40	2,447,730	25,378,794.90
INTERCONT. BANK PLC.	84	1.86	9,495,040	17,765,866.46
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	68	1.66	2,399,458	4,008,851.03
BANK PHB PLC	170	1.47	7,684,767	10,895,708.63
SKYE BANK PLC.	294	8.70	11,021,023	95,125,206.08
SPRING BANK PLC	27	0.87	597,279	519,904.99
STERLING BANK PLC	90	2.30	4,390,824	10,333,559.26
UNT BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	278	12.74	12,747,203	162,637,028.26
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	149	5.35	3,011,812	16,212,910.33
UNITYBANK PLC	3	1.11	38,768	43,032.48
WEMA BANK PLC	60	1.02	1,980,119	2,048,942.87
ZENITH BANK PLC	441	15.15	9,509,789	143,901,378.70
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	3,999		150,711,490	1,411,842,897.46
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	130	22.61	2,785,648	62,908,092.56
BENUE CEMENT COY PLC	56	70.00	984,853	68,829,361.16
CEM. CO. OF NIGERIA PLC	67	22.90	973,514	21,849,481.74
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	90	40.91	756,853	31,288,906.80
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	343		5,500,868	184,875,842.26
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS NIGERIA PLC	20	8.14	64,463	519,783.22
CHEM/ALLIED PRODUCTS PLC	2	31.15	1,172	38,324.40
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	22		65,635	558,107.62
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC	4	4.18	26,200	104,276.00
CHELLARAMS PLC	1	9.92	100	991.00
PZ CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	58	29.55	2,377,800	71,189,118.64
TRANSN. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	17	0.50	439,120	219,560.00
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	117	56.50	1,168,686	66,438,727.32
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	234	25.00	16,691,928	418,482,978.88
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	431		20,703,834	556,435,651.84
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	63	7.85	455,965	3,587,511.39
JUL/BERGER NIGERIA PLC	31	57.00	199,577	11,344,700.70
M/VERSE RESOURCES PLC	3	0.50	103,500	51,750.00
ROADS NIGERIA PLC	1	3.46	400	1,452.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	98		759,442	14,985,414.09
<b>ENGINEERING TECH.</b>				
CUTIX PLC	3	4.00	5,900	23,705.00
NIG/WIRE AND CABLE PLC	19	1.17	572,600	658,585.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	22		578,500	682,290.00
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOB.</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	12	47.14	38,105	1,770,656.25
BIG TREAT PLC	15	0.87	506,720	449,716.00
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	191	32.31	5,191,437	167,783,488.40
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	410	24.50	4,573,377	113,256,431.92
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	165	19.98	5,432,851	108,344,393.62
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	72	70.97	343,826	24,312,294.55
H/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	37	8.55	589,690	5,077,100.10
NAT. SALT COY NIG. PLC	95	9.95	2,875,594	28,146,443.27
NIGERIAN BOTT. COY PLC	28	36.50	988,136	35,029,796.20
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	33	325.00	112,003	36,269,068.50
N/NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC	5	33.58	6,300	202,182.50
TANTALIZERS PLC	16	0.99	479,761	471,528.39
UTC NIGERIA PLC	11	1.60	88,640	134,732.80
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	1,090		21,226,440	521,247,832.50
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	7	1.71	46,705	76,129.15
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	34	3.33	3,429,724	11,739,669.70
GLAXOS. CONS. NIG. PLC	47	28.62	187,928	5,538,945.95
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	23	7.22	174,805	1,257,480.00
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	4	3.08	44,500	130,385.00

UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	9	0.76	1,994,792	1,516,970.92
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	124		5,878,454	20,259,580.72
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	29	3.60	200,950,210	725,283,810.78
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	27	2.10	3,096,500	6,502,650.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	56		204,046,710	731,786,460.78
<b>IND/DOMESTIC PRODUCTS</b>				
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	4	10.20	29,574	301,812.20
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	27	7.07	187,391	1,319,555.32
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	31		216,965	1,621,367.52
<b>INF. &amp; COMM. TECHNOLOGY</b>				
CHAMS PLC	55	0.73	9,011,649	6,587,787.04
E-TRANZACT INT. PLC	1	4.97	500	2,485.00
MASS TEL. INNOV. NIG. PLC	1	0.50	10,000	5,000.00
STARCOMMS PLC	24	2.12	2,260,572	4,910,074.98
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	81		11,282,721	11,505,347.02
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INS. PLC	1	0.50	250,000	125,000.00
AICO INSURANCE PLC.	141	1.38	6,035,460	7,984,944.20
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	22	1.32	1,459,000	1,871,532.00
COR/STONE INS. CO. PLC.	24	0.76	5,899,863	4,486,395.88
CUST/ALLIED INSUR. PLC	31	3.68	4,512,134	16,549,105.10
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	19	0.74	2,335,541	1,745,277.75
GUARANTY TRUST ASS. PLC	19	2.53	741,692	1,887,324.61
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC.	3	0.50	118,200	59,100.00
CONS. HALLMARK INS. PLC	4	0.50	302,250	151,125.00
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	20	0.59	1,494,713	876,166.88
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC.	21	0.50	1,673,064	837,032.00
LAW UNION/ROCK INS. PLC	6	0.65	1,231,000	729,346.16
MUTUAL BEN. ASSUR. PLC	20	0.51	855,865	443,336.40
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC	40	0.60	6,585,116	3,984,544.60
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	11	1.15	1,169,830	1,294,688.00
OASIS INSURANCE PLC	2	0.74	2,500	1,775.00
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	7	4.00	55,781	228,280.20
SOVEREIGN TRUST INS. PLC	2	0.50	4,095,043	2,047,521.50
STACO INSURANCE PLC	12	0.50	2,387,490	1,193,745.00
STAND. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	21	0.52	2,684,433	1,409,041.82
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	13	0.76	470,001	357,224.76
UNIV. INSURANCE COY PLC	10	0.50	14,389,688	7,194,844.00
INTERCONT. WAPIC INS. PLC	17	0.73	2,987,870	2,185,491.40
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	466		61,736,534	57,642,842.26
<b>LEASING</b>				
C&I LEASING PLC	22	3.30	1,000,960	3,293,104.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	22		1,000,960	3,293,104.00
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAP/OIL & MARIT. SERV. PLC	297	1.96	13,729,506	27,064,282.88
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	297		13,729,506	27,064,282.88
<b>MEDIA</b>				
AFROMEDIA PLC	10	0.64	340,747	218,352.09
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	9	0.95	535,460	508,687.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	19		876,207	727,039.09
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>				
ABBEY BUILD. SOC. PLC	1	1.61	200	306.00
ASO SAV./LOANS PLC	36	0.50	17,415,980	8,707,990.00
RESORT SAV./LOANS PLC	3	0.50	22,609,694	11,304,847.00
UN/HOMES SAV./LOANS PLC	20	0.88	1,907,125	1,648,060.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	60		41,932,999	21,661,203.00
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC.	12	0.95	5,703,531	5,424,078.55
D/CAPL MANAG/TRUST PLC	2	2.02	72,500	146,450.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	9	0.77	352,874	276,162.19
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	23		6,128,905	5,846,690.74
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
NIG. BAG MANUF. COY PLC	116	3.46	1,837,652	6,216,796.44
NAMPAK NIGERIA PLC	7	5.71	39,700	215,573.80
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	123		1,877,352	6,432,370.24
<b>PETROLEUM(MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	70	40.00	239,669	9,604,328.20
BECO PETR. PRODUCT PLC	18	1.39	593,340	824,742.60
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	9	76.93	53,070	4,286,463.90
CONOIL PLC	31	52.48	52,298	2,824,883.08
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	38	8.15	493,541	3,999,843.72
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	19	150.90	57,386	9,076,911.20
OANDO PLC	446	128.50	9,353,152	202,136,432.02
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	21	236.00	26,309	5,960,521.80
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	652		10,868,765	238,714,126.52
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	8	9.41	115,156	1,083,656.96
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	24	7.14	266,050	1,922,190.60
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	32		381,206	3,005,847.56
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
UACN PROP. DEV. CO. PLC	90	21.52	11,225,664	248,325,915.42
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	90		11,225,664	248,325,915.42
<b>ROAD TRANSPORTATION</b>				
ASSOCIATED BUS COY PLC	5	0.95	189,000	179,550.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	5		189,000	179,550.00
<b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>				
ECOBANK TRANSN. INCORP.	16	19.12	193,414	3,714,282.98
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	16		193,414	3,714,282.98
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	8,784		602,484,866	5,525,553,042.94

## What is Buy-In

If a broker fails to deliver securities sold to another broker on the settlement date, the receiving broker may buy the securities at the current market price of the stock and charge the delivering broker the cost difference of such a purchase.

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## GAINERS

NESTLE	11.00
OANDO	3.60
NB	1.29
FLOURMILL	0.92

## LOSERS

WAPCO	1.99
CADBURY	1.70
UAC-PROP	1.13
UNILEVER	0.74



# NIGER STATE GOVERNMENT



## FELICITATIONS



**Chief Servant**  
**MU'AZU BABANGIDA ALIYU, PhD, OON**  
*(Talban Minna)*  
**Governor of Niger State**

The people and Government of Niger State heartily rejoice with the Chief Servant, Dr. Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu, OON (Talban Minna); Joint Chairman Northern Governors' Forum and Board of Trustees; Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation, over the conferment of the Honorary Doctorate Degree of Law (LL.D., Honoris Causa) on him by the University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at its 16th Convocation Ceremony where he is also billed to deliver this year's convocation lecture titled, "Institutional Autonomy and the Nigeria University System". It is gratifying to again witness further development of academic laurels, two decades after Ph.D from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, he was recently honoured with Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Federal University of Technology, Minna and Abia State University, Uturu.

The Chief Servant has distinguished himself as a leader who sees governance as service to humanity and the Almighty. He is an inestimable ambassador of truth, not mincing words when it comes to saying it as it is with attendant unique features of a true democrat in the social and political transformation through Servant Leadership personified, strict observance of the rule of law and zero tolerance for corruption, injustice and implementation of vision 3: 2020 for the advancement of Niger State in particular and the nation in general. A communicator par excellence who practices democracy by effective engagement of stakeholders as exemplified in the popular Ward Development Projects, Jama'a Forum and various interactive sessions.

His people-oriented programmes has endeared him to the people particularly free-education for the children of all residents of Niger State, payment of NECO and WAEC fees for all final

year students, free healthcare services to children under five years and pregnant women, to monthly disbursement of one million naira each to 274 wards for "Ward Development Projects". are undoubtedly indications of his concern to the plights of the downtrodden in the society.

He has expanded the process of decision making in council meetings by the inclusion of top echelon of the civil service. We acknowledge his ability to introduce effective principles and strategies in coordinating and running of government affairs and for making Niger State so attractive and indeed the hub of business enterprises, tourists and investors destination.

In his determination and wholehearted commitment to overhauling and improving governance and standard of living of Nigerites and humanity in general, he has placed Niger State ahead of known economic giants on GDP/per capita income of the United Nations Human Development Report 2009/2010. He is a servant leader par excellence who is free with all classes of people (children, youth and elders). His magnanimity and ingenuity has led to the abrogation of non-indigenes syndrome in the employment drive of Niger State and successful end to graduate unemployment in the State through the popular Graduate Engagement Scheme; you are indeed an epitome of servant leadership in every ramification.

No doubt therefore, you have received encomiums and highly prestigious chieftaincy titles from the different parts of Nigeria; ( the Agbeyewa of the Source (Elder with Wisdom) of Ife; the Otumba Akinjagunla of Ado-Ekiti; the Sodangin Nupe; the Magayakin Zuman Zazzau, Suleja; the Badakoshin Agaie.)

These honours and recognitions are undoubtedly due to your unbiased and selfless nature which continues to attract attention of technocrats and Royal Fathers from different quarters; recently again, the prestigious title of Aare Akinkanju of Ogbomosoland was conferred on you by the great monarch, His Royal Majesty, Oba Jimoh Oladunni Oyewumi Ajagunbade III, JP, CON, the Soun of Ogbomosoland. In the remarkable words of the Council, "the title of Aare Akinkanju is a special chieftaincy title given to a person who has achieved greatness in his service to many people without discrimination".

The statement further added, we are indeed humbled, and proud, to identify with him in all his endeavours and assure him of our loyalty and unflinching support so that he remain focus with such unique and wonderful strides. We pray God, in His infinite Mercy, to give him the strength, health and wisdom to continue with the good work he is known for, for the benefit of Niger State, Nigeria and humanity in general.

Once again, congratulations and best wishes to our great leader, a man of incredible brilliance and exemplary character. May the Almighty Allah continue to shower his blessings on you for the service of humanity.



**DR. MUHAMMED KUTA YAHAYA**  
*(Magatakardan Nupe)*  
**Secretary to the Government of Niger State**

# World Hepatitis Day

## Get Tested



One in 12 people worldwide have viral Hepatitis B or C

### Hepatitis B and C

Viral Hepatitis B & C are the most common liver infections and the leading cause to severe liver diseases like cirrhosis and cancer. Hepatitis B & C do not discriminate and can affect anyone from anywhere in the world.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 has been designated as World Hepatitis Day to help create awareness in order to help reduce the heavy disease burden. Over 200 groups from around the world are pledging their support to the global awareness events for Hepatitis B & C and the Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Nigeria (SOGHN) is proud to be associated with the honorable effort.

Approximately 500 million people worldwide are affected by Hepatitis B or C and the majority of those affected do not know. 1.5 million people die every year from either Hepatitis B or C. Hepatitis C is 10 times, and Hepatitis B 100 times, more infectious than HIV. If left untreated, Hepatitis B and C can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer, liver failure and death.

Together we can all make a difference by talking about Hepatitis B & C and encouraging our friends and family to get tested as there is effective treatment now available.



#### What is Hepatitis B & C?

Hepatitis B and C are liver diseases caused by the Hepatitis B or C virus. It makes your liver swell and stops it from functioning properly.

#### How could I get Hepatitis B or C?

- Hepatitis C is spread mainly by contact with an infected person's blood.
- Hepatitis B is however far more infectious and can be spread by contact with infected blood, semen, or other body fluids.

#### You could get Hepatitis B or C by:

- Sharing drug needles with an infected person
- Sharing toothbrushes, razors or such personal care items with an infected person.
- Getting pricked with a needle that has infected blood on it (especially for health workers)

#### Hepatitis B is more infectious and can spread by:

- Having sex with an infected person without using protection.
- Living with an infected person
- An infected woman can give Hepatitis B to her baby at birth or through her breast milk
- Person at risk for Hepatitis B are also at risk of infection with Hepatitis C virus or HIV.

#### You can NOT get hepatitis B or C by:

- Shaking hands
- Hugging an infected person
- Sitting next to an infected person

#### What are the symptoms?

Hepatitis B or C can make you feel like you have flu.

You might:

- Feel tired
- Feel abdominal discomfort
- Have a fever
- Have poor appetite
- Nausea and Vomiting

- Have stomach pain
  - Have diarrhoea
- Some people have:
- Dark yellow urine
  - Light-coloured stools
  - Yellowish eyes and skin

Some people do not have any symptoms. However, it has been shown that if you are infected with Hepatitis B or C, liver damage continues regardless of the signs and symptoms. If you have symptoms or think you might have Hepatitis B or C, you need to see your doctor for testing.

#### What are the tests for Hepatitis B or C?

- To check for Hepatitis B or C, the doctor will test your blood. The tests will also show the extent of the liver disease and the need for treatment.
- The doctor may also do a liver biopsy. This is a simple test where the doctor removes a tiny piece of your liver through a needle. The doctor then checks for signs of Hepatitis B or C and liver damage.

#### How can I protect myself?

- Do not share personal care items that might have blood on them such as razors, toothbrushes, etc.
- Consider the risks if you are thinking about tattooing or piercing any part of your body
- If you have or had Hepatitis B or C, do not donate blood, organs or tissue
- Practice safe sex using barrier methods such as latex condoms every time you have sex
- Vaccination offers the best protection against Hepatitis B
- If you are a health care or public safety worker, get vaccinated for Hepatitis B and always follow routine barrier precautions when handling needles and other sharp objects
- If you are pregnant you should get a blood test for Hepatitis B

#### Are you at risk of a Hepatitis B or C infection?

- Do you have an occupational risk? e.g health care worker, public safety worker, exposed to blood in the work place, etc?  Y  N
- Have you received a blood transfusion in the past?  Y  N
- Are you living with a close member of your family who is known to be Hepatitis B positive?  Y  N
- Have you used recreational drugs in the past?  Y  N
- Have you had multiple sexual partners in the past?  Y  N
- Currently or in the past, have you had a tattoo or any other form of body piercing?  Y  N

IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD BE TESTED FOR HEPATITIS B AND C



Healthy Liver



Diseased Liver ... This is what Hepatitis can do!

#### Effective Treatment Now Available

Consult your doctor for more information



SOCIETY FOR GASTROENTEROLOGY AND HEPATOLOGY IN NIGERIA

## DOCTORS FIGHTING HEPATITIS

The Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Nigeria (SOGHN) is a professional body made up of Nigerian physicians, surgeons, pathologists and allied health professionals dedicated to the advancement of knowledge on the recognition, prevention, investigation and treatment of liver and digestive diseases.

The society is also committed to the promotion of education and training in all fields of Gastroenterology/Hepatology and to the offering of professional/technical advice to the relevant authorities of the Nigerian government.

SOGHN was formed in September 2007 at Port Harcourt, Rivers state, Nigeria by the merger of the Association for the study of the Liver in Nigeria (ASLIN) and the Nigerian Chapter of the West African Society of Gastroenterology (WASOG)

For more information visit our website [www.soghn.org](http://www.soghn.org)

Talk to your Doctor for advice on

TREATMENT FOR HEPATITIS B

For further information on TREATMENT & VACCINATION call or sms 08058206916



**DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL AID CORPS**  
**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Illahi Raji'un**



The Director/CEO, Management and Staff of the **Directorate of Technical Aid Corps** commiserate with the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Dr. Goodluck Jonathan**, former first lady, **Hajia Turai Yar'Adua**, the **Government and the people of Katsina State, the entire Yar'Adua Family and indeed all Nigerians** over the death of **President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua (Muttawallen Katsina) GCFR** on Wednesday, 5th May, 2010.

**President Yar'Adua's** death is a national tragedy, a loss that will be personally felt by every lover of peace and progress in Nigeria. He was a great Nigerian Leader who will be greatly missed by all.

May the Almighty Allah (SWT) grant him eternal rest and make Al-Jannatul-Firdaus his final resting place. Amin.

**President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua (GCFR)**

**August 1951 - May, 2010**

**S i g n e d :**

**Ambassador Mamman M. Daura**

*Director/CEO (TAC)*



**PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, WADATA PLAZA, ABUJA

**RE: 2009 ANAMBRA STATE GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARIES  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

The sum of one hundred and seventy eight million, two hundred and fifty thousand Naira (N178,250,000=) was realised from the Sale of Forms in respect of Anambra State Gubernatorial Primaries in 2009. Out of this income, the sum of one hundred and seventy two million,

seven hundred and forty six thousand and nine naira (N172,746,009=) was expended.

The details of the Income and Expenses are shown in Tables A and B below:

**TABLE A**  
**PARTICULARS OF INCOME RECEIVED FROM ASPIRANTS RE: SALE OF FORMS**

SIN	NAMES OF ASPIRANTS	AMOUNT (N)		AMOUNT (N)	
1	KODILICHUKWU B. OKEIEKWE	5,250,000	31	MRS IFEOMA LOVE EBE	250,000
2	EMEKA NWANDU	5,250,000	32	ENGR. BETHRAM DIM	5,250,000
3	HON. UKACHUKWU NICHOLAS	5,250,000	33	CHUM NWAFOR	5,250,000
4	SEN. ANNIE OKONKWO	5,250,000	34	CHIEF OKEY MUCROH	5,250,000
5	UDEMEZUE CHUKWURA	5,250,000	35	ADIMACHUKWU CALISTA N.	250,000
6	DAMIAN C. OKOIO	5,250,000	36	OGBOGU GOODLUCK IHUOMA	250,000
7	PROF. CHUKWUMA C. SOIUDO	5,250,000	37	SUSSAN EKWUNIFE UDEMEZUE	250,000
8	KENETH OSITA PAUL YS ODIDIKA	5,250,000	38	UDEMBA CHINYERE	250,000
9	HON CHUKWUMAEZE NZERIBE	5,250,000	39	MBA NKECHINYELU	250,000
10	DEACON BERNARD C. OKEKE	5,250,000	40	LYNDA CHUBA IKPEAZU	250,000
11	DR ALEX OBIOGOBU	5,250,000	41	CHIEF (MRS) OBIAGELI OKOKWUBANEGO	250,000
12	L. ECHUKWU J. OBIORAH	5,250,000	42	BARR. (MRS) OYIBO OBASI	250,000
13	PROF AUSTIN IIOCHI OKAFOR	5,250,000	43	VICOR OSITA EZENWA	5,250,000
14	NWOYE TONY OKECHUKWU	5,250,000	44	IKEFUNA SAMUEL	5,250,000
15	EKWENZE SOLOMON	5,250,000	45	VALENTINE OZIGBOH	5,250,000
16	MBAMAIU EMMA	5,250,000	46	HON. BASIL IWUOBA	5,250,000
17	MRS EUCHARIA AZODO	250,000	47	CHIEF (DR) MRS. NKOLI IMOH	250,000
18	BARR. MIKE NKWOCHA	5,250,000	48	CHIEF TONY EZEANI	5,250,000
19	LADY CHINYERE OGUALILI	250,000	49	BARR. (MRS) VERA OPALUWA NWABI	250,000
20	UGOKWE SONNY JERRY	5,250,000	50	JERRY AGBASI	5,250,000
21	CARO NWOSU (DR)	250,000	51	MRS. CHINYERE O.A.	250,000
22	SEN. EMMA ANOSIKE	5,250,000	52	OBINNA UZOH	250,000
23	MRS CHIKA IBENEME	250,000	53	MBA NKECHINYELU (PHB CHQ 50080546)	250,000
24	PRINCESS CATHERINE EGWU	250,000			
25	ENGR. E.O. EFOBI	5,250,000			178,250,000
26	DR. HARR OHANEZI	5,250,000			
27	DR. AMAMCHUKWU EZEIKE	5,250,000		RECEIVED THROUGH H ZENITH BANK	98,000,000
28	PRINCE (DR) EMEKA EZE	5,250,000		RECEIVED THROUGH DIAMOND BANK	80,250,000
29	MR UCHEMA EMODI	5,250,000			
30	MRS VICORIA NWANKWO	250,000			178,250,000

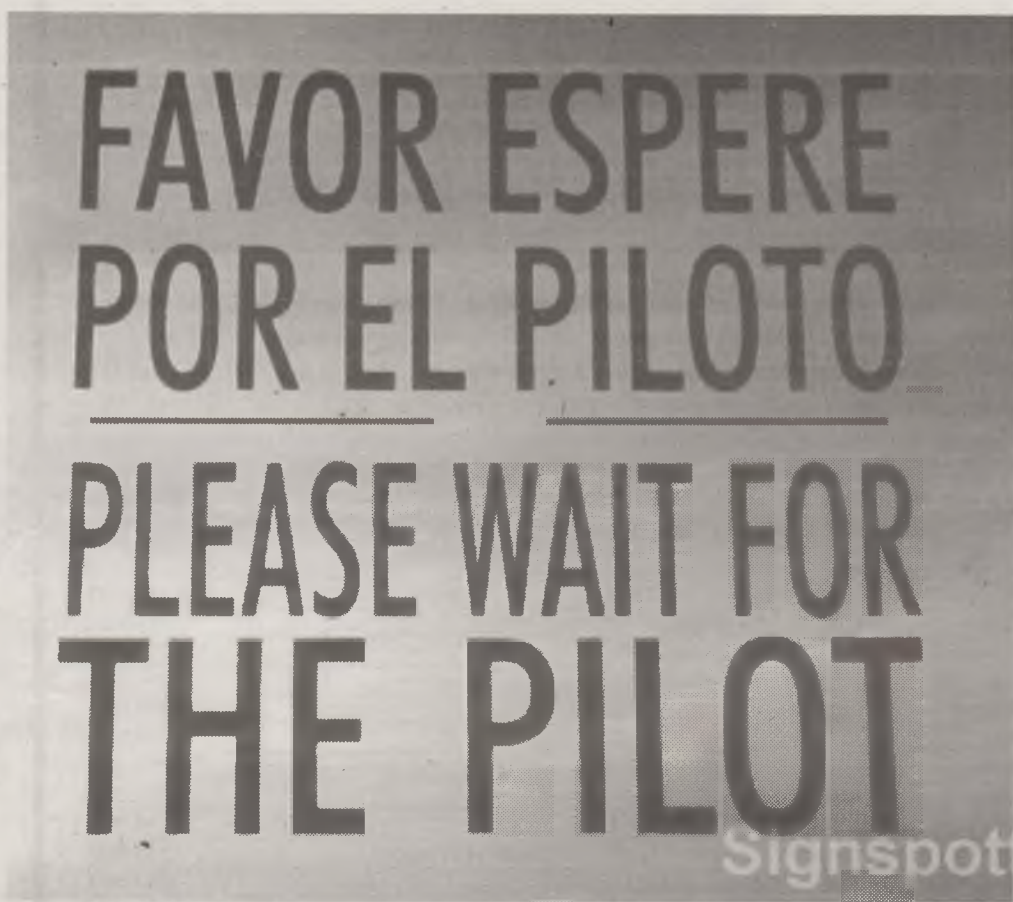
**TABLE B:**  
**DETAILS OF EXPENSES RE: 2009 ANAMBRA STATE  
GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARIES AS AT 8TH OCTOBER, 2009**

SIN	DATE	PARTICULARS OF EXPENSES	CHQ NO	PVNO	BANK	AMOUNT
1	24/7/08	ANAMBRA STATE CONGRESS EXP	1	3571	OCEANIC	5,750,000
2	29/10/08	LAW SUIT - ANAMBRA	68	7388	OCEANIC	1,000,000
3	30/10/08	MONITORING COMMITTEE	74	7394	OCEANIC	4,000,000
4	6/8/2008	ANAMBRA CONGRESS EXPENSES				
		ANAMBRA STATE PDP	36	2613	INTERCON T	5,000,000
5	22/10/08	ANAMBRA PEACE & RECON. COMMITTEE EXP	8	850	INTERCON T	3,000,000
6	9/2/2009	LEGAL FEES-ANAMBRA	157	7406	SKYE	500,000
7	10/9/2009	COST OF PRESS CONFERENCE ON GUIDE LINES OF ANAMBRA ELECTION	106	3722	UNITY	250,000
8	14/9/09	EXPENSES - SCREENING COMMITTEE ANAMBRA PRIMARIES	107	3723	UNITY	2,000,000
9	14/9/09	EXPENSES - AUTHENTICATION COMMITTEE ANAMBRA PRIMARIES	108	3724	UNITY	2,000,000
10	16/9/09	PUBLICITY-RELATED EXPENSES ANAMBRA PRIMARIES	801	3726	DIAMOND	6,144,009
11	16/9/09	ALLOWANCE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANAMBRA PRIMARIES	802	3730	DIAMOND	10,900,000
13	17/09/09	PRINTING OF ELECTORAL DOCUMENTS	803	3735	DIAMOND	1,152,000
12	24/9/09	ALLOWANCES FOR CO-OPTED MEMBERS WARD CONGRESS ANAMBRA	804	3743	DIAMOND	61,500,000
13	28/09/09	Cost of Printing Additional Electoral Materials	805	3745	DIAMOND	1,450,000
14	28/09/09	BROADCASTING, SECURITY & LOGISTICS	179	5802	ZENITH	32,600,000
15	29/09/09	CHIEF CHRIS UCHE (SAN) LEGAL EXP	180	5803	ZENITH	500,000
16	8/10/2009	EXPENSES ON GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARIES	182	5808	ZENITH	35,000,000
		TOTAL EXPENSES PAID				172,746,009

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Sign Language

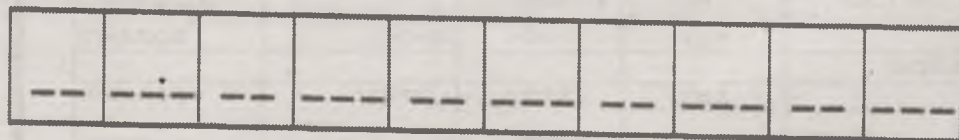


Thanks, but this is not a taxi. Where has he gone to?  
 Photo location: San Jose, Costa Rica, by G. Mugele.  
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CHAINLINKS

Fit each 2- and 3-letter group into the diagram so that nine overlapping 5-letter words are formed, with the last group of letters in a word forming the first group of letters of the next word.

- AMA      BRA      GAL      LL      TH
- ANK      EAR      LE      SH      ZE



SOLUTION TO QUOTACROSS

The words appear in the diagram in the following order: TOP ROW: webs, soil, drat, tiff. BOTTOM ROW: here, dent, urge, else. "We boil at different degrees."

SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given" - these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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					5	4		
	8	3			2		9	7
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	6	9		7		3	2	
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7	4		5				9	8
		8	3					

Solution to Sudoku 151

8	3	7	6	4	1	5	2	9
6	9	2	8	5	3	1	7	4
4	5	1	9	7	2	6	3	8
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9	7	3	5	1	4	2	8	6
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3	2	9	4	8	6	7	1	5
7	6	8	1	3	5	4	9	2
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**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT**



**2010 VETERINARY COUNCIL OF NIGERIA PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR**

**Theme:** CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN VETERINARY MEDICINE PRACTICE

**Date:** NORTHERN STATES: 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2010, SOUTHERN STATES: 8<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2010

**Venue:** NORTHERN STATES: HYDRO HOTELS LTD, I FARM CENTRE, TUNGA, MINNA, NIGER STATE. SOUTHERN STATES: NELROSE HOTEL, GOVT. HOUSE ROAD, ASABA DELTA STATE.

Dear Colleagues,

You are aware that Council demands that members of the Profession accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of their Professional knowledge and competence. To this end, it considers it obligatory that members attend Council organized/ approved Continuing Education Seminars / Workshops at least once every two years

In fulfilling its obligations towards the Continuing Education Programme, Council has fixed the 2010 Continuing Education Seminar in HYDRO HOTEL LTD, MINNA, NIGER STATE and NELROSE HOTEL, ASABA, DELTA STATE for members of the Profession in the Northern and Southern parts of the Country respectively.

The theme of the seminar is "Contemporary issues in Veterinary Medicine Practice" This theme was chosen following submissions from members of the Veterinary Profession. The sub-themes are "Professional Ethics", "Modern Diagnostic and Therapeutic Procedures and Aids in the Management of Disease", "The Role of the Veterinarian in the One World One Health Concept" and "Current Trends in Aquatic and Micro Livestock Management".

Topics billed for presentation and the resource persons are as follows:

1. First Topic: *Ethics in the Practice of Veterinary Profession.* Resource Person: Prof. G.H. Sharubutu
2. Second Topic: *Diagnostic Imaging as a Modern Practical Diagnostic Technique in Veterinary Profession.* Resource Person: Prof. B. Adeyanju
3. Third Topic: *Techniques of Internal Fixation of long bone fractures in Small Animals.* Resource Person: Dr. J.O. Omamegbe
4. Fourth Topic: *Unifying Medicine (Veterinary and Human) One World One Health.* Resource Person: Prof. J.U. Umoh
5. Fifth Topic: *Managing Aquatic Environment for best Practices in Fish Farming.* Resource Person: Dr. A.N. Okaeme
6. Sixth Topic: *Current Trends in Snail Management* Resource Person: Prof. Loveday Wosu
7. Seventh Topic: *Current Trends in Grass-cutter Management.* Resource Person: Dr. Obadiah Byanet

A Certificate of attendance to be signed by the Council Registrar will be issued to participants. The Opening Ceremony will be performed by the Executive Governor of the host state. Host: President, Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN). Opening Ceremony starts at 9:00 am prompt.

**SEMINAR REGISTRATION:**  
A subsidized flat rate of ₦6,000.00 will be charged for Registration, Conference papers and Tea/coffee break. Members of the Profession interested in participating should book with the Registrar, VCN located on Plot 434, No. 8 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama District, P.M.B. 433, Garki, Abuja. Telephone: 09-2908803, 09-2900314, 08023580231. E-mail: vetcounciling.org@yahoo.com or registrar@vcn.org Website: http://www.vcn.org

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**

The following hotels and guest houses are available for interested participants.

**MINNA (NORTHERN STATES)**

Hotel/Guest House	Room Type	Rate (N)	Deposit (N)
<b>1. Hydro Hotel Ltd, I Farm Centre, Tunga, Minna.</b> Tel: 08034470888, 08032858540			
*Luxurious suite 30,000.00 40,000.00			
*Executive room 19,550.00 20,000.00			
*Royal luxury single 23,000.00 30,000.00			
*Royal suite 46,000.00 60,000.00			
*Super deluxe 17,250.00 20,000.00			
<b>2. Hotel de Peacock, Behind Niger state trust fund, Tunga Minna, Niger state</b>			
*Standard Room 4,025.00 5,000.00			
*Kings Room 5,175.00 5,500.00			
*Suite Room 7,475.00 8,000.00			
<b>3. Doko International Hotel, After city gate by House of Assembly round about, Minna. Tel: 08038134832</b>			
*Simple Room 2,645.00 3,000.00			
*Economy Room 4,200.00 4,500.00			
*Standard Room 4,500.00 5,000.00			
*Kings Room 6,500.00 7,000.00			
*Royal Palace 7,000.00 7,500.00			
*Suite 13,000.00 14,000.00			
<b>4. Motown Hotel, Opposite NSTA Motor Park, Paiko Road Tunga - Minna. Tel: 08052219059, 066-223478</b>			
*Single 3,100 3,200			
*New Single 3,300 3,500			
*Premier 3,500 3,700			
*Royal 3,700 4,000			
*Double Executive 3,990 4,200			
*Suite 5,500 5,700			
<b>5. Inteco Hotels and Catering Services Ltd. Bosso Road - Minna. Tel: 07087344913</b>			
*Standard Double 4,000 4,500			
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*Double 7,000 7,500			
<b>6. Mairiga J. Motel, Debold Bosso-Zunger Road Tudun Fulani - Minna. Tel: 08033055950, 08037034913</b>			
charges + vat			
*VIP 4,500 1,500			
*Charlet 3,500 1,200			
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<b>7. Jafaru Mairiga Guest Inn, Bosso Road opposite Mustapha Specialist Hospital, Minna. Tel: 08065424953</b>			
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Room Type	Rate (N)	Deposit (N)
*Luxury Suites	10,055.00	10,500.00
*Presidential Suites (3)	18,285.00	25,000.00
<b>10. Zahammar Guest Palace Ltd, Old Aihen Clinic Road, Behind Shorro Hotels, Minna or after Hard Resources Hotel, Tel: 08070597779</b>		
*Executive Double	3,500.00	-
*Single Executive A/C	3,000.00	-
*Single Standard A/C	2,500.00	-
*Single without A/C	2,000.00	-
<b>11. Golden Palace Guest Inn, Okada Road Behind Gidan Matasa Minna. Tel: 08136366215</b>		
*Executive Deluxe Medium	15,800.00	16,100.00
*Executive Deluxe Large	18,500.00	18,800.00
<b>12. Anjo Guest Inn, Mypa Junction Bosso- Minna. Tel: 08065645300</b>		
*Double Room (no TV)	1,500	-
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<b>13. Mar-Haban Hotel and Suites, Saisu Saidu Road, Behind Abdulsalam Garrage, Minna. Tel: 066-223335, 08026636340, 08025496710.</b>		
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*Executive Suite	16,000.00	19,000.00
*Suite	13,000.00	16,000.00
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## News Extra

# Desmond Tutu: Gutter politics would hurt Nelson Mandela if he knew

Archbishop decries South African corruption and political discourse, and warns of digital divide between Africa and West

**N**elson Mandela would be hurt if he was fully aware of the "gutter level of discourse" among some politicians in South Africa today, Archbishop Desmond Tutu has told the Guardian.

Tutu, who led the campaign for Mandela's release, admitted his generation had been naive in thinking the altruism of the anti-apartheid struggle would inoculate against corruption in the democratic era.

In an interview by email prior to his speech at Monday's annual Google Zeitgeist conference in London, the archbishop emeritus also praised the internet's transformative potential, but warned of a digital divide between Africa and the west.

Tutu, seen by many as the conscience of South Africa, recently said he was grateful Mandela, who is 91 and retired, was not always aware of events in the nation.

Expanding on this, Tutu wrote: "Issues such as corruption



ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu.

"I am hopeful that the situation will be resolved," the Nobel peace prize winner said. "We have wonderful people here who, given an opportunity, will work hard and turn around things. We still enjoy amazing stability and if you look at the recent murder of Eugene Terre'Blanche ... there was no bloodbath and President Zuma treated the situation with great sensitivity and statesmanship."

Tutu also defended the World Cup in South Africa next month from critics who say it will do nothing to benefit the poor. "I believe people live on more than just bread. We will be able to say we have done it. It is the first time this prestigious tournament has been held on the African continent, and therefore important for who we are, for our self-esteem as a continent and as South Africans. Infrastructure that has been developed will benefit us well after the World Cup has come and gone."

He praised the internet for revolutionising communications

He was grateful Mandela, who is 91 and retired, was not always aware of events in the nation

would certainly hurt him, as well as the gutter level of discourse by some politicians within the ruling party. We naively thought struggle attributes such as altruism were transferable, but sadly this was not the case, as seen by the high level of corruption that has plagued us since we gained our democracy."

The 78-year-old continued: "Poverty, health issues such as HIV and AIDS, inadequate service delivery and lack of balanced discourse are some of the issues that would worry Mandela. One would have imagined that in our old age, we would sit back and watch the younger generation making a go of turning South Africa into a pride."



NELSON Mandela



PRESIDENT Jacob Zuma

The remarks could be seen as a swipe at Julius Malema, president of the African National Congress youth wing, who faced a party disciplinary hearing over his recent behaviour. Malema has hurled personal abuse at opponents, been convicted by a court of hate speech, and called a BBC journalist a "bastard" and "bloody agent". He has also been accused of using his connections for financial gain.

Tutu struck an optimistic note about the future, citing the relatively calm reaction to the killing of white supremacist Eugene Terre'Blanche as evidence that South Africa was not, as some sceptics predict, on the brink of a race war.

in Africa, allowing students to conduct research from home and people to use email as a cheaper alternative to phones.

But he warned of a disparity in web access because of inadequate electricity and equipment, particularly in rural areas. "There is a tendency for the west to dominate the worldwide web," he said. "Until Africa catches up to the west, it will lag behind. We also need to remember that most African countries are saddled with political and economic instability, and as such technological advancement takes a back seat."

Culled from guardian.co.uk

## News Extra

## Obama's aunt wins six-year battle for asylum

**B**arack Obama's Kenyan 'auntie' won her bid to stay in America yesterday after living illegally in the country for the last six years.

Zeituni Onyango's lawyers announced that her plea for asylum had been granted.

The deportation order was rescinded after Mrs Onyango, 57, told a U.S. immigration court she feared her relationship to the president would make her a target in Kenya's unstable political climate.

Reached by phone last night, she said only: 'I'm tired.'

The computer programmer almost derailed her famous nephew's presidential campaign when it emerged that she had been secretly living in a council flat in Boston since defying a deportation order in 2004.

**S**he turned up in a wheelchair for a behind-closed-doors hearing at the U.S. Immigration Court in Massachusetts, in February.

The half-sister of Mr Obama's late father moved to America a decade ago but her first asylum appeal was rejected.



'I didn't need any help from the president': Barack Obama's aunt Zeituni Onyango, right, has been granted asylum in the U.S. after living as an illegal immigrant for the past six years



of a social group.

**M**rs Onyango's immigration lawyer Margaret Wong said her client first applied to stay in the U.S. 'due to violence in Kenya.' But she did not give the grounds of the successful appeal.

Immigration judge Leonard

Reached by phone last night, she said only: 'I'm tired.'

The president affectionately referred to Mrs Onyango as 'Auntie Zeituni' in his memoir 'Dreams From My Father' and described meeting her during a 1988 trip to Kenya.

But he has adamantly denied that he knew his aunt was living

in the U.S. and said she would not get any special treatment.

In an interview last November, she said she didn't need any help from the president.

'My problem is my problem. I carry my own cross,' she said.

'Before, we were family. But

right now there is a lot of politics and I am not interested in politics at all,' she added.

People claiming asylum in the U.S. must show they face persecution in their homeland on the basis of religion, race, nationality, political opinion or membership

Shapiro granted the appeal on Friday. Mrs Onyango now plans to apply for a work visa.

Kenyans have made up a small portion of asylum requests in the U.S. over the last ten years. Of the 343 applications, only 60 were granted.



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## JONATHAN'S BIG 7 DAYS ACCOMPLISHMENT: SENATOR BALA MOHAMMED'S DEFECTION!



*"The eyes of poor people are not poor. They know what is good. Their stomach is neither poor, it would not reject good food. We all owe a duty to be our brother's keeper."*

*-Senator Bala Mohammed on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010*



**W**e live at a time and in a country where it is very difficult to find good things to say about the men and women in public life, especially politicians, because many of them do not inspire. Many might be genuinely convinced that some politician was doing a credible job, but for how others would receive their views, they hold back. Indeed, it is very difficult to see what qualifies some people in leadership position to be where they are, other than the fact that more good people did not come out.

Many of us who have become professional observers – some would call us, armchair critics – tend to write off every politician, often with good reason. But this reaction has very little to recommend it. Against the background of the dearth of good leadership material out there, we ought to be encouraging those who show some promise. Leadership is not everything, but it is critical in any organisation or country. Sadly, sycophancy has usurped a wide space in any public picture of our leaders. Equally sad is that, overwhelmed by the disappointment of many impostors, we tend to so easily write off every leader without necessarily making an objective appraisal. Thus, for one to come out in public commendation of any leader, he or she runs the risk of being numbered among the sycophants. But if we desire a positive change in our situation, it seems to me that we must be more circumspect in these matters, so that on the one hand we do not in truth degenerate into sycophancy or become victims of the knee-jerk reaction that throws the baby out with the bath water. If we desire good leadership then we should not be shy to encourage signs of it wherever they present themselves. If we do not encourage it, it will not emerge or it will do so only very slowly. This is the thought that informs this outing.

If there is any leader in the present dispensation who deserve positive notice for trying to make a difference, one of them, in my view, is Senator Bala Mohammed, the Minister of the Federal capital Territory. If a vision is to stand any chance of being achieved it must be backed by commensurate political will. The FCT minister is not been lacking in this department, in fact he has shown uncommon courage in many ways.

After watching him on the African Independent Television as the leader of the National Interest Group in the Senate at a time in our political history when it became clear that there was a stalemate in the country, and the Senate leadership was not prepared to take a drastic action, The NIG with Mohammed as chairman, raised the agitation in the chamber, which culminated in the Senate resolution, with the House of Representatives following suit.

Senator Bala Mohammed and his group of 80 senators had insisted that amid the confusion the country found itself due to the prolonged absence of late President Umaru Yar'Adua, the Senate was sufficiently empowered by the 1999 Constitution to give the bearing on the way forward... the rest is now history.

I saw in him a passion uncommon, a vision unparalleled and a gentleman to the core. Bala is devoid of the fluff. He does not come with the baggage; not someone given to extreme vanity, his ego is neither too large for his brains. It was in this spirit I endorsed Bala Mohammed from that day and I will try at every corner to offer good advice.

**As you know, pundits have been feverishly speculating about what Goodluck Jonathan's most important accomplishment is in his first 7 days in office. I say it came on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 when Distinguished Senator Bala Mohammed the Hon. Minister of the Federal capital Territory announced his switch from the ANPP to the Peoples Democratic Party. I believe that this Senator is a thoughtful man and he made a wise decision to eliminate partisan bickering from the future prospects of his people by simply switching sides. As he puts it in his own inimitable way, "You can accumulate all the money you want from within or outside the government, you can be in power from now till eternity but none can ever equal or be as important as the way you have affected the people you govern. The measure of success for any leader is the state of the peoples' welfare when you assumed office and the way you left them at the end of your tenure."**

Senator Bala Mohammed on that day, proved that a leader that is sincere, genuine, committed and fair-minded even if misunderstood, could get the people to believe in him. Hear him: **"I have no other party at the moment but 'Goodluck Party' but first I would consult my people in Bauchi State on my political future because politics is not opportunism, but consultation and engagement"**. By this, Bala has shown that the grammar of politics will be hollow without the people. What he has also proved so far is that leadership is not always about popularity but about affecting the people positively. It is about vision and the will to actualize that vision against all odds.

Senator Bala meant every word of what he said on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. He has started high level consultation with all the stakeholders. He has held meetings with members of the National Assembly from Bauchi State, members of the state house of Assembly and opinion moulders in the state. **Anyway, I state unequivocally that his move from ANPP to the ruling PDP isn't opportunism but a concession to reality!**

My only plea to the Distinguished Senator is that, he should forgive all his traducers and sponsored agents who called him names during his days as Chairman, National Interest Group (NIG) in the Senate. I mean all those who were sponsored to mouth his recall from the Nigerian Senate because they said he led a 'renegade group to promote the removal of a legally and democratically elected President through what they called an unconstitutional means'. Forgive them because they know not what they did at that time. Forgive them because when opportunism and vanity overtake any man, his mind is often in danger of crumbling into a big waste... they were working for their stomach! Forgive them because in history, no traitor ever arrived at a reputable station of berthed at the harbor of dignified remembrance. They all fizzled away like inglorious meteorites or smoke puffs of 'pollutory' import: constituting some shameful and embarrassing footnotes to the chronicles of history. Like earlier broached, Macbeth, one of the greatest Generals of his time, who battled armies and armadas, conquered lands and peoples, fought great battles and won great wars, spoiled great cities and decimated mighty nations, ended up a vagrant slave to the dictates of some weird apparitional fraudsters, who preying on his greed and ambition, led him into writing his name forever, in bloody cowardice, as a cold blooded murderer of sleep. A brave warrior, held captive by ambitious greed, brought himself and his dignity so low, as to succumb in canonization of the worst form of poltroonery, that he could not even bear to look his victim in the face. He murdered him while he slept; when his eyes were closed in peaceful rest. Macbeth geometrically retrogressed from a hero to an enfeebled rascal of all times. What a base manner to leave history's stage. Brutus was another great literary/historical scoundrel. He betrayed and back-stabbed his most trusted friend. For his eternal recompense, his name gave rise to that which came to summarize all that is wicked, base and ruthless-'Brutality'. One notices a strain that runs through these great traitors of history. They are equally great cowards. Macbeth could not look Duncan straight in the face. He has to murder him while he slept. Brutus could not look the great Caesar in the face. He had to stab him from the back. The same posture obtains among all the traitors, the ranks of which Alh Ahmed Shuaibu a failed governorship candidate of the Action Congress and his co-travelers joined. Shuaibu launched into a diatribe bashing Senator Bala Mohammed, on behalf of his benefactors, but in his cowardice akin to that of legendary traitors, he could not muster the courage to call him by name. Though the mouth and voice were Shuaibu's, the words were his benefactors'. Just read for yourself: "We are planning to recall him, there is no doubt. We are not happy that he led a renegade group to promote the removal of a legally elected president through unconstitutional means".

**Well, to Senator Bala Mohammed, as Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, we are aware of the enormous challenges that lay in the execution of this sacred trust but I urge you to go to work, inspired by faith in the Almighty Allah, the promise of His grace and help, as well as the manifest assurance of the support and goodwill of your people.**

**The truth is that, if President Goodluck Jonathan can believe in Senator Bala Mohammed-an ANPP senator because of his intelligence, the sheer versatility of his alert mind as well as the quality of his contributions in the hallowed chambers and make him a minister of a top rate ministry, then the people of Bauchi State are in for great times ahead, now that the Distinguished Senator whom the Senate President David Mark described as a WORTHY EXPORT to the Executive Arm of Government has decided to join the ruling party.**

**I commend the spirit of our ancestors to continue to guide and guard you. May God Almighty continue to imbue you with perspicacity.**

*History is waiting for us!*

**Phrank Elejo Shaibu.**

Abuja



# NATIONAL CALL



The entire members of Nigerian Defence Academy Regular Course 14 rejoice with **NAVY CAPTAIN CALEB OMONIYI OLUBOLADE (rtd)** on his recent appointment as Honourable Minister of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Caleb is gifted with principles that are rare in most men. It is therefore not surprising that the President and Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCFR, to whom we all are grateful, identified him to serve his fatherland in moving our great nation forward. Caleb, this is a national call. We have no doubt in your capacity to excel judging by your past records. We wish you goodluck and God's guidance ... CONGRATS! Regular Course 14 has done it again!



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## UN commits N765m for youth centre

By Romoke A Ahmad

NIGERIA and UN-Habitat have signed a multi-million naira agreement to build a one-stop youth centre for youth training and counseling centre in Abuja, Nigeria's capital.

The UN Youth Center will cost N765 million with the UN agency and the development partners providing over 90 percent of the budget.

A statement from the ministry said the signing ceremony which took place at the UN-Habitat Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya on Monday, saw the Nigerian Minister of Youth Development, Senator

Akinlabi Olasunkanmi signed the MOU on behalf the Nigerian Government and the Executive Director of the UN-Habitat Dr. Anna Tibaijuka signed on behalf of her agency.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, UN-Habitat Chief Executive noted that the signing of the MOU signifies "an enhanced capacity to respond to the emerging needs of young people throughout Nigeria and the results of the collective efforts, passion and commitment of diverse individuals in UN-Habitat and The Federal Ministry of Youth Development In Nigeria."

Also speaking, Youth Development Minister, Senator

Akinlabi Olasunkanmi, commended the UN agency for citing the one-stop youth center in Abuja, Nigeria, adding that it will complement the ongoing development of youth centers across the six-geo-political zones of the federation.

He said: "The Nigerian government since 2007 has embarked on the construction and equipping of youth centers as a veritable platform for youth vocational training, counseling services, information on empowerment opportunities. As at today eight of the national youth development centers are ready for commission, the UN youth center is thus, a timely and welcome addition to the efforts of the Nigerian government."

## 'Professional bodies, bedrock to national devt'

By Mustapha Suleiman

MINISTER of Works, Senator Sanusi Daggash, has reiterated his determination to professionalize the ministry, even if that would be what he would be remembered for after leaving office. He told the Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria that all hands must be on deck in order to sustain the effort to firmly establish the association for the benefit of Nigerians.

The minister made this known when the body paid him a courtesy visit in Abuja.

Responding, Deputy President of the Association, Bala Bawa Kaoje, said that the association is aimed at bringing all professionals together in order to achieve results that will bring a positive development to the country.

**Senator Sanusi Daggash, has reiterated his determination to professionalize the Ministry of Works, even if that would be what he would be remembered for after leaving office.**



FCT Minister, Sen. Bala Mohammed, right inspecting ongoing projects at the National Assembly, with the FCDA Executive Secretary, Engr. Sani Aihassan, left, recently.

## Keffi new layouts get electricity

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

RESPITE has come the way of residents of the new layouts of the ancient town of Keffi in Nasarawa State with the commissioning of a state government electrification project by Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma at the weekend.

The multi-million naira Sabon-Gari rural electrification project was handed during the ongoing "Meet the People Tour" of the governor who was accompanied by members of his cabinet and the Keffi Local Government Chairman, Engr. Idris Mohammed Idris.

Doma hoped that the electricity will pro-

mote socio-economic activities amongst the people and create employment opportunities especially to the youth and women as well as enhance human capacity development.

He called on the people to continue to support the administration to spur further provision of social services including infrastructural development.

"I am, indeed, grateful and inspired by your support and cooperation which has enabled us to move the state forward in various ways including the provision of basic infrastructure", he said.

He said his administration has recognized the importance of Keffi as a gateway town into Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) with the attendant socio-economic potentials, meaning that a lot must be done in giving the ancient town a boost.

He named some of the efforts of the administration in bringing the boost as renovation, rehabilitation and equipping of the School of Health Technology, the construction of the Keffi Modern Market as well as the provision of tractors, fertilizers and other inputs to deserving farmers under the Badakoshi and Fadama III Schemes.

## Army school commissions multi-million naira project

From Benjamin Auta, Lagos

THE Nigerian Army Ordinance School (NAOS) at the weekend commissioned some project worth over 45 million naira at the school premises at the Ojo cantonment, in Lagos State.

Commissioning the project, the Commandant of the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) Major General Mahmud Abdullahi Yerima, who was also a former Commandant of the school decried the decay in infrastructure in most military establishments which have impacted in the level of training and morale of soldiers.

"To curb this trend and to give facelift to infra-

structure in Nigerian Army (NA) schools, the COAS in his magnanimity approved the renovation of schools under NA direct labour project with virement of which NAOS is a beneficiary," he said.

He called on students and staff of the college to manage the newly renovated facilities with utmost care so as to preserve the structures as well as obtain the objective the renovation is meant for.

Speaking earlier, the Commandant of the School, Brigadier General Garba Kachallah said that some of the renovated structures lack basic items that could enable them be in proper use.

He added that the library is presently without inter-

net facilities as well as modern books as he called on the Army Headquarters (AHQ) and other well wishers of the school to help in providing the needed facilities.

He added that the renovation of some of the infrastructures started on February 25 2010 and it was completed in April 30 which was through direct labour.

The renovated facilities includes, five class rooms, students officers hostel/officers canteen, school library, tea room, 13 student soldiers hostel/ dining hall, kitchen, four central toilets, water facilities, and four administrative buildings comprising of Headquarters, training wings and Drug Revolving Scheme (DRS).

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# Ripples of the late Yar'adua plots revocation

A single drop in a still water is it that makes the waves created radiate to the periphery and all its nooks. Such could be the best description of what initiated the conflict between two former ministers of the FCT, and subsequently between the person of el-Rufai and the Late President Yar'adua's entire leadership. Barely four months into the new Yar'adua's presidency, it was made known by the then information and Communication Minister Mr. John Odey at the end of FEC on 30th October 2007, that the meeting approved the revocation of some plots located around the Pendam dam, in which one of the victims was the Late President Umaru Yar'adua. What accompanied that revocation was an outburst by Malam Nasir el-Rufai the immediate previous FCT minister, that the actual revocation was not done by his successor Dr Aliyu Modibbo, but by him about two month prior to his vacating the seat, as such it was a duplication of delegated responsibility. Not only that, the accusation was reinforced with the allegation that the then incumbent FCT administration was playing to the gallery and seeking to rubbish the achievement of the immediate previous government.

What that immediate and sharp attack portrayed was the existence of an earlier contention between the previous and the then reigning FCT administration only waiting for a catalyst to trigger an explosion. That catalyst was provided by the announcement of Late President Yar'adua's plot revocation. It thus amounted to providing the last straw that broke the camels back. Definitely there would not have been any smoke without fire, the best explanation for the built up of

that animosity in waiting for explosion could not have been unconnected to the feeling of neglect suffered by the ex-minister el-Rufai by the new Yar'adua administration despite an erstwhile confidence he had on being carried along, perhaps as the Power minister based on his contribution to ensure Yar'adua's success to power. That contribution involved even the writing of the President elect's inaugural speech. All these we gathered earlier from speculations, but later confirmed by the ex-minister himself when he let loose the cat out of the bag on 31st May 2009 in a release titled "Umaru Yar'adua, Great Expectation, Disappointing Outcome". We are very certain that the sharp attack and such a script would never have been written had he been carried along. His sudden romance with Late Yar'adua's successor and the prevailing unfolding scenario is it that proved the point that he has all along been thirsting for relevance. The subsequent pandemonium that later ensued immediately after that sharp response to the Yar'adua's plot revocation was that of series of accusations, counter accusations and the opening of many cans of worms. That was what propels this column to delve into it by writing three serialized articles under the caption "Between Nasir el-Rufai and Aliyu Modibbo". One of the many transgressions of el-Rufai which we brought out in that write up that drew the attention of many commentators, and made national headlines was that of his revocation of PHCN plot and the subsequent reallocation of same to his wife who in turn sold it at some colossal amount. The high point was an advertorial by Diran Onifade the then SA Communications to the FCT Minister Dr Modibbo almost borrowing our title

"Between Modibbo and el-Rufai: The facts and the fiction" and the subsequent full blown probe at the national assembly. It turned out that the only defence presented by el-Rufai on that exposure was that as Nigerians members of his family are entitled to benefit from such allocations, downplaying the aspect of violation of the Abuja master plan which restoration he attributed his achievement, and which he alleged his successor was trying to rubbish. The PHCN plot's immoral revocation is among the charges he now faces in court.

If such should be the ex-minister's explanation to such an action, from Yar'adua's records, his thoughts, behavior and ethics which we know, he is poles apart with that of el-Rufai, and there was no way they can ever work together. If not for anything, but for the Late Yar'adua as the President, humbling himself to allow his plot to be revoked, is a kin to a person that calls the shots but humbles himself to be shot. That could not be any amazing leadership quality elsewhere, but in our dear land it is a rare quality exhibited only by a very few.

Truly, his presidency was a product of a charade, referred to as election by his predecessor and benefactor Chief Obasanjo with him el-Rufai among the contributors. Yar'adua himself was only short of admitting that he was not duly elected in the inaugural speech purportedly composed by el-Rufai and his colleagues, which also includes Dr. Modibbo, but neither he nor any of his direct family had ever been reported to be directly involved in any land indignity in the city while he was in control, contrary to the records of the former Mr. Minister and his boss Chief Obasanjo while in power. Who then is better?

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# Police yet to release detained children, mother

By Abubakar Yakubu & Ogechi Ohalee

THE police at the office of the Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) Zone 7 Command are yet to release a woman and her two under aged children six days after they were arrested from their residence at No 16 Regent Park road, Minfa Garden Estate at Lokogoma District, Abuja by six policemen.

Rosemary Onyeario, who is with her children, Prince Ewere Onyeario, 8 and Isioma Queen, 5, has been refused bail even though she has sureties to stand for her.

A source at the command said the woman is being detained in place of her senior brother, Leonard Ovo Itume, who was accused

of an alleged fraud of 6.5 billion at Zenith Bank, of which the police are alleging that she may have benefitted from the money.

Lawyer to Mrs Onyeario and her two children, Barrister Esther Uzoma, has gone to court to challenge their detention after sending a petition to the AIG of the command without positive response.

Barrister Uzoma had in the petition dated May 14, accused those that arrested the children and their mother of carrying out an unlawful arrest and detention. The policemen were also accused of inhuman treatment, flagrant violation of the Child Rights Act and subjecting the suspects to an extremely degrading treatment.

Our reporter, who was at Zone 7 command, noticed the children holding on to their mother but they were later separated as the mother was thrown into cell and the children beaten.

A relation to the woman told our reporter that the detained woman's husband was called to see the AIG on March 31.

He said the AIG wanted to find out from the man if he knew Leonard Itume, who used his name as a referee to secure a job at Zenith Bank and later made him to write a statement, after which, he was detained for a month.

He said the police officers also impounded the family's two cars.

At the counter, the 8-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter of

the woman were pleading for the release of their mother and complained of mosquito bites.

"Mosquitoes have been biting us, while policemen beat us and insult our mother," Prince said.

"I have not committed any offence that would warrant such insults and yet everything in my house has been seized while I am treated as a criminal," the woman said.

The detainee showed the reporter the body of her children, which had mosquito bites.

A police officer at the counter, later stopped the conversation and threatened to throw our reporter into the cell if she continues to question the woman.

"You are not allowed to talk

to this woman or else you will be detained forever like her," the officer threatened.

A spokesman in Zone 7 Command, Mr Ben Ukwumpa initially denied detaining that a woman and her children were detained in their command but he later changed his statement by saying thus: "If you commit any offence, you will be arrested and just because the woman's husband is a police officer doesn't give both of them immunity not to be detained whenever they commit an offence."

He said the wife was arrested while her children came to visit her, adding that if they are sleeping with the mother in the station, it is not the police fault.



PIC: ZAINAB SHEHU

## Abuja Garbage collectors make brisk business

By Zainab Shehu

SCAVENGERS and rubbish collectors in Abuja now make quick money by selling their metal and iron collections to middle men who give cash in return.

Our reporter who observed the trade at Nyanya, Mararaba and Apo roundabout in Abuja, saw scavengers queuing to submit their waste collections for measurements and on-the-spot payments.

A buyer, Mallam Abdullahi, said he buys metal

wastes from individuals per kilo but declined to say how much he pays for them.

Abdullahi disclosed that the purchased waste products are later transported to either Lagos or Kano and recycled into wealth. He appealed to government to assist them with soft loans so that they can progress in their business.

He also asked for space and vans to transport their products to areas of supply, adding that waste to wealth business can become a gold mine in the country if properly invested in.

## N2m swindle: Corps member's family fault police investigation

By Ogechi Ohalee

THE family of a corps member who was swindled of N2 million by suspected fraudsters on Friday faulted the manner in which policemen from Life Camp Police Station handled her case.

Spokesperson of the family, Ozoko Odinakachukwu, in his petition to the deputy commissioner of police in charge of FCT Criminal Investigation Department (CID), said their daughter, Miss Chika Ukonu, a corps member serving with E-Barclays Microfinance Bank was duped of N2 million meant for the banks customers.

"She recognized that she had

been duped and immediately alerted the police at Life Camp Division, who swung into action by apprehending two suspects, including the actual person that took the money," he said.

He alleged that the investigative police officer confided in one of them that the suspects acknowledged their crime and said the money was intact but later made a u-turn and said the suspects told him that they collected only N150,000.

He said the family learnt that the suspects got in touch with one Alias Peco, who brought N200,000 to the police to bail them on May 7.

The family asked for the immediate transfer of the case from Life Camp Police Division to the FCT Command for a more thorough investigation.

Only the corps member was arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court on May 10 on charges of theft.

After the corps member had pleaded not guilty to the charges, the prosecutor told the court that investigation into the case is not yet concluded and prayed the court to remand the accused in Life Camp Police Station to enable the police there conclude their investigation.

The accused on her part told

the court that the case has been transferred to the FCT CID for proper investigation, and she appealed to the court to allow the CID continue with the case as well as applied for bail because of threat to her life in the cell.

Magistrate Musa Abdulrazaq ruled that the accused enter into bond in the court not to interfere with the investigation of the police and to produce herself before the court or police whenever the police might have concluded their investigation.

"In entering this bond, she shall provide two guarantors who shall also be residents within the juris-

dition of the court," the magistrate ruled.

After the court sitting, a member of the corps member's family complained that the corps member reported the case to the police but was turned into an accused, adding that she was maltreated while in police cell, while the suspects, who took the N2 million lived like kings and were allowed to make phone calls.

When our reporter got to Life Camp Station on Monday to get the divisional police officer's response to the petition, some policemen prevented her from seeing him and walked her out of the station.



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# Bail granted to man who inserted screw driver into girl

By Hussein Yahaya, Fatai A. Ibraheem & Romoke W. Ahmad

CHIEF Magistrate Binta Mohammed was on Friday constrained by the provisions of the constitution to grant bail to a man accused of inserting a screw driver into the private part of a seven-year-old girl on April 2.

The magistrate who had earlier ordered that the accused, Kingsley Nwachukwu, be remanded in prison custody on April 22 until his counsel gives a formal application for his bail Friday stated that she is inclined to grant the accused bail because the constitution guarantees his innocence until otherwise proven guilty.

She said the constitution also guarantees the accused freedom of liberty as well as the need for the accused to be given adequate time and facility to defend his case.

Magistrate Mohammed later granted the accused

bail in the sum of N100,000 with two reputable sureties in like sums. She ruled that one of the sureties must be a civil servant in any federal organization on a salary of not below grade level 09 with an attached copy of the person's last promotion letter from his organization and adjourned the case till June 10 for further hearing.

Earlier, Prosecutor, Sgt. Lucas Ephraim, told the court that the matter was reported at Byazhin Police Station on April 2. He said the accused who is a guardian to the injured girl, used a cable wire on her and inflicted severe body injuries on her for no just cause. "He inserted forcefully a screw driver into her vagina and caused injuries in her private part which resulted to severe bleeding," he said.

According to the prosecutor, the offence of cruelty to a child and causing grievous hurt contravene Sections 238 (B) and 243 of the Penal Code.

## AMAC installs new traditional chiefs

By Usman A. Bello & Doris Aforma West

CHAIRMAN of Abuja Municipal Area Council last Saturday installed six new district heads and eight village heads to augment the existing ones in the council.

Council's Chairman, Zephaniah Bitrus Jissalo, while installing the district and village heads said their offices were created as a result of the vital roles traditional heads play in promoting peace, uplifting norms and value systems of communities in the council.

"Traditional institutions have the responsibility to relay government policies and programmes to the grass

root people and we deem it necessary to fast track the role they play in societal cohesion and augment the existing one, hence more traditional institutions are created," he said.

He said to make work easy for traditional rulers, the council has provided vehicles, renovated their palaces and furnished their residences, adding that district and village heads were created in Karish, Garki Jiwa as well as Karu.

The chairman also informed that his administration has electrified many communities, built primary schools, equipped health centres as well as provided boreholes in such communities.

## Guard jailed for 2 months

By Usman A. Bello

A 35-year-old man, Isaac Ukor, was last Friday sentenced to two months imprisonment by an Abuja magistrate court for attempting to steal cables.

The accused who resides at Mararaba and one Joe Nwabune Eze of building material market, Dei-Dei, were accused of attempting to steal 'Zain Cable Wires' before they were caught.

Prosecutor David Udeh told the court that on May 12, one Sergeant Auta Kaduna attached to Zain Switch office at Wuse 11, reported to the police that the two accused persons were arrested while

try to steal their cables, adding that they confessed to the crime during investigations.

When the charges were read, Isaac pleaded guilty and begged for leniency, while Joe denied the charge and requested for bail.

The prosecutor urged the court to try the Isaac summarily under Section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) and asked for a date for hearing on Joe's case.

Magistrate Folashade Oyekan sentenced Isaac to two months imprisonment or an option of N2,000 fine and granted bail to Joe in the sum of N50,000 with one surety.

The case was adjourned to June 3, for hearing.

## Expert calls for fire preventive device in airport

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A fire expert, Mr Sam Ayadi, of Sagif Fire Preventive Ventures yesterday called on the airport authority in Abuja to install modern fire preventive devices at the Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport in Abuja.

He said installing such devices in advanced countries airports are now commonplace as simple 'passive fire prevention precautions' like fire protection for elec-

trical fittings, fire and smoke door seals, fire barriers, protection for timber, steel, walls and ceilings can make the difference between life and death as well as avoid very expensive fire damage claims.

Ayadi also explained that compartmentalisation of buildings with fire barrier systems can dramatically reduce the spread of fire from one section to another. "Fire barrier systems can be used both vertically and horizon-

tally and are very simple to fit as the barrier is also available in a motorised version that can be set to descend once the fire alarm is activated," he disclosed.

He advised that the airport plumbing and electrical services unit require a large amount of pipe work and cables to run an efficient operation.

"All of these services will pass through fire walls and must therefore be protected with passive fire protection

products, adding that fire protective pillows, pads are available for small openings in cable trays, trunking and ducting together with fire protective slabs for larger openings. Ventilation units, heating and air conditioning areas are crucial to contain and reduce the spread of flames and smoke," he added.

He said the use of fire containment products can protect the airport and drastically reduce the risk of serious fire.



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### AIM AND OBJECTIVE

1. To expose the reality of spiritual warfare to the body of Christ so that they can possess their possession, that God may be glorified.
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A small but growing poultry farm in the Mpape area of Abuja has a vacancy for a farm supervisor. The ideal candidate should have some hands on experience in a poultry farm in addition to some qualification relevant to the job. It will be the responsibility of the supervisor to plan and oversee the day to day operations of the farm with the help of the other poultry workers.

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Signed:

Secretary

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### AIM AND OBJECTIVE

To contribute and inspire local residents, people living with HIV/AIDS and communities to set up their own self-help groups, farms and businesses as well as mobilized national and international human and material resources to fill unmet needs in communities facing the threat of HIV/AIDS.

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Yusuf Adeku Abdulkadir  
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## Inside Politics

# 2011: Why I'm challenging Adamu, Sodangi

MOHAMMED Abdullahi, one time Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Nasarawa State, is bracing up to slug it out with former governor Abdullahi Adamu and three times senator, Abubakar Sodangi, for the Nasarawa West Senatorial seat. In this interview with a group of journalists in Abuja, he says in spite of their big names, he is the man to beat. Excerpts:

By Abbas Jimoh

**WHAT is the motivation behind your desire to participate in the race for the Nasarawa West senatorial zone?**

It is true that I have declared my aspiration for the senatorial seat of Nasarawa West comprising of five local governments of Karu, Keffi, Kokona, Nasarawa and Toto on the platform of the PDP. Of course my declaration was after series of consultations with stakeholders in the constituency who believe that it is time to have a general change so that we can have fresh ideas and new ways of doing things.

Nasarawa West consists of satellite towns to the FCT which bear the brunt of the growing population of the capital city. The growth of these towns is now weighing down the Nasarawa State Government because the infrastructures put in place have been over stretched by population explosion. In fact, the population is not only growing at an astronomical rate; slums and shanty settlements keep propping up, especially along Karu-Mararaba-Masaka-Uke axis, thus raising serious security and health or environmental concerns for both the FCT and Nasarawa State.

I read one UN Report that suggests that this axis is one of the fastest growing slums in the world after one other city in Bra-

zil! It is imperative that these issues are brought up to the front burner of national discourse for the immediate intervention of the federal government. As an interim solution, we must encourage strong collaboration between Nasarawa State and the FCT, so that the existing cordial relationship should be moved to the next level-where a strong synergy that will lead to the creation of a 'bi-partisan' body or authority where both FCT and Nasarawa State will resolve issues of boundary disputes, crime control, development control and provision of general infrastructure in the settlements bordering Abuja. We feel it is necessary to have an FCT/Nasarawa Satellite Towns development Authority or any such body as deem necessary to confront these challenges.

I know the primary duty of a legislator is law making. So I want to be part of a team that will ensure such processes are guided by a thorough and informed research work, so that laws when eventually passed, will serve as a basis for the development of the people in a positive sense.

We need to pass laws that will improve the people's socio-economic well-being as well as guarantee their security. We will also ensure that skill acquisition centres are established to train unschooled youths. I am glad that Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma is doing something in that regard

to stem the tide of youth restiveness. I intend to compliment his laudable efforts. We will ensure that once they graduate as artisans, they are given minimum working capital requirement for them to set up their trade. That will be our small way of impacting on their lives and assisting the realization of the MDG goals.

**You are aware that former Governor Abdullahi Adamu and the incumbent Senator, Abubakar Sodangi, are in this race. Can you stand them in the race?**

Let me give you the picture in proper perspective-what we did at the initial stage, myself in particular, was to consult with relevant stakeholders in the state and my zone in particular irrespective of party affiliations intimating them of the development. So we formed a group of young professionals to aggregate views and bring up a position. After several weeks of intense work, they came up with an astonishing report which suggests that the preponderance of opinion of the people in the zone is that our aspiration is a doable project. Hence they metamorphosed into a campaign organization christened 'ma4sen', that is Mohammed Abdullahi for Senate. We launched it and toured the entire zone. The reception accorded us was unprecedented; we were amazed by the outpouring of joy and solidarity which goes to confirm the initial report



MOHAMMED Abdullahi

of our committee.

Concerning the other contenders, I will say that I'm in this race for the people; therefore I don't talk about other aspirants, especially the former governor who at one time was my boss. In my culture, it will be unfair for me to assess my boss. What I can say, however, is that the clarion song everywhere is about generational change because we come with fresh ideas, an untainted perspective of positive service to the people, a paradigm shift from the old order to provide a pan-Nigerian outlook on issues.

**What is your opinion of the Jonathan's administration so far?**

Frankly, President Jonathan

deserves commendation considering the many landmines he scaled through. And now faith has placed him in a position where he can define the direction of the country positively. I think the President should work on electoral reforms in such a way as to ensure a transparent electoral process. He should also work on the power challenges affecting the country and drive the Amnesty process to definitive achievable targets that will kick start a massive development of the Niger Delta region.

I also advise that he continues the dredging of the River Niger because it will enhance navigation, generate economic activities within the inland ports and surrounding areas.

## Again Senate refuses to swear in Igbeke

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

IN continuous defiance to the ruling of the Enugu Court of Appeal on the Anambra North senatorial zone election, Senate President David Mark yesterday declined admitting the oath of office on Mr. Alphonsus Igbeke who was declared winner by the court.

Mr. Igbeke as has become his usual practice was present at the National Assembly yesterday in anticipation of his oath taking but shortly after a close session, Senate continued the business of the day with approval of Alhaji Namadi Sambo as vice president and immediately adjourned for the day. Briefing newsmen on reasons

for failure to swear-in Igbeke, Chairman Senate Committee on Information and Media, Senator Ayogu Eze (PDP, Enugu North) said Senate is aware that Senator Joy Emodi has applied for an order of stay of execution at the Supreme Court on the matter.

According to him: "As I said before, the Senate is very law abiding and highly respectful of the court. We do not want to be held for contempt of the court and we have no interest in the matter one way or the other. The matter is for people of Anambra north. But right now it has gone beyond the people of Anambra north and is in the Supreme Court. When they finish their legal gymnastic, a

clear declarative judgment will now lie before the Senate and when that matter is exhausted, I will assure you that the Senate will not waste any time in carrying out what is now the last pronouncement of the court."

He said until the matter is decided by the Supreme Court, Senate will not swear-in Igbeke, adding that "based on our standing order 53 (5), there was a notice filed on us that the appeal that was filed in Enugu calling for interpretation has been taken to the Supreme Court and additionally, the appellant has also applied for a stay of execution to the highest court in the land. We are just being very careful so that we will not run afoul of either of the court."

## DPP backs fewer parties

By Suleiman M. Bisalla

THE Democratic Peoples Party (DPP) yesterday said it supports the idea of reducing the number of political parties to a sizable number.

National Chairman of the DPP, retired Gen. Jeremiah Timbut Useni, said during an emergency meeting of the party's National Executive Committee in Abuja yesterday that the number of political parties currently with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is unwieldy.

The House of Representatives is currently debating on whether to have a two parties or multi party state. Though there have been stiff opposition to the two party system, many who contrib-

uted to the debate believe that the close to 60 parties that operate now are too much.

Though he did not suggest a number, Useni the national chairman however disagreed with the idea of a two party state. "What we are saying is that we should have a manageable number. What we have now is too clumsy," he said.

The chairman also briefed the meeting on several issues affecting the party including the progress regarding the governorship tussle involving the DPP in Sokoto state, the judgment of which was suspended twice following the order of the Supreme Court. He also announced that the party won one local government in Plateau state (Langtang North) through the election petition tribunal.

## Inside Politics

# PDP Chair: Ekweremadu calls off South East caucus meeting

■ Nwite, Nwodo lead others

By Suleiman M. Bisalla

DEPUTY Senate President Senator Ike Ekweremadu yesterday called off the meeting of the South East caucus of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) scheduled to take place at his residence in Abuja. The meeting was expected to deliberate and possibly come out with a common position on a candidate that will replace Prince Vincent Ogbulafor as national chairman of the PDP.

Mr. Paul Odenyi, SA Media to the Deputy Senate President, told *Daily Trust* that the postponement was to enable his boss make wider consultations. No date has been fixed for the meeting even as indications emerged that a replacement for Ogbulafor would soon be announced

by the party.

However, *Daily Trust* learnt that the postponement may not be unconnected to the signal that Ogbulafor's replacement may have already been decided at the villa. "There may not be need for any meeting again," a source who was supposed to be part of the meeting said.

Sources have tipped pioneer National Secretary of the party Okwesilieze Nwodo to succeed Ogbulafor following his acceptance by the party's hierarchy even though some party chieftains close to President Goodluck Jonathan are said to be pressing for the candidature of Special Adviser to late President Umaru Yar'adua, Senator Polycarp Nwite.

The two aspirants are said to be leading nine oth-



POLYCARP Nwite

ers, and a sources said they are likely to be sent to the National Working Committee for approval. The candidate so selected will operate on acting capacity until a convention is held to ratify his appointment.

However, also in contention are former Sen-



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ate President Anym Pius Anyim, former national secretary of the party Ben Eze, chairman of the PDP reconciliation committee General Ike Nwachukwu, Ambassador Thomas Agui Ironsi and member of the PDP reform forum Sunny Iroche.

Though Nwodo, former governor of Enugu State is counted as one of the most experienced among the candidates, he comes from the same state (Enugu) with Deputy Senate President Ekweremadu. Other states in the zone have therefore argued that his choice will make nonsense of the zoning arrangement embedded in the party's constitution. The same argument had counted against former governor of Plateau State Fidelis Tapgun when he sought to replace Audu Ogebe even as Senator Ibrahim Mantu was Deputy Senate President. Nwodo is also battling with corruption allegation.

Nwite who is also a front runner comes from Ebonyi State just like Senator Aynm. Those said to be pushing for him believe

that the presidential aide has the needed experience and capacity for mobilisation. He was known to have mobilised the Yar'adua for New Nigeria Group which at a point upset the Ogbulafor leadership of the party which thought the group was trying to hijack party.

In 2008, a special case was made for Ebonyi and Imo States for the chairmanship position but the deadly rivalry between Senator Anym and former governor of the state Dr. Sam Egwu made the party to abandon both men and settled for Ogbulafor as a consensus candidate.

An aide of the former Senate President, Mr. Ben Akona, said his boss is still interested in the job and is hoping to be chosen as the next PDP chairman in view of his qualities.

## Zoning is not a permanent thing, says Lar

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

PIONEER national chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Solomon Daushep Lar has confirmed that the PDP had a zoning arrangement worked out both in 1999 and 2002 to guide the selection of its presidential candidates but said the party is at liberty to change the formula as it is not a permanent thing.

Lar who spoke with newsmen in Jos narrated how zoning came to be in the

PDP saying it was arrived at in order to give other parts of Nigeria who were complaining that the north was dominating the leadership of the country a sense of belonging.

He said the arrangement which trial began in 1999 actually stabilized the polity. He said a caucus of the party met again in 2002 and discussed the arrangement where it was agreed that the south should have it for eight years after which it would go the north.

He said, however, that

since zoning has been able to achieve its desired intention of bringing stability in the country, it is now left for PDP members to decide if they should continue with it since it is not a permanent arrangement.

The former chairman said the zoning arrangement is one of the best things to have happened to the country.

"You will remember at that time both military and civilian regimes that ruled the country were all from the

north from Shehu Shagari to Buhari to Babangida to Abacha to Abdulsalami. And the country was complaining.

"And because the country was complaining, some of us that participated in the civilian regime of the first republic, elders in the PDP felt that to be fair to this country we would like all the parts of Nigeria to have a sense of belonging.

"You remember there was June 12 election which was annulled. People from that part of the country were complaining, there were too many complaints that the north dominating and that even when people from the other parts won elections they would still cancel or annul it. So some of the leaders together with those from the south said let us be fair in the PDP, and the country.

"We had a sort of agreement of zoning. We said PDP would have the president from the south and preferably form the south west because they cancelled the presidential election of MKO Abiola. There was a very efficient and excellent politician like Dr. Alex Ekwueme, we were were tempted to go for him but we said look let the entire south go for it, but let



SOLOMON Lar

supported the idea of zoning it to the south.

"But f it was by popular election the south might not have been able to get. So we said no it has to be zoned. I remember my best friend Late Abubakar Rimi, wanted to contest but I asked him to leave it as we have taken the decision that it is going to the south. Adamu Ciroma was there and was very key to the decision. So there had been zoning.

"And in 2002, when we were thinking of second term for our president, Obasanjo, some northerners came up saying they want to contest but we said 'no', Obasanjo hadn't completed his tenure yet. So we had a caucus meeting and everybody spoke and I also spoke too. I remember I said eight years for south and eight for north. That was our agreement.

This helped Nigeria to stabilize at that time as the south felt they were not part of the country; many of them were complaining that they were second class citizens.

"But the zoning is not a permanent issue. We did it in order to stabilize the situation and it is up to the PDP to see whether it would continue or not. So nobody should say anything yet."

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JOSEPH Yobo, left, in action for Everton against Zavon Hines of West Ham during a Premier League game last season. The Super Eagles stopper believes that only team work can get a good result against Lionel Messi's Argentina.

## Yobo: Only teamwork can stop Messi

JOSEPH Yobo has warned that the Super Eagles will have to play as a team in order to get a result against Lionel Messi and his Argentina team.

Nigeria open their campaign on June 12 against Argentina and Yobo is wary of the devastating effect the current FIFA World Player of the Year has had all season.

"Messi is unbelievable and just seems to get better and better," Yobo told CNN. "Every time he's on the ball you know something is going to happen. He deserves to be the world's best."

"It's going to be very, very difficult, I think we have to do things as a team rather than as individuals. The way he plays he finds his freedom on the pitch which makes him exceptional but if we defend as a team and keep our

position and keep our concentration for 90 minutes, hopefully we can do it."

The Everton defender has been involved in the Nigeria international set up since for a decade, and says the pressure is something his Premier League colleagues do not understand.

"They don't understand what we go through in Nigeria - you have an ultimatum of what is expected. For the last African Nations Cup they said if we don't get to the final or semi-final then we are no good."

"There is always expectation because of what players in the past have done and we just have to try to better that or match it and it is very, very difficult. It's not every player that can stand up to that."

"Playing for Nigeria, a nation of

over 150 million, football is like a culture so when you do well you're a big hero but when you don't do well it's like you don't want to go back home. We've just got to throw in everything we have got to make sure we make Nigeria proud, and not just Nigeria, Africa as a whole."

Not too many are giving the six African representatives a chance to win the World Cup, with Yobo's teammate Steven Pienaar saying an African country will not win the World Cup, but the big Nigerian insists that it is a unique opportunity for Africa to rule the world.

"The World Cup is coming to Africa and it is very special. In South Africa we have loads of Nigerians staying there - it's like our second

home.

"It's very special in Africa because it is bringing out Africa as a continent - especially South Africa the host country - and we're playing close to home and are very excited about that."

"It's a great opportunity and we want to make sure this time - we don't know when an African country is next going to be host -- we prove a point and we show how good African teams are, especially Nigeria."

"Now we are playing close to our fans, close to our home and family and everyone is looking forward to it. There is great expectation and we believe this is the right time if we want to show this area can do something."

## Abdulazeez, Baribote vow to fight on

By Orkula Shagee

FORMER NPL Board member Abdulazeez Mohammed and current board member Victor Rumson Baribote have vowed to continue seek redress through laid down processes to get justice in the just conducted election into the board of the NPL.

Mohammed and Baribote, who contested chairman of chairmen and chairman of the Board against eventual winner Davidson Owumi, filed protest to the Appeal Committee but lost and later went to the NFF where

**The cases will resume for hearing once the Arbitration Panel is fully composed**

the matter was referred to the Arbitration Panel for resolution yesterday.

At the Arbitration Panel, the NFF will appoint one of the arbitrators; the NPL and Owumi on one hand will appoint one arbitrator, with Baribote and Mohammed also appointing one arbitrator each.

And the Federation said in Abuja yesterday that the cases will resume for hearing once the Arbitration Panel is fully composed.

In the case filed by Baribote, the NFF-appointed arbitrator will sit along the NPL/Owumi arbitrator and Baribote's arbitrator, while in the case of Abdulazeez Mohammed; the NFF-appointed arbitrator will be there with the arbitrator appointed by NPL/Owumi and Mohammed's own arbitrator.

But in a telephone interview with Trustsports both men said they were ready to go ahead with the case, and will therefore follow the processes to ensure that justice was done to their cases.

## We are ready for Argentina - Kanu

NIGERIA'S captain Nwankwo Kanu has assured Nigerians that the Eagles will not go into the World Cup, especially the opening group match against Argentina to pick balls, but to play all the way to an appreciable level Africa would be proud of.

Speaking on a BBC TV interview programme, Extra time,

the Eagles'skipper said, "We only have to have the belief and be positive. We don't go down to anybody because we have to show the world we're good especially on a big stage like the World Cup."

"In Nigeria, we can die because of football. Four years ago, we did not make it to the

World Cup, but luckily we will be in South Africa."

"This is a big opportunity for an African team especially as the tournament is being played in Africa. It is a chance for an African team to make a big impact - either to win the World Cup or at least get to the Final."

The Portsmouth forward said that the Eagles want to come out with something everybody could be proud of.

The Nigeria Football Association has already given new coach, Lars Lagerback, a semi-final target but Kanu who is in the twilight of his career said the Eagles can play all the way

and win the tournament.

"Nigeria will be one of the strongest African teams at the World Cup. On a good day, we can beat any team, be it Brazil or Argentina."

"There will be surprises at this World Cup and it won't be advisable for anybody to underestimate any team," said Kanu.

## Anti-Lulu protest fails

A march to protest against a second term for the president of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), Sani Lulu, failed to take place on Monday in Abuja as several personalities linked with the protest disassociated themselves from such an action.

A top NFF official told MTN-Football.com: "They just chickened out."

At the weekend, officials of the NFF alerted that a group planned to march to the offices of the National Assembly, the National Sports Commission (NSC) and the NFF to press that government stop the NFF leadership from seeking re-election in August.

However, the march did not hold as former NFF president, Ibrahim Galadima, as well as ex-international Segun Odegbami distanced themselves from it.

Galadima, for one, said he has been out of the country for over 10 days and so could not have been a party to such an action.

The Association of Professional Footballers of Nigeria (APFON) led by former international Dahiru Sadi equally disassociated themselves from the march, saying footballers in the country have never had it so good under the leadership of Lulu.

## Cricket body to renovate Liberty Stadium

NIGERIA Cricket Federation (NCF) will spend N2 million on the renovation of the cricket pitch of the Liberty Stadium, Ibadan.

Okon Ubong, the NCF Technical Director, said yesterday in Lagos that the project would begin on Friday.

Ubong said work on the project would start with the clearing of the pitch, adding that movement of equipment for the exercise to the site had started.

He blamed the stadium management for neglecting the cricket pitch for several years, leading to it being overgrown with weed.

The director said the clearing of the pitch would be followed by grading and added that planting of the grass would be the last.

He said the grass would be planted on a rainy day to ensure it germinated fast.

## Adamawa fiesta holds May 29

ATHLETES from all the 21 Local Government Councils in Adamawa will assemble in Yola on May 29 to begin the 4th State Sports Festival, according to a sports council statement.

The statement issued on Tuesday by the sports council's spokesman, Muhammed Paris, urged the local government chairmen and administrators to sponsor their athletes to the festival.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) quotes Paris as saying that winners in the various events would receive prizes.

# Send off for Eagles tomorrow

By Ismaila Lere

THE Super Eagles will be sent off to the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals in grand style tomorrow night in Abuja with President Goodluck Jonathan expected to deliver an address to the football Ambassadors.

Nigeria's political and corporate leaders as well as football administrators and fans will gather at the Congress Hall of the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja to bid farewell to the team and to reassure the players and officials of the nation's unwavering support, as it departs for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

The Eagles, back in the FIFA World Cup after missing the finals in Germany four years ago, head to London the following morning for a 10-day pre-World Cup camp and are expected to play two games in Europe against Saudi Arabia and Colombia.

The high profile dinner event

tagged 'Super Eagles Celebration Night', which is expected to be graced by His Excellency President Goodluck Jonathan, is aimed at inspiring and motivating the two-time African champions, one of the world's most favourite national football teams, and will be attended by the full contingent of the teams' 2010 FIFA World Cup squad.

NFF President Sani Lulu Abdullahi said the big night is an occasion for the nation's leaders to appreciate the team and also gear the players and officials up for the 19th FIFA World Cup finals, which is for the first time ever being staged on African soil.

"As official sponsors of the Super Eagles, Coca-Cola is proud to host this event as a platform for the entire nation to appreciate these heroes and to pledge the confidence and support of over 140 million compatriots, as the team gears up for the great battle ahead", said Austin Ufomba,

Coca-Cola Nigeria's Marketing Director.

"We at Coca-Cola are optimistic that the Super Eagles, imbued with the 'Naija' spirit, will be the team to beat in South Africa", he added.

Highpoints of the night will include address by President Goodluck Jonathan, live performance of the Super Eagles' 2010 World Cup song, video/audio documentary on the Eagles' march to the World Cup finals and live performance of the Nigerian remix of the Waving Flag, Coca-Cola's 2010 FIFA World Cup theme song originally done by Somali-born K'NAAN. The remix rendered by the duo of Nigeria's leading hip-hop stars, Banky W and MI, is dedicated to the Super Eagles and is a celebration of the 'Naija Spirit' - that unfazed sense of optimism, confidence and perseverance that drives the average Nigerian to thrive in spite of adversity.

The Super Eagles' send forth dinner marks another milestone in the growing scope and strength of Coca-Cola's partnership with the NFF for the promotion and development of football in Nigeria. Other areas of recent collaboration between the two organizations include the launch in 2009 of the Copa Coca-Cola U-17 grassroots football programme and Coca-Cola's N550million five-year contract with the NFF for sponsorship of Nigeria's men's national football teams.

It would be recalled that Coca-Cola kicked off its 2010 FIFA World Cup campaign in October 2009, with the FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour which gave thousands of Nigerians in Lagos and Abuja the rare opportunity to see the world's most coveted football icon live. It also became a platform for the Late President Umar Musa Yar'Adua to make history as the first Nigerian ever to touch and lift the World Cup trophy.



SUPER Eagles line up before an international engagement. The team will be sent off to the 2010 World Cup in grand style tomorrow night.

## Jumbo bonus for Eagles

SUPER Eagles stand to pocket a massive 700 million naira (about \$4.6 million) in allowances, appearance fees and win bonuses should they go all the way at next month's World Cup as skipper Nwankwo Kanu has predicted.

The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) have already proposed to the players a qualification bonus of 25% of the \$8 million Nigeria will receive for featuring in the first round of the 2010 World Cup.

In addition, the NFF have now projected they would also spend about 700 million naira in daily allowances, appearance fees and match bonuses if the Eagles reach

the World Cup final on July 11.

For instance, each of the 23 players who make the final cut for the tournament will be entitled to a daily allowance of \$200. A month's stay in South Africa would therefore mean that a player would receive \$6,000 alone in daily allowances.

The players will also be entitled to appearance fees as well as match bonus which graduate upwards as the Eagles progress at the World Cup.

However, coach Lars Lagerback will not receive any bonus in the first round of the World Cup. He would only receive a bonus when the Eagles reach the knock-

out stage of the championship.

"This will be the biggest pay day for the players in Nigerian football history, but they will have to earn it," a top official disclosed MTNFootball.com.

At the Africa Cup of Nations earlier this year in Angola, each squad member received about \$80,000 in combined payments as the Eagles placed third in the competition.

Nigeria are drawn in Group B with Argentina, Greece and South Korea in the first round of the World Cup and play their first game against Argentina on June 12 at the Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg.



LAGERBACK

## FOCUS ON: ENGLAND

# When will England win another World Cup?

By Ibraheem A. Fatai

ENGLAND are one of seven national teams to have won the FIFA World Cup, which they did in 1966 when they hosted the finals. They defeated West Germany 4-2 in extra time in the final. Since then their best performance at a World Cup was reaching the semi-finals in 1990, where they lost to West Germany on penalties.

England qualified for the 2010 World Cup by winning their first eight matches, including 4-1 and 5-1 victories against Croatia, who beat England two years earlier, preventing them from qualifying for Euro 2008. Their sole defeat was in Ukraine after qualification had been secured.

The 1990s saw four England managers, each in the role for a relatively brief period. Graham Taylor was Robson's successor, but left after England failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup. At Euro 96, held in England, Terry Venables led England to their best performance at a European Championship, reaching the semi-finals.

Sven-Goran Eriksson took charge of the team between 2001 and 2006 and was the first non-English manager of England. Despite controversial press coverage of his personal life, Eriksson was consistently popular with the majority of fans. He guided England to the quarter-finals of the 2002 World Cup and 2006 World Cup.

He lost only five competitive matches during his tenure and England rose to a No.4 world ranking under his guidance. His contract was extended by the Football Association by two years; however it was terminated by them at the conclusion of the

2006 World Cup.

Steve McClaren was appointed as head coach. His reign yielded little success, with England failing to qualify for Euro 2008. McClaren resigned on November 22, 2007, after only 16 months in charge. This made him the shortest-lasting full-time England manager since the inauguration of the post in 1946. He was later replaced by Fabio Capello, who orchestrated a smooth World Cup qualifying campaign for the Three Lions.

Most of the Three Lions are in the form of their life. Apart from Wayne Rooney and Rio Ferdinand who is still battling with fitness, Frank Lampard, Ashley Cole, Steven Gerrard, John Terry, Peter Crouch, Jermain Defoe, Aaron Lennon, Gareth Barry, Michael Carrick, James Milner, Theo Walcott and ageless goalkeeper, David James, will make it very difficult for any team to underrate what England are capable of doing in South Africa.

## THE SQUAD

England is blessed with talented footballers, but on the big stage, when much is expected from them, they falter to the chagrin of their vociferous fans. Since when the Three Lions won the most coveted trophy in World football in 1966, England only came close to winning it in 1990.

Apart from that, the Three Lions got to the quarter-finals in the 1970, 1986, 2002 and 2006 World Cup. In the last two editions, England paraded some of the best legs, but they could not re-enact the superlative performances which made their clubs hero-worship them.

The likes of Ashley Cole, Steven Gerrard, Rio Ferdinand, John Terry, Frank



CAPELLO has guided The Three Lions to a smooth World Cup qualification, but will they triumph in South Africa?

Lampard, Wayne Rooney, Joe Cole and a host of others, who played in the Germany 2006, could not take England beyond the quarter-finals stage, losing to Portugal 3-1 on penalty.

With close to half of the members of the 2006 squad likely to make it to the 2010 game, South Africa may provide a platform for the Three Lions to dump their underachievers' posture.

England will vie for the second round berth against the United States of America, Algeria and Slovenia in Group C. The Three Lions are expected to qualify from the group, but not without sustaining some bruises from the USA in particular, considering their giant-killing performance in the Confederations Cup in South Africa.

## ROAD TO SOUTH AFRICA

The resignation of McClaren after failing to lead the Three Lions to Euro in 2008 brought in Fabio Capello, who changed the attitude of the entire team. A disciplinarian to the core, Capello's piloted the easiest World Cup qualifying campaign in the history of England.

The same boys that failed under McClaren become a bunch that most Britons are proud of. He picked players based on their current form, not based on their past performances for the country. That explains why one of the Three Lions' all-time high goal scorers, Michael Owen, have been left out of the team.

Under Capello, England won all but one of their qualifying games for the 2010 World Cup. A 5-1 victory over Croatia at Wembley ensured the team qualified for the final tournament with two games to spare, a feat that had never been achieved before.

England qualified for the 2010 World Cup by winning their first eight matches, including 4-1 and 5-1 victories against Croatia, who beat England two years prior, preventing them from qualifying for Euro 2008. Their sole defeat was in Ukraine after qualification had been secured.

## KEY PLAYERS:

Rooney became the youngest player to have ever played for England when he earned his first cap in a friendly against Australia on February 12, 2003 at seven-

teen, the same age in which he also became the youngest player to score an England goal. Arsenal youngster, Theo Walcott, however, broke Rooney's appearance record by 36 days in June 2006.

His first tournament action was at Euro 2004, in which he became the youngest scorer in competition history on June 17, 2004, when he scored twice against Switzerland.

A notable feature of the South Africa 2010 campaign has been the goals of Wayne Rooney, eight in seven games (all in the last six). With two in the friendly against Slovakia in March 2009, Rooney has scored ten goals in his last eight England games.

One of the most creative midfielders of our time, Steven Gerrard scored his first international goal in the famous 5-1 victory over Germany in a 2002 World Cup qualifier in September 2001, and while England qualified, Gerrard was forced to pull out of the squad due to his groin problems after pulling up in Liverpool's final match of the season against Ipswich.

Gerrard helped England qualify for the 2010 FIFA World Cup when he scored two goals as England defeated Croatia 5-1 at Wembley.

## THE COACH

After McClaren's failure to reach the UEFA Euro 2008, the FA began a search for a new manager. On the December 14, 2007, Fabio Capello, former manager of AC Milan, Real Madrid,

AS Roma and Juventus, was named the new manager of England, the second foreign manager to take the post.

The England team enjoyed more success under Capello. On top of this, they won all of their first eight matches in their 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaign. For the first time, the team qualified for the World Cup with two qualifying games to spare.

England opened Capello's first competitive campaign with a 2-0 victory over Andorra, in Barcelona, on September 6, 2008. Four days later, England played Croatia, the team that had qualified for the previous competition at their expense.

England won 4-1; Arsenal's Theo Walcott was particularly impressive in scoring three goals. The next qualification game was at Wembley just over a month later, on October 11, against Kazakhstan.

The game remained goalless at half-time, but England went on to win 5-1. A fourth straight win on October 15 made this England's best ever start to a World Cup qualifying campaign as they beat Belarus 3-1.

On 1, April 2009, England beat Ukraine 2-1 at Wembley. On 6 June, they travelled to Almaty to beat Kazakhstan 4-0, and four days later, they returned to Wembley to beat Andorra again 6-0, making it seven wins out of seven in this qualification campaign.



ROONEY ... England's talisman will aim for the Golden Boots.



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## El-Rufa'i's "arrogance"

Malam Nasir el-Rufa'i, the former minister of the Federal Capital Territory and, until recently, a fugitive from the law, was part of a government delegation from Kaduna State which visited President Goodluck Jonathan, penultimate Tuesday, to condole him over the death, May 5, of President Umaru Shehu Yar'adua.

The inclusion of el-Rufa'i on that delegation was unwise and improper, to say the least. But even more unwise and improper was the reception he – and the former EFCC boss, Malam Nuhu Ribadu, who was also a fugitive from the law until government recently withdrew its charges against him – got from the president while he was in the United States last month at the invitation of President Barack Obama. The reception was unwise and improper for the obvious reason that the two former public officers were fugitives from the law. And it did not matter whether or not the charges against them were politically motivated, as they and their supporters have argued.

It also did not matter that, based on the doctrine of fairness, they were possibly innocent until proven guilty. A country's president is the executor-in-chief of its laws and for that reason alone he should never keep the company of those the State has accused of breaking its laws before they have been cleared of the charges against them.

As if to justify his dubious visit to Aso Villa, el-Rufa'i, never one to shy away from self-promotion, launched a tirade of sorts against those who have been objecting to putative plans by President Jonathan to contest next year's presidential elections against existing agreement of the ruling PDP that had reserved, wrongly in my view, the presidential candidature of the party to the North until 2015.

"I don't believe in presidency by allocation," he told press correspondents in the Villa. "Everybody is free to contest any election anywhere." Earlier in an interview in *The Guardian* of April 14, he had expressed pretty much the same sentiment. "You cannot," he said, "honestly have a democracy where certain groups are excluded from contesting because of their religion or geographical area."

The former FCT minister is right that zoning is undemocratic because it restricts choice on grounds that are illogical. Problem is, like his godfather, President Olusegun Obasanjo, he, at least on this matter, has been preaching one-thing and practising the opposite.

In case he has forgotten he ought to be reminded that back in December 2006 ahead of the 2007 elections he told the world in far away Washington DC that the PDP's presidential candidate would be between 44 and 55 years of age. At that time everyone knew he had his eyes on the job. And when eventually it became clear to him that he would not get it he, by his own admission, supported Yar'adua who was in that obviously arbitrary age bracket.

That amounted to zoning by age. Surely this was no less discriminatory than zoning by creed or by geography which he says he is against. Yet it seems the man still believes the nonsense about the imperative of the Newbreed completely taking charge of our politics if Nigeria is to prosper, as if the will, competence and integrity needed for such prosperity is a matter of age.

"I am 50 years old," he said in *The Guardian* inter-

view in question, "and I prefer to support and promote younger people to run for public office and be appointed to senior government positions."

However, his apparent belief in zoning by age seems to be just that – more apparent than real. For, almost in the same breath that he expressed his faith in the so-called Newbreed, he talked about the possibility of contesting for elective office. "And if," he said, "I decide to return to public service, I would prefer an elective office rather than appointive office."

There is, in other words, something basically dishonest about el-Rufa'i's position on zoning as there is about so many other things he has often pontificated on. First, on zoning itself it is obvious that his position is based less on principles that on a desire to curry favour with the president. Otherwise he would not condemn zoning by geography and support it by age.

Second on the issue of his political ambitions he knows that the question is not if he wants to return to public office, elective or otherwise, but when. An evidence of

this is that, unlike his good friend, Nuhu Ribadu, who has been quiet since his return from self-exile, el-Rufa'i has kept delight in talking to the press since his own return from self-exile.

Not only has he been talking so much to the press, articles canvassing for him to get a top job in the new dispensation are begging to appear in newspapers. Only the other day *Leadership*, beginning from May 17, published a two-part article by one M. Dooba entitled "The Power Crisis: Three Reasons Why El-Rufa'i Can Solve It." The article painted the man in superlative colours. El-Rufa'i, the author said, will bring our energy crisis to an end because, first, his previous record is excellent, second, because "it is difficult to find a Nigerian who equals his fearlessness," and, third, because of "his arrogance."

Without going in to the merit of these reasons, it is obvious from the man's numerous press interviews that he truly believes he has the personal integrity, competence and self-will to solve all the problems of this country. For example, in an interview in *The Guardian* of December 12, last year before his return from self-exile, he castigated the Yar'adua regime for trying to discredit his past record.

"They," he said, "are clueless, self-serving, corrupt and incompetent – debilitating conditions that have made them desperate to reduce us to their pathetic level by shredding our reputations and belittling our record of performance."

His record as a minister may be one of the best among his colleagues – which, come to think of it, is not saying much, giving the generally poor performance of our public officers – but these harsh words about Yar'adua was truly rich coming from someone who could not, for example, defend his administration of land in the Federal Capital Territory or defend his highly questionable privatization of NITEL beyond arrogantly telling the world that he owed no one any apology for doing the things he did as a result of which he has since become fabulously wealthy – at least wealthy enough to afford expensive international lawyers who publish pamphlets extolling his virtues and dismissing all accusations against him as the machinations of envious political opponents.

"I don't believe in presidency by allocation," he told press correspondents in the Villa. "Everybody is free to contest any election anywhere." Earlier in an interview in *The Guardian* of April 14, he had expressed pretty much the same sentiment.

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HASSAN Shehata, Egypt coach with the victorious Pharaohs in Angola

## FIFA bans Egypt from Cairo

FIFA has banned Egypt from playing in Cairo for two World Cup qualifiers after fans attacked Algeria's team before a match.

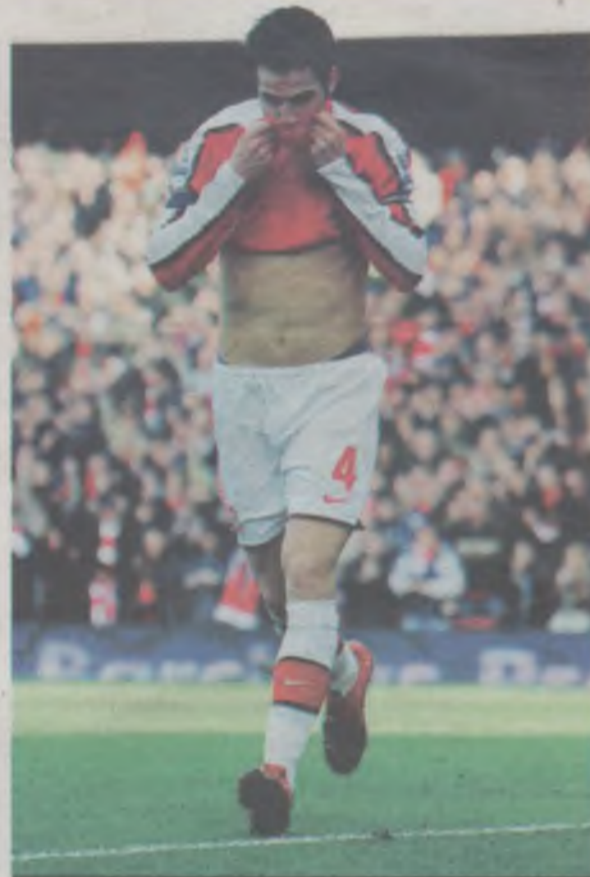
FIFA ruled yesterday that Egypt must stage its first two home matches in qualifying for the 2014 finals at least 100 kilometers (62 miles) from the capital.

FIFA's disciplinary panel said Egypt's fed-

eration failed to ensure the Algeria's delegation safety before a World Cup qualifier last November.

Three players were injured by broken glass when fans hurled rocks at Algeria's team bus being driven from the airport.

Egypt failed to make the Cairo International Stadium secure and allowed too many spectators inside, FIFA said.



CESC Fabregas wants Barcelona return

## Fabregas: I want to go back to Barca

Cesc Fabregas is understood to have told Arsene Wenger that he wants to leave Arsenal for Barcelona this summer.

The midfielder flew into London from Spain for face-to-face talks with his boss following Barca's confirmation that they hoped to re-sign him before the World Cup starts.

However, insiders say the Catalans are reluctant to pay more than £30million for the 23-year-old and will look to offer players in part-exchange.

