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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Make time for yourself...
stop letting yourself be
pulled in all directions



- Marcus Aurelius

AFRICAN SAYINGS

"When the shepherd comes home in peace, the milk is sweet"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

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

PRAYERS TIMES

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PRAYERS	ABUJA	ENUGU	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	LAGOS	MAIDUGURI	P/HARCOURT	SOKOTO
FAJR	5:39	5:37	5:40	5:39	5:44	5:54	5:22	5:37	5:53
DHUHR	12:49	12:49	12:49	12:44	12:48	01:06	12:27	12:52	12:56
ASR	4:06	4:06	4:06	4:01	4:05	4:23	3:44	4:09	4:13
MAGHRIB	6:36	6:41	6:38	6:31	6:34	6:59	6:14	6:45	6:45
ISHA	7:39	7:45	7:42	7:35	7:38	8:03	7:18	7:49	7:49

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

Returnees rehabilitated in Gaboru in Ngala Local Government Area of Borno State after Governor Babagana Umara Zulum spent three days with them

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GAINERS	LEARNAFRCA	MORISON	RTBRISCOE	VERITASKAP	NASCON	LOSERS	BERGER	CHIPLC	JAIZBANK	INTBREW	ETI
OPEN	N1.81	N2.18	N0.46	N0.23	N14.50	OPEN	N7.55	N0.62	N0.67	N5.10	N12.15
CLOSE	0.16	0.19	0.04	0.02	1.25	CLOSE	-0.80	-0.03	-0.03	-0.15	-0.35
CHANGE	9.70%	9.55%	9.52%	9.52%	9.43%	CHANGE	-9.58%	-4.62%	-4.29%	-2.86%	-2.80%

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IN-DEPTH

Excitement, caution as Qatar Airways adds Kano, Port Harcourt to routes



From Clement A. Oloyede (Kano) & Abdullateef Aliyu (Lagos)

There are mixed feelings in the aviation business community especially in Kano, following the planned commencement of flights to Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport (MAKIA) by Qatar Airways, a Star Alliance member.

From March, Qatar Airways is expected to land in Kano as part of its expansion of frequencies to Nigeria amidst excitement from members of the business community in the state who have over the years lamented the limited flight options in the commercial capital of Northern Nigeria.

However, to aviation pundits, the announcement does not evoke any excitement. In fact, they see it as further exploitation of the domestic air transportation market to the detriment of the domestic players.

Qatar Airways has been advertising Kano-Port Harcourt flights which commence March 2 in Kano.

Daily Trust reports that the flights would increase the frequencies of the airline to 21 daily flights from the present 14. The airline currently flies daily to Lagos and Abuja. The addition of Kano and Port Harcourt is expected to be a tag flight as part of the determination of the airline to connect more cities in Nigeria.

In a tag flight, an aircraft makes a stop in the first city and continues to the next, before making the journey in reverse. This means that the airline would pick passengers from Kano, then proceed to Port Harcourt before heading to the final destination. This is akin to the operation of Air France back then in Port Harcourt.

Daily Trust reports that several businessmen had in the past lamented how they missed crucial international flights by having to go through Abuja or Lagos, citing the ineffectiveness of domestic flights which sometimes

delayed or cancelled flights.

Earlier in the year, several Kano residents protested to the office of Azman Air for the cancellation of their early morning flight without proper warning.

Some of those that participated in the protest said they had international flights to catch in Lagos for medical, academic or business activities outside the country but missed their flights because of the disappointment from the domestic airlines.

This is why they are excited about the increased slots by Qatar Airways. And with Qatar coming to Kano, it would be the third airline, in addition to Egypt Air and Ethiopian Airlines, operating to the state.

Alhaji Dalhatu Abubakar, the President of Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA) said the Kano business community is eagerly looking forward to the presence of Qatar Airways in the state.

He said airline business has been on the low for a while now because of insecurity; to connect an international flight you have to go either through Abuja or Lagos.

"When Qatar Air finally starts flying from and to Kano, it will change this. They will get more patronage because our people don't want to fly through other states (Abuja and Lagos). Our people are ready. But you know they are scared of going to Abuja or Lagos (because of the insecurity)," he said.

He added that Kano has many international business people, especially those travelling to Dubai.

He appealed to the federal government to commission the newly constructed international wing of MAKIA, saying that would further encourage travellers and bring more international airlines to the state with the attendant economic advantage it will bring to Kano and the nation at large.

Also speaking, Alhaji Sufiyanu Ali

Madugu, National Vice President, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), said it is a very good initiative and opportunity for Kano to have additional linkage to the outside world.

"We pray and hope that Kano people will really patronise this airline and there is need for an initiative from Kano. And it is good if it's from the government like for the state government to reach out to neighbouring states and carry out a campaign that their governments should channel all their travelling through Kano so that anybody who is travelling officially will go through Kano.

"It is easier for them to go through Kano and come back to Kano. And another major thing to bring to their (other northern states) knowledge is that unless Kano airport is well developed, their airports too would never develop.

"So the traffic in Kano is what will make other domestic flights fly more frequently to their states.

"Now, everybody is talking of Abuja alone and you will find out that government travel is through Abuja and even we the locals, some of us that are not conscious of developing Kano still go to Abuja to travel.

"For this airline to have a very good initiative to come to Kano, we want them to stay, not just come and spend 3-4-5 months and couldn't their passengers. They are not Father Christmas so they will just stop," he said.

Also excited about the prospects of Qatar Airways in Kano is another international businessman in the state, Alhaji Sani Hussein Sale, who said because of the strategic position Kano holds in the country, and even West Africa, any airline that adds the city to its route will benefit a lot.

"In the past, we had a lot of issues especially in Kano and other northern parts of the country when you want to travel for any business, be it Europe, Asia or any other place.

"We had to go through Abuja or Lagos and that adds costs, extra expenses and stress especially for businessmen and manufacturers," he said.

However, some aviation experts say they are not excited about the flights as they would further exploit the already lopsided commercial agreements.

Aviation analyst, retired Group Capt. John Ojikutu said, "Kano-PH-Doha is okay provided the airline does not include Lagos and Abuja. If it does, or is approved by anyone in the administration of our government, I call it a unilateral decision and exploitation of commonwealth to our domestic airlines.

"It is nothing but an exploitation of the BASA and the Commercial Agreements. The exploitation is in connivance with the officials in the administration of our government."

Mr. Olumide Ohunayo, Director of Research and Strategy, Zenith Travels, said there is nothing to be excited about the new flights.

According to him, the additional frequencies for Qatar Airways are not in the best interest of the country.

He said, "This is nothing to cheer about. We were clapping two months ago over what the government did by fighting for Air Peace to get its slots in Dubai which is a necessity.

"Government did not go out of the norm to do what they did. Yet in January this year, we saw these multiple frequencies to Qatar Airways and the lopsided appointment by the minister of Aviation."

He noted that it has become a norm for state governments to advocate for foreign airlines to fly into their capitals but noted that the development does not make economic sense as it kills the market for the domestic airlines.

Ohunayo noted that Qatar Airways could have operated the same flights through interlining and codeshare agreements with the domestic airlines.

"That same flight could have landed in Abuja and gotten an Azman flight to take them there or any other airline based in Kano to do a charter flight and bring those going to Qatar back to Abuja. Everything would have been built in the ticket fare," he said.

Qatar Airways had stated recently that it would explore codeshare and interlining agreements with some domestic airlines in its expansion drive to some Nigerian cities.

"It is something that we consistently look at and monitor. Like I said, at first, we started flying back to Nigeria once a day, which we then increased to two flights a day and we tagged Abuja to it because initially, Abuja was a tag flight via Lagos. We then de-tagged Abuja when we saw that there was a bigger demand.

"We saw that there was opportunity for us to have direct flights into Abuja and as more markets were opening up, we started Kano and Port Harcourt. Obviously, we constantly monitor the market, so if there are opportunities that come up, we will explore further," said Hendrik du Preez, Qatar Airways VP, Africa, in a recent statement.

Senate passes bill to establish safety investigation bureau

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate yesterday passed the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment) Bill 2021 following the consideration of a report by the Committee on Aviation.

The committee's chairman, Senator Smart Adeyemi (Kogi West), said the bill sought to provide an effective and institutional framework for the prevention, regulation and administration of safety investigation of transportation occurrences in Nigeria, and anywhere Nigerian interest is involved or the transportation vehicle is a Nigerian carrier.

"Also, the purpose of the bill is to enable investigative activities and promote safety through the conduct of transparent, independent and objective investigations in all cases of accident involving any of the current mode of transport in the country," Adeyemi said.

He noted that the bill's passage and assent into law would, amongst others, facilitate quick investigation of accidents, create much safer environment and reduce death rates across the country.

Buhari off to Belgium for EU-AU Summit

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday left Abuja to join European and other African leaders as well as heads of multilateral organisations at the 6th European Union-African Union Summit in Brussels, Belgium.

A presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement, said the summit, which would be held from February 17 to 18, would have the participants deliberate on themes currently affecting the world, including Financing for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth; Climate Change and Energy Transition, Digital and Transport (Connectivity and Infrastructure); Peace, Security and Governance; and Private Sector Support and Economic Integration.

Others, according to him, are Education, Culture and Vocational Training, Migration and Mobility; Agriculture and Sustainable Development and Health Systems and Vaccine Production.

Shehu said the president would use the opportunity of the meeting to have other bilateral engagements.

Buhari is expected back in the country on Saturday.

Drug dealing: NDLEA grills Kyari, others

By Abbas Jimoh

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency yesterday interrogated the detained DCP Abba Kyari, the suspended commander of the Intelligence Response Team at the Force Intelligence Bureau, over alleged drug dealings.

Others quizzed were the four officers arrested alongside Kyari.

The NDLEA, it was learnt, was planning to conclude the interrogations this week.

NDLEA spokesman, Femi Babafemi, when contacted on the next line of action, said: "Investigation is ongoing.

We gave an assurance in our statement on Monday that no stone will be left unturned to ensure that all suspects already in custody and those that may still be indicted in the course of the investigation will face the full wrought of the law at the end of the ongoing probe and that still stands.

"If anyone has concrete information or evidence, our doors are open."

Babafemi said there would be no cover-up for anyone involved in the alleged drug dealing.

He urged Nigerians to be patient on the ongoing investigation.



■ INEC Chairman Prof. Mahmood Yakubu with Resident Electoral Commissioners during their meeting in Abuja yesterday
Photo: Felix Onigbinde

FG to engage govts on right-of-way to hasten power projects

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Minister of Power, Abubakar Aliyu, says the Federal Government is working with state governors to address the problem of right-of-way which, according to him, is delaying power projects' execution.

He said this in Abuja yesterday while receiving the leadership of Eko Electricity Distribution Company.

He said the government might engage the governors through their forum to address the problem for timely completion of power projects.

He said the government was taking inventory of all the right-of-way challenges nationwide to engage state governors.

He commended Eko DisCo for being the best in terms of financial performance and urged others to emulate it.

He, however, challenged Eko Disco to heighten customer care and boost confidence.

The minister said currently, there were over 100 ongoing projects by the Transmission Company of Nigeria that would help in addressing power theft and ensure grid stability.

Chairman, Eko DisCo, Dere Otubu, said they visited to congratulate the minister and encourage him to do more for improved power supply in Nigeria.

He solicited the minister's support for increased power capacity for the company.

Clerk defies retirement, performs duties at Senate plenary

By Abdullateef Salau

A retired Clerk of the Senate, Ibrahim Dauda El-Ladan, yesterday defied retirement and performed official duties at the Senate's plenary.

The National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) had written to El-Ladan, asking him to proceed on retirement from February 9.

NASC Chairman, Ahmed Kadi Amshi, in a letter addressed to El-Ladan, had

asked him to hand over to the Deputy Clerk, Senate (Legislative), Ilobah Isabella Ugochi.

The letter partly read: "The commission at its 547th meeting held on Wednesday, 9th February, 2022, has approved your retirement from service with effect from 9th February, 2022.

"The commission wishes to acknowledge your immense contribution to the growth and development of the National

Assembly Service."

Despite the communication, El-Ladan defied retirement and performed official duties at plenary yesterday.

Director of Information, NASC, Janeth Manbula, did not respond to phone calls put through to her line.

But a staffer of the commission said El-Ladan's action amounted to gross misconduct and that disciplinary action would be taken against him in line with public service rules.

Colleges of education lecturers threaten to join ASUU strike

By Idowu Isamotu

Barely 24 hours after the Academic Staff Union of Universities began a one-month warning strike, the Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU) vowed to join the ASUU's industrial action.

COEASU President, Smart Olugbeko, told reporters in Abuja yesterday that the union would in few weeks call its National Executive Council meeting

to take necessary actions as permissible by the Trade Union Act if the government fails to do the needful.

He alleged that the Federal Government's lackadaisical attitude to agreements with unions showed it had preference for crises in the education sector.

Olugbeko listed the union's grouses as renegotiation of the 2009 Agreement, "the imposition of IPPIS", among others.

"The various efforts made

by the union to make the government live up to its promise have not yielded any positive result.

"Our Union has been careful in deploying the instrumentality of strike to resolve the issues which we believe can be resolved through dialogue, but it seems this government has a preference for crisis as has shown in its dealings with unions that it has no respect for peaceful resolution of issues," he said.

'Inflated' nominal rolls: Reps summon SGF, Finance Minister, HoS

● ICPC blocks N189bn unspent funds in MDAs

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee on Anti-Corruption and Public Service Matters yesterday summoned the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha;

the Minister of Finance, Zainab Ahmed and heads of MDAs over

alleged abuse and inflation of nominal rolls.

The chairman of the joint committee, Dachung Musa Bagos, said the committee would write to all the agencies that shunned its sitting.

Earlier, the representative of the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related

offences Commission, Bako Nathan, said the ICPC had been investigating allegations of corrupt practices in various MDAs and had blocked billions of naira kept to shortchange the government over the years.

He said the commission blocked N42bn unspent funds in 2019 and N147bn in 2020.

Others summoned by the committee included the Head

of the Service of the Federation, the Accountant-General of the Federation, the Auditor-General for the Federation and the Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission.

Others were the Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Character Commission (FCC) and the Officer in Charge of IPPIS.

Motorists groan as petrol sells N600/litre in Abuja

By Simon E. Sunday,
Faruk Shuaibu, Seun Adeuyi
(Abuja), Abubakar Akote
(Minna), Salim U. Ibrahim,
Sadiq Adamu (Kano), Victor
Edozie (Port Harcourt) &
Eugene Agha (Lagos)



■ Stranded passengers in Abuja yesterday

Photo: Felix Onigbinde

Commuters and motorists are lamenting as the scarcity of petrol bites harder across the country, *Daily Trust* reports.

Findings reveal that a litre is sold for as high as N600 at the parallel or 'black' market in Abuja instead of between N162 and N165.

In Kano, Lagos and Port Harcourt, it costs between N250 and N400 even as many passengers were stranded as commercial transporters increased fares by up to 150 per cent.

Daily Trust recalls that queues at filling stations got worse since last week when the news of adulterated fuel spread across the nation. It was learnt that about 100 million litres of adulterated Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) was reportedly supplied to Nigeria, a development that prompted President Muhammadu Buhari to order for a probe.

The Chief Executive Officer/Group Managing Director of NNPC Ltd, Mallam Mele Kyari, had confirmed last week that NNPC could restore sanity in the supply and distribution chain but this has remained elusive.

Fuel scarcity may affect inflation - NBS

The Statistician-General of the Federation, Dr Simon Harry, said on Tuesday that the fuel crisis in the country could affect the inflation figure of February if not tamed.

Dr Harry, at a press briefing, noted that the scarcity would create an artificial shock in the economy that would see an increase in costs of goods and services.

"Whether we like it or not, transporters will be taking advantage of the situation, thereby increasing the cost of transportation.

"As you are bringing your commodities to the market for sale, you will be thinking of adding

some amount on the selling cost so that you will be able to recover the cost of transportation.

"So that gives us a negative signal that is capable of affecting not just inflation rate, but also other macro-economic variables such as the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and even the unemployment rate," he said.

Queues persist

Queues have continued to grow as some petroleum marketers admitted scanty loading of the product from depots.

Commuters in Abuja were stranded and expressed dismay during interviews with our reporters yesterday. They asked NNPC and other stakeholders to tell Nigerians the real problem.

Black marketers who sold the product in jerry-cans remained the easily accessible suppliers. They sold at between N500/litre and N600/litre, depending on location and the customer's bargaining power.

It was observed that most filling stations along Kubwa, Berger, Wuse and other satellite areas of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were not dispensing the product to motorists.

From Kubwa in Abuja to Zuba in Niger and Mararaba in Nasarawa, among other locations, hundreds of commuters were seen stranded at bus stops while others trekked.

"We thought that Nigeria has gone past this stage, unfortunately here we are again. Yesterday, I had to pay N500 from Area 1 to Kubwa, which ordinarily should not cost more than N250," a commuter, Omobolaji said.

Bolt and UBER drivers have also officially increased their charges.

Activities hampered in Lagos

The current scarcity of petrol in Lagos State is taking a toll on residents with traffic on the LASU-Egbeda Expressway created by queues at the few stations dispensing the product.

Petrol was sold at the normal rate at NNPC fuel stations yesterday while other stations sold for between N180 and N200. However, in some areas of Lagos, a litre was sold for between N200 and N250.

At the Alaba Rago area of Ojo, a hawker, Abdullahi Adamu, sold a litre for N250. "Stations with petrol sell at night. At times they open to buyers like us around midnight. The extra money we put is for the

trouble we went through searching for petrol," he said.

In Kano, vehicles along major streets of the metropolis were fewer yesterday, leaving many residents and commuters stranded.

While many filling stations were closed, the few operating had queues of cars, tricycles, motorcycles and also individuals who thronged them trying to get fuel.

Despite the challenges of waiting for hours to get fuel, some of the filling stations providing the service had increased their pump price, selling for as high as N200 per litre.

Malam Audu Kurum, a commuter, lamented how the fuel scarcity has upset his routine.

He said, "I was in the filling station from morning to early evening on the long queue."

Also, Abdullahi Muhammad, a tricycle rider lamented how he had to buy fuel at N190 per litre at one of the fuel stations.

Other filling stations visited were littered with jerry cans belonging to black marketers who sold the product for between N300 and N400 per litre.

A customer, Abubakar Sadeeq

said, "Some filling stations preferred selling to black marketers because of the commission they get from them."

The scarcity was also felt in Rivers State where vehicular queues had returned to many fuel stations, especially in Port Harcourt with petrol selling at N180 per litre.

1bn litres in stock, 2.3bn arriving - NNPC

In reaction to the worsening petrol scarcity nationwide, NNPC Ltd said it had over one billion litres of petrol in stock while over 2.3 billion litres would arrive at the ports soon.

In a statement on Tuesday, the Group Executive Director, NNPC Downstream, Adeyemi Adetunji, said the company understood the current fuel supply disruptions in many parts of the country.

"To address the situation, over 2.3 billion litres will arrive between now and the end of February 2022. This will restore the sufficiency level above the national target of 30 days," he said.

"To accelerate PMS distribution across the country, NNPC has commenced 24 hours operations at its depots and retail outlets," he also said.

Adulterated fuel: Buhari didn't query NMDPRA boss - Presidency

President Muhammadu Buhari did not order that a query be issued to the Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Farouk Ahmed, over the importation of adulterated fuel.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that a national newspaper on February 9 published a story, credited to an unnamed source, that President Buhari, who doubles as Minister of Petroleum, directed the Minister of State, Timipre Sylva, to issue a query to the NMDPRA boss over the

incident.

However, an authoritative source in the Presidency confirmed to State House correspondents that nothing of such ever happened.

The competent Presidency source, on Tuesday, stressed the need to set the records straight, saying:

"There was no directive to issue a query. What Mr President is interested in is for all the stakeholders to team up, and resolve the issue that has brought untold hardship to Nigerians, who queue hours on end to get petrol.

"The President is aware that the Minister of State, the Chief

Executive Officer of NNPC Ltd, Mele Kyari, the NMDPRA Head, and everyone involved, are working together to resolve the issues, at the shortest possible time."

He added that what was uppermost in the mind of the president was the restoration of smooth supply of quality petrol to Nigerians, "and not recriminations or blame game.

"Forget the story of any query being issued. It is not correct. Yes, Mr President is unhappy with what happened, but he didn't direct that a query be issued. The story is not correct," the source affirmed. (NAN)

Convention: Buhari cancels meeting with APC govts

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday cancelled a meeting with the Progressive Governors' Forum (PGF) at the Presidential Villa in Abuja.

The focus of the meeting that was called off was believed to be on the forthcoming convention of the All Progressives Congress (APC), especially issues around the modalities and the setting up of sub-committees to ensure the success of the exercise.

Daily Trust learnt that most of the APC governors had arrived Abuja on Monday for the Tuesday meeting before they heard of the cancellation through the PGF secretariat.

The chairman of the Nigeria Governors Forum, Kayode Fayemi; the chairman of the Northern Governors Forum and Governor of Plateau State,

Simon Lalong; Ben Ayade (Cross River) and Nasir El-Rufai (Kaduna) had arrived the Presidential Villa for the meeting that was not listed as part of the president's itinerary for the day.

Governors Hope Uzodinma of Imo State and Yahaya Bello of Kogi State, who had scheduled meetings with the president, were said to have equally prepared to attend the meeting believed to have been called off because it was almost Buhari's departure time for the trip to Belgium.

Meanwhile, the president yesterday received the Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Omo-Agege and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ahmed Idris Wase at the State House, Abuja who jointly headed the Constitution Review Committee.

LGs can't collect business premises levies, Enugu court declares

From Tony Adibe, Enugu

An Enugu State High Court presided over by Justice Cyprian Ajah, yesterday declared that local governments lacked the power to collect business premises levies.

The judge made the declaration while delivering judgement in a case filed by Dr Afam Edeh against Enugu East Local Government and its official, Obinna Okafor, in

Suit No: E/257/2020.

He awarded N1m against Enugu East Local Government and held that it was illegal for any local government in Nigeria to "collect business premises levies from citizens."

Justice Ajah said such power had been donated to the state by the "Taxes and Levies (Approved list for collection) Act, Cap T2 Laws of the Federation 2011", made by the National Assembly pursuant to sections 7 and

8, of Part 11, of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As amended).

"It is, therefore, illegal for any local government in Nigeria to collect business premises levies."

An Enugu-based human rights group, the Civil Rights Realisation and Advancement Network (CRRAN) had filed the suit on May 27, 2020 on behalf of Edeh, a consultant surgeon and proprietor of His Grace Medical Center.

Man sets self ablaze to protest seizure of vehicle by LASTMA

From Eugene Agha Lagos

There was a mild drama yesterday at Ajao Estate area of Lagos when a bus driver set himself on fire to prevent officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) from impounding his vehicle.

It was learnt that the driver was arrested for allegedly violating the state traffic laws.

Witnesses said while the driver was trying to see how he could remedy the situation by begging the traffic officers, one of them forcefully took over the steering wheel from him.

Noticing what was about to happen to him, the commercial bus driver grabbed a Jerry can filled with petrol that was in the bus and emptied its content on himself.

He was said to have

brought out a lighter from his pocket and set himself ablaze.

Some of the witnesses said that they heard the driver saying that it was better to die than to live and watch his only means of livelihood taken away from him.

On seeing what was happening to their colleague, other drivers sympathetic to his course converged and started pelting the LASTMA officials with stones.

Soon the drivers were joined by urchins also known as area boys to attack the state government officials.

Other drivers parked their buses and tried to put out the fire on the burning man.

One of the drivers who simply gave his name as Kazeem said the situation caused heavy traffic and pandemonium as motorists abandoned their vehicles while commuters

scattered for safety.

He said that the driver was rushed to the hospital," but I don't think he will survive the burns. The damage done on him was colossal."

Another driver simply identified as Wadada, said the LASTMA officials were treating them like slaves.

"They arrest us at any slightest mistake. As they are chasing us like cats pursuing mice, so also motor touts and local government officials chasing us up and down. They extort us without mercy."

The spokesman of LASTMA, Olumide Filade, had not responded to calls or text message sent to him on the issue as of press time. The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Adekunle Ajisebutu, promised to call back on the issue but had not done so as of press time.

NSCDC men beat journalist covering students protest in Osun

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Men of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps yesterday harassed journalists and beat up a correspondent of The Nation, Toba Adedeji, while covering a protest by students at the NSCDC headquarters in Osogbo, the state capital.

One of the overzealous NSCDC personnel accosted Adedeji at the scene and queried him.

Despite the fact that the reporter identified himself, this did not stop the NSCDC men from beating him for allegedly being "rude to a senior officer."

While other journalists were trying to rescue Adedeji, one of the civil defence personnel threatened to "waste" them.

Narrating his ordeal, Adedeji said, "I was standing under the shade at the entrance of the NSCDC command working on my

phone while protest by the students was ongoing.

"One of the officers accused me of spying for the police. I told him that I am not a police spy but a journalist. one of them directed that they should collect my phone, I was about to show them my identity card which was in my chest pocket when one of them gave me a head butt and struggled to collect my phone from me. Other officers joined him in beating me."

Katsina governorship aspirant, Yar'adua, loses mother

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

A former Senator representing Katsina Central, Abubakar Sadiq Yar'adua, has lost his mother, Hajiya Hurera Sa'id.

Hajiya, popularly called Goggo, died after a brief illness at the age of 86.

She was interred at Yammawa Cemetery after

a funeral prayer held at exactly 5pm at her residence in the Yar'adua area of the Katsina metropolis.

Some dignitaries who attended the funeral prayer included the Katsina State Governor, Aminu Bello Masari; his deputy, Mannir Yakubu, and a business mogul, Alhaji Dahiru Mangal.

Others were the Managing Director of

Federal Mortgage Bank, Ahmed Musa Dangiwa; Secretary to the Katsina State Government, Dr Mustapha Inuwa; Commissioner for Sports and Welfare Development, Alhaji Sani Danlami, and his counterpart in the land, Alhaji Usman Nadada, among others.

Hajiya Goggo was survived by seven children and many grandchildren.



Staff of Kaduna State Urban Development Authority (KASUPDA), using bulldozers to demolish the parameter fence at a land said to belong to the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria situated at the College of Agriculture and Animal Science, Mando in Igabi LGA of Kaduna State, yesterday

Photo: Lami Sadiq

ABU threatens contempt proceedings against El-Rufai

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

The management of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria has threatened to begin contempt proceedings against Governor Nasir El-Rufai of Kaduna State over the encroachment of the university's land.

The land covering 196.258 hectares is situated at the College of Agriculture and Animal Science, Mando in the Igabi Local Government Area of the state.

Daily Trust reports that a court order dated January 18 and signed by Justice K. Dabo of the Kaduna State High Court, Zaria division had granted an interim order restraining the governor and the state's

attorney general, their servants, agents and privies from further entering and trespassing on the said land.

However, our correspondent reports that as of yesterday, Kaduna State Urban Development Authority (KASUPDA) staff were seen on the land demolishing a parameter fence earlier erected by ABU.

But ABU in a letter by its solicitors, Maakees Chambers, and served on KASUPDA and Kaduna Geographic Information Service (KADGIS) yesterday said it would begin contempt proceedings against the government unless they desisted from encroaching.

Daily Trust reports that El-Rufai, an alumnus of ABU Zaria graduated with First Class Honours

in Quantity Surveying in 1980.

Our correspondent who was privy to the proposed mixed-use layout at Mando, Igabi LGA drafted by KADGIS reports that based on the land use analysis, the land in contention was to be used by Kaduna State Government for residential, commercial, recreational and public use which would be divided into about 529 plots covering an area of 133.89 hectares.

When contacted, the Director General of KADGIS, Altine Jibrin, said the agency would not comment on the issue as the matter was in court.

At KASUPDA, the agency's Public Relations Officer, Nuhu Garba, said KASUPDA would respond at the right time.

How bandits shot 2, raped women in Sokoto

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

Bandits have shot two persons in Adamawa village in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto.

The leader of the vigilante group in the area, Musa Muhammad (aka Blacky), said the attack took place Sunday night.

The bandits were said to have the same night

invaded another village, Rambadawa, where they beat residents and raped several women.

Daily Trust gathered that the assailants also stormed Dantassako and robbed residents.

At Nasarawa and Gidan Idi villages, the bandits were said to have robbed two residents of their motorcycles.

Our reporter also gathered that several bandits

groups were operating in the area under different leaders.

Some of the bandits' leaders include Nagona, Jambo Baki, Useini Dankwano, Dan Bakkolo and Turji among others.

Sabon Birni has been an epicentre of banditry in the eastern part of Sokoto State in recent times.

There was a time that bandits reportedly killed 80 persons in one night and dislodged several others.

Oyo suspends SS2 student for slapping corps member

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The Oyo State Government has suspended a senior secondary school II of Anglican Commercial Secondary School, Orita-Mefa, Ibadan (name withheld) for one month for slapping a corp member.

The Commissioner for

Education, Science and Technology, Rahman Abdu-Raheem, who visited the school, said the student on return would apologise to the corp member and sign an undertaking.

While addressing the students, the commissioner charged them to be of good behaviour, reiterating

that the state government would not condone any act of indiscipline.

He warned that any student caught acting in uncivilized manners, henceforth, would be dismissed from schools in Oyo State.

Abdu-Raheem also charged teachers to be more dedicated and punctual at work.

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Gov Buni's education fundraiser, a national call channelled through Yobe - Senate President

Senate President Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan says the education fundraiser initiated by Governor Mai Mala Buni is not meant to address challenges facing the sector in Yobe State alone but in the country as a whole.

Lawan stated this during the N25 billion education appeal fund organised by the Yobe State Government in Abuja last week.

He said though Yobe was recuperating from the devastation of Boko Haram insurgency, it was not the only state facing the challenges of education, hence the efforts were meant for the entire country.

He said people should always see the education appeal fund as a clarion call that would better the future of the country and the world in general.

"If there is one sector that you can use to change the world is education, we want to change the world, our children want to change the world, our people especially the young promising children want to contribute their quota to the development of the world and these can only be achieved through education.

"It is not only Yobe state that will benefit from this, because a challenge to any part of Nigeria is a challenge to all parts of the country.

"If we are able to deal with our educational challenges in Yobe state, we are not the only people to benefit from the educated people in our state, they can be everywhere.

"Today we have so many Yobeans that are working in so many places in the country in fact in different parts of the world," Lawan said.

He commended Buni for initiating the fundraiser expressing confidence that the money realised will help in repositioning the sector.

"Though, the N25 billion requested may not be enough, the amount will surely reposition our education sector better."

The Senate president appealed to wealthy individuals, including corporate organisations such as National Teachers Institute (NIT), to assist Yobe state by offering free training and retraining of teachers for better results.

He assured the donors that the administration of Governor

Buni would utilize the amount contributed judiciously.



■ Gov. Mai Mala Buni (Left), Senate President Ahmed Ibrahim Lawan (Right) during the Yobe's Education Appeal Fund ceremony in Abuja

Yobe Contributory Health Agency engages Ulama for informal sector enrolment sensitisation

As part of efforts towards ensuring effective enrolment of the informal sector, the Yobe State Contributory Health Care Management Agency (YCHMA) has engaged the religious leaders for grassroots sensitization across the state.

The Executive Secretary of the agency, Dr Babagana Tijjani, while meeting the

religious leaders in Damaturu, said the Ulama were invited to contribute their quota to the exercise.

Tijjani stated Ulama have a vital role to play in sensitizing the public on the importance of the informal enrolment.

He said the beneficiaries of the formal sector of the programme had since been enjoying the scheme with 97.1% of them

expressing satisfaction over the performance of the agency in meeting their demands.

"The agency considers sensitizing the public as a key in the quest of ensuring the success of the health initiatives of His Excellency Hon Mai Mala Buni as well as the universal health coverage policy.

"Since from the onset, the Ulama as spiritual leaders

have given us all the necessary support which led to the establishment of the agency as well as enrolment of the formal sector and the vulnerable under different programmes.

"Their roles in convincing people on the importance of the exercise cannot be overemphasised hence the idea of inviting them for the successful enrolment through sensitisation especially during daily and Juma'at prayers," the ES explained.

He appealed to wealthy individuals to register and help in enrolling the less privileged in their localities for a healthy society.

The Ulama, led by the Chief Imam of Yobe Mosque and Islamic Centre, Ustaz Hudu Mohammed Yusuf, assured of their support to the exercise.

According to them, contributing for the sake of helping other people to benefit is a noble cause that should be cherished by all and sundry.

Yobe Hospitals Board partners microfinance bank for cash collection

The Yobe State Hospital Management Board (HMB) has signed an agreement with the management of the State Micro Finance Bank (YMFB) for collection of cash payable to the hospitals by patients across the state.

The Executive Secretary of the Board Dr Musa Baba said the partnership was meant to ensure accurate remittance of the money paid and promote accountability.

He said Governor Mai Mala Buni's administration had provided the necessary structures and equipment that facilitated the upgrade of various health facilities hence the need for measures that would ensure its maintenance through the scarce resources being generated.

He said for patients to continue to access the required services, some certain charges were being made and such money was meant for the servicing of the equipment among other amenities in hospitals.

"The present administration of His Excellency Hon Mai

Mala Buni has done well in the provision of modern hospital equipment in addition to upgrading health institutions which increased the patients' turnover across the state and even neighbouring states.

"For us to ensure proper maintenance of the structures as well as the facilities provided by government, we must ensure proper management of the resources paid by the patients and the patients relatives.

"The Yobe Microfinance Bank (YMFB) will collect all cash payable to the hospitals by patients to access service," the ES explained.

He also commended the Commissioner for Health, Dr Mohammed Lawan Gana, for his exemplary leadership geared towards providing efficient services to the people.

The Managing Director of YMFB said the bank would work towards justifying the confidence reposed in it by the board, assuring of strict adherence to banking financial regulations.



■ Gov. Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State

"The YMFB being a state bank that will provide these services at a very minimal charge, we will hire and train personnel that will provide the services.

"Both electronic payment including (POS) and manual system will be provided at all pay points to improve service delivery," he disclosed.

Rochas Foundation to establish school in Yobe

In an effort to support the Yobe State Government's drive of revitalizing the education sector, the Rochas Foundation will establish a school in the state, the president and founder of the Foundation, Senator Rochas Okorocho, has said.

Okorocho, who spoke during the launching of a N25 billion Yobe State Education Trust Fund in Abuja, said his contribution would be in form of establishing a school in the state.

He said as a person who considered education as the bed rock of any development, especially the advancement of the children of the less privileged in the society, he was committed to ensuring the establishment of one school under the foundation in Yobe State.

He noted that education

remains the surest of taking people out of whatever challenges, adding that his foundation would continue with its policies of promoting education at all time.

"As you are aware, Rochas Foundation is across the length and breadth of this country but we don't have a school in Yobe.

"May I request your government to quickly and immediately provide land so that Rochas Foundation can build a school that will cater for the less privileged and the poor. If you do this you remain my partner," he said.

He commended Governor Mai Mala Buni for the initiative, describing it as a right step in the right direction taking into cognisance years of devastation by insurgents on school infrastructure, among others.

Reps query Fire Service over N1bn expenditure on logistics, recruitment

● Okay bill to establish security coordination agency

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts yesterday began an investigation into the alleged expenditure of N1bn by the Federal Fire Service on logistics and recruitment from 2017 to date.

FFS Commandant-General, Ibrahim Liman, appeared before the committee over an audit query by the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation.

According to the audit query, the FFS spent the money on the exercise despite the fact that there was only one recruitment exercise held within the period.

The chairman of the committee, Wole Oke, directed the FFS CG to produce

documents regarding the monies spent within the period.

The committee also wrote to the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Bureau for Public Procurement to provide the account statements and expenditure of the FFS.

In another development, the House yesterday passed a bill for the second reading for the establishment of a National Security Coordination Centre in the country for all security agencies to coordinate their activities.

The bill co-sponsored by Ahmed Munir (APC, Kaduna) and Magaji Da'u Aliyu (APC, Jigawa) seeks to coordinate the activities of the various security agencies fighting insecurity, banditry and other security challenges in the country.

C'ttee flays corrupt judges, SANs, judiciary's decisions in Kalu, Zamfara, Bayelsa cases

By John Chuks Azu

The Presidential Advisory Committee on Anti-Corruption (PACAC) has criticized the recent decisions by the judiciary which elevated technicality over substantial justice.

In a letter signed by its acting head, Professor Saddiq Raddah, the committee cited the cases of a former governor of Abia State, Orji Uzor Kalu; the governorship judgments in Rivers, Zamfara and Bayelsa States as "a clear preference for technicality at the expense of the justice."

It said the decision of the Supreme Court in Kalu's N7bn case by disregarding the fiat given by the President of the Court of Appeal relying on Section 397(7) of the ACJA threw overboard the 12 years of labour of the trial court and the Court of Appeal for a fresh start.

PACAC said the 2015 Rivers State governorship election dispute where the Supreme Court ruled that the petitioner, who complained of substantial non-compliance with the Electoral Act ought to prove it polling unit by polling unit, ward by ward.

PACAC also stated "Even more grievous are the Supreme Court decisions

in Zamfara and Bayelsa States in 2019 by which it effectively transferred the electoral victory of one party to another which had been massively rejected at the poll by the electorates.

"In other words, the Supreme Court set aside the decision of the electorate and assumed the powers to install the losers in both the executive and legislative arms of government in Zamfara State and in the executive arm in Bayelsa State.

"Thus, the Supreme Court had handed over the governance of a state from a party the electorate had overwhelmingly voted for, to a party that they had firmly rejected at the polls.

"In other words, in these two cases, the court constituted itself into the electorate of Zamfara and Bayelsa states, by imposing its will over the states' electorate.

"This constituted a major breach of the constitution and our democratic rights because neither the constitution nor the practice of democracy contemplates any situation, in which a court replaces the votes of the electorate with its judicial votes."

PACAC also warned that in the appointment of judges, "a 'family affair' judiciary must be avoided at all costs."

Reps urge COAS, IGP to probe invasion of Imo communities

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday urged the Chief of Army Staff and the Inspector-General of Police to probe the alleged invasion, siege and destruction of lives and property in five Imo communities by suspected law enforcement agents.

It urged them to unravel the perpetrators, the reason for the invasion, the number of lives and property destroyed, among other things.

This followed the adoption of a motion

by Hon. Chinedu Emeka (PDP, Imo) who said five communities in Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency of Imo State namely, Ihitteafoukwu, Umu Okirika, Oparanadim, Mpam, and Ogbor Umeze were invaded by armed men suspected to security agents in the early hours of February 12.

He said the invaders engaged in unlawful arrest and wanton destruction of lives and property of innocent people of the communities in violation of the fundamental human rights of the people as enshrined the constitution.

PHOTO GALLERY



■ From left: Mr Tony Ndah; Ms Megan Reece, both of Ikoyi Club; Head, Private Banking, Chioma Nwankwo and Team Lead, Private Banking, Ivie Okposo both of Fidelity Bank Plc at the Nigeria and International Community Golf Tournament organized by the Dan Ngerem Foundation and part-sponsored by Fidelity Private Banking which held on Sunday at Ikoyi Club, Lagos



■ From left: Special Adviser to the Governor of Lagos State on Parastatal Monitoring Office (PMO), Mr Afolabi Ayantayo; Permanent Secretary Parastatal Monitoring Office, Pharmacist Oke-Osanyintolu Zainab Oluwatoyin and Managing Director, Lagos State Signage and Advertisement Agency (LASAA), Prince Adedamola Docemo during PMO's working visit to LASAA recently



■ From left: Executive Commissioner Corporate Services, Securities and Exchange Commission Mr Ibrahim Boyi; Director General National Orientation Agency Dr Garba Abari; Director Special Duties and State Operations NOA, Mrs Mette Edekobi and Representative of the Managing Director, Galaxy Backbone, Mr Balarabe Garuba during the National Fact-Checking Course in Abuja today yesterday



■ From left: Managing Partner/CEO, Grant Thornton Nigeria, Dr Ngozi Ogwo; President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), Mrs Comfort Olu Eytayo and Principal Partner, Grant Thornton Nigeria, Mr Orji Okpechi during a courtesy visit to the firm recently



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This is to proudly extend my birthday greetings to my brother and friend, HIS EXCELLENCY, MALLAM NASIR AHMAD EL-RUFAI.

Your Excellency, you are very intelligent, yet most humble. As the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, you have transformed the entire state to a modern city; touching various aspects of development, including roads, water supply and access to education by all, as well as all critical infrastructure necessary for urban renewal, economic opportunities and human capital development.

As the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) from 2003 to 2007, you restored the distorted master plan of the city and set a standard for all those that came after you. And when you served as the Director General (DG) of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), you anchored the path for Nigeria's economic diversification and greatness.

As a co-founder of the All Progressives Congress (APC), you have remained resolute in actualising the pro-masses policies of the ruling party under the leadership of our indefatigable President, Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR).

My dear governor, you may be quiet with all these achievements, but it is the duty of all patriotic Nigerians to recognise you as a gift from God chosen to play a critical role in the transformation of the country.

I am gladdened by your productive life with very positive impact on the lives of the people, for being a role model of true representation, and for being a purposeful leader with a sense of direction that has redefined our democracy.

On behalf of my family and associates, I pray Almighty Allah to grant you more years in good health, focus, strength and wisdom to continue serving the people.

Congratulations and happy birthday!

SIGNED:

Alhaji Sanusi Abubakar
Chairman, Gamji Group

▲ HIS EXCELLENCY
**MALLAM NASIR
AHMAD EL-RUFAI**
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, KADUNA STATE





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His Excellency has written His Good name in Gold in the evolution and consolidation of the Kaduna state Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector through his transformational and bold Leadership that achieved the following:

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- iv. Retrofitting of the 240 Million Litres Per Day Malali Water Treatment Plant; Completion of arrangements for the Greater Kaduna Metropolitan Water Supply Expansion and Sanitation Project with capacity for 240 Million Litres Per Day WTP
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His Excellency

Mal. Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai OFR,
Executive Governor of Kaduna State



SEPLAT ENERGY DRIVING NIGERIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Seplat Energy Plc, a leading Nigerian energy company listed on the Nigerian Exchange and the London Stock Exchange, in partnership with Conversations for Change (C4C) has announced the graduation of 15 Fellows from the duo's entrepreneurship programme.

The 2021 batch of Fellows have been equipped to begin their business empires, which are expected to grow and flourish as well as provide support to not just them and their families, but also for their communities.

C4C is a non-profit organisation with a major objective of empowering young people to participate more effectively in all relevant areas of development. Efforts are focused on young people aged 18-40, in the belief that they are ready to embark on being valuable and creative members of their society and therefore are most in need of the inspiration, empowerment, guidance and support to do so.

The CEO Seplat Energy Plc, Mr. Roger Brown, in his message, described the Conversations for Change as a long-term effort to invest in the next generation of leaders, through creating a vibrant platform for continuing information provision, dialogue, and discussions. He added that through these and other strategies, the initiative would inspire, encourage and support young people to become active partners in the development and leadership of their communities and the nation.

Speaking at the ceremony held in Abuja, the Director, External Affairs and Sustainability, Seplat Energy, Dr. Chioma Nwachuku, said Seplat Energy's partnership with C4C in this regard is a bold step taken to realising the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 1, which is the poverty eradication.

Since 2019, Seplat Energy, through the initiative, has successfully trained and supported 30 young entrepreneurs. Each beneficiary has shown resilience, creativity and innovation through the duration of the yearly programme, which begins with a selection process to intensive face-to-face training on key management aspects of business, participation in internship trainings with credible companies in different vocations, amongst others.



Dr. Chioma Nwachuku, Dir. External Affairs & Sustainability, Seplat Energy and Dr. Kechi Ogbuagu, Founder/President Conversation For Change (C4C) pose with graduates of the 2021/2022 Seplat Energy/C4C Global Entrepreneurship Fellowship Programme in Abuja recently



Dr. Chioma Nwachuku, Dir. External Affairs & Sustainability, Seplat Energy addresses graduates and guests at the event



L-R: Stanley Opara, Communications Manager; Josephine Kola-Ajibade, CSR Officer; Dr. Chioma Nwachuku, Dir. External Affairs & Sustainability; Esther Icha, CSR Manager; Emmanuel Otokhine, Base Manager, Western Assets; Emeka Onyeagba, Base Manager, Eastern Assets; all of Seplat Energy, at the event



Graduates of the 2021/2022 Seplat Energy/C4C Global Entrepreneurship Fellowship Programme pose with their graduation certificates



Dr. Kechi Ogbuagu, Founder/President Conversation For Change (C4C) addresses graduates and guests at the event



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Dr. Chioma Nwachuku, Dir. External Affairs & Sustainability, Seplat Energy supported by Dr. Kechi Ogbuagu, Founder/President Conversation For Change (C4C), presents certificate to a graduate at the event.



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All Money Market Dealers should submit bids through the CBN S4 WEB INTERFACE between 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

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Allotment letters would be issued for successful bids on Thursday, February 24, 2022, while payment for the successful bids should be made to your account with Central Bank of Nigeria not later than 11.00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

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INSIDE POLITICS

“Wherever the country picks its president from in 2023 will send a strong message to Ndigbo – President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Prof. George Obiozor

Aspirants, others fume as zoning threatens APC convention

● It can be postponed if necessary – Imo gov

By Saawua Terzungwe,
Abbas Jimoh & Muideen
Olaniyi

Top contenders for the All Progressives Congress (APC) national chairmanship and other party stalwarts are groaning over the uncertainties bedeviling the February 26, 2022 national convention of the party.

This is sequel to the failure of the Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee led by Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni to, alongside other critical stakeholders, decide on the zoning of various National Working Committee (NWC) offices.

The party's top echelon had met with President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa in Abuja, where it was agreed that the convention should be held on February 26, 2022, to among other things elect a new crop of NWC members.

But while the party has released its schedule of activities for the convention, it has failed to strictly adhere to it as the issues of zoning and consensus are still raging among critical stakeholders.

Sources at the APC national secretariat confided in our correspondent yesterday that the party was yet to print expression of interest and nomination forms for aspirants seeking various offices.

It was learnt that following the unresolved issue of zoning, the party was yet to constitute and publish the names of various sub-committees 10 days before the convention.

APC, expected to have commenced the sale of forms to all categories of aspirants at its national secretariat on Monday in Abuja, in line with its earlier released schedule of activities, however, failed for sundry reasons.

Recall that crisis is still raging in some state chapters of the party, including Kano, Kwara, Sokoto.

We're asked to wait till after zoning – Sheriff's spokesman

The spokesman for the campaign council of a former governor of Borno State, Senator Ali Modu Sheriff, Senator Victor Lar, has told Daily Trust that he was at the party's national secretariat to obtain forms for the former governor but was asked to wait till the issue of zoning was resolved.

Asked if the development will not affect the convention date, Senator Lar said, "I believe it will not affect the date of the convention."

Another top contender to the party's chairmanship, Sunny Sylvester Moniedafe, the Jagaban Jimeta, told Daily Trust in a telephone interview yesterday that it was unfair for the party to keep aspirants and other members in suspense.

Meanwhile, a former Director

General of the Progressive Governors' Forum (PGF) and chieftain of the APC, Salihu Mohammed Lukman, has written an open letter to President Muhammadu Buhari asking him to wade into the issues surrounding the national convention.

In the letter titled, "APC convention: Caretaker or undertaker" addressed to the president in Abuja, Lukman appealed to Buhari to call a meeting of critical stakeholders to decide on the zoning formula and other issues related to the convention.

Convention can be postponed – Imo gov

Governor Hope Uzodinma of Imo State has said the February 26 date for the national convention of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) can be changed if necessary.

The governor said this on Tuesday while fielding questions from State House reporters after a closed-door meeting with President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

He, however, said there was no information that currently suggests that the proposed date would be changed or had been changed.

Uzodinma, who said he was at the Villa to consult with President Buhari over some issues affecting his state, including security and governance, said the ruling party was not under any pressure because of what other parties



■ Buhari

might have done in preparation for the upcoming general elections.

The governor, while reacting to questions on the apprehension over the preparation for the coming convention, said "of course, that is the decision of the party and there is nothing wrong even if it doesn't hold, what is important is that we must have our convention."

"We have said it's on the 26th, if for anything or any reason tomorrow, it's not doable in the opinion of the party, we will move it. But that does not mean that there is any intention to move it," he said.

Meanwhile, a group of youths and other stakeholders of the

APC has called for the immediate resignation of the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, SAN, over his alleged schemes to impose candidates on the party.

The group, under the aegis of Concerned APC Youth Forum, said the AGF had perfected plans to put up a list from the backdoor during the party's national convention slated for February 26.

The group's convener/president, Comrade Owolabi Abdullahi, said on Tuesday in Abuja, that the minister's action would cause disaffection in the party through the imposition of candidates.

We'll fix BVAS, other issues before 2023 polls – INEC chair

By Abbas Jimoh

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has said it will improve the functionality of the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) in the forthcoming by-elections and off-season governorship elections in Ekiti and Osun states before the 2023 general elections.

INEC Chairman Prof. Mahmood Yakubu said this, on Tuesday in Abuja, at the first meeting of the year with the Resident Electoral Commissioners (RECs).

He said the commission would ensure some of the challenges are tackled ahead of future elections, including the review election day administration.

Last Saturday's FCT area council elections were marred by dysfunctional BVAS; late arrival of staff/materials and unawareness of the newly created Polling Units (PUs) which led to the disenfranchisement of some voters.

The INEC boss acknowledged the challenges to the optimal functionality of the BVAS in



■ Mahmood

the FCT council election and previous polls and assured that the commission is working on them.

He also said INEC has devolved the Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) exercise to the ward level in both Ekiti and Osun states to enable more citizens to register ahead of the June and July governorship elections in the states.

He added that the commission is considering the devolution of the exercise nationwide beyond its state and local government offices where the registration currently takes place to other designated centres, saying it was one of the major issues for discussion at the meeting with RECs.

No court order can stop deputy gov's impeachment – Zamfara Assembly

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

The Zamfara State House of Assembly on Tuesday said no court order can stop it from impeaching the deputy governor, Barr. Mahdi Aliyu Gusau.

The chairman of the House Committee on Information, Alhaji Shamsudeen Bosko, gave the position of the state legislative arm at a press conference in Gusau.

Bosko said the impeachment process was in

line with Section 188(5)(7) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, "therefore no court can stop the impeachment process."

According to him, 18 of the 24 legislators voted in favour of the motion at plenary when allegations of financial misconduct, insubordination and failure to perform assigned duties were brought before the house.

A Federal High Court in Abuja had fixed March 10 for hearing of a suit by the deputy

governor, seeking to stop his impeachment by the State House of Assembly.

Justice Inyang Ekwo on Monday adjourned the matter while directing parties to file and exchange their processes before the hearing date.

Recall that the state's Chief Judge, Justice Kulu Aliyu, on Monday, inaugurated a seven-man panel to investigate allegations of gross misconduct and abuse of office against the deputy governor.

Give Atiku presidential ticket, PDP urged

By Baba Martins

The Atiku Support Organisation (ASO) has called on the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to give its presidential ticket to former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, saying he is the most prepared aspirant in the country.

Addressing a press conference in Abuja on

Tuesday, Akinze Moze, Director, ASO said Nigerians have tried a man of integrity and it is now time to try Atiku whom he describes as a man of prosperity.

Moze, flanked by other group leaders under the auspices of the ASO, said "Nigeria is at a precipice and needs a messiah to inspire the kind of confidence that Nigerians need to remain

hopeful and steadfast in the face of despondency."

He said they are clamouring for an Atiku presidency in 2023 because no politician in Nigeria's history has invested in preparing himself for the office of the president of Nigeria, as much as Atiku has.

"Over the last three decades, Atiku has invested in businesses that have impacted the lives of thousands of people," he said.

Gov'ship poll: Akande's kinsmen back Oyetola as Aregbesola plots against gov

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The Ila Federal Constituency on Tuesday endorsed Governor Adegboyega Oyetola for a second term and assured him of the people's votes in the Saturday primary election of the party.

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

The leadership and members of the APC in Ila Federal Constituency, comprising Ila,

Ifedayo and Boluwaduro LGAs, passed a vote of confidence on the Oyetola-led government in the state.

Reading the communiqué of the meeting, the Deputy Speaker, Osun House of Assembly, Hon. Femi Popoola, said the leadership and members of the party endorsed the governor for a second term in office, having monitored, evaluated and reviewed his remarkable performance in the last three years.

But the Minister of Interior, Ogbeni Aregbesola, has insisted that Oyetola would not be

allowed to run on the platform of the APC.

He urged members of APC in the state to vote for the former secretary to the state government, Alhaji Moshood Adeoti, in the primary election of the party on Saturday.

Aregbesola said he had stomached betrayal, hypocrisy and backsliding from the people he was serving wholeheartedly, apparently referring to the APC leader and former governor of Lagos State, Bola Tinubu.

Aregbesola said he decided to take a new path when he realised that the person he was loyal to



■ Oyetola

(Tinubu) was out to destroy him and everything he stand for.

He urged members of the

party to vote for Adeoti in the Saturday primary election of the party.

2023: I've capacity to succeed Buhari – Kogi gov

By Muideen Olaniyi

Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State has said he has the necessary qualities to take over from President Muhammadu Buhari in 2023.

The governor said this while fielding questions from State House reporters after a meeting with the President at the Presidential Villa in Abuja.

He also defended the necessity of his candidacy despite the current argument over the zoning of the presidency.

Bello said from 1999 till date, the North had not spent up to the number of years utilised by the past occupants of the seat from the South.

Asked if he had informed the president about his ambition, he said: "Mr. President would want a vibrant, experienced, energetic, patriotic Nigerian to take over from him and in all of the qualities that Nigerians are yearning, or looking for today, I possess all of these qualities by the special grace of God."

"Nigerians are yearning and



■ Bello

asking me to run for president come 2023 and by the special grace of God, I will not turn down that offer.

"Also, Mr. President is one of the Nigerians, like I said, who would want a qualified person to take over from him. Informing him is between myself and him, it is not what I should come to the public to tell the world that I have informed Mr. President that I want to run."

"But surely short days, and possibly weeks ahead we are going to come to the public to declare our intention by the special grace of God."

On zoning question, he said: "Then concerning whether North or South, first, I'm an advocate of capacity and ability to serve. In Nigeria today, we need somebody who has the capacity to serve the country."

"Today, if you're flying from one place to another, you don't care who the pilot is, but who is that person who is experienced to fly from one point to another?"

When asked about the time he would make a formal declaration about his ambition after the convention, he said: "I shall declare after February by the grace of God."

Governor Bello, while reacting to Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide which insisted that zoning the presidency to the South East will remain a fundamental ingredient for national unity, said the North Central had been the most marginalised since 1960 when the country gained independence hence is most deserving of the presidency come 2023.

Ekiti gov'ship: PDP will prioritize security, welfare, others

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The campaign organization of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)'s governorship candidate in Ekiti State, Hon. Bisi Kolawole, has said the state will be made secure while the welfare of the people and infrastructural development will be prioritized if the party returned to power in October this year.

While noting that the governorship election campaign will be issue-based, the campaign spokesman, Lere Olayinka, said in a statement in Ado Ekiti, yesterday, that PDP will be reminding Ekiti people of the number of workers employed during its governments.

He urged APC to be honest enough to also tell the people how many workers its governments sacked.

"As we move into the campaign for the governorship election, our party and its candidate will no doubt be reminding Ekiti people how safe the state was four years ago."

"We will be juxtaposing how secured Ekiti was during the immediate past PDP government, such that the state was adjudged the safest in the South West with the Ekiti of today," he stated.

Harassment of Ortom threat to unity, co-existence of Nigeria – PDP

By Baba Martins

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has condemned the harassment of Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State, at the Makurdi Airforce base, saying the action was a threat to the unity and peaceful coexistence of the country.

The party described the

incident as a vicious attempt by the All Progressives Congress (APC) to "embarrass, harass, unsettle Governor Ortom and sustain the terrorization of the people of Benue State in the desperation to sequester their constitutional and ancestral heritage."

Debo Ologunagba, PDP National Publicity Secretary,

said the presidency cannot deny involvement in the provocative act "because all arms of the armed forces, including the Air Force, are under the authority and control of the Commander-in-Chief, who is the head of the Executive arm to which the vice president also belongs."

I will reset Cross River – Female gov'ship aspirant

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

A former Nigerian ambassador to Ethiopia and African Union, Mrs Nkoyo Toyo, has said her aspiration to be governor of Cross River State is to enable her to reset and rebuild collapsed and mismanaged institutions in the state

Speaking with journalists in Calabar, the former House of Representatives member said she has the capacity, experience, knowledge and temperament to reposition the struggling state.

"I want to rebuild the institutions that have been mismanaged over the years; it is time of reconstruction. This is why I am coming out on the basis of recovery of the state; to re-set and finally re-position her."

"That's my mission as first female governor of the state," she said.

Toyo, a PDP aspirant said her government will restore the state as the actual destination for business and pleasure.

National chair: APC youths canvas support for Mustapha

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

A coalition of groups in Northern Nigeria with links to the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) is canvassing support for Malam Saliu Mustapha as the next chairman of the party.

The group said they threw their weight behind Mustapha based on President Muhammadu Buhari's declaration to support younger elements in the party to pick party positions.

In a communiqué they signed, Comrade Isah Abubakar of the Northern Youths Council of Nigeria and Salihu Danlami of Arewa Youths Assembly (AYA), argued that the youngest among the major APC chairmanship aspirants, Mustapha will bridge the gap between the older presidential hopefuls and youth demography which constitute over 50% of the voting population.

They urge APC stakeholders, including the president, to trust Saliu Mustapha with their mandate.

Anxiety as Niger gov set to rejig cabinet

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

There is tension among commissioners in Niger State as the state governor, Abubakar Sani Bello, is set to reshuffle his cabinet.

It was gathered that the governor, who is being expected to return to the state this week from a foreign trip has completed arrangement to rejig his cabinet.

Our correspondent reports that commissioners and special advisers are lobbying traditional rulers and key political actors in the state to convince the governor to drop the idea.

The move to reshuffle the cabinet, according to sources, was due to poor performances of some of the cabinet members.

Recalled that shortly before the 2019 general elections, the governor dropped five of the

commissioners.

Ahead of the cabinet rejig, the governor had recently ordered the Head of Service, Hajiya Salamatu T. Abubakar to redeploy some permanent secretaries. Daily Trust reports that the head of service had since redeployed some of the permanent secretaries via a letter dated February 1, 2022 with reference number HoS/NS/044/T.



■ Sani

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CITY & CRIME

Abuja beggar arrested with N.5m, \$100 preparing for daughter's wedding

The Social Development Secretariat (SDS) of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has arrested a 48-year-old beggar, Hadiza Ibrahim with N500,000 and a \$100 bill.

Malam Sani Amar, the Director, Social Welfare Services of the secretariat, confirmed the arrest on Tuesday in Abuja.

Amar described Ibrahim, an indigene of Kaduna State, as one of the die-hard beggars that had been apprehended by the secretariat's taskforce many times.

The director accused the beggar of accumulating money she realised from begging over the years without investing it.

Amar said, "It was very fortunate that on Feb. 9, Ibrahim was apprehended among other beggars on Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent in Wuse II.

"In all honesty, we never knew that she has such amount of money on her.

"What we normally do whenever we apprehend people we search them thoroughly to ensure that they do not carry any object that can harm them or our staff.

"Then, we profile them to

...says she has been begging for 10 years

know where they come from and what they are doing apart from begging."

According to the director, from our assessment within a decade that we have been apprehending Ibrahim, she seems to be socially deformed not mentally.

"She knows what she is doing, she can differentiate between right and wrong," he said.

Amar described Ibrahim as "economical saboteur".

"There are many people looking for 10 per cent of what she has as capital to do a business that would sustain them without resorting to begging.

"But she is here with N500,000 plus 100 dollars notes which is N57,000 equivalent yet not investing it and still pretending to be poor beggar who has nothing to eat.

"So, in our own way as social counselors, we will subject her to psychosocial therapy because she has social deformity," he said.

Amar said that the woman would be subjected to a condition to make her to realise that she "is physically fit, mentally alert to do certain things for herself without



■ The beggar resorting to begging."

The director maintained that the money belonged to her.

According to him, the FCT Vocational and Rehabilitation Centre at Bwari Area Council will rehabilitate her.

Earlier, the beggar told NAN that she had been begging on the street of Abuja for the past 10 years.

"I used to come out daily from 4 p.m. to 11p.m. to beg for money around Wuse II and

Maitama. Sometimes rich people around the area give me N5,000 or N10,000 and even dollars.

"If I get huge amount of money, I will travel to my hometown, Kwana Danja in Zaria, Kaduna state and when the money is finished I will come back.

"The day I was apprehended with the money, I came out with it to buy kitchen utensils for my daughter who will be getting married very soon. (NAN)

3 officers gunned down in front of Ebonyi police station

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakiliki

Three policemen were reportedly killed on Monday by gunmen at a roadblock in front of a police station along the Enugu-Abakiliki highway in Ebonyi State.

A reliable source said the gunmen were in a bus which the policemen probably thought was commercial.

The source added that, "The remains of the policemen have been deposited at a mortuary in Abakiliki after they were confirmed dead by doctors."

The police spokesman in the state, DSP Loveth Odah, confirmed the incident, but said she could not give details at the moment.

7 stab wounds found on murdered Super TV boss' neck - Witness

From Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

There seven stab wounds on the neck of late Super TV Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Usifo Ataga, a co-founder of Super Network Limited, Mr Raman Obiorah Saliu.

Mr Saliu stated on Monday at the ongoing trial of Chidinma Ojukwu who is standing trial for the murder of Usifo Ataga before Justice Yetunde Adesanya of the Lagos State High Court sitting at the Tafawa Balewa Square.

Chidinma, a 300-level mass communication student of the University of Lagos (Unilag), alongside her sister, Chioma Egbuchu and one Adedapo Quadri, are in standing trial for Ataga's murder.

Mr Saliu said Ataga was killed like a chicken because he was tied up like a ram.

Saliu, who was led in evidence in by the Deputy Director of Public Prosecution, Mrs A. O. Oluwafemi, further said that apart from the seven stab wounds on Ataga's neck, there were two on his ribs and one on the stomach.

During cross examination by the counsel to Chidinma, Mr Onwuka Egwu, Mr Saliu said he had no idea of who handed the CCTV footage to the police, noting that the CCTV footage trended prior to the arrest of Chidinma.

Justice Adesanya adjourned the case to February 17.



■ The late Super TV boss

Husband threatens divorce as Kaduna court remands 2 wives for fighting

A Shari'a Court, sitting at Rigasa, Kaduna has remanded two wives to one Alhaji Danlami Tasiu in a correctional facility for two weeks for allegedly fighting and biting each other in Bukuru area of Kaduna.

The Judge, Malam Salisu Abubakar-Tureta, gave the order after he found that the wives had bitten each other and not as claimed by one that she was innocent and being oppressed.

Abubakar-Tureta said the remand

was to enable them reflect on their actions and adjourned the case until Feb. 28 for ruling.

One of the wives, Azima Usman Tasiu had dragged her second, Aisha Tasiu to court for allegedly beating and biting her.

Azima told the court that she was the third wife to Tasiu, adding that she was beaten due to a little misunderstanding she had with Aisha's son.

According to Azima, "it was my turn to cook and I went to fetch

water from the well, where I met the defendant's son. I asked him to allow me fetch before him but he refused.

"His mother came and cut the means of fetching water from the well and took it to her room.

"I followed her to get it back; immediately I entered her room, she slapped, hit and bite me," she said.

Aisha, who is the second wife to Tasiu, said that Azima started the fight by attacking her from behind and beat and bite her on her shoulder.

The judge, who was curious about their claims, asked them to show part of their body they had the bite and they did.

The judge said that the case was an issue of two people having a fight and not one person being oppressed by the other.

Besides, Tasiu told the court that he met them fighting and made effort to separate them but to no avail.

Tasiu said whatever the court ruled on Feb. 28, he might divorce the two of them. (NAN)



■ Some of the rifles

Bauchi police hand over 25 recovered AK-47 rifles

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

The Bauchi state police command has handed over recovered arms and ammunitions to the National Center for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW).

The state Commissioner of Police, Umar Mamma Sanda, handed over the recovered weapons and ammunitions on Tuesday.

The recovered weapons, according to the CP, included 25 AK-47 rifles, one locally made SMG, one locally fabricated AK47, one English Barretta and one magazine, among others.

Responding, the Director of Operations at the Center for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW), CP Chris Owolabi, commended the efforts of the state police command in recovering the arms and ammunitions.

I want my kids, their dad can't feed them, divorcee begs court

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

A divorcee, Amina Shuaibu, has asked the Central Court 1 in Jos, Plateau State, to take her four children from her ex-husband, Idris Abdullahi, and give her on the ground that he does not feed them.

Amina and Idris had lived for 20 as husband and wife until recently when they divorced.

Amina told the court that she had evidence to back her claims, alleging that the defendant was planning to take the three male kids to "almajiranci", which according to her, is an attempt to avoid his responsibility.

She said, "He took all the four children to his mother in Zaria, and the mother keeps calling me that the children should be taken back to me,

but he refused. His mother often calls me that nobody is there to look after them. He told his mother that he would take them to almajiranci; which I don't want.

"I want them to come back to me because there is no enough food for them to eat and nobody to keep an eye on them."

The defendant denied the plaintiff's claims.

When the Judge, Ghazali Adam, asked the defendant whether there was a way of settling the issue so that she could return to his house, the defendant said, "There is no room for that because I have divorced her three times."

The judge then asked the two parties to bring their waliyat (guardians) and adjourned the case to February 24, 2022.

Fire razes 5 building in Kwara

From Mumini AbdulKareem, Ilorin

Fire has gutted a residential building in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, destroying goods and property worth millions of naira.

The incident which happened at Gaa-Akanbi area of Ilorin South Local Government Area on Tuesday was reported to be as a result of electric

power surge.

Five rooms in the eight-room rented building were affected.

Speaking on the incident, the Director of the Kwara State Fire Service, Prince Falade John Olumuyiwa, urged people to cultivate the habit of switching off their electrical appliances before going to bed, noting that it would help prevent fire outbreak.

Man bags 7 years for forex fraud

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in Kano State has secured the conviction of one Muallayidi Mohammed Sani on a three-count charge bordering on conspiracy and forgery.

Sani and one Sabinatu Aliyu Alhassan (at large) were said to have engaged in foreign exchange (forex) racketeering, where they forged air tickets and visas to collect Personal Travel Allowance (PTA) from commercial banks at the official rate and sell at higher rates in the black market.

Part of the charge reads: "That you Muallayidi Mohammed Sani sometime in October, 2021, in Kano, Kano State, within the jurisdiction of this honourable court, with the intent to defraud, forged some documents titled: 'Air Ticket, Passport and Visa', purported to have been genuinely

issued to facilitate the collection of PTA from commercial banks, and thereby committed forgery, an offence contrary to Section 363 and punishable under Section 364 of the Penal Code."

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, and in view of his plea, the prosecutor, Zarami Mohammed, asked the court to convict him accordingly.

The defence counsel, Patience Edamaku, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy in sentencing her client.



■ Abdulrasheed Bawa

FCTA to borrow N200bn for road, water projects

By Hussein Yahaya

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) said it would borrow N200 billion to finance road and water projects in the territory.

The FCT minister, Malam Muhammad Bello, said this on Tuesday in Abuja during the inauguration of a Technical Committee on the Proposed FCT issuance of SUKUK of N200 billion for the FCT 2022 Statutory Budget.

Bello explained that loan facility was needed to enable the FCTA to achieve its desired objective of rehabilitating and expanding some existing roads in the city.

According to him, the money will help to open up more roads to arrest traffic gridlock on major roads in the city.

He attributed the congestion and traffic situations in the city centre to "unprecedented influx of people to the FCT" since the return to democracy in 1999.

Bello stressed that an alternative funding outside statutory allocation was needed to complete projects in the FCT.



■ The couple

How couple killed woman, sold head for N70,000

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

An Abeokuta-based couple, Kehinde Oladimeji (43) and his wife Adejumoke Raji (35) who were caught for being in possession of fresh human parts, yesterday, narrated how they carried out the heinous act.

The couple who reside at No 72 MKO Abiola Way, Leme, Abeokuta South LGA of Ogun State, were paraded before newsmen on Monday.

Speaking with newsmen, the husband said his wife solely killed her friend, severed her body and sold the head to a merchant, identified as Oluomo, a resident of Ibadan, Oyo State, at the rate of N70,000.

Oladimeji said, "There was a day my wife invited her friend to our house. She came on a Tuesday and left that day. But the second day she came, it was

a Thursday. My wife cooked noodles and eggs for the lady, which she ate. Later, the lady went into the bath and showered.

"When it was getting dark I inquired from my wife when her friend would leave, but my wife said the lady said she was weak and would need to rest. I went and sat at the backyard, and when I returned to the room I realised my wife had killed her friend and dismembered her body.

"Meanwhile, I have a friend in Ibadan, who is popularly known as Omo Baale. He told me he needed a human head. My wife heard the discussion and asked me how much the man would pay for it, I told him and he was ready to pay N70,000. I never knew my wife had made up her mind."

But the wife denied killing the lady, saying, "I know nothing

about it," and turned to the husband, "Stop framing me up."

However, she confirmed that her husband's friend, one Michael, had handed them a sack which they later discovered contained human parts.

The police spokesman in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said the suspects were arrested following a report at the Kemta Divisional Headquarters by one Chief Moshood Ogunwolu, the Baale of Leme Community, that one Pastor Adisa Olarewaju who was a co-tenant with the suspects informed him of an offensive odour coming from the room of the suspects.

Mr Oyeyemi said following the complaint detectives were drafted to the scene, and that, "On searching the room, a plastic bowl containing fresh human parts was discovered and the couple were arrested."

QUICK READ

Court hands trader 7 strokes for stealing salt in Kaduna

A Kaduna magistrates' court has sentenced a 25-year-old trader, Nasiru Ahmed, to seven strokes of the cane for stealing five bags of salt.

Ahmed, who resides in Tudun Wada area of Kaduna, was charged with shop breaking and theft.

Magistrate Ibrahim Emmanuel sentenced Ahmed after he pleaded guilty and begged for leniency.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Mr Chidi Leo, told the court that one Malam Abdulmalik Lateef reported the matter at the Kawo Police Station on February 7.

Mr Leo said the defendant broke into the complainant's store located in Kawo Market, Kaduna, and stole five bags of salt and two bags of flour.

Community leaders tasked to take children off the streets

From Yvonne Ugwuezuoha, Lagos

Community leaders have been urged to support the government's effort in the education sector by ensuring that children in their domain are taken off the streets and enrolled in schools.

The charge was given by the lawmaker representing Ikeja Constituency in the House of Representatives, James Faleke, when he commissioned a new block of 6 classrooms in Anifowose Primary School, Ikeja.

Faleke, who noted that education is the bedrock of any development, urged community leaders to ensure that proper attention is given to grass root education for the betterment of their wards and the country.

The Head Teacher of the School, Mrs Juliana Afolashade, applauded Faleke while encouraging him to provide more facilities in the school.

Tinubu group inaugurates FCT zone executives

A group, Tinubu Progressives Organisation (TPO), FCT Zone, has inaugurated its executive committee in Abuja, with a promise to do everything possible to see the emergence of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the All Progressives Congress (APC) flagbearer for the 2023 presidential election.

The National Team Leader of TPO, Engr Muhammad Lawal Bello, in a welcome address, said as the name of the group implied, the event was a gathering of like minds to know one another.

The newly inaugurated FCT Zonal Coordinator, Alhaji Usman Yusuf Abdulkarim, called on the "Tinubu Boys" not to contest against Tinubu otherwise they would kill mentorship in Nigeria.

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We the underlisted card-carrying members of APC in Kano hereby want draw the attention of our state's power drunk Governor and his slow-witted kitchen cabinet members to the fact that they should do everything humanly possible not to dare take the risk of losing **Sen. Barau I. Jibrin (Maliya)** as the party's gubernatorial candidate in 2023 owing largely to his untrammelled and ever-growing acceptability across all the 44 Local Government areas in Kano State. A research recently conducted has shown that no gubernatorial aspirant in Nigeria as a whole has endeared himself to the electorates as at the grassroots level as does this vibrant, unassuming and public-sprited senator currently representing Kano North senatorial district i.e **Sen. Barau I. Jibrin**. For in his only two terms as senator, he has brought to his constituency projects worth billions of naira than any other Nigerian senator former or serving not minding whether he or she has been on the floor for whatever number of terms at a stretch. Most laudable among such projects is one open university in each of the 14 Local Governments in Kano North. The bare bones of it is that **Sen. Barau I. Jibrin** has empowered not less than 800 thousand people within different age brackets across all the 44 Local Governments in Kano. His footprints are gralingly visible in every ward you go not only in his Kano North senatorial district by footing the medical bills of hundreds of bedridden sick people in the throes of death but also in every ward across the 44 Local Government areas in Kano State.

FIELD SEN. BARAU I. JIBRIN OR RISK LOSING KANO IN 2023!

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■ The Managing Director, NPA, Mohammed Bello Koko, making a presentation during the stakeholders sensitization workshop in Rivers State, Port Harcourt.



■ Hon. Minister of State for Transportation, Sen. Rukayat Saraki delivering her keynote address at the workshop.



■ Managing Director, NPA, Mohammed Bello Koko in a tet-a-tet with Captain Iheanachor Ebubeogu, one of the events moderator.

Port Operator Facilitates Vaccination of 600 Dockworkers

As part of its resolve to support the effort of the Federal Government to curtail the COVID-19 pandemic, ENL Consortium has facilitated the vaccination of 600 dockworkers working at its terminal.

ENL Consortium is the operator of Terminals C and D at the Lagos Port Complex Apapa.

The dockworkers vaccination exercise was conducted by authorised health officials.

Speaking on the exercise, the Executive Vice Chairman/CEO of ENL Consortium, Princess Vicky Haastrup, said, "The Federal and State Governments as well as the World Health Organisation (WHO) have told us that COVID 19-vaccines are effective and can lower the risk of getting and spreading the virus.

"Vaccines also help prevent serious illness and death in children and adults even if they get infected by COVID-19.

"Also, don't forget that port workers, including dockworkers, are essential workers.

"The ports must keep operating round the clock in order to keep the economy moving and to ensure the continuous supply of essential commodities to Nigerians. Dockworkers are important to ensuring continuity at the port, and we care for their wellbeing.

"These are the reasons why we deemed it necessary to invite health officials into the port and encourage dockworkers to get vaccinated in support of the effort by the government to put an end to this pandemic."

The dockworkers expressed gratitude to the management of ENL Consortium for facilitating the vaccination exercise.

A representative of the Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN), Comrade Kunle Bamimodu said, "First of all, we want to appreciate the gesture of our leader in the person of the Executive Vice Chairman of ENL, Princess Vicky Haastrup, who brought this initiative to the workplace because it is not that convenient for workers to move around because of the nature of our work. Without mincing words, this is a nice gesture to the workers. We all appreciate her for bringing this vaccination exercise to the terminal. It makes it easy for us to get vaccinated."

NPA seeks to drive cargo traffic to Eastern ports

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Most of the goods traffic for export from the hinterland passes through the Onne and the Calabar seaports in Rivers and Cross River States.

But the ports are more than just loading and unloading terminals as in between there are different modes of transportation.

Presently, there is this conscious effort by the management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to radically change the operational model in the near future in the Eastern port. This conscious move is to drive cargo traffic to the Eastern port of Onne and Calabar.

NPA has also ensured that the well-designed port of Onne would guarantee the safe and cost-effective handling of goods.

Analysts are of the belief that these new drives by the NPA in no doubt facilitated the rise in the revenue of the Area II Command of the Nigeria Customs Service in Onne Port.

Giving the command's revenue profile recently, the Controller, Auwal Mohammed, said the command was able to achieve a record-breaking collection of N188,643,692,057 from January to December 2021.

On export, within the same period, the Port processed 1,083,846 metric tonnes of cargo with a total Free on Board (FOB) value of \$402,367,568.

The need to reduce haulage cost from Lagos Port Complex to the hinterland informed the latest move by the Acting Managing Director of NPA, Mohammed Bello-Koko, facility tour to Onne Port.

Located in Rivers State, the Port is presently

the closest to the commercial and industrial city of Aba in Abia State and to other parts of the hinterland.

Increase in cargo traffic would remain on the agenda constantly as port operations and structures are being developed.

With the new drive, port processes and operations will be mapped out with different operators over the coming years.

The Mohammed Bello-Koko led management team said based on latest information, management would develop digital applications that would allow Port operators to accurately measure and monitor the various stages of goods handling and the utilisation rates of vehicles, and thus improve port efficiency and reduce congestion as witnessed at Apapa and Tin-Can Port complexes.

Building a modern Port will fast track the nation's economic development

The Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority NPA, Mohammed Bello-Koko has said that building a modern and resilient port infrastructure would fast track the country's economic development, facilitate good paying jobs and enable sustained peace across the country.

Speaking at a meeting with port service providers shortly after a facility assessment tour of the Onne and Rivers Ports on Thursday, Bello-Koko assured them of the Authority's resolve to improve service quality and delivery at the Eastern ports, so that they can serve as competitive alternatives to the ports in Lagos.

The MD further said that the NPA on behalf of its supervising Ministry, is working with relevant agencies towards reducing clearance time of imports and cost of handling of non-oil exports, to complement the economic diversification agenda of the Federal Government.

He disclosed that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved the first segment of the dual carriage road for the evacuation of cargo covering a distance of 1.2 km. It is expected that the next segment will be executed this year as provided in the 2022 budget.

"We have made budgetary provisions for the construction of these critical roads. We have also observed that Onne has transformed into a very busy gateway, unfortunately unauthorized persons have begun to find their way into the port to vandalize assets belonging to the Authority.

"We all have noticed in recent months the upsurge in cargo traffic at Onne, there has been an improvement in the traffic here and there is need to ensure that what experienced in Lagos does not repeat itself here in terms of traffic congestion and the access roads which must be free of gridlocks.

"In line with our infrastructure development

and modernization agenda, we have come here to inspect the port internal roads network because we must develop the necessary infrastructure that would support and sustain the increasing cargo volumes at Onne Port and other port locations," the MD said.

The MD frowned at the level of redundancy at some of the terminals at the port. The Authority, he said, would review approvals issued with respect to the affected terminals in terms of the type of cargo so that they can begin to attract appreciable cargo volumes.

He hinted that Management is considering granting new tariff reliefs at some eastern ports, especially Calabar considering the tariff reliefs to shipping companies and terminal operators to make these ports more attractive to shipping lines and cargo owners.

On the parking of trucks indiscriminately on the access road to Onne Port, he explained that

plans are underway to establish a truck terminal in the area, which would be followed by the introduction of an electronic call-up system for the trucks in the eastern corridor, starting with Onne Port.

For Delta port, the consultant on the rehabilitation / reconstruction of the Escravos breakwater, Messrs Royal HaskoningDHV, has gone far with the engineering studies which are expected to be completed soon. The interim plans have reached an advanced stage to dredge the escravos entrance for safe navigation of vessels in the channel to Delta ports.

At the Rivers Port, through active collaboration with the BUA Group, equipment has been mobilized for the reconstruction of quay walls and berths by April 2022. The agency has also commenced third party towage operations as well as deployed additional pilot cutters and security boats.

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MAKING SENSE OF THE ECONOMY

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Fuel palava: When regulator becomes guilty operator!

It's good to multitask and being versatile is a virtue that everyone should have. For corporate institutions, it's about being agile and able to diversify their portfolios, as may be required to grow or sustain leadership. However, that should not be the business case for a regulator to become an operator.

It's so embarrassing to see the buck-passing between NNPC and one or more of the oil marketers, on who imported the bad fuel that has caused innocent Nigerians' hardship. Beyond the awful effect of the scarcity, which cannot be easily measured in wasteful man-hours and its opportunity cost, many generator sets, vehicles, and equipment have parked off, as their engines got knocked out by the high methanol content in the "fake fuel" imported by yet "unknown men".

We have all been made to believe the NNPC is the sole importer of fuel into the country and oil marketers, including the multinational and large indigenous oil majors, are just agents, providing storage in tank farms and serving the last mile retail distribution need of the NNPC. The government has consistently and proudly announced this strategy of crude-for-fuel swap arrangements with oil traders but now that the chips are down and the chicken has come home to roost, NNPC says it is not its fault.

Whose fault? Whether the fuel is imported by NNPC or not, who has the responsibility for certifying the quality of the product?

In the murky waters of Nigeria's oil and gas industry, it is still not quite clear what role (s) NNPC is playing now. Is the NNPC a regulator or an operator, especially now that the Petroleum Industry Act is technically on hold?

When responsibility lines, especially those that demarcate between regulations and operations become blurred, there is a fundamental problem. What happened in the Nigerian oil industry last week was clearly an institutional failure, which itself was the consequence of a nebulous structure that can only obscure processes and compromise standards.

The incident of bad fuel, as the toxic petrol has come to be known, simply tells every Nigerian that the country is not yet ready for the planned deregulation of the oil industry. That such a high-profile fraudulent activity could happen under the watchful eyes of the NNPC as the sole importer of petrol into Nigeria is awful. It stinks.

It is embarrassing enough that Africa's leading oil producer is almost entirely dependent on imported refined products to turn the engines on which its economy runs. Our state-owned refineries are comatose and this administration promised to revive them, but all hopes seem to be dashed, as the only thing we read and hear is allocations and bogus salaries and training for staff of NNPC refineries, which do nothing.

Perhaps, the resolution of NNPC to buy a substantial stake in Dangote Refinery summarises the new unspoken position of the government that the refineries can neither be rehabilitated nor privatised.

But it is much more embarrassing – in fact tragic – that our oil sector operators and regulators have come so low that they can no longer determine the type of fuel suitable for our environment.

I believe even the government knows that we need to overhaul our oil industry, starting with the regulator, which is now the Super Operator in the downstream which it purports to deregulate. So, the question is not whether we should; the question is who would bail Nigerians out of the shackles of the oil cabals, which seem too powerful for most of our leaders to call to order. NNPC, the number one culprit of the current hardship Nigerians are facing, says it has identified the source of the bad fuel and would take relevant actions and sanctions, but who would sanction NNPC for its role in this saga.

As I have argued in my book, Reporting Business and Economy, the transition from a public sector-dominated economy to a market system does not obviate the need for regulation. Regulators are needed to superintend the birth of private sector-led economic revival and nurture the new environment for such revolution to thrive. In the absence of that, the new system being introduced could end up worsening consumer welfare.

Every economic reform or privatisation has or should have as its core objective the satisfaction of consumer welfare, by whatever standards measured. But the tragedy is that without a proper framework for implementation and monitoring, a reformed programme could actually end up destroying consumers' welfare.

Without the entrenchment of a veritable regulatory framework, privatisation could give birth to economic exploiters in the garb of free-market competitors. This is evident in Nigeria's power sector now, which the 2013 reform that gave birth to the unbundling of an inefficient Power Holding Company of Nigeria, has in turn given rise to a power sector that is currently on life support needing critical surgery and leaving Nigerians worse off.

Bad fuel is obviously an unacceptable gift to Nigerian consumers, whose welfare has suffered grievous damage. In a properly functioning market system that distinguishes between regulator and operator, the market knows how to punish those who imported the bad fuel. But in our opaque structure characterised by information asymmetry, motorists had already fallen into the well of toxic fuel before they knew what was happening.

Leaders need to take responsibility and stop fooling us with buck-passing and mere talks.

OPINION

2023: The danger of choosing APC Presidential candidate from South East or South South

By Abubakar Saad

At his last media chat late last year, President Muhammadu Buhari said he had his own preferred candidate for the 2023 election, but declined to give a clue, saying the candidate may be harmed or even be eliminated before the time.

That statement not only heightened the permutation among the aspirants in the ruling APC, but it equally charged the atmosphere politicians and stakeholders across the country had to work under.

Less than 48 hours after the chat, Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu, former governor of Lagos and chieftain of APC surfaced in Aso Rock to "brief the President and inform the nation about his presidential ambition in 2023."

A week later, Governor Dave Umahi of Ebonyi State followed suit. Though the kites have also been flying with different colours in the other political parties, last week, rumours expressed the possibility of the President throwing his weight behind either a South-South or South East candidate. Prominent among them are Rotimi Amaechi, Ogbonnaya Onu, Dave Umahi and most recently, Godwin Emefiele.

The illogicality of this choice is more than obvious. This goes a long way to expose

The best option for APC to be on the track to electoral victory is to expand the option of including the North Central and the South West where they have five governors of APC out of the six states in each zone making them the undisputable and strongest hold of the party rather than excluding them as opposed to the South East and South South where they have two and one APC governors respectively out of the 11 states in their zones

the naivety and lack of requisite Political Arithmetic (logic) in the brains of those who made these propositions to the President.

The record of the support the party enjoys from each and every geo-political zone of the country is very open and glaring. In the 2015 presidential election, the APC got 2.411 million votes from the North Central; 2.848 million from the North East; the North West gave the party 7.115 million votes; while the South East gave 198,778 votes. The South West brought 2.433 million, and the South South 418,590.

In the 2019 presidential election as well, the North West brought 5.995 million votes to the APC; the North East gave 3.465 million; the North Central gave 2.465 million votes; South West mustered 2.036 million; South East gave 403,968 and South South brought 1.051 million votes to the party.

Also, the recent elections in Anambra and Abuja have given us a clue on how the 2023 election will most likely be, at least for now since the country's ethno-religious division is coming to the fore now more than any time before. For instance, in the Anambra

elections where Federal might was deployed, yet the APC could not find its feet in just one South East State, with APGA emerging victorious over APC. This is an indication that the South East is obviously not an APC friendly zone. This has been manifesting even before the coming of APC, in 2003, 2007 and 2011 when Buhari paired himself with one of their own sons to fly the presidential flag of the ANPP.

The election in Abuja, which took place on February 12, is yet another experiment of the possible outcome of the 2023 general elections. If one takes a closer look at the geo-political composition of the six Area Councils, it is easy to conclude that it is a reflection of what is expected in the larger country space. The Abuja election is a litmus test conducted to give a clue of what should be expected in other geo-political zones of the federation outside the federal capital come 2023.

The analysis below further elaborates my argument where it could be seen clearly area councils that have predominant composition of south easterners, and south southerners have supported and voted for PDP candidates while the APC candidates turned out victorious in areas where there are largely composition of northerners and south westerners as indicated below.

ANALYSIS OF PARTY AGAINST GEO-POLITICAL DOMINATION

S/n Area Council Party (A+C) (A+B) Remarks

1. AMAC PDP Largely S/East A reflection of SE/SS
2. Bwari PDP Largely S/East A reflection of SE/SS
3. Kuje PDP Largely S/East A reflection of SE/SS
4. Abaji APC Largely composition of N/Central, N/West and S/West A reflection of NC/NW/SW
5. Kwali APC Largely composition of N/Central, N/West and S/West A reflection of NC/NW/SW
6. Gwagwalada APC Largely composition of N/Central, N/West and S/West A reflection of NC/NW/SW

If the analysis above is anything to go by, the idea of ignoring the North Central and South West in the choice of a presidential candidate for APC, which are no doubt the strongest support base of the party, is a miscalculation and an illogical political exercise taken too far.

The best option for APC to be on the track to electoral victory is to expand the option of including the North Central and the South West where they have five governors of APC out of the six states in each zone making them the undisputable and strongest hold of the party rather than excluding them as opposed to the South East and South South where they have two and one APC governors respectively out of the 11 states in their zones.

The least strategy for the APC-led government to adopt is to allow an open and free contest for the most credible and popular choice to emerge but never narrow the ticket to a South East or South South option.

The consequences for such a decision may be a serious revolt and possible defection from those strong APC holds who would see their loyalty and consistency in following the party as a wasteful and unappreciated exercise. The conclusion would be that APC would have kissed a goodbye to any chances of victory come 2023.

Saad, wrote from Abuja

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Collapse of NIMC Server

The breakdown of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)'s server a fortnight ago caused unprecedented hardship among government and private institutions that needed to verify the National Identification Numbers (NINs) of customers who sought critical services. Institutions affected included banks, telecommunications companies, Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), external examination bodies, and the like. For over 10 days, the situation persisted, creating the kind of frustration that gives the impression that there are no measures put in place to deal with such an emergency in the country.

Though experts insinuate that what happened was a classical case of cyber attack, the NIMC management blamed it on hitches from the hosts of its data, the Galaxy Backbone Limited, a federal government agency that provides Information and Communications Technology services to all government agencies. In a statement it issued, NIMC said, "The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) wishes to inform the general public that its NIN verification Service (NVS) is temporarily unavailable due to the maintenance service being carried out by one of the commission's network service providers. The NIMC wants to assure the public that verification and authentication services would be restored once the maintenance is concluded. The commission apologises for any inconvenience this might cause our esteemed customers, as all hands are on deck to ensure speedy restoration. Meanwhile, the public can make use of the alternative tokenisation verification platform."

Passing the buck to other institutions that were unable to render services to customers, Kayode Adegoke, the spokesman for NIMC, blamed banks, telecoms, and other organisations that verify customers NIN for not resorting to tokenisation. He argued thus: "Even though the NIN verification service (NVS) might be down due to maintenance by one of our service providers of its infrastructure, the alternative platform - TOKENISATION - is up and running. There is the need to ask questions from the telcos, NIS, banks and others on the reason for turning down customers in the guise of NIN not being verified due to the temporary unavailability of the NVS, while the alternative platform-tokenization is working!!!"

However, those who resorted to tokenisation and attempted to use the USSD code complained that the device was not working, and that the NIMC app for NIN verification was not effective. An expert explained the situation thus: "The thing with the USSD code is that you cannot dial it with a number you did not register the NIN with, but if you download the mobile app, at the point of downloading it will send OTP (one-time password) to your line so that you can input it at the point of registering on the app. The OTP is not dropping. These are what we were asked to test run and see how it goes."

This situation persisted until last weekend when Galaxy Backbone claimed its portal had been restored and running, and that all government agencies it serviced had their servers restored. It is, nevertheless, not acceptable that in the 21st Century when every system is anchored on data, such a hitch could obstruct services for over 10 days. This is no doubt, a signal that Nigeria's cyber security is either in doubt or so weak that it is vulnerable to devastating cyber attacks. No country, in recent history, has faced such breakdown for such a long period.

The questions that arise are: does Nigeria have a cyber security policy? If so, is it being implemented? After several years of workshops, debates and discussions, the government arrived at a National Cyber Security Programme in 2020. Under the programme, the policy, strategy and implementation of cyber security for Nigeria was developed. The objective of the programme was to come up with a special purpose vehicle that would effectively assess the cyber security readiness or vulnerability of all government institutions and come up with measures to avert them. In spite of the hard work put into the preparation of the policy document, government has been foot-dragging on setting up the necessary regulatory framework for its implementation. Perhaps, if it had been in place, the glitch suffered by Galaxy Backbone Limited that led to the embarrassment the country went through for over 10 days would have been averted.

The cost of the breakdown of NIMC's server to government and Nigerians is not yet clear. But, we call on NIMC, Galaxy Backbone Limited and government to put in place measures to avert the repeat of the harrowing experience Nigerians and institutions went through in the last few days. It is feared that cyberwar could be as devastating as any war, leading to financial loss and compromise of vital data. So, it is a good thing that an agency has been created to protect data and ensure data regulation. We call for a quick takeoff of the agency and to ensure that the mandate is carried out effectively.

There is no gain saying the fact that cyber security is now as vital as the security of lives and properties in the country. It should not be ignored.

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Islam, Qur'anic Education and *Almajirci*: Sifting the grains from the chaff

By Ahmadu Shehu, Ph.D.

The issue of religion and culture is a sensitive topic in Northern Nigeria - thanks to centuries of Islamic cultural evolution and the established Islamic system of the Sokoto Caliphate. This sensitivity does not mean, however, that salient issues that define our social existence cannot be discussed, however sensitive.

Therefore, I will show in this article that the current form of *almajirci* is neither Islamic nor about Qur'anic education and that those children on the streets are only victims of bad parenthood and unwanted child-bearing by their own biological parents.

I propose that the only solution to this, and indeed other child abuses that threaten our communal existence is to enforce a regional law reminiscent of the Kano family law propounded by HRH Muhammad Sanusi II.

Basically, *almajirci* is a form of education that has lasted for centuries in the Sahel. This system has its origin from the desire of parents to give their wards a befitting Islamic education which in those days was not as prevalent as we have it today. Centuries ago, people had to travel far and wide to get access to basic Qur'anic education, since it was alien to sub-Saharan Africa.

Today, however, children are littered on the streets of Northern Nigeria not with books or slates in search of knowledge, but with plastic containers begging for a meal. These are not children sent from far away in search of inaccessible knowledge. These are children living a distance from their parents, who abdicated their responsibilities of feeding their children to strangers on the streets, while they continue having pleasure and producing more and more children.

Granted that there were historically all the justifications for the migration of students out of their local environment to access learning and research. These may include lack of access to scholars and schools, the need for native education and the desire for perfection. In fact, even as modernity has brought information at our fingertips, people all over the world migrate in search of knowledge, of course under humane and conducive situations.

However, the centuries of Islamic propagation in Northern Nigeria has resolved the necessity for moving kids around in search of Qur'anic literacy. This, notwithstanding, a large number of people cling to this culture, and have made a habit of throwing their kids into new, unknown environments in the pretence of Islamic education. Instead of education, however, this habit is retained to only serve the personal prejudices, selfishness and utter lack of empathy exhibited by the parents of these

children.

Today, there is no village across Northern Nigeria without an Islamic teacher capable of putting children through basic Qur'anic education. Thus, lack of access and quality are out of the equation. Secondly, parenting is a serious business in Islam, with severe consequences against defaulters. It is simply un-Islamic to bear children one cannot maintain.

To shamelessly throw children brought to the world without their consent to the streets barefooted, hungry, thirsty, dirty and homeless speaks volumes of not just inhumanity, but also faithlessness. The idea that people send these children to learn Islam is a necked, barefaced self-deception, and is contrary to all Islamic laws, regulations and injunctions.

What then motivates parents to inhumanly put their own biological offspring into these deplorable, toxic and unbearable conditions at such an early age? The common claim one hears is that these parents do not love their children. Well, this might be true given that no one treats something they love the way these people treat their own children. But, it is a known fact that humans love their biological offspring, including these irresponsible parents.

Another common, but unfathomable excuse is ignorance and poverty. How could anyone be said to be ignorant of the very basics of life, such as feeding, clothing, shelter, healthcare, etc. in raising his own child, when they need and in fact provide the same for themselves? Absurd!

It seems to me, therefore, that the motivation for this insensitivity borders around convenience and abdication of responsibility in order to achieve unlimited, unaffordable desires. Sending children to different places or cities entirely removes parents from their lives. It is so convenient to have a child in a place where no one knows the parents or their whereabouts.

It is also a means of abdication of responsibility. Parents do not have to feed, clothe or care for their children. All that is important is that they have a child elsewhere - somewhere unknown. This provides the room for more pleasure, the result of which is more reproduction. It is a case of throwing away a baggage to create room for another, probably a wife and more children. At the end of the day, who doesn't want free, costless pleasure?

Inasmuch as this recklessness has been internalized and entrenched in the society, one obvious reason it has defied all solutions is that a section - or in fact the general posture - of the northern elite is yet to decisively reject it. It seems that the religious elite are yet to unequivocally denounce this menace while the upper socio-political spectrum is scared of piercing the wound of their base.

The only solution to these kinds of social disorder is ensuring consequences for actions and inactions. The northern family institution has been left unregulated and arbitrarily abused. For instance, while most marriages and family institutions in the southern and Christian communities are protected and guided by the courts, the northern family institution is left at the mercy of husbands who treat it as personal affairs at their own will.

To reverse this trend, there is the need for a cross-regional family law that will protect the institution from aberrations and abuses and stop wanting parties from maltreating their spouses and children. Without this, there is hardly a way to stop human beings from taking pleasures in actions that do not bear consequences.

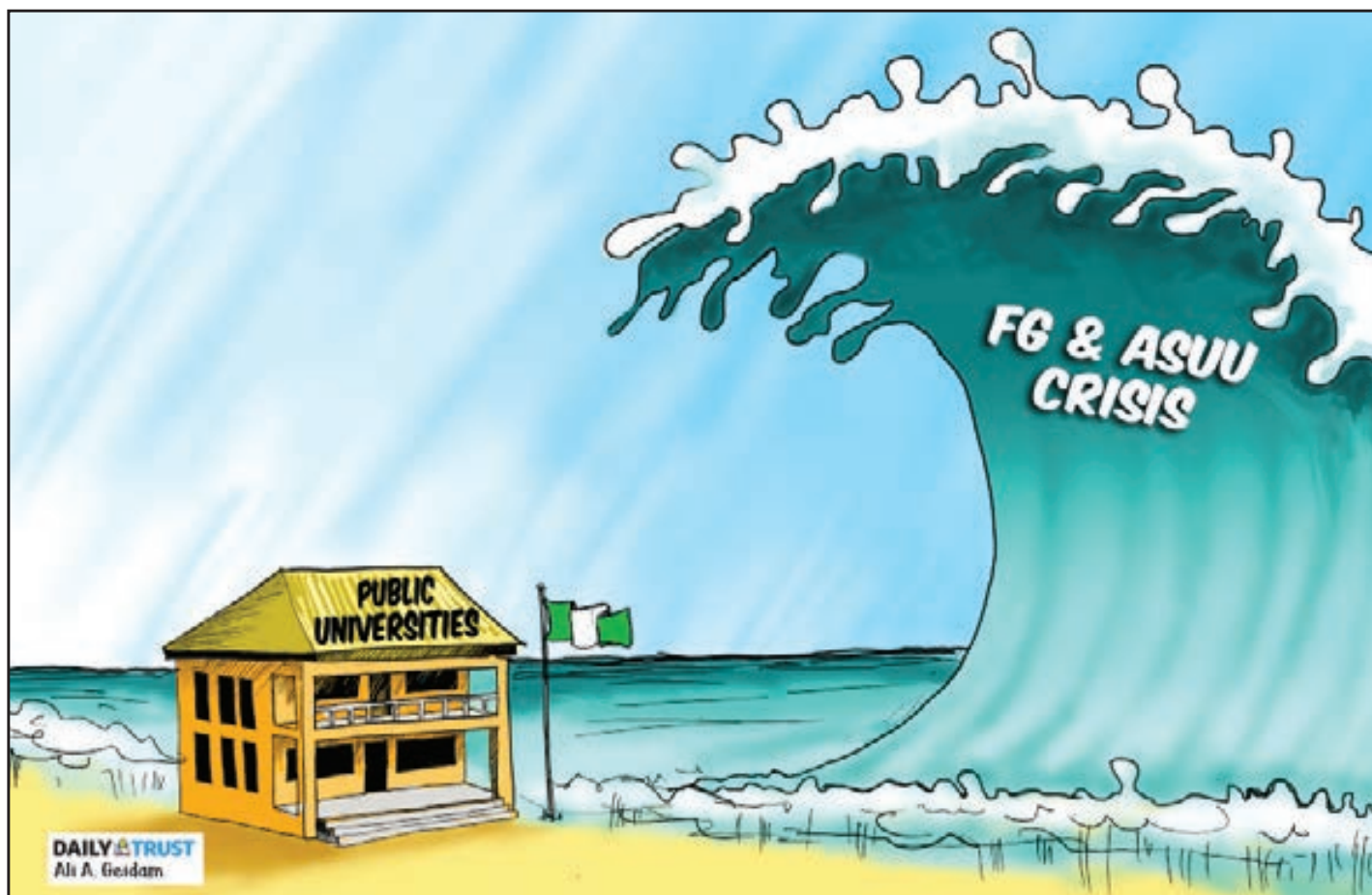
Dr. Ahmadu Shehu wrote from Kaduna via ahmadshehu@gmail.com

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CARTOON by Ali Geidam



'ASUU strike: An agent of insecurity

This strike is not a solution and will never be a solution. It is rather a contributor to insecurity, immorality, and unemployment in our dear country.

Education is the process of facilitating learning, or acquisition of knowledge, skill, value, morals, beliefs, habits and personal development.

It's a way of creating development, job opportunities, standard economy, security, awareness, modern society, and it develops problem-solving skills.

In Nigeria today, we need nothing more than adequate security because we are in a high level of insecurity.

Nigeria, in terms of education, is left behind compared to other countries that are far behind Nigeria in terms of economic resources; like Ghana and Benin Republic.

In Nigeria, we have everything and we don't have anything because we don't have qualitative education and security, and these have a link to the ASUU strikes.

ASUU has already made strikes a way of damaging students' careers and preventing the government from addressing important issues.

One would want to ask the following questions to ASUU:

What is the significance of money in the absence of peace?

Do you want to see the youth on the streets engaged in kidnapping and other vices? Undoubtedly, the answer is NO. Therefore, the strike is not a solution to this problem.

Nigerians need qualitative education because of the various problems we are facing in this country.

Most students wanted to finish their studies and go into practice, business and so on but the strike is consuming time. The programme that is supposed to last four years may extend to five or six years.

We are calling on the ASUU to find a solution to this problem that will not involve going on strike.

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Why President Buhari must intervene in Nigeria's embassy affairs in Spain

Not many Nigerians at home are currently aware of the happenings at the country's embassy in Spain under the leadership of Ambassador Demola Seriki. The truth is that the Nigerian Mission in Spain and its officials are in dire need of a presidential intervention.

The ambassador, like his predecessor, Susan Aderonke, is creating a toxic environment and stifling operations at the embassy. As at Monday; February 14, 2022, Ambassador Seriki had replaced all the Nigerian security personnel working in the Mission with Romanians.

Ambassador Seriki terminated the appointment of 10 members of staff illegally as at February 14, 2022 without considering the negative effect on the staff and their family back in Nigeria who are depending on them as well as the contradiction of his actions against Article 56 of the Spanish Labour Law of termination of employment.

Many of the workers in question had worked between 10 and 25 years in the mission and have contributed diligently one way or the other to maintain the good name of Nigeria in Spain through their

services to the public.

Ambassador Seriki's autocratic attitude of ruling without consultation has led to his plan to review the existing permanent contract of the staff to provisional contract without considering again the contradiction against Article 15 of Spanish Labour Law that spells the terms and conditions for employment.

All efforts by the locally recruited staff and some of the home-based officers to make the ambassador see reasons and reconsider his actions dropped on his deaf ears.

The ambassador had argued that he was sanitising the embassy, but one wonders why replacing Nigerians with Romanians.

If Nigerians who work at the embassy are made to sign a contract with the same country that employed them initially as permanent workers, it will be impossible for them to enjoy any credit facility because of the insecurity of the provisional contract.

This will also make them forfeit every benefit they are entitled to through their contribution to the social security in the country. Above all, such a contractual agreement is against Spanish Labour Law.

There are currently rumours making the rounds in Madrid that Nigerians applying for passports now have to pay 200 euros. To the best of my knowledge, any Nigerian who goes to the embassy without prior appointment is made to pay 200 euros to get their passport. If this is true, it would not augur well for the image of the country abroad as no one pays such money anywhere in Europe.

At the moment, the ambassador has succeeded through his divide and rule tactics in creating a division among the once united and cooperative Nigerian staff of the commission.

This is a wakeup call to our president who is a man of integrity to save the country from the imminent embarrassment that may come from the Nigerian Embassy in Spain. Again, President Buhari must also act to call the ambassador to order in the interest of Nigerians in that country and, more importantly, staff of the commission who are being victimised by the power-drunk ambassador.

This is our SOS to President Muhammadu Buhari to please rescue us.
Olatunde Yusuf wrote from Plaza Espanol 4 Madrid

Assisting Nigerian fallen heroes, dependents

This is a clarion call on Nigerians to be wary of individuals and groups who are bent on sabotaging the effort of the Nigerian Legion to assist military widows and ex-servicemen.

There was a recent collaboration by the Nigerian Legion Mass Transit Scheme Ltd., with the Military Widows

Association (MIWA), to launch Legion stickers, daily ticket and badges aimed at empowering widows, and the programme is aimed at enabling the Mass Transit to fulfill an enhanced financial obligation to the Legion.

However, following the withdrawal and replacement of the stickers, there has

been contention among some members, while some hoodlums, greedy persons and saboteurs, who have formed a cabal are bent on sabotaging this noble effort by printing fake tickets and using these avenues to illegally enrich themselves at the expense of the genuine fallen heroes and their dependents, and so our

financial expectations are not forthcoming.

A task force has now been set up to see to the harmonisation and addressing of these challenges. Therefore, all stakeholders to this noble project should come together to see to the success of this objective.

The Nigerian Legion

needs assistance to fight these saboteurs because it is concerned with the welfare of widows, fallen heroes and their children and therefore no effort to support this would be too much.

Maj. Gen. Abdul Malik Jibril, rtd., National Chairman, Nigerian Legion

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We heartily rejoice and congratulate His Excellency, Mal. Nasiru Ahmad El-Rufai OFR, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State on this special day of his 62nd birthday anniversary today.

We pray that His Excellency be graced with many more years filled with sound health and joy.

HIS EXCELLENCY
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CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

Remove N887bn inserted projects from 2022 budget, Buhari tells N/Assembly

By Abdullateef Salau & Balarabe Alkassim

● Identifies N13.24bn projects for deletion, earmarks N2.557trn for petrol subsidy



President Muhammadu Buhari has written to the National Assembly for an amendment to the 2022 Appropriations Act, passed and assented to last December.

The request was contained in separate letters addressed to Senate President Ahmad Lawan and the Speaker, House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabamila and read at the commencement of plenary yesterday.

President Buhari, in the letter, urged the lawmakers to roll back some of the N888 billion of projects they earlier inserted in the budget to accommodate the amendments.

He also said 139 out of the 254 projects in the 2022 budget totalling N13.2bn had been

identified for deletion.

He noted that the capital projects were replicated in the 2022 fiscal document.

Buhari also requested that an additional provision for N2.557 trillion be appropriated to fund the petrol subsidy in the 2022 budget to fully provide for PMS subsidy.

Buhari had while assenting to the appropriations bill

last year, expressed reservations on the “worrisome changes” made by the National Assembly to the 2022 budget.

In amending the Appropriations Act, the president asked the legislators to transfer the National Assembly’s expenditures totalling N16.59bn in the Service Wide Vote to the National Assembly Statutory Transfer

provision.

“You will agree with me that the inclusion of National Assembly’s expenditures in the Executive Budget negates the principles of Separation of Powers and Financial Autonomy of the Legislature,” the president said.

“It is also absolutely necessary to remove all capital projects that are replicated in the 2022 Appropriation Act; 139 out of the 254 such projects totalling N13.2bn have been identified to be deleted from the budget,” he said.

Buhari also said the amendment should provide for capital expenditures in the sum of N106bn; and N43bn for recurrent expenditures.

He also stressed the need to reinstate four capital projects totalling N1.4bn in the

Executive proposal for the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, and N22bn cut from the provision for the Sinking Fund to retire mature loans needed to meet government’s obligations under already issued bonds.

Buhari said there were several other projects that have been included by the National Assembly in the budgets of agencies that are outside their mandate areas.

He, therefore, requested the National Assembly to make the amendments without increasing the budget deficit.

He told the lawmakers that he had directed the Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning to work with their relevant committees to comprehensively identify and realign all such misplaced projects.

Buhari confirms Bello-Koko as NPA MD

By Chris Agabi

President Muhammadu Buhari has confirmed Mr Mohammed Bello-Koko as the substantive Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA).

This confirmation was conveyed in a statement signed by the Director Press, Federal Ministry of Transportation, Mr Eric Ojiekwe.

With this confirmation, the speculation as to status of the embattled erstwhile Managing Director of the NPA, Ms Hadiza Bala Usman has been rested. She is now officially relieved of that position.

Recall Ms Usman was suspended some eight months ago by President Buhari over allegations bothering on financial impropriety. A Ministerial panel was set up by the Minister of Transportation, Mr Rotimi Amaechi to investigate her alleged wrongdoing but the committee hasn’t turned in its report.

Mr Bello-Koko was the immediate past Executive Director, Finance and Administration of the Authority and has been acting as the MD since the uncelebrated exit of Ms Hadiza Bala Usman.

January inflation slightly drops by .03%

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Headline inflation of Nigeria dropped to 15.60 in January 2022, a 0.03 per cent reduction in what was recorded in December last year (15.63).

The figure was also 0.87 per cent lower than the rate recorded in January 2021 (16.47).

Recall that December’s figure was a rise from an eight-month decline of the nation’s Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Experts attributed the rise to the December festivities which fuelled more consumer spending.

The Statistician General of the Federation/Chief Executive Officer, National Bureau of Statistics, Dr. Simon Harry, in a press briefing yesterday stated that the new figure was influenced by increases in prices of bread and cereals, food products like potatoes, yam and other tubers, soft drinks, oils and fats and fruits.

He added that on a month-on-month basis, the food sub-index increased by 1.62 per cent in January 2022, which was down by 0.57 per cent from 2.19 per cent recorded in December 2021.

The ‘all items less farm produce’ or Core inflation, which excludes the prices of volatile agricultural produce stood at 13.87 per cent in January 2022. This was higher by 2.02 per cent when compared to 11.85 per cent, the rate recorded in January 2021.”

The highest increases were recorded in prices of electricity, liquid fuel, wine, tobacco, spirit, solid fuels, cleaning, repair and hire of clothing, shoes and other footwear, other services in respect of personal transport equipment, other services not elsewhere classified and pharmaceutical products.”

He added that the urban inflation rate stood at 16.17 per cent year-on-year in January 2022 the same as the December

2021 figure of 16.17%, while rural inflation was 15.06% and 15.11% in January 2022 and December 2021 respectively.

He said all items inflation on a year-on-year basis was highest in Abuja with 18.59% followed by Kogi with 18.28% and Bauchi, 17.61%, while Kwara recorded the lowest with 12.94% followed by Niger with 14.10% and Oyo, 14.19%.

For food inflation, on a year-on-year basis was highest in Kogi with 22.61% followed by Enugu with 19.84% and Akwa-Ibom (19.67%), while Sokoto had 14.18%, Bauchi (14.63%) and Kaduna (15.01%) as the lowest in January 2022.

On allegations that the bureau is not getting its facts right while doling out figures, he said: “We followed the methodology as prescribed by the United Nations Statistics division and that is the methodology NBS follows; and by implication, every country in the world follows.

“So, if you have any methodology

contrary to the one we use, do well and come to us and we will do some comparison and see if we can get to a point of convergence, otherwise, I can assure you that the best methodology is what we follow in computing the inflation rate, poverty rate, unemployment, GDP and trade balance.”

Meanwhile, the CEO of Centre for the Promotion of Private Enterprise (CPPE), Dr Muda Yusuf, while noting the marginal decline, stated that high inflationary pressures continue to be a major worry to stakeholders in the Nigerian economy.

He said its implications include escalation of production and operating costs for businesses thus eroding profit margins, drop in sales, decline in turnover and weak manufacturing capacity utilization.

High food prices which impact adversely on citizens’ welfare and aggravate poverty and a weak purchasing power have implications for aggregate demand.

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

TRAIN NO.	DEPARTURE										ARRIVAL									
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RIGASA	-	6:40	-	10:35	--	14:00	--	15:55	18:10	--	09:15	--	12:01	--	14:31	--	16:37	--	--	20:32

CROSSINGS DETAILS	STATION ▶	JERE	JERE	RUANA	RUANA	KUBWA	KUBWA	KAKAU	KAKAU	JERE	JERE	DUTSE	DUTSE	GIDAN	GIDAN
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NEWS

From Yvonne Ugwuez-uoha, Lagos

Severance Package: Aggrieved AIICO Pension staff seek govt's intervention

The staff of AIICO Pension Managers Limited, who were recently acquired by FCMB Pensions Limited, have expressed grievances over their severance package, describing it as a 'light robbery' in favour of top management Staff of the pension firm.

The staff noted that a part of the company's handbook was extracted and reviewed to state that management's severance package will be calculated by a percentage while junior staff will be based on six weeks per number of years instead of minimum industry average of twelve weeks.

"We were issued cessation

letters on December 17, 2021. We complained to the Association of Senior Staff of Banks, Insurance and Financial Institutions (ASSBIFI), which intervened as we were instructed to return to work on December 21. We returned to work on the trust that the union will engage parties and negotiate equitably," one of the aggrieved staff members said.

Daily Trust learnt that following the intervention of ASSBIFI, the cessation letters were withdrawn on December 21 while staff

were informed that FCMB Pension had consented to an additional N150,000 across board to each individual's severance package.

However, the staff rejected the offer, lamenting that the unit was not represented in the negotiation and the additional N150,000 falls short of the proposal by the union.

Despite the protest by the staff, they were issued another cessation letter on January 31, informing them that their services were no longer required from that day.

Dissatisfied, the unit

president, Basorun Adekunmi, and other members on February 1 wrote to the Director General of the National Pension Commission, PENCOM, calling for urgent intervention in the matter.

They called on PENCOM to wade into the matter and ensure that they are not thrown out of the system unjustly without an equitable severance package when compared to what the top management intends to part with upon the severance of their own employment from AIICO

Pension Managers Ltd.

"Based on the calculation and draconian template, a member of the staff who has served the company for over 15 years is expected to part with just a paltry sum of below N5m while the management staff will be going away with severance packages ranging from over N77 million to N120m each. This injustice and ridiculous template was sent to PENCOM and signed off.

"The staff are calling on the government and the House of Representatives on Pension to please come

to our aid to stop this injustice," another staff member added.

However, the Head, Strategy & Corporate Communication of AIICO Pension Managers Limited, Bankole Ekundayo, said he could no longer speak on the matter as he was affected by the disengagement as well.

"I can't give the reaction of the company because I no longer work with them as well. I also want you to know that it is not everything that people say that is true or should be treated as a story," he said.

ARCON registrar advocates architectural design to curtail fire outbreaks in public spaces

By Sunday Michael Ogwu

Good architectural design has been said to be the panacea to fire incidents in Nigerian public spaces, especially markets.

This was the submission made by the Registrar, Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), Arc. Umar Murnai Saulawa, at the just concluded conference organised by the Nigerian Building & Road Research Institute (NBRI) Workshop held last week.

In his paper, 'Fire Safety Design Considerations: A Panacea For Fire Severity Reduction In Markets', the ARCON chief who lamented the colossal loss of lives and properties to fire incidences, however, maintained that the unfortunate occurrence could be addressed with qualitative architectural design.

He said the lack of architecturally designed spaces using the safety factors in the building and fire code creates environments with no restrictions to spontaneous and massive conflagrations.

"Most conflagrations start off with a source of heat, whilst the fuel is often the combustible goods and structures that make up the majority of occupancy of the market; the open air in these spaces provides the

oxygen, often exacerbated by winds and movement of hot air during the fires," he said.

He noted that fire incidents could be prevented through the deployment of passive and active measures.

The passive measures, he said, take the process of utilisation of fixed, passive and immobile structures and design parameters in the prevention and containment of fires.

"These measures are the principal component of architectural design processes governed and dictated by the building and fire codes. This is the process of utilising architectural design in developing buildings to ensure fire safety," he said.

Murnai added that strict compliance with the nation's building code should be enforced because the code delineates the process of creating an architectural drawing for a building with the necessary design measures for passive and active methods of fire safety by establishing steps and processes.

To him, these steps in design ensure fire safety in the building by determining structural and design parameters that affect containment of smoke, fire containment, separation of stored combustible materials, speedy and safe evacuation of occupants and fighting off the fire.

Export council tasks Kaduna exporters on packaging for US, EU markets

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) has tasked Nigerian prospective exporters on packaging for international markets in Kaduna State.

The council urged the Nigerian

exporters to explore and sell their products in the global markets.

Speaking at a day Workshop on "Positioning Nigeria Products in Certified Niche Markets in the USA, EU, UK, etc, NEPC's Executive Director, Dr Ezra Yakusak, said 26 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' exporters were presented

with certifications by the council after sponsoring and supporting them in 2021.

Represented by Angela Uche-Echieh, the Chief Trade Promotion Officer explained further that the council has also concluded pre-audit of the second batch of SMEs under this certification project.

NEWS

By Chris Agabi (Abuja)
Abdullateef Aliyu (Lagos)

Expect normal rains, longer dry spell in the North – NiMet

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has released its Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP) with a largely normal rainfall pattern for 2022.

However, the prediction shows that the far states in the North will experience delayed onset of rain and may also experience longer dry spell (drought) within the cropping period.

Launching the SCP and presenting the prediction highlights, the Minister of Aviation, Sen Hadi Sirika, said it was critical farmers leveraged the prediction to make informed decisions so as not to experience losses.

He said the prediction showed that, "The earliest onset of the planting season (beginning of planting activities) is expected about the 28th February, 2022, in the coastal parts of the country, while the onset of rainfall is expected to occur between April and May in the central states, and eventually within June to

July in the Northern states."

He noted that, "The onset of the planting season is predicted to be normal over most parts of Nigeria with a few areas having it earlier while some areas having it delayed."

On rainfall cessation, he said, "Dates across most parts of the county in 2022 are predicted to be near the long-term average conditions. The window between the onset and cessation dates can be regarded as safe periods for the planting of various crops in accordance with their cropping calendars. The growing season is predicted to last between 250 and 300 days in Southern parts of the country, and 100 to 200 days in the North."

He indicated further that, "Areas around Kwara, Oyo, Lagos, Nasarawa, Benue, Bayelsa and Rivers are likely to

experience shorter than normal length of growing season.

"However, prolonged length of growing season is anticipated in parts of Plateau, Kaduna, Edo and Imo states."

For the annual total rainfall, he said the prediction indicated that the annual rainfall amount was expected to be normal in most parts of the country.

He said, "The annual rainfall amount is expected to range from 390mm in the North to over 2,790mm in the South.

"Annual rainfall ranging from 390mm to 790mm is anticipated in some parts of Borno, Yobe, Jigawa, Katsina and Sokoto states. The central states such as Nasarawa, Taraba, Kogi, Benue and the FCT, as well as Ekiti, Osun and Oyo, are anticipated to record 1,190mm to 1,590mm of total rainfall.

"From May to August, 2022, dry spells of different degrees of severity, ranging from mild to severe, are predicted for different parts of the country. Moderate dry spell persisting for up to 15 days is predicted over parts of Adamawa, Benue, Kogi, Ekiti, Kwara, Niger, FCT, Kaduna, Sokoto, Kebbi and Gombe. Parts of Kebbi, Katsina, Jigawa, Yobe, Borno, Nasarawa and Plateau states may experience a severe dry spell that could persist for up to 20 days or longer in June 2022."

Commenting, the DG of NiMet, Prof Mansur Bako Matazu, said the challenges of variability in climate vis-à-vis global warming, which had in recent times given rise to high rainfall amounts occurring within a short duration, had made flash flood episodes more

frequent.

Prof matazu said, "Several roads were decimated in 2021, among which are the Maiwa Bridge on the Bauchi-Kano highway in Ningi Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

"The single-day rainfall event of 16th July, 2021, over Lagos metropolis which flooded a large portion of Lagos Island, including the popular Balogun Market increased severity of dry spells episodes in parts of Jigawa, Bauchi, Yobe, Gombe and Nasarawa states."

"Thus with such recurring extreme events, the SCP becomes a veritable tool to notify relevant stakeholders and emergency managers of the anticipated rainfall pattern within the season for necessary mitigation plans."



■ Minister of Power Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu (left) and Managing Director of Eko Electricity Distribution Company, Engr. Fadeyibi Adeoye on a courtesy visit to the minister in Abuja yesterday

FG, Ogun distribute free CAC certificates to 6,500 MSMEs

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The federal government, in partnership with the Ogun State Government, has commenced the distribution of free Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) certificate to over 6,500 successful Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which applied through the Formalisation Track of the MSMEs Survival Fund.

Speaking during a symbolic presentation ceremony in Abeokuta, Ogun State, to herald the distribution to beneficiaries drawn from the 20 LGAs of the state, Gov Dapo Abiodun said his administration's genuine commitment to providing economic support to MSMEs, especially the vulnerable, made the state key into the federal government's Survival Fund towards increasing productivity and output of micro-enterprises.

Gov Abiodun, represented by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Tokunbo Talabi, said the state had embarked on the distribution of grants to artisans and business owners in recent times but found out that a lot of business owners could have benefitted but for lack of business registration.

He said, "That is why we have put this together to facilitate your registration and create wealth for MSMEs, especially those who cannot afford it."

Gombe seals Access Bank branches over N118m unpaid taxes

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

The Gombe State Internal Revenue Service (GIRS) has sealed branches of Access Bank in the state over N118 million unpaid taxes.

The Executive Chairman of GIRS, Abubakar Inuwa Tata, told newsmen after the exercise that the money was accumulated liability over 10 years as personal income tax of the bank's employees.

He said the service decided to seal the branches after a 30-day notice issued to the management of Access Bank expired without any form of correspondence from them.

Mr Tata said, "According to the state's laws, the bank or any tax-paying entity have within 30 days to comply or object with the demand notice if they are comfortable with the amount they are ask to pay. But Access Bank didn't object, neither did they reply the demand notice.

"Instead, the bank took the GIRS to the Tax Appeal Tribunal in Bauchi State

and we followed the case to its legal conclusion and the tribunal dismissed the case. And by law after 30 days whatever served to you becomes binding, final and conclusive, which means the bank has no option than to pay the amount of N118m on the demand notice."

The executive chairman stated that after the expiration of the 30-day notice, the bank blatantly ignored GIRS's letter, "Therefore, we got a court order to seal the bank, which was approved."

He explained that the figure was arrived at after-tax investigation of on Pay-as-You-Earn (PAYE) of the bank personnel covering over 10 years.

Tata added that the branches would remain close until the money was paid to the state government in order to have money and provide social services to people living in the state.

He revealed that other banks operating in the state had taken GIRS to courts over issues of tax evasion, saying they would take appropriate action when the cases were determined by the courts.

Nigerian bourse to revise listing rules to attract tech coys

By Faruk Shuaibu & Bird Story agency

The Nigerian Exchange Group (NXG) has disclosed plans to attract tech coys to the bourse, in a bid to revive the market.

A report by the Bird Story agency noted that the new drive was as a result of NXG's efforts to rebrand in NASDAQ-style board to consolidate on the fast-growing internet economy created by local tech firms.

The division head of stock exchange listing at NXG, Olumide Bolumole, revealed that the bourse will make sweeping changes to make listing attractive to tech companies.

Bolumole said that emphasis placed on "breaking even", for listing

a firm at the bourse, is stymieing the growth potential of tech outfits.

Recall that NXG demutualised in 2021, taking the company private in a move that it hopes will attract greater flows of foreign and domestic investment into Nigeria's bourse, and now consists of a holding company and three subsidiaries that cover the operations of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), its regulation and its real estate.

"Nigeria and a few other African states boast unicorns - startups that have attained a market valuation of over a billion US dollars and Africa is now home to seven: Jumia Technologies, Interswitch, Flutterwave, Andela, Wave, OPay and Chipper Cash.

TRANSPORT

'Why foreign airlines should not operate domestic flights'

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

There are mixed feelings in the aviation sector over the threat by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aviation, Smart Adeyemi, to invite foreign airlines to operate domestic flights in view of the recent spate of flight delays by the domestic carriers.

Sen Adeyemi and his committee members, who were on an oversight visit to the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), threatened that the National Assembly might be forced to invite foreign airlines if the domestic carriers were unable to serve local passengers.

He said his committee in the Senate and that of the House of Representatives had made up their minds to put in place necessary instruments that would empower the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to grant operating license to any foreign airline that was willing and able to deliver on prompt and safe airlifting of Nigerians to all their domestic destinations.

The Chairman of the House Committee on Aviation, Hon Nnaji Nnolim, on his part, said the persistent flight delays were no longer acceptable as they affected businesses and the socio-economic well-being of the people.

Daily Trust reports that during the joint oversight of both the Senate and the House of Representatives aviation committees, the members lamented the incessant flight delays, narrating how they almost missed their appointments in Lagos, and even left many people behind in Abuja scrambling to come to Lagos.

However, Sen Adeyemi's statement is drawing the ire of operators and some stakeholders in the aviation sector who see his suggestion as not only unrealistic but another attempt at opening up the Nigerian sky for exploitation.



Smart

The General Secretary of Aviation Roundtable and Safety Initiative, Group Capt John Ojikutu (Rtd), warned against the idea of foreign airlines encroaching on the domestic market, saying such idea would kill the domestic airlines.

Daily Trust further reports that there are no fewer than 10 domestic airlines operating locally, including Air Peace, Arik Air, Overland, Dana Air, Ibom Air, Max Air, Azman Air, Green Africa and United Nigeria.

Reports indicate that over 58 per cent of flights operated last year were delayed amid rising complaints from members of the flying public.

But Capt Ojikutu said despite that, inviting foreign airlines to operate local flights was not the solution.

In a message to the Sen Adeyemi, Capt Ojikutu said, "If the media is right, please don't ever give any thought to foreign airlines encroaching into the domestic routes; you will kill the domestic airlines.

"I am an advocate of restricting each foreign airline to either Lagos or Abuja and not Lagos and Abuja, but may go to any other airport in the alternative



Ojikutu

geographical area.

"However, the airline can make as many frequencies as it wishes per day to the airports of its choice. This is the only way you can create market for the domestic airlines that cannot compete effectively with the foreign airlines on the international routes.

"What we should emphasise to the foreign airlines is to ensure that they have interlining with the domestic airlines for the sake of inbound and outbound connecting passengers on their flights. Again, distinguished senator and house members, don't open the domestic routes to the foreign airlines except you want to kill the domestic airlines."

As tongues continue to wag over the incessant flight delays, the Director General of, Capt Musa Nuhu, vowed to get the schedules of all operating airlines to be sure they were not selling tickets beyond what their capacities.

However, stakeholders say the only challenge is for the operators and the public to have an understanding on how to handle the situation when natural circumstances warranting flight delays or cancellation occur.

NRC targets 100,000 passengers daily, partners advert platform

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), in collaboration with B2YB, an advisory and consultancy firm, has officially launched its advertising platform to promote visibility for brands within and around train stations.

The parties are banking on the expected increase in train movements across the country as NRC, which currently conveys 15,000 to 20,000 passengers daily, is aiming at 100,000 passengers daily.

The NRC had appointed B2YB to manage the commercial utilisation of its assets within and around railway terminals, on coaches and on the right of way.

B2YB's mandate includes the design, fabrication, installation, marketing and management of advertising spaces/opportunities in/on all NRC property across Nigeria.

Speaking at the official launch, NRC Director of Operations, Mr Niyi Alli, said, "NRC is aimed at reducing traffic on the road because the passenger rate is growing. So this is an avenue to reduce passengers' stress."

He said, "Currently, NRC conveys 15,000 to 20,000 daily, but we are aiming 100,000 daily. "We are aiming towards having four stations en-route Lagos to Ibadan having

four return trips, which would make it eight times daily."

NRC and B2YB described the advertising platform as the easiest, fastest and most effective way brands would reach out to their target audience.

The Managing Director (MD) of B2YB, Mr Temitope Ayanbade, said, "B2YB is a young brand helping brands to connect with their consumers. The excitement is that it can never be overemphasized that presently Nigeria railway can be likened to what we have in the advanced Western world like the US, UK and Dubai, and we are very excited about what is happening now."

He further said the opportunities were so enormous for brands which took advantage of the platform, noting that safety was the major concern of Nigerians.

Buttressing on the opportunities for brands to connect and engage their consumers through the platform, he explained that, "Advertising is a game of numbers; we want to tap in to where the eyeballs are. There are immense opportunities for brands to come and leverage numbers that we have here.

"There is opportunity for in-coach and out-coach branding, there are opportunities around the terminals where you can have Point of Sale (POS), opportunity to try brand engagement and visibility for your brand as well."

Unions threaten strike over assault on aviation security personnel

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Aviation unions have cried out over frequent assault and brutality on "defenceless" Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria's (FAAN) Aviation Security (AVSEC) personnel at various airports across the country, warning that they may be forced to withdraw their services at airports where such assaults are prevalent.

The unions said the recorded assaults in recent times "arose from forceful entry or attempted forceful entry into restricted areas by unauthorised security personnel; leaving attendant AVSEC staff brutalised; sometimes heavily"

Daily Trust reports that there was a discord between FAAN and the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS)

over security breach by an Area Comptroller of Customs.

The unions: National Union of Air Transport Employees (NUATE), Air Transport Services Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (ATSSSAN) and Association of Nigerian Aviation Professionals (ANAP), condemned the unceasing assault by armed security operatives working at Nigerian airports.

In a statement, the heads of the unions Comrade Ocheme Aba (General Secretary of NUATE); Comrade Frances Akinjole (Deputy General Secretary of ATSSSAN) and Comrade Abdul Rasaq Saidu (General Secretary of ANAP), warned that the unions would no longer tolerate any assault and brutalisation of its members

who were civilian airport workers.

The statement reads in part: "Should there be another incident of such, we shall not hesitate to direct withdrawal of all our members from identified danger zones in which threat to the lives of workers is allowed free reign."

It reads further: "It has become absolutely necessary to cry out about the unceasing assault and brutality being meted to aviation security personnel of FAAN and other aviation workers by national security personnel serving at Nigerian airports.

"Such incidences have been more prevalent at the MMIA, Lagos. And customs officers have been most guilty of these atrocities.

"The question remains

as to how long these delinquent national security personnel shall continue to breach national security, brutalise other aviation workers and carry on flouting civil aviation regulations made for safe and secure operations at the airports."

The unions called on the Minister of Aviation, the DG of NCAA and the MD of FAAN "to put heads together for the purpose of putting an end to assault and brutality against aviation workers, particularly AVSEC personnel, by airports' security forces.

"In the first place, it should be noted that the airports in question are civil, not military airports, which are under the purview of the regulations of NCAA, and of which aviation security is an important part.

Africa Travellers Awards unveils aviation winners

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The final list of winners for the aviation part of Travellers Awards was released yesterday by the organisers.

Travellers Awards, instituted in 1996 by the publishers of Travellers Magazine and Atqnews.com with the motto: "Promoting Excellence in Travels", is the leading travel and tourism awards body in Nigeria.

The awards will be presented on March 11, 2022, in Abuja.

In the aviation category, Aviation Personality of the Year is Capt Musa Nuhu (DG of NCAA) for navigating the resumption of civil aviation in Nigeria and bringing it back

to good health within 12 months. He is also credited for deft handling of aeropolitics in 2021.

Aviation CEO of the Year is Engr Akin Olateru (AIB's commissioner and CEO). He is credited with clearing the backlog of accident investigations in the last 18 months. Under his watch the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) has grown and established itself as a relevant player in aviation in Nigeria and West Africa.

In other categories, Aviation Company of the Year is Pathfinder, which has been working silently for seamless operations of international travels in Nigeria, while Aviation Handling Company of the Year is SAHCO PLC.

Governor Sule Presents First Class Staff to New Osuko

... As Obi Stands Still

Saturday 22nd. January 2022, will remain evergreen in the annals of the history of Obi the headquarters of Obi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State. The ancient town came to a standstill as the people rolled out their drums and colorful masquerades to welcome unprecedented August visitors to the community to celebrate a massive occasion. The event was the official investiture and presentation of a first class staff of office to the new paramount ruler of the chiefdom of Obi HRH Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume by the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State Engineer Abdullahi Alhaji Sule.

This followed the re-emergence of this royal icon after the dexterity of the Governor Sule administration in the state successfully neutralized the protracted Chieftaincy tussle and internal antagonism that trailed the earlier selection and appointment of Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume as the 35th. Osuko in 2007. Almost fifteen years down the line, and following chains of litigations and counter litigations from a section

administration's posture towards community mobilisation for peaceful co-existence in the state, the governor quickly charged the legal machinery of government and the relevant Ministry to get to work and right all the perceived wrongs raised by the appellate court for the speedy remediation of the impasse.

Naturally for Governor A. A. Sule, his Palace background and deep knowledge of the workings of traditional institutions as a prince will unarguably justify the primacy of the place of traditional rulers in his administration's posture towards the Protection and progress of the institution.

This has clearly been demonstrated by the Governor's unprecedented support and strategic partnership with traditional rulers since he assumed office as Executive Governor of Nasarawa State in 2019. This expressly explains the swiftness with which government responded to the decision of the Appeal Court quashing the earlier process that enthroned Aliyu Dangiwa as Osuko of Obi. Doing anything to the contrary in the reckoning of His Excellency, could create a vacuum that



■ Governor Abdullahi Sule presenting Staff of Office to His Royal Highness, the Osuko of Obi, Alhaji Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume.

of one of the four royal clans in Obi, the Court of Appeal Makurdi Division on December 14 2021 nullified the selection of the Osuko, citing "irregularity" of quorum in the selection process carried out in 2007.

However, being a man of value and high moral rectitude shaped by a very rich royal family background and upbringing, Governor Abdullahi Sule calmly and meticulously studied all the salient points of the judgment and promptly brought his innate Royal knowledge and regard for the rule of law to bear.

Also mindful of the strategic position of traditional institutions, especially in line with his



■ Governor Abdullahi Sule and His Royal Highness, the Osuko of Obi, Alhaji Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume after presentation of Staff of Office.

if left to linger, would be detrimental to government unwavering efforts and determination to constantly pursue communal peace and harmony through the instrumentality of traditional institutions.

It is instructive to record that the resolution of the dispute was made easy by the Governor's constant interface with the State Traditional Council of Chiefs, which helped in fast tracking the process with government acceptance of the court verdict questioning only the process of selection.

Accordingly, Governor Sule mandated the state Ministry for Local Government, Community Development and Chieftaincy Affairs to put in place modalities and commenced the processes of conducting fresh selection to fill the vacant stool of the Osuko in strict compliance with the judgment of the appellate court.

Thus, through rugged commitment and dedication, the Ministry marshaled by Hon. Yusuf Aliyu Turaki as Commissioner supported by an energetic and untiring Permanent Secretary Ishaka Danladi Abari (Talban Shabu), in strong liaison with the state Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice Dr. Abdulkarim Abubakar Kana promptly perfected the process for the selection of a new Osuko, this time, in accordance with an amended



■ Governor Abdullahi Sule, Commissioner for Local Government, Yusuf Aliyu Turaki and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Ishaku Danladi Abari decorating His Royal Highness, the Osuko of Obi, Alhaji Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume with Royal Regalia.

state legal instrument on the selection of Emirs and Chiefs.

This was successfully carried out on Wednesday 29th. December 2021, which led to the re-emergence of Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume as Osuko.

It is with these processes completed and his innate desires to always do the right thing and fulfill the demands of the rule of law that Governor Sule followed it up with the official investiture and presentation of a first class staff of office to the new paramount ruler of the chiefdom of Obi. And within the shortest possible time, the governor through the Ministry, orchestrated the smooth ceremony for the official installation of the monarch and formal presentation of a first class staff of office to place a Q2eal of authority that would enable the paramount ruler settle down and commit to his Royal duties.

Interestingly, despite the short notice, the Ministry put together a scintillating, rancor free and captivating event that will go down as the best of such event in the annals of the history of the chiefdom.

After decorating the new Osuko with a brand new traditional first class regalia (Turban), Governor Sule followed up with the presentation of a Certificate and the official staff of office amidst thunderous ovation and cheers from the mammoth crowd that graced the function.

Speaking shortly after the investiture held at the Obi Pilot Primary School, Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule who was performing a Chieftaincy installation for the first time since assuming office, said the formal investiture of the royal

father was in line with the Nasarawa State Legal Notice Number 1 of 2018 and Local Government Law of 2018 as amended and called on the Osuko of Obi to extend his hands of friendship to all irrespective of any differences that may exist.

Acknowledging the circumstances that led to the nullification of the selection of His Royal Highness in the first instance, the Governor explained that "this seeming aberration in the culture of our tradition was informed by the exercise of the rights of some people;" and advised that "this should not becloud the brotherhood and common destiny of the people of Obi chiefdom."

Continuing, the Governor said it was not out of place for those contesting the earlier selection of Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume in 2007, to have done so, as according to him they did so in exercise of their rights to seek justice, it is therefore not enough for the re-enthroned first class chief to vilify anyone, but he should extend hands of fellowship to those who were against him.

While congratulating the Osuko for re-assuming the throne of his ancestors, Governor Sule charged him to deploy his administrative versatility and his innate vision and creativity in superintending over the affairs of his domain.

He recalled that the judgment of the federal court of appeal which nullified the selection of HRH. Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume prompted the government through the Ministry of Local Government, Community



■ Governor Abdullahi Sule presenting certificate of Confirmation to His Royal Highness, the Osuko of Obi, Alhaji Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume.

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Promotional

Governor Sule Presents First Class Staff to New Osuko



■ Governor Abdullahi Sule presenting His Speech at the Installation of His Royal Highness, the Osuko of Obi, Alhaji Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume in Obi.

Development and Chieftaincy Affairs to do the needful to fill the vacuum and which led to the re-election of Aliyu Dangiwa by the only surviving kingmakers in Obi.

He particularly expressed delight to be part of History by administering the oath of office on the royal father in the presence of happy subjects who came out enmass to cheer their traditional ruler, and also acknowledged the support of other traditional rulers who traveled from far and near to grace the investiture of one of their own, and assured all traditional rulers whose investiture had not been carried out that machineries would immediately be set in motion for the commencement of preparations in that regard.

Governor Sule maintained that his administration accords very high premium to the position and roles of traditional rulers, adding that, "it is for this reason that our administration has since inception integrated the traditional institution into the machinery of government at all levels." He reiterated that the synergy established between government and traditional institutions in the state has given government the rare opportunity to benefit from the rich wealth of experience of traditional rulers which had fostered unity amongst the diverse ethnic groups in the state.

Earlier, the state Commissioner for Local Government, Community Development and Chieftaincy Affairs Honourable Yusuf Aliyu Turaki stated that the present administration in the state attaches high premium to the traditional institutions as a deliberate effort to foster peace and unity in the state. The Commissioner commended Governor Abdullahi Sule for his prompt response to the appeal court judgment of 14th. December 2021 and the support given to the Ministry to conduct a fresh selection in obedience to the law and the push to organize the official installation for the re-elected monarch. Aliyu Turaki maintained that since assuming office over two years ago, the state Governor Engineer Abdullahi Sule has been providing traditional rulers with the necessary support and the enablement to carry out their responsibilities as mobilizers of the people and pivots of peaceful co-existence in the state.

In a welcome remark, chairman of Obi Local Government Council Ozhe Joshua Yehkpowudu appreciated Governor Abdullahi Sule for his unwavering commitment to the rule of law and peaceful co-existence as someone who cherishes and promotes the traditional institution.

The Chairman maintained that traditional institutions occupy a pride of place in national development and thanked Governor Sule for his support, assuring him of the unflinching support of the entire good people of Obi to the administration at all times.

In a vote of thanks, the newly enthroned Osuko of Obi HRH Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume said the entire Osuko Orume family and the people of Obi place on record their profound gratitude to God Almighty for granting them the rare privilege to witness the history making occasion after going through turbulence and coming out on top. He equally commended Governor Abdullahi Sule for his fatherly role, giving the speed with which he accelerated modalities for the selection process and approval, which culminated into his eventual installation as well as presentation of 1st class staff of office.

The Osuko pointed out that henceforth, the Governor will be considered in Obi not just as a friend but also a family member who stood by them during their trying period.

Indeed the participatory involvement of the mass people of Obi in the presentation of a first class staff of office to the new Osuko speaks volumes on the acceptability of the paramount ruler as both the young and old, big and small as well as visiting friends and well wishers from far and near featured prominently in the celebration of the re-enthronement of HRH. Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume. The people showed their love and support for the new Osuko through various traditional processions which electrified the Obi Pilot Primary School venue of the coronation in colorful regalia and magical performances.

The historic installation was graced by an array of dignitaries including HE, Dr. Emmanuel Agbadu Akabe, Deputy Governor of Nasarawa State, Prof. Abdulkarim Kana, the Attorney general and Commissioner of Justice Nasarawa State, Barrister Mohammed Aliyu Ubandoma, Wazirin Lafia and secretary to the Govt of Nasarawa State.

Also present among the Distinguished personalities were traditional rulers led by HRH, Justice Sidi Mohammed Bage Rtd, Emir of Lafia and chairman council of chiefs Nasarawa State, the Andoma of Doma, HRH Alh. Ahmadu Oga Onawo, Sangarin of Awe, Alh. Isa Abubakar Umar II, the Emire of Keffi, Dr Shehu Chindo Yamusa III, OSANA of Keana, Alh Abdullahi Amegwa Agbo III, Sarkin Kwandare, Alh. Ahmadu Abdulkura, the Osu Ajiri, Halilu Bala Usman and Sarkin Gudi HRH Alh. Sule Bawa among many other revered Emires and Chiefs from across the state.

Members of the National and state Assemblies past and present, Head of the civil service, Nicolas Abari Aboki, Head of Govt agencies and inter ministerial departments, heads of security agencies and members of the press as well as different cultural groups also added colours to the occasion.

It would be recalled that the Makurdi Division of the Court of Appeal had on December 14 2021 nullified the selection of Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume as Osuko of Obi nearly fifteen years after his appointment. The appellate court faulted the 2007 selection of the ruler on grounds of lack of quorum as required by the Obi Local Government Native Law of 2006 on the selection of the Osuko of Obi.

The appeal court verdict had overturned an earlier decision of the Nasarawa State High Court which had validated the selection and



■ Hon. Yusuf A. Turaki, Commissioner for Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs, Nasarawa State

appointment as well as installation of Aliyu Dangiwa as Osuko in 2007. Some members of the Oga ruling family of Obi had dragged the Nasarawa State Government and others including Aliyu Dangiwa Ogiri Orume to court challenging the exercise that shot him to the throne. The plaintiffs had contended that a quorum was not formed when Dangiwa was enthroned as only one of the five traditional kingmakers voted instead of three as specified by the 2006 law. They deposed that the action of the state government was illegal, unconstitutional, null, void and of no effect whatsoever because the selection and installation of Aliyu Dangiwa contravened provisions of Nasarawa State Legal Notice No. 3 of 2006 and the Obi Local Government Modification of Native Law and Custom on the selection of Osuko.

In a unanimous decision, the appellate court through a verdict delivered by Justice Agube, nullified the selection of Dangiwa Orume who until his selection in 2007, was the Director of Personnel Management with Obi Local Government.

Incidentally, the issue at stake that led to the protracted litigation had already been corrected and even gazetted by the state Government, through the Nasarawa State Legal Notice No. 1 of 2018. The 2018 measure by the Government of Alh. Umaru Tanko Al-Makura was necessitated by incessant cases of chieftaincy disputes in many communities across the state. Obi ended up being a beneficiary of the amended Law after the Appeal Court ruling. In consequence, the government obeyed the position of the court and promptly organised another round of selection exercise based on the new 'Nasarawa State Legal Notice No. 1, of 2018.



■ Hon. Abdulkareem A. Kana, Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Nasarawa State.

Thus, precisely fifteen days after Dangiwa's selection as Osuko, was annulled, he was re-elected on Wednesday December 29 2021 again by the sole remaining Obi traditional king selector, Alhaji, Malam Ibrahim Okposhi.

The new Gazette enacted by the Nasarawa State House of Assembly and by the Authority of same provided as follows:

SECTION ;

1. This Law may be cited as the Nasarawa State Local Government (Amendment) Law 2018 and shall come into effect on the 15th March, 2018.

2. The Nasarawa State Local Government Law 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "The Principal Law") is amended as follows:

Section 55 of the Principal Law is amended by substituting same for a new Section" 55 subsections 2, 2 and 3" as follows:

"55 (1) the selection of an Emir or Chief pursuant to Section 55(1) of this Law shall be carried out by the Electoral College pursuant to the respective Native Law and Custom but in the event where it is impossible for the quorum to be formed as contemplated, any or all available or surviving member or members of the Electoral College may be mandated with the approval of the Governor to carry out the Selection. However, where none of the members of the College of Selectors is alive or available, the Governor may invoke the doctrine of necessity by appointing an ad-hoc Electoral College from the same Emirate or Chiefdom to carry out the Selection and thereafter stand dissolved.

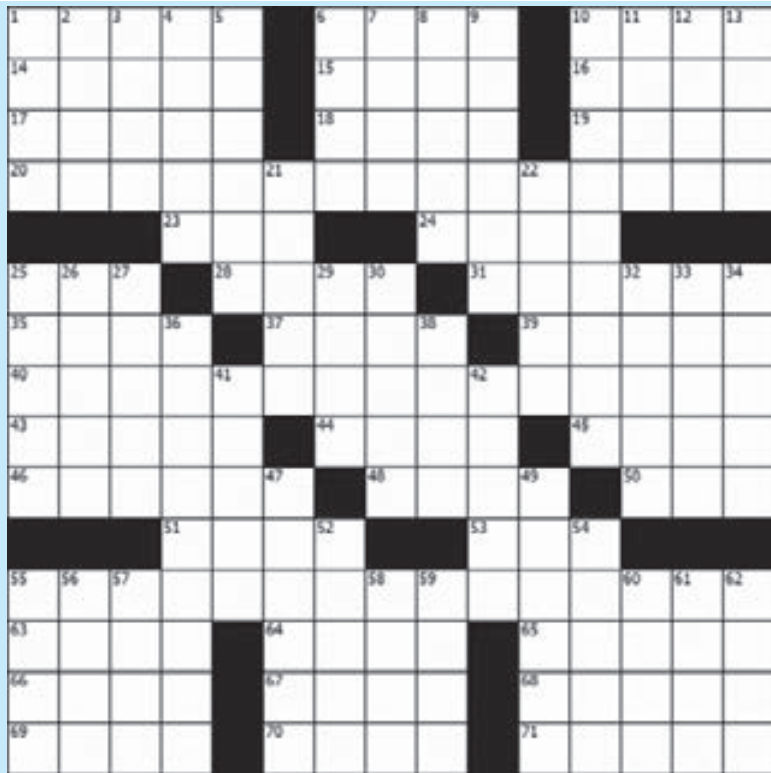
(2) Without prejudice to any other existing Law or Custom applicable in Nasarawa State on the Selection and or deposition of an Emir or Chief as the case may be, this Law supercedes and shall take precedence over the said Law and Custom.

(3) It shall be mandatory for any Emir or Chief referred to in S. 55(1) of this Law not to allow vacancy to exist in the College of Selectors for a period exceeding two (2) months upon death, resignation or disqualification of any of the traditional Selectors except where the Selector is a Village or District Head that would also undergo another process of selection.

This was published as a supplement to the Nasarawa State Notice No. 3 of 2006 - The Obo Local Government (Modification of the Native Law and Custom Relating to the Selection of the Osuko - Obi Chiefdom) order 2003."

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EASY CROSSWORD >>

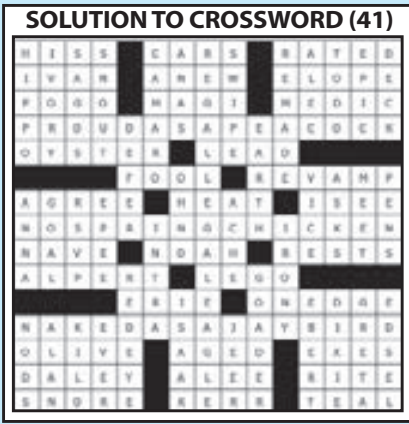


Across

- 1. Hard to climb
- 6. Type of beetle or party
- 10. Grass skirt dance
- 14. Certain pitch
- 15. Game similar to bingo
- 16. Colossal, moviewise
- 17. Negatively charged particle
- 18. John follower
- 19. One and only
- 20. Score at will
- 23. Allen wrench shape
- 24. Shipped off
- 25. Luxury locale?
- 28. Soda-can flaps
- 31. Escort from the door
- 35. Desserts that give chills
- 37. Greek vowel
- 39. Make reparation
- 40. Sing, so to speak
- 43. Buttinsky
- 44. It'll fall today, somewhere
- 45. Word with beat or heat
- 46. Give one's word
- 48. Fashioned
- 50. "Manon" duet?
- 51. Go on a tirade
- 53. Bed-and-breakfast
- 55. "It'll never work."
- 63. Touched down

Down

- 64. What the fat lady sings?
- 65. With no warmth
- 66. Paid attendees
- 67. Big rig
- 68. What we have here
- 69. Approached 90
- 70. Wide-spouted pitcher
- 71. Words of approval
- 9. Kind of truth
- 10. Paused
- 11. Fairy tale word
- 12. Upbeat tune
- 13. Top-flight individuals?
- 21. Braid
- 22. Bryant's teammate
- 25. Chad's northern neighbor
- 26. Lots and lots?
- 27. Hammer parts
- 29. Nuclear Niels
- 30. Something to let off
- 32. Beneficiary
- 33. Ancient Peruvian
- 34. Requisites
- 36. Soaked through and through
- 38. A large chunk of Earth
- 41. Gold standard
- 42. Where rajahs ruled
- 47. Put skin on a sausage
- 49. Being
- 52. Pitched
- 54. Suitable spot
- 55. Succumbs to gravity
- 56. Clean, as erasers
- 57. Baptism, e.g.
- 58. All-wound healer?
- 59. "Aquarius" musical
- 60. Fizzles out
- 61. Last word in a threat
- 62. Pro votes



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 41

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SNAPSHOT >>

Inside a dangerous TikTok trend that keeps sending kids to hospital



When a 14-year-old girl took 14 Benadryl pills in the middle of the night, her older sister called their grandmother for help, wanting to avoid getting in trouble with their parents. Two other teenagers also were being treated for Benadryl overdoses at Cook Children's at the time, after watching online videos on the popular social media platform TikTok. A year and a half later, Tarrant County teens are still being hospitalized after overdosing on Benadryl. On Jan. 28, five students at Haltom City's Shannon High School overdosed on medication, and two were hospitalized. The day before, four students at Fort Worth's Polytechnic High School were hospitalized for similar overdose symptoms after ingesting medication. Benadryl, or diphenhydramine, is a common over-the-counter allergy medicine. It treats symptoms like rash, itching, watery eyes, cough, runny nose and sneezing. While the social media platform is popular for memes, dance challenges, beauty tutorials and cooking videos, the Benadryl challenge isn't the only dangerous trend found there. "These challenges, they're nothing new," said Lizbeth Petty, public health education manager at the North Texas Poison Center. "You're going to see them today, you're going to see them tomorrow. They're unlikely to go away." Another reason is peer pressure. Johnson & Johnson makes Benadryl. In a statement to the Star-Telegram, the company said: "This online 'challenge' is extremely concerning, dangerous and should be stopped immediately." Parents can look out for early symptoms including hallucinations, blurred vision, excessive drowsiness, loss of balance and chest pain, Petty said. If your child has a TikTok account, it's a good idea to monitor their social media to some extent, says Zavadsky of MedStar.

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SIGN LANGUAGE >>

Funny road sign

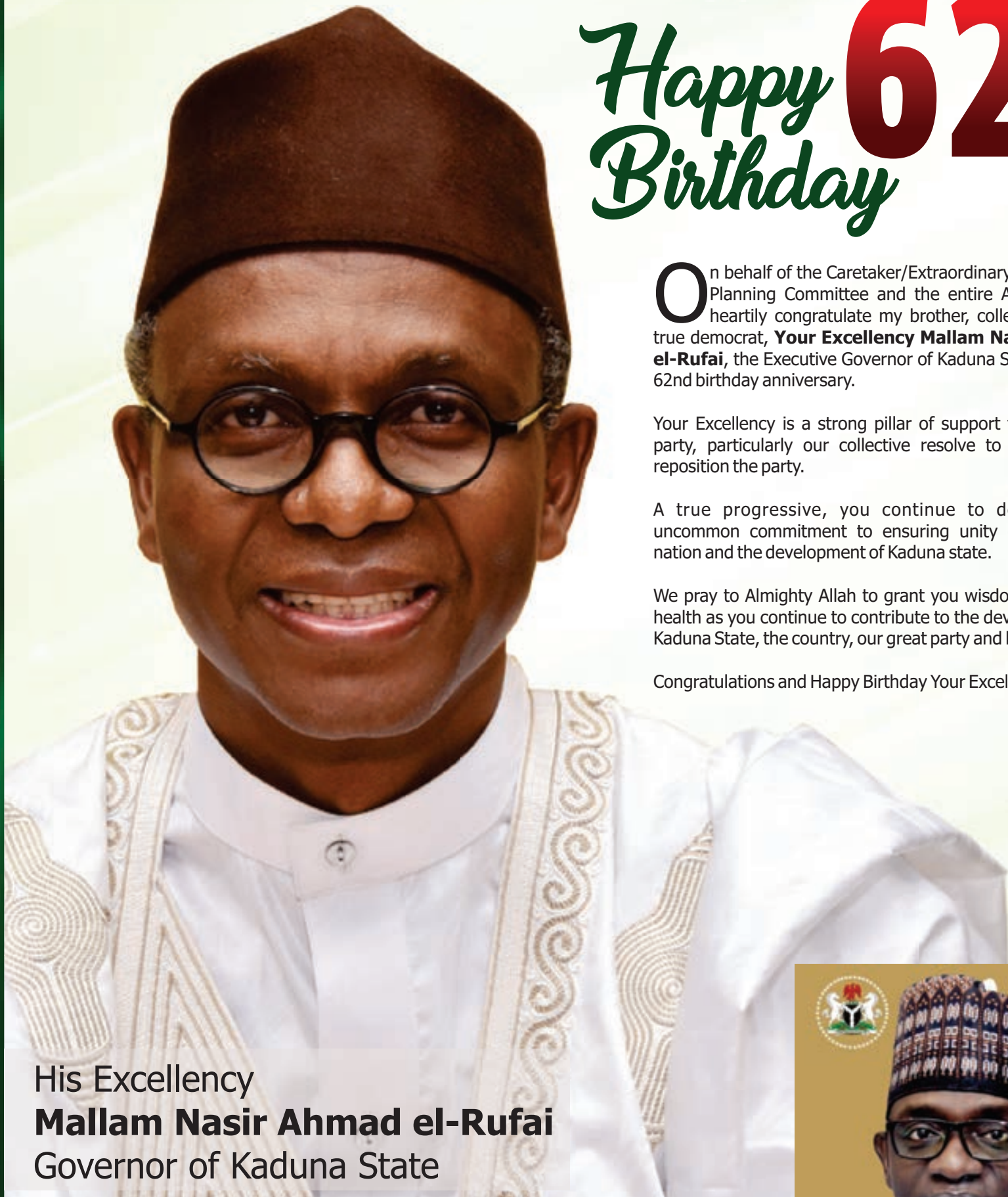


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Happy **62nd**
Birthday



His Excellency
Mallam Nasir Ahmad el-Rufai
Governor of Kaduna State

On behalf of the Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee and the entire APC family, I heartily congratulate my brother, colleague and a true democrat, **Your Excellency Mallam Nasir Ahmad el-Rufai**, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State on your 62nd birthday anniversary.

Your Excellency is a strong pillar of support to our great party, particularly our collective resolve to rebuild and reposition the party.

A true progressive, you continue to demonstrate uncommon commitment to ensuring unity of our dear nation and the development of Kaduna state.

We pray to Almighty Allah to grant you wisdom and good health as you continue to contribute to the development of Kaduna State, the country, our great party and humanity.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Your Excellency.

Signed:

H.E. (Hon.) Mai Mala Buni
Executive Governor, Yobe state.
Chairman, APC Caretaker/
Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee



IT WORLD

How Nigeria's ICT sector attracted more than N100bn investment in three weeks

By Zakariyya Adaramola & Christiana Alabi

Nigeria's thriving Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector has consistently lead others in their contributions to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the last four quarters.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the ICT sector the ICT sector contributed 12.45 per cent to the GDP in the last quarter. In the second quarter of 2021, the sector did an unprecedented

contribution of 17.92% compared to 14.91 percent in Q1 2021 and 17.83 per cent Q2 in 2020.

Nigeria, the largest Africa's ICT market with 82 per cent of telecommunications subscribers in the continent and 29 per cent of internet subscribers, has consistently seen more than 10 % of ICT contribution to its GDP in the last three years, surpassing other sectors.

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Prof Isa Ali Ibrahim had said: "A report

was presented to President Muhammadu Buhari about the performance of the ICT sector in Nigeria in so many areas, particularly in that report Mr president read that the performance of the ICT sector in the second quarter of 2021 by contributing 17.92 percent to our nation's gross domestic product (GDP) is unprecedented the history of Nigeria and ICT as a sector.

"In government, we have realised that our main function is to provide the enabling environment for the private sector to thrive. To come up

with policies that will make the sector more profitable that will make the sector more secured to come up with developmental regulations that will ensure development not to unnecessarily jeopardised it".

Perhaps, this is why the sector attracted more than N100billion investment in the last three weeks.

There have been quite few reports of foreign firms setting up offices or launching their products in the country and thereby bringing multimillion dollars investment into Nigeria in the last one month.



■ Ali Pantami

US firm introduces new messaging app, set up office in Nigeria

One of the US-based Unicorn worth \$1.4billion, Gupshup, introduced a new conversational app to transform businesses in Nigeria. The company is also setting up offices in the country two weeks ago.

The messaging app firm also announced the acquisition of Knowlarity Communications, a cloud communications company. Knowlarity offers cloud telephony, contact center automation, AI-powered voice assistants and speech analytics solutions to over 6,000 customers across 65 countries.

Disclosing this to some Nigerian journalists from Silicon Valley, United States via zoom, the co-founder and CEO, Gupshup, Beerud Sheth, said the acquisition had complemented Gupshup's Conversational Messaging suite and will enable its operate prominently in Nigerian market.

Sheth said Knowlarity operates in the voice-based Conversational Engagement market, which is poised to transform contact-centers, IVR systems, and smart voice systems, that will account for a total addressable market (TAM) of nearly \$18 billion in 2024.

"As business-to-consumer

engagement becomes conversational, Gupshup is busy enabling more ways for businesses to deliver rich experiences. With the addition of Knowlarity's products, Nigerian businesses will now be able to build seamless conversational experiences across both messaging and voice channels", the Gupshup CEO said.

Also speaking during zoom meeting, the CEO of Knowlarity Yatish Mehrotra, said the aquisition will lead to richer experiences for the firm's existing and future customers in Nigeria and elsewhere along with product enrichment and significant geographic expansion opportunities.

"Our customer-centric, innovation-focused cultures are perfectly aligned and we see significant synergies and new products emerging from the combination of two great teams," said Mehrotra.

In 2021, Gupshup became a Unicorn with a valuation of \$1.4 billion and raised \$340 million



from Tiger Global, Fidelity Management and Research Co. LLC and other marquee global investors. This is Gupshup's second acquisition in the last four months, following the acquisition of Dotgo, the world's leading RCS (Rich Communications Services) platform.

The transaction is expected to close by the end of February 2022, subject to completion of customary closing conditions. DC Advisory acted as the sole financial advisor to Knowlarity on the transaction, according to Seth.

Gupshup is one of the leading conversational engagement platform, powering over 6 billion messages per month while Knowlarity enables automated communication by allowing operators to work online via Cloud.

Also, a new partnership between an Italian telecoms infrastructure company and a Nigerian Internet Service Provider (ISP). The deal between Ciudad and

Sparkle will deliver the highest internet speed in the history of Nigerian telecoms sector which is 10 Gigabits per second or 1,250 megabytes per second. It is also expected to bring in more than N100million investment into the country.

Operating as OneData Nigeria, Ciudad is an alternative, fast growing Internet Service Provider with approximately 300 subscribers and market presence in 6 cities in Nigeria. By 2025 Ciudad plans to enter in a top 10

broadband service providers in the country.

By connecting through the local PoP in Lagos with Sparkle's global IP Transit backbone Seabone, the first Tier-1 International backbone in Africa, Ciudad gains low latency and high-speed access to the Global Internet.

Commenting on the deal, Kehinde Alphonso, Divisional Head wholesale and Enterprise business of Ciudad Infrastructure Limited said: "Partnering with Sparkle enables us to get in country high-speed access to global and regional contents, and thus improve the navigation experience of our customers and raising the current speed of 1Gbps known in the country by a whopping 900%. The new partnership with Sparkle Tier1 operator is a consistently positive signal to our customers and communities.

With a local presence in Lagos and a plan to extend coverage in Nigeria and in the Africa continent, Sparkle sets itself as the reference partner for Nigerian and African network providers, ISPs, OTT's, Content and Application Providers seeking for low latency and top performing connectivity.

Redmi Note 11 Series launched in Nigeria

The Xiaomi Corporation launched the much-anticipated Redmi Note 11 Series in Nigeria last week.

As a hugely popular product series with over 240 million units sold worldwide, Redmi Note Series gives Nigerians affordable device and brings in millions of dollars investment into the country.

As the year progresses, the company is set to release smartphones and AIoT technologies that enables Nigerians to maximise their lifestyles and make the most of every moment.

Xiaomi has been in the Nigerian market since 2019. Xiaomi is actively expanding its networks through mobile operators and online distributors to increase the availability of their devices at multiple touchpoints.

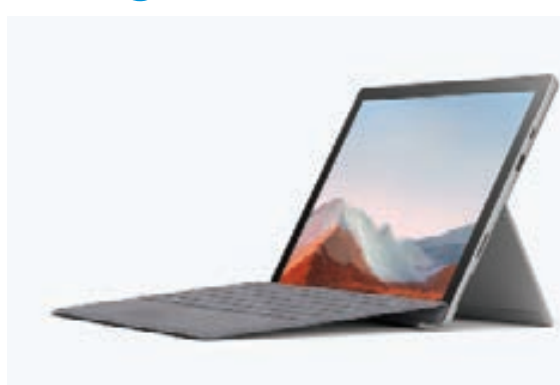
Similarly, A Switzerland-based

cybersecurity company Acronis has opened office in Nigeria. The company with multimillion dollars investment came to Nigeria last week.

But Acronis' Distributor Account Manager, Sara Pinheiro told Daily Trust in a chat after the launching of company's first cloud data center in Lagos said that the availability of a new Acronis Cyber Cloud Data Center said the new data center was one of the 111 new data centers being deployed by the company.

"Our data centre gives service provider partners access to a full range of cyber protection solutions upon which they can build new services while delivering faster access, constant data availability, and data sovereignty to their clients", she said.

She said the opening of the Nigerian data



center is part of the Acronis Global/Local Initiative.

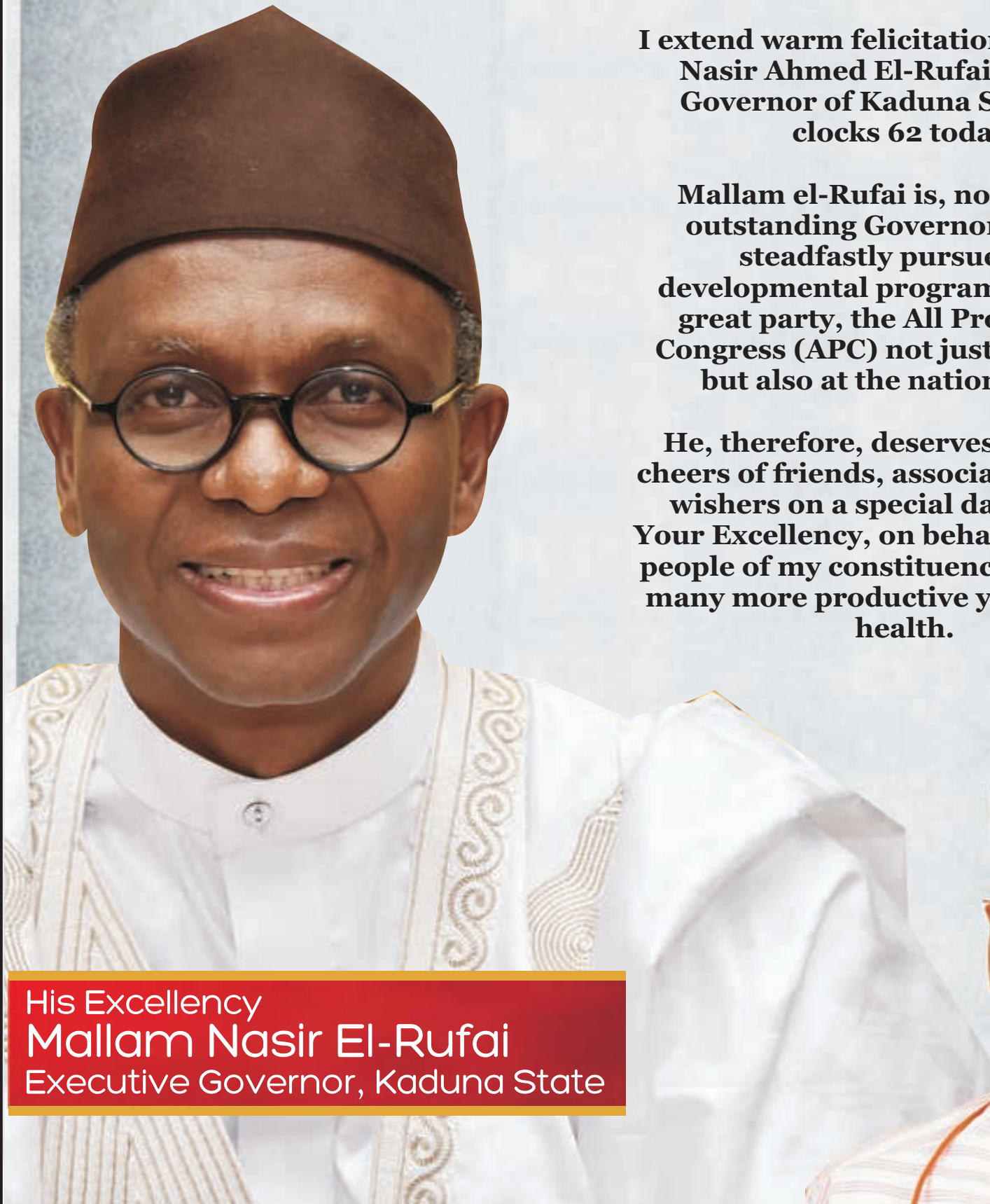
Speaking earlier during the launch, Chidi Oliseowe, Team Lead, Madonna Systems Nigeria Limited said: "Today the world depends so much on data to the point where we can say data is life, and data security

cannot be over emphasised. We at Madonna Systems are so proud to be associated with Acronis, a foremost leader in cyber protection. With the opening of their new Data Centre in Nigeria, Acronis demonstrates its level of commitment to the Africa Market."

A local presence is a necessity for modern cloud businesses and we are proud to deliver the Acronis Cyber Cloud Data Center in Nigeria," said Peter French Regional General Manager Middle East & Africa at Acronis. "Now, Nigerian companies, and businesses from neighbour countries too, will be able to store their strategic data locally while being backed by a global partner who is on standby 24/7/365 to address any issues."

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Hearty Felicitations



His Excellency
Mallam Nasir El-Rufai
Executive Governor, Kaduna State

I extend warm felicitations to Mallam Nasir Ahmed El-Rufai, our dear Governor of Kaduna State as he clocks 62 today.

Mallam el-Rufai is, no doubt, an outstanding Governor who has steadfastly pursued the developmental programmes of our great party, the All Progressives Congress (APC) not just in his state but also at the national level.

He, therefore, deserves the hearty cheers of friends, associates and well-wishers on a special day like this. Your Excellency, on behalf of the good people of my constituency, I wish you many more productive years in good health.



SIGNED:
H. E. Senator Ovie Omo-Agege
Deputy President of the Senate
(The Obarisi of Urhobo Land and Leader of the APC in the South-South)

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Lagos, Nigeria
Tuesday, February 15, 2022

**PRESS RELEASE ON LATE SUBMISSION OF
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021 AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022.**

The Management of Royal Exchange Plc (the Company) wishes to inform our esteemed shareholders, key stakeholders and the investing community that the Company will be unable to submit its Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2021 and the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2022, to the Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX) within the timeframe required by the NGX.

As a holding company with three (3) different subsidiaries, the Year End Audit Exercise for the group is yet to be concluded, as our insurance and finance subsidiaries are awaiting regulatory approvals from their various regulators (National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

Once all the subsidiaries have obtained approval for their respective Financial Statements, consolidation of the Group's accounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2021, will be concluded and released to the public and the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2022, will be prepared and approved by the Board of Directors for submission to both the NGX and the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC).

We are optimistic to submit the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending March 31, 2022, to NGX on or before June 29, 2022.

Signed:



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For: Mazars Ojike and Partners
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UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI
(Office of the Registrar)

**INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT
VACANCY**

The post of the Bursar of the University of Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria, will be vacant by the 19th of May, 2022. Thus, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Act 2012, the Governing Council of the University is inviting interested candidates with requisite qualifications and experience to apply for the post.

The Office of the Bursar

The Bursar is the Chief Financial Officer of the University and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.

Conditions of Service

The Bursar shall hold office for a single tenure of five (5) years from the effective date of appointment. Salary and other benefits shall be as approved by the Federal Government and the Governing Council of the University of Maiduguri.

Eligibility

Applicants for the post should not be above sixty (60) years at the time of assumption of office and should be within the retirement age at the expiration of the tenure of five (5) years.

Qualification and Experience

Applicants must possess a university degree in Accounting or related discipline from a recognised university with at least 15 years post qualification experience ten (10) of which should be in a Bursary Department of a recognised university, and must not be below the rank of a Deputy Bursar.

An applicant should demonstrate adequate knowledge of computer applications and accounting software as well as be a member of a recognised professional accounting body such as ICAN, ANAN or similar others.

Method of Application

Applicants should submit twenty-five (25) copies of typed applications, photocopies of credentials and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae containing personal details as listed below:

1. Name in Full (surname first)
2. Post Applied for
3. Place and Date of Birth
4. Home Address
5. Present Postal Address
6. Nationality / State of Origin
7. Marital Status
8. Number of Children and Age
9. Educational Qualifications & Institutions Attended with Dates
10. Academic and Professional Qualifications Obtained with Dates
11. Statement of Experience (Including full details of former and present posts and employers)
12. Names and Addresses of three (3) Referees

Candidates should request each of their referees to send a confidential report on them to the Registrar.

Applicants must provide a one page statement of vision for the Bursary Department and University financial control.

All hard copies of documents along with soft copies of the CV and scanned credentials in PDF format on a CD or flash drive in sealed envelopes clearly marked 'APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF BURSAR' at the top left hand corner of the envelope should be sent to

The Registrar,
University of Maiduguri,
Bama Road,
Maiduguri,
Borno State.

All applications must reach the Registrar not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this advertisement.



Ali Adamu Madagwa
ACTING REGISTRAR

**IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE LAGOS JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT LAGOS**

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA
IN THE LAGOS JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT LAGOS
SUIT NO. FHC/L/CS/1221/2021

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020
AND
IN THE MATTER OF :

- 1. APT PENSION FUNDS MANAGERS LIMITED (RC. NO 612608)
 - 2. TANGERINE PENSIONS LIMITED (RC. NO 615634)
- PETITIONERS

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ORDER

UPON THE EX-PARTE PETITION dated and filed on 15th day of November 2021 coming up before this Honourable Court and praying the following reliefs:

1. AN ORDER sanctioning the Scheme of Merger set out on pages 14 to 20 of the Scheme Document and directing that the Scheme of Merger shall, with effect from 1st January 2022 become effective and binding on the Petitioners and the respective holders of their fully paid ordinary shares.
2. (a) An Order transferring the assets, liabilities and undertakings, including employees, real property and intellectual property rights of the 2nd Petitioner to the 1st Petitioner without further act or deed upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Scheme Document.
- (b) An Order that all existing contracts of employment of all employees and officers of the 2nd Petitioner shall become contracts of employment of the 1st Petitioner and such employees and officers shall become the employees and officers of the 1st Petitioner.
- (c) An Order that all legal proceedings, claims and litigation, pending by or against the 2nd Petitioner shall be continued by or against the 1st Petitioner.
- (d) An Order that all contracts of the 2nd Petitioner shall continue to be in force and effect in accordance with their respective terms and conditions, and the 1st Petitioner shall assume all rights and obligations of the 2nd Petitioner under all such contracts.
- (e) An Order that with effect from the Effective Date, the entire share capital of the 2nd Petitioner shall be cancelled.
- (f) An Order that with effect from the Effective Date, the 2nd Petitioner shall be dissolved without being wound up, and
- (g) An Order that the Effective Date of the Scheme shall be 1st January, 2022.

NWAGWU C.N.N (MR)
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PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FEDERAL HIGH COURT
IBD/LAGOS
DATE: 14/2/22

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UPON READING through the said Ex-parte Petition, its supporting Verifying Affidavit of seventeen (17) paragraphs deposed to by Kasimu Garba Kurfi, Male, Nigeria Citizen, Director of the 1st Petitioner of Federal Mortgage Bank House, Plot 226 Cadastral Zone A0, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria with exhibits marked "A1 - A7" attached thereto, the 2nd Petitioner's Verifying Affidavit deposed to by Abiola Monsuro, Female, Nigeria Citizen, Company Secretary of the 2nd Petitioner of 21B Olosa Street, Victoria Island, Lagos State with exhibit

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marked "B1 - B5" attached thereto, Affidavit of Urgency deposed to by Tobechi Nwokocha, Male, Nigeria Citizen and Legal Practitioner of 12th Floor, St. Nicholas House, Catholic Mission Street, Lagos and Written Address signed by Mesuabari Mene-Josiah Esq., Counsel to the Petitioners all filed at the Federal High Court Registry, Ikoyi Lagos on the 15th day of November, 2021.

AFTER HEARING M. Mene Josiah Esq., (with O. Nwokocha Esq.,) Counsel for the Petitioners move in terms of the Petition paper. And having carefully considered the application and submission of Counsel.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED;

1. That the Scheme of Merger set out on pages 14 to 20 of the Scheme Document is hereby sanctioned and the Scheme of Merger shall with effect from 1st January, 2022 become effective and binding on the Petitioners and the respective holders of their fully paid ordinary shares.
2. That the assets, liabilities and undertakings, including employees, real property and intellectual property rights of the 2nd Petitioner are hereby transferred to the 1st Petitioner without further act or deed upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Scheme Document.
3. That all existing contracts of employment of all employees and officers of the 2nd Petitioner shall become contracts of employment of the 1st Petitioner and such employees and officers shall become the employees and officers of the 1st Petitioner.
4. That all legal proceedings, claims and litigation, pending by or against the 2nd Petitioner shall be continued by or against the 1st Petitioner.
5. That all contracts of the 2nd Petitioner shall continue to be in force and effect in accordance with their respective terms and conditions, and the 1st Petitioner shall assume all rights and obligations of the 2nd Petitioner under all such contracts.
6. That with effect from the Effective Date, the entire share capital of the 2nd Petitioner shall be cancelled.
7. That with effect from the Effective Date, the 2nd Petitioner shall be dissolved without being wound up.
8. That the Effective Date of the Scheme shall be 1st January, 2022.



P. O. LIFU (JP)
[PRESIDING JUDGE]

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ISSUED AT LAGOS, under the Seal of the Court and by the hand of the Presiding Judge, this 3rd day of February, 2022.

OLUWAKEMI OBALAJA (MRS)
(Registrar)

Cashier
Mrs Collins
14/2/22

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FEDERAL HIGH COURT
Cashier's Office
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NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH PRINTERS ACT 24 OF 2007 TO ALL PROCURING ENTITIES.

The Chartered Institute of Professional Printers of Nigeria (CIPPON) is charged with the duty of regulating, controlling, managing and administration of printing and related matters in Nigeria.

All Printing procurement entities and related matters in Nigeria are hereby informed that all printing companies, printing consultancy companies and all companies operating in the value chain of printing are required by law to register with the Chartered Institute of Professional Printers of Nigeria (CIPPON)

Section 23 (1): (b) "the council shall ensure that no firm or partnership shall practice as printers in Nigeria unless it is duly registered by the council"

The proof of registration is a **verifiable printing license** issued by CIPPON.

The license can be verified online by visiting: <https://verify.cippon.org> and input the last five digits of the printer's license.

Upon authentication of the license, due diligence information of a successful verifiable company such as capacity, category, specialization etc can be accessed.

It has become imperative that all procuring entities ensures that only registered companies with CIPPON as stipulated by the law are patronized.

Further more, it has come to our knowledge that printing procurement has become a conduit for over inflation of prices resulting in economic and financial crime and corruption due to her unregulated nature which hitherto allowed unhindered companies that have no expertise nor meet the criteria for registration by the Printing Institute to be awarded printing contracts. This will no longer be tolerated.

Kindly note that ACT 24 of 2007 has professionalized the practice of Printing. The profession is therefore no longer an all comers affairs but for professionals that will contribute to the economic development of the Nation.

This notice of compliance is particularly for the attention of:

1. Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP)
2. Universal Basic Education (UBEC)
3. Independent National Election Commission (INEC)
4. Secretary to the Federal Government.
5. Head of Service of the Federation.
6. Economic Financial and Crime Commission. (EFCC)
7. United Nations System in Nigeria. (UNS)
8. Joint Admission and Matriculation Board. (JAMB)
9. West African Examination Council. (WAEC)
10. National Examination Council. (NECO)

We therefore request that in line with the implementation of the provisions of the Act, that you help us ensure that all your vendors have a valid printing license from the Institute.

For more information and enquiries, please contact the undersigned on **08092247766** or email us at info@cippon.org

Signed:



Chartered Institute of
Professional Printers of Nigeria
Established by Act 24 of 2007



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL SOCIAL SAFETY NETS COORDINATING OFFICE (NASSCO)
MINISTRY OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) CONSULTING SERVICES – CONSULTANT QUALIFICATION SELECTION

NIGERIA
NATIONAL SOCIAL SAFETY NETS COORDINATING OFFICE (NASSCO)
PROJECT ID: P151488
Credit No: 58310
Issue Date: 16th February 2022

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Social Safety Nets Project (NASSP). It intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payment under the contract for the Consultancy Services for **Engagement of a Survey Firm to Conduct Midline Evaluation of the Livelihood Pilot.**

The Firm selected for the Assignment will be expected to work with all relevant workstreams associated with implementing the National Social Safety Nets Program (NASSP)

The expected duration for the Assignment is April to June 2022

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at the following website: www.nassp.gov.ng

National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office (NASSCO) now invites Consultancy Firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. **Interested parties are requested to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) and any additional and appropriate supporting documentation.**

The consulting firm should meet the following minimum requirements:

- i. Demonstrated experience in:
 - a. implementing household surveys in rural areas
 - b. using electronic data collection platform
 - c. conducting surveys in a Randomized Control Trial setting
- ii. Ability to form a technical team with the following compositions:
 - a. Team Lead/Survey Coordinator** – a Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, or a related field; and at least 10 years of experience in survey management. Or a Bachelor's degree in the same areas with at least Fifteen (15) years of experience. The Survey Coordinator should preferably have completed a course on protecting human research participants.
 - b. Supervisors x 6 (1 per state)** – Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, or a related field; and at least Five (5) years of experience in Survey Supervision. Or a Bachelor's degree in the same areas with at least 8 years of experience.
 - c. Enumerators** – a Bachelor's degree in Economics, Statistics, Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, or a related field with at least Three (3) years of experience.
 - d. Questionnaire Programmer** – highly qualified in designing questionnaires using software such as CSPro, Survey Solutions, and Survey CTO.
 - e. Data Manager** – a Master's degree in Economics, Statistics, or a related field, and very well versed with STATA, SPSS, Excel, and the survey platform used for data collection.
- iii. Survey Team members must speak the language of the area they will be operating.
- iv. Each Survey Team led by a Data Collection Supervisor must have at least one Female Enumerator.

The firm shall be selected under the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method as set out in World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, Revised November 2017, August 2018, and December 2020 available on www.worldbank.org.

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address below during Office hours, i.e., 09:00 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered by email to nasscoa@gmail.com on or before 12 noon of 1st March 2022

National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office (NASSCO)
No. 76 Ali Akilu Street
State House
Abuja
Website: www.nassp.gov.ng

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX
Three Arms Zone, P.M.B 141, Garki, Abuja – Nigeria

INVITES THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE STAKEHOLDERS TO

ONE DAY PUBLIC HEARING

ON

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE BANK EMPLOYEES, ETC
(DECLARATION OF ASSET) ACT CAP. B1, LAW OF THE FEDERATION
OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REFLECT THE PREVAILING SITUATION IN
THE COUNTRY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS". (HB 1303)**



CRITICAL STAKEHOLDERS TO ATTEND ARE:

1. Globus Bank Nigeria Limited
2. Federal Ministry of Justice
3. Attorney General of the Federation
4. Nigeria Export and Import Bank
5. TAJ Bank Limited
6. Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria
7. Central Bank of Nigeria
8. Polaris Bank Plc
9. Office of the Secretary to the Federation
10. PENCOS
11. Development Bank of Nigeria Plc
12. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)
13. Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB)
14. JAIZ Bank Plc
15. Federal Ministry of Finance
16. Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC)
17. Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC)
18. National Insurance Commission
19. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
20. Yiaga Africa
21. National Economic Reconstruction Fund (NERFUND)
22. AfriBank Plc
23. Infrastructure Bank Plc
24. Center for Fiscal Transparency and Integrity Watch (COFTIW)
25. Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Center (CISLAC)
26. Premium Times Center for Investigative Journalist (PTCIA)
27. Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT)
28. Nigerian Financial Intelligent Unit (NFIU)
29. UBA Bank Plc
30. Standard Chartered Bank of Nigeria
31. Access Bank Plc
32. GTB Bank Plc
33. CITI Bank Plc
34. FCMB Bank Plc
35. Heritage Bank Plc
36. Keystone Bank Plc
37. Providus Bank Plc
38. Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc
39. Sterling Bank Plc
40. First Bank of Nigeria Plc
41. Zenith Bank Plc
42. Union Bank Plc
43. Fidelity Bank Plc
44. Sun Trust Bank Plc
45. Unity Bank Plc
46. Bank of Agriculture
47. Wema Bank Plc
48. Bank of Industry
49. Heda Resources Center (HEDA)
50. Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN)
51. Eco Bank Nigeria Plc
52. Body of Bankers Chief Executive Officers
53. Nigeria Police Force

Date: Thursday, 24th February, 2022
Time: 11am
Venue: Room 028 Conference Hall, House of Representatives Building,
National Assembly, Abuja

FURTHER INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SULEIMAN DANALMAJIRI,
THE CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL CRIMES ON 08033207970.

**SIGNED:
HON. IBRAHIM ABDULLAH I. DUTSE
CHAIRMAN**



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

**NIGERIA
ACCELERATING NUTRITION RESULTS IN NIGERIA (ANRiN) PROJECT
CREDIT NO.: 62690 - NG
GRANT NO.: TFOA7516
ASSIGNMENT TITLE: NON-STATE ACTOR TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-
BASED BASIC PACKAGE OF NUTRITION SERVICES IN A
PARTICIPATING STATE, OF THE ACCELERATING NUTRITION RESULTS
IN NIGERIA (ANRiN) PROJECT**

REFERENCE NOS.

Packages	States	Reference Nos. from Procurement Plans of the States
Package 1	Katsina	1. NG-ANRiN KATSINA- 259536- CS- QCBS 2. NG-ANRiN KATSINA- 259535- CS- QCBS

The Federal Government of Nigeria has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Accelerating Nutrition Results in Nigeria (ANRiN) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include recruitment of a Non-State Actor (NSA) to increase access to and utilization of a Community-Based Basic Package of Nutrition Services (BPNS) in packages of half-states (refer to contracting plan) according to established and agreed targets (for quality and coverage) to reduce the level of malnutrition in Nigeria. The contract will be for a period lasting till current project closing date of December 31, 2023, with a possibility of extension to a cumulative contract period of five years following a project extension, subject to satisfactory quality and quantity of implementation performance, as verified by an independent verification agency, once every six months. The NSA should be able to start delivering services within the community within 12 weeks from signing of the contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and the Contracting Plans Basic Package of Nutrition Services (BPNS) can be obtained at the weblink: <https://www.katsinastate.gov.ng/procurement>

The Project Management Unit now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Legal authorization from Government of Nigeria to operate within the country. This mandatory qualification will not be part of the EOI evaluated criteria.
2. Technical and management skills of over a period of at least 8-10 years, with demonstrated experience of having delivered the range of basic package of quality nutrition services for at least 100,000 women of reproductive age and 350,000 children under 5 years of age over a period of 5 years subsequent years.
3. Demonstrated experience of having undertaken at least three assignments of similar nature, geographical scope and scale in the last five years in developing nations. Experience in African countries will be considered an advantage. Evidence must be provided of such contracts having been completed in last five years. For an ongoing contract to be considered in the evaluation, at least 80 percent of the contract scope should have been completed.
4. Demonstrated experience of either having undertaken procurement, drug logistics and supply chain management of nutrition-related products, supplies and pharmaceuticals or having legally binding collaboration with qualified firm engaged in procurement, drug logistics and supply chain management of nutrition-related products, supplies and pharmaceuticals.
5. Operational experience in fragile, conflict and violence (FCV) affected countries will be considered an advantage.
6. Demonstrated ability for financial management of projects (with audited accounts) of a cumulative value of at least the amount mentioned for each package in the appended Table 1, in the last three financial years:

Table 1

State combination	Number of contracts	Financial Management capability (US\$ million)
Katsina	2	4.0

1. Turnover of at least the amount mentioned for each package in the appended Table 2, in last three financial years on similar assignments

Table 2

State combination	Number of contracts	Turnover in last three FYs (US\$ million)

8. Confirmed availability of skill set required for the assignment on the permanent rolls of the firm. This mandatory qualification will not be part of the EOI evaluation criteria.

Note: A firm/JV/Consortia may express interest in a half state. For example, a firm/JV/Consortia may express interest for Katsina 1 or 2.

A firm/JV/Consortia may express interest in one contract in the (one contract per state) at a minimum.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 Revised November, 2017 and August 2018 and November, 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours of 0900 to 1500 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 28 February, 2022.

**signed- Dr. Bello Ibrahim Umar – State Project Coordinator
Accelerating Nutrition Result in Nigeria (ANRiN) Project,
No. 1 State Road, Opp. General Muhammadu Buhari House, Katsina Katsina
State, Nigeria.
Tel: +2348036366079 & +2348092222010.
E-mail: asuibbkatsina@gmail.com, asuibb@yahoo.com, anrinkt@gmail.com**



NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE CONTROL OF AIDS (NACA)

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE RENOVATION AND UPGRADE OF 9 SELECTED PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES IN THE SIX GEOPOLITICAL ZONES IN NIGERIA AND THE NATIONAL EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT LABORATORY (NEQAL) UNDER THE GLOBAL FUND RESILIENT & SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH [RSSH] II PROJECT GRANT

Ref. No.: NACA/GF/RSSH/LABUPGRADE2022

Date of Issuance: 16th February, 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

The Government of Nigeria under the leadership of National Agency for Control of AIDS (NACA) in collaboration with the Sub recipients has received support from Global Fund to conduct renovation and upgrade of 9 selected public health laboratories spread across the six geopolitical zones in Nigeria and the National External Quality Assessment Laboratory (NEQAL) under the Global Fund Resilient & Sustainable Systems for Health [RSSH] II Project Grant which is aimed at strengthening and improving the health and well-being of the Nigerian people by identifying and addressing systemic issues affecting the optimal delivery of health services in Nigeria.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Consequently, in accordance with NACA/GF Procurement guideline, NACA is calling for submissions for Tendering from qualified, interested, competent and duly established companies with proven record of experience in areas of laboratory upgrade to submit sealed bids as follows:

LOT NO.	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	BOQ LINK
Lot-1	Cross-Rivers State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Labs at Dr. Lawrence Henshaw Memorial Hospital Calabar, Cross-River State	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Lot-1-Cross-River-BOQ.xls
Lot-2	Gombe State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Labs at Gombe State Specialist Hospital Gombe	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-2-Gombe-molecular-lab-upgrade-SHG.xls
Lot-3	Anambra State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Lab at Laboratory - Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Teaching Hospital Amaku Awka	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Lot-3-PCR-LAB-EXTENSION-WORKS-Anambra.xls
Lot-4	Fct-Abuja	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Laboratory at Kubwa General Hospital, FCT - Abuja	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-4-KUBWA-PCR-LAB-EXTENSION.xls
Lot-5	Nassarawa State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Lab at Nasidarc, Nassarawa State	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-5-Nassarawa-molecular-lab-upgrade-SHG.xls
Lot-6	Ogun State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Labs at Ogun State Molecular Laboratory, Abeokuta - Ogun State	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-6-OGUN-PCR-LAB-EXTENSION-WORKS.xls
Lot-7	Ondo State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing Public Health Laboratory, Akure Ondo State	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-7-BOQ-FOR-ONDO-LAB-UPGRADE.xls
Lot-8	Jigawa State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing Jigawa State Molecular Laboratory at General Hospital Dutse	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-8-PCR-LAB-EXTENSION-WORKS-JIGAWA.xls
Lot-9	Kaduna State	Expansion of Existing Laboratory at National External Quality Assessment Laboratory Saye Zaria, Kaduna State	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-9-BOQ-Zaria.xlsx
Lot-10	Taraba State	Upgrade/Modification of Existing PCR Labs at Specialist Hospital Jalingo, Taraba State	https://www.naca.gov.ng/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LOT-10-TARABA-STATE-LAB-BOQ.xls

3. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Evidence of company registration (certificate of incorporation of the company) including Forms CAC2 and CAC7.
- Company's Audited Accounts for the last 3 years (2018, 2019 and 2020)
- Evidence of Company Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years (2018, 2019 and 2020) valid till 31st December, 2021; with Minimum Average Annual Turnover of N50 million for referenced years.
- Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2021;
- Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December;
- Evidence of current Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2021;
- Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31/12/2021 or valid Certificate issued by BPP;
- Sworn Affidavit disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the National Agency for the Control of Aids or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;
- The minimum validity period of the Tender should be One Hundred and Twenty (120) Days
- Evidence of financial capability to execute the contract by submission of Reference Letter from a reputable commercial bank in Nigeria, indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution

of the project when needed.

- Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards or Job Completion Certificates.
- Evidence of experience in Infrastructural upgrade of public health laboratory or molecular diagnostic laboratory BSL II at the minimum and experience in the construction of a BSL III laboratory would be an advantage.
- Company's Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project, including copies of their Academic/Professional qualifications COREN, ARCON, CORBON, QSRBN etc.
- All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Cover Page indicating LOT(s) of interest and a covering/Forwarding letter under the Company / Firm's letterhead paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (preferably GSM No.), and e-mail address.
- Where possible, provide reference letters from at least Three (3) reputable organizations, preferably NGOs, attesting to active or past business relationship and level of performance (the letters or lists must have relevant addresses, contact persons, telephone numbers and emails) for due diligence confirmation.
- All documents for submission must be pagged and arranged in a table of contents in the order of the eligibility criteria/requirements.

4. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

The Standard Bidding Document (SBD) can be downloaded from this link;

https://nacangmy.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/frichard_naca_gov_ng/Ef0YOr1UzIeqPvZdSPmuYBNe2GLfje8wIN6b_OwCgmyQ

5. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

- Prospective bidders are to submit bid for each of the items desired, three (3) hard copies each (one original & two copies) of the requested documents and financial bid. Thereafter, the Tenderer shall enclose the original of the Technical bid with copies in one (1) envelope and the original of the Financial bid with copies in another envelope, duly marking the envelopes as "Technical" and "Financial." The two (2) envelopes shall then be enclosed and sealed in one (1) single outer envelope.
 - You are expected to submit **soft copy (in a flash)** of the financial Proposal in excel format as presented in the BOQ.
 - Prospective bidders can submit their documents as a Joint Venture with relevant documents provided.
 - A Company is allowed to bid for any location of its choice but cannot bid for more than Two (2) LOTS. Tenderers who bid more than 2 lots will be disqualified Email submissions are NOT ALLOWED**
- 6. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**
The deadline for the submission of Tender should not be later than 12 noon of **16th March 2022** at the Office of the **Head of Procurement, Ground Floor, NACA main building, 3 Ziguinchor Street, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja**
- 7. GENERAL INFORMATION**
- Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorized by the bidder;
 - Technical proposals will be opened first during bid opening while bidder that are technically successful will be invited later for financial bid opening.**
 - Bids submitted after the deadline for submission would be rejected;
 - NACA reserves the right to evaluate and award per lot;
 - Bidders are not allowed to bid for more than one zone;
 - NACA is not bound to contract any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act 2007.

8. GLOBAL FUND CODE OF CONDUCT

The firm shall get acquainted with the global fund code of conduct for suppliers using this link below: https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/3275/corporate_codeofconductforsuppliers_policy_en.pdf Responding to this advert shall serve as an acknowledgement to abide by the Global Fund Code of Conduct for Suppliers.

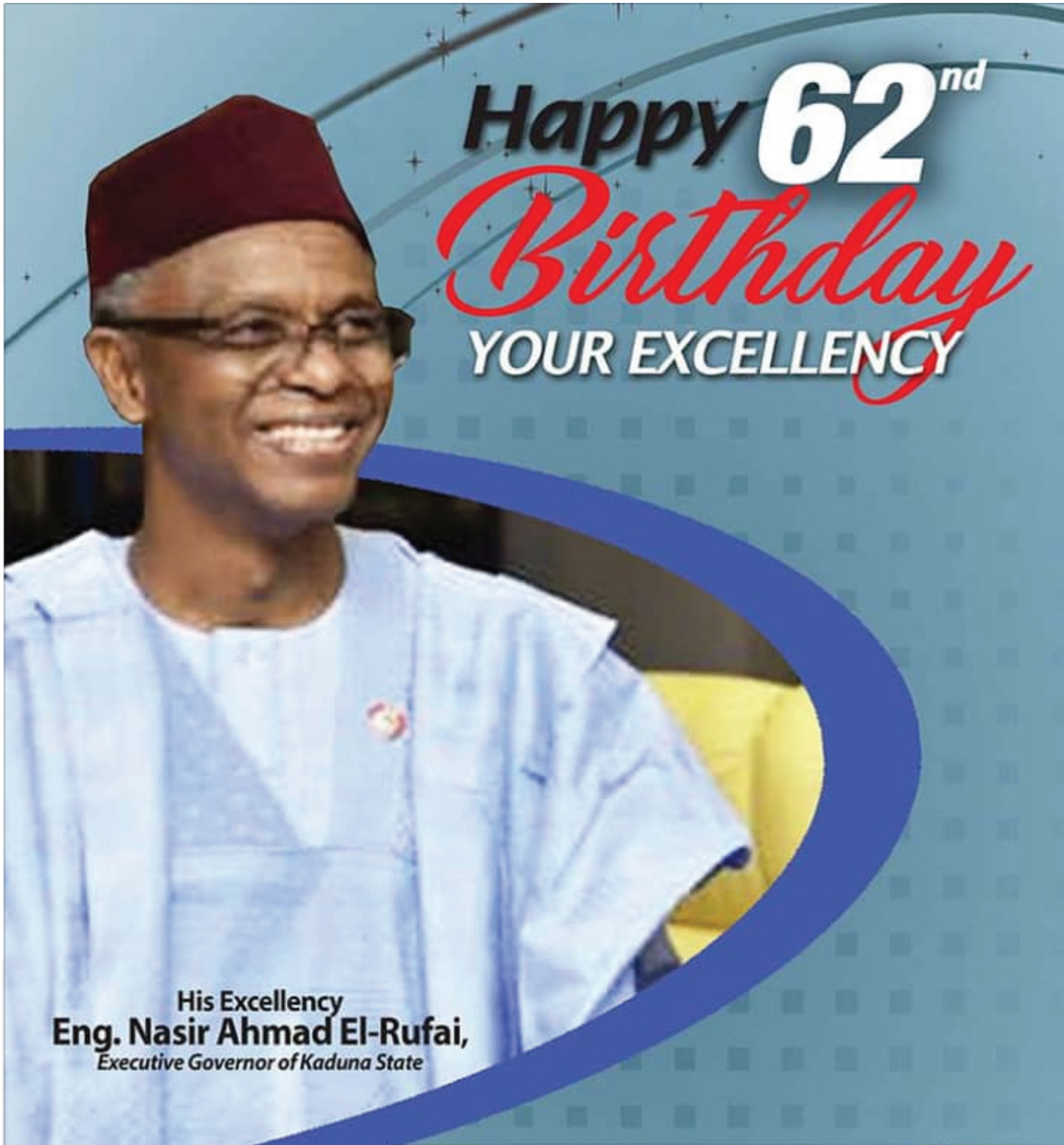
Whistle blowing Policy

Suppliers are encouraged to send information on any infraction or grievances to the dedicated email account: ispeakoutnow@naca.gov.ng or naca.ispeakoutnow@gmail.com

9. NOTES/DISCLAIMER

- NACA shall verify any or all documents and claims made by applicants and will disqualify bidders with falsified documents and claims.
- If it is determined that submitted documents and claims have been falsified, the bidder may face prosecution in a court of Law.
- NACA shall not be held responsible for any disqualified proposal because of any omission or deletion relating to the submission guidelines.
- This advertisement shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of NACA to award a contract to any Contractor, nor shall it entitle any Contractor submitting documents to claim any indemnity from NACA.
- NACA is not bound to shortlist any bidder, and reserves the right to annul the bidding process at any time without incurring any liabilities or providing reason.

Signed
Management.



Happy 62nd Birthday YOUR EXCELLENCY

His Excellency
Eng. Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai,
Executive Governor of Kaduna State

On the occasion of your birthday, this is to wish you many more happy years, good health, wisdom and continued fantastic service to humanity. You are a rare gem and an extraordinary leader who has been at the service of Kaduna State at a very critical time. May you continue to succeed.

HAPPY MANY RETURNS, YOUR EXCELLENCY.



Signed:

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

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KANO STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KANO JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT KANO**

SUITE NO: - K/33/2021

BEFORE: HON. JUSTICE DEE ASIDU ASOBI
COURT: HIGH COURT NO. 2 (Audu Bako Secretariat)
DATE: 13th December, 2020

BETWEEN: -
A-Z PETROLEUM PRODUCT LTD. PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT
AND
TUNDE IKUENAYO. DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE
UPON READING a motion ex parte dated 09/12/2021 and filed on 13/12/2021 by the Plaintiff/Applicant accompanied by a 6 paragraph affidavit in support, sworn to by one Idris Aminu Bello a litigation secretary in the law firm of Messrs F. I. Umar & Co. as well as a written address attached thereto.

AND AFTER HEARING Farouk I. Umar Esq. Counsel for the Plaintiff/Applicant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS: -

1. That an order is hereby made granting leave to serve the Defendant with the originating processes in this matter and motion on notice dated 15th January, 2021 by substituted means i.e. by publishing the processes on Daily Trust Newspaper.
2. That an order is also made deeming the aforementioned mode of service on the Defendant as proper and effective service.
3. That the matter is adjourned to 02/02/2022 for mention.

GIVEN UNDER THE HAND AND SEAL OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE.
DATED THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022

REGISTRAR

**HIGH COURT NO. 2 KANO STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT OF KANO STATE
HEADING SUITE**

SUITE NO. K/33/2021

BETWEEN: A-Z PETROLEUM PRODUCT LTD. PLAINTIFF(S)
TUNDE IKUENAYO DEFENDANT(S)

OF NIGERIA

The above named: SUIT

This cause will be transferred from the general cause list to the hearing paper for HEARING ORDER

On the day of FEB. 2022 at 9 O'clock in the forenoon and will come on for hearing on that if the business of the court permits or otherwise on some adjournment day of which you will receive further notice.

If either parties desires to postpone the hearing he must send to the court an affidavit in support of his application and if the application is based on any matter of fact he must be prepared to give proof of those facts.

The parties are warned that at the hearing they are required to bring forward all the evidence by witnesses or by documents which each of them desires to rely on in support of his own case and to cross-examine that of his opponent. The proof will be required at the hearing and not in a subsequent day and thereafter absolutely precluded from adducing it all or at least only allowed in the case of substantial cause to the other side and on such other terms as the court thinks fit to impose.

Parties desiring to enforce the attendance of witnesses should apply at once to the court to issue one or more subpoenas for the attendance of the witnesses required. It is indispensable that the application should be made so as to allow time for reasonable notice to the witnesses required.

If the witness is required to bring books or papers they must be particularized in the subpoena sufficiently to enable him to understand what is required. Any party summoning a witness through the court thereby becomes liable to pay such witness a reasonable sum of money to be fixed by the court for his expenses and loss of time.

The court may refuse to enforce the attendance of a witness unless such sum has been first deposited in the court. If either party desires to use in evidence at the hearing any book or document in the possession or power of the other party, he must give the other party reasonable notice in writing to produce it at hearing failing which he will not be allowed to give any secondary evidence of its contents.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022
BY ORDER OF COURT

NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID
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**INFORMATION ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
(EXPRESSION OF INTEREST)**

WASH and GBV Projects implemented by NCA in Nigeria.

Norwegian Church Aid, Nigeria, invites qualified suppliers of one or several of the following goods and services to respond to this advertisement. Suppliers who have responded to this advertisement and provided the required information may be invited to participate in the procurement procedure for the relevant categories/lot(s).

- Provision of internet and IT related services
- Provision of Car/Vehicle Hire
 - Lot 1: Maiduguri
 - Lot 2: Field Locations (LGA) within Borno
 - Lot 3: Abuja
 - Lot 4: Yola
 - Lot 5: Field Locations (LGAs) within Adamawa
- Supply and refill of cooking gas cylinders and accessories

Goods, works and services needed:

- Supply of Fuel (PMS, AGO)
- Supply of Refreshment
- Supply of Stationary
- Supply of Visibility
- Provision of Printing
- Provision of Office Maintenance/Repairs
 - Lot 1: Plumbing
 - Lot 2: Electrical
 - Lot 3: Carpentry
- Provision of Truck rental/ cargo transportation
- Provision of Water Trucking Services
- Provision of Latrine desludging Services
- Provision of Waste (refuse) disposal
- Supply of Cleaning items/ consumables
- Provision of Generator maintenance spare parts/ repairs
- Provision of Vehicle maintenance/ repairs
- Supply of Furniture
- Supply and servicing of Fire extinguishers/ First Aid Kit (FAK)
- Water point construction
- Water point rehabilitation
- Borehole drilling/ construction
- Borehole rehabilitation
- Latrine construction
- Latrine rehabilitation
- Supply of Hygiene Kits
- Supply of Dignity Kits
- Supply of MHM Kits
- Provision of airtime/ call cards (VTU)
- Provision of security services

The interested supplier shall provide the following information to the Contracting Authority using the contact details below:

- Indicate which works, supplies or service you are interested in providing.
- Provide the following information:
 - the company's name and contact details;
 - contact person and director's name (as registered on CAC);
 - brief description of the company's background and main line of work; company profile.
 - at least 1 year experience with this kind of works/supply/service (attach evidence of similar experience).

This is purely information on business opportunities and does not constitute a commitment to purchase or any other form of contractual commitment with the Contracting Authority.

Any subsequent contract will be subject to the Norwegian Church Aid, NCA General Terms and Conditions for contracts and the Code of Conduct for Contractors, available at the following link. Printed versions are available on request.

<https://www.kirkenodhjelp.no/en/about-nca/for-contractors/>

Information should be provided to the email address below on or before 17:00 hrs 24th February 2022.
procurement.ng@nca.no

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA
PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died interstate on the date and at the place stated in the said column.

AND WHEREAS the person/person (s) whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for a grant of "letter of Administration" of the personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the "letter of Administration" will be granted to such person/persons unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice Katsina within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME OF DECEASED PERSON LATE YAHUZA GARBA OF NITEL (RTD) DIED ON 15/4/2019 AT KATSINA.	APPLICANT NASIRU YAHUZA OF DUTSIN AMARE, KATSINA SON OF THE SAID DECEASED
NAME OF DECEASED PERSON LATE MAGAJI ALIYU OF HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KATSINA DIED ON 30/5/2020 AT MALUMFASHI	APPLICANT ABUBAKAR MAGAJI OF KOFAR FADA, MALUMFASHI SON OF THE SAID DECEASED

DATED THIS 15TH FEBRUARY, 2022

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. (Nuraddeen El- Ladan Ahmed) PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA
PROBATE DIVISION

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NAME OF DECEASED PERSON LATE MARY HASSAN MUSA OF FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, KATSINA, DIED ON THE 6TH JANUARY, 2022. AT KATSINA.	APPLICANT HASSAN MUSA OF NO. 11 SHEMA QUARTERS BAKORI BYE PASS FUNTUA L.G. KATSINA, THE HUSBAND OF THE SAID DECEASED.
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DATED THIS 14TH FEBRUARY, 2022

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. (Nuraddeen El- Ladan Ahmed) PROBATE REGISTRAR

ZAHMAR WOMEN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part 'C' of the Company and Allied Matters Act of 2020.

TRUSTEES:

1. BASHIIR ZAHRAU GARBA
2. ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD JAMIL
3. SAIDU UMAR MUHAMMAD

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

1. Enhancing and supporting the role of civil society organizations in order to reoccupy their role in community services and accountability.
2. Working to achieve sustainable rural development through empowering women in agriculture and other agricultural services.
3. Support and provide assistance to vulnerable women in labor to reduce child and mother mortality during labour.
4. Preserving human values in the community and contributing to improving them
5. To establish free educational and health centers for general public
6. To promote tolerance and peaceful coexistence irrespective of religion or tribe.
7. Raising intellectual, supporting education, and living standards of vulnerable children our society

Any Objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days from this Publication.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA
PROBATE DIVISION

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NAME OF DECEASED PERSON LATE ALI ALASAN OF BAURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIED ON 19/10/2020 BAURE	APPLICANT BASIRU ALI OF UNG. ISAH BAURE LGA SON OF THE SAID DECEASED
NAME OF DECEASED PERSON LATE LAMINU AMINU OF BAURE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIED ON 18/6/2020 AT BAURE	APPLICANT SALAHU LAMINU OF TSAMIYA QTRS, BAURE LGA SON OF THE SAID DECEASED

DATED THIS 15TH FEBRUARY, 2022

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. (Nuraddeen El- Ladan Ahmed) PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA
PROBATE DIVISION

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NAME OF DECEASED PERSON LATE DR. ISHAQ IDRIS KURFI OF SABUWAR LOW COST KOFAR MARUSA KATSINA DIED ON 19/10/2021 AT KATSINA.	APPLICANTS NABIL ISHAQ KURFI & NAJEEB ISHAQ KURFI ALL OF SABUWAR LOW-COST KOFAR MARUSA KATSINA. SONS OF THE DECEASED.
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DATED THIS 15TH FEBRUARY, 2022

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA. (Nuraddeen El- Ladan Ahmed) PROBATE REGISTRAR

DA'AWA COMMITTEE KWAMBA - MAJE

The general public is hereby notified that the above named association of has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part 'C' of the companies and allied matters Act, 1990.

The Board of Trustees Members are:

1. Tukur Shehu - Chairman
2. Awwal Muhammadu Abdullahi Gudugi - Secretary
3. Ibrahim Aliyu
4. Musa Aliyu Dandare
5. Ahmad Haruna

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To organize preaching and propagate the teaching of Islamic values for peaceful co-existence
2. To grant donations for orphans and less privilege person's
3. To participate in community service and development.

Any Objection to this registration should be forwarded to registrar general Corporate Affairs Commission at 420 Tigris crescent off Aguiyi - Ironsi St. Pmb 198 maitama Abuja within 28 days from the publication.

Signed: Secretary.

Bank Details

Pay into any of our Accounts:
Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD,
Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc Account No: 0000913253 Sort Code: 221081552	Bank: First Bank Plc Account No: 2002911690 Sort Code: 011084060	Bank: UBA Plc Account No: 1007117397 Sort Code: 033080013	Bank: GTBank Plc Account No: 0024570856 Sort Code: 058083231
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Requirement for Change of Name
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

DAILY TRUST
Classifieds made easy
Booking is Simple and Quick
YOU CAN BOOK ONLINE

E-booking/E-payment
Make payment into Media Trust Account,
type the material by using our already
existing format below, attach marriage
Certificate/Court Affidavits and send with
evidence of payment to: dailytrustadvert@gmail.com

ENQUIRIES: TEL:
Aboja: 07030054108
Sokoto: 08035039527
Port Harcourt: 0703 275 7193
Jos: 08033745735
Maiduguri: 08060473379
Lagos: 08038600327
Kano: 08068077562
Kaduna: 08063479316

Costing:
Change of Name - N3,000
Loss of Documents - N5,450
Registration of Trustees - N15,500
Product & Services (B&W) (Colour)
1 x 1 col N5,000 N8,000
2x 1 col N9,000 N15,000
2 x 2 col N18,000 N27,000
3 x 2 col N 28,000 N 42,000

CHANGE OF NAME

This is to notify the Management of the National Identity Scheme and the general public that my name is OCHOHEPO SULE SAMUEL and not OCHOPE OCHOHEPO SAMUEL as is currently captured in the database of the National Identity Management.

BETTY: I, formerly known as BETTY KUMAORUN AJOH, now wish to be known and addressed as BETTY KUMAORUN AJOH NEE ABENGA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISHAKU: I formerly known as ISHIYAKU MUHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as ISHAKU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formally known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ALIYU now wishes to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

LAWALI: I Formerly known and address as M. IYA LAWALI ALHAJI now wish to be known and address as LAWALI MIYA. all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as BASIRU ABDULLAH DORO, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as ABDULLAHI BASIRU, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ZULFAATU UMAR MUSA KAMBA BECAUSE OF MY MARRIAGE I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ZULFAATU UMAR ABDULLAHI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. ALL BANKS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE

YUNUSA: I formerly known as YUNYSA TIMOTHY ZAMWAWOSA, now wish to be called and addressed as YUNUSA TIMOTHY ZAMWAWOSA. While my date of birth was also wrongly captured as March 23rd, 1988, instead of March, 22nd, 1990. All former documents remains valid. The general public should please take note.

JALO: I formerly known as USMAN UMAR now wish to be known and addressed as JALO UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

FAUZEYYA: I formerly known and addressed as ABUBAKAR JIBRIN FAUZIYYAH now wish to be known and addressed as FAUZEYYA ABUBAKAR JIBRIL. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

MOHAMMED: I Formerly known and address as MOHAMMAD UMMAR DIKKO & UMMAR MUHAMMED BAKURA now wish to be known and address as UMAR MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as ZAHARA MUJI KURFI, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as ZAHARA MAHMUD, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

HAJARA: I formerly known as SANI HAJARA SHEHU, now wish to be known as HAJARA SHEHU. All former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public to take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly called, address as surname -:MOHAMMED First name-: SHEHU now wishes to be called known as Surname: MUHAMMAD And First name-: SHEHU. All Documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

SIMANYI: I formerly known and addressed as MINIHVELLKWA BARNARD now wishes to be call and address as SIMANYI BERNARD all former documents remain valid and general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as JAMES REJOICE now wish to be known and addressed as REJOICE ADAEZE JAMES All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ALIYU: I Formerly known and address as ANGO SANI. Now wish to be known and address as ALIYU SANI. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MISS ASMAU LAWAL BINDAWA, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as MRS ASMAU YUSUF BINDAWA, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

JOY: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM JOY YUSUF now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF JOY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as SULEIMAN DESTINY SABDAT now wish to be known as SULEIMAN DESTINY OJO. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

BENSON: I formerly known and addressed as BENSON DANAILLU NIHIMIAH D.O.B 06/08/1979 now wishes to be call and address as BENSON MIHEMIYA D.O.B 12/12/1977. All former documents remain valid and general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as USMAN HABIBA KALBA now wish to be known and addressed as HABIBA USMAN All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

SALISU: I Formerly known and address as SALISU HAMZA now wish to be known and address as SALISU HAMZA ABDULLAHI all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as HALIMA YAU MAMMAN, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as KARIMA USMAN and my correct and proper date of birth is 05-03-1999, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

MERCY: I, formerly known as AGENE MERCY EDEBO now wish to be known and addressed as MRS PETER MERCY EDEBO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NASIR: I formerly known as NASIRU ABDULRAZAK now wish to be known as NASIR ABDULRAZAK. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

FAUZIYA: I formerly known and addressed as FAUZIYA LAWAN now wishes to be call and address as FAUZIYA LAWAN BELLO. All former documents remain valid general public to please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MURTALA MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA MOHAMMED MURTALA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formally known as ISHIYAKU WAKILI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ISHIYAKU WAKILI ABDU. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD SUNUSI RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as SUNUSI RABIU and that my correct date of birth is 15th MAY, 1991 not 4th DECEMBER, 1988. All my former documents remain valid. The general public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.

AREY: I, formerly known as ODOR AREY now wish to be known and addressed as AREY ODOR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: VAR: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS VAR FELICIA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS VAR FELICIA MVAANYI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

BADAMASI ALIYU: This is to notify my bank and the general public that I was formally known and called SULE SAID. But from now henceforth, I wish to be known and called BADAMASI ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. My bank and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ISMAIL, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ISMAIL MUHAMMAD D.O.B 13/3/2001 NOT 10/4/2001. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as AISHA ABUBAKAR ATIKU now wish to be known and addressed as SHAMSU AISHA ATIKU All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I, formerly known as AMINU AKILU TELA, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU AKILU, All former documents remain valid. The general public and the authority concerned should take note.

CONFIRMATION OF AGE: I, PIUS FELICIA stated that my correct date of birth is 10/02/1989 not 01/01/1989 as captured in my Bank Account. Authorities concerned and the general public to please take note.

NORBERT: I formerly known as Akujobi Princess Uchechi now wish to be known as Norbert princess Uchechi. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

IBIANG: I, formerly known and addressed as MARIA JENNIFER AROK now wish to be known and addressed as MARIA JENNIFER IBIANG. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as SURAYYA HARUNA ALIYU now wish to be known and addressed as SURAYYA ALIYU HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as SUWAIBA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as SUWAIBA MUHAMMAD BELLO All former documents remain valid general public to take note

AWAISU: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI SULAIMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as ABULLAHI SULAIMAN AWAISU, All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINA: I, formerly known as AMINA SAIDU now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

BUNU: I formerly known as BUNU BUKAR AMBIYA now wish to be known and addressed as BUNU FANNAMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MADA: I, formerly known and addressed as MARK DAUDA ANALLY now wish to be known and addressed as WAJAU MADA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMAD YAHAYA now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD AHMAD D.O.B 2/2/1992 NOT 11/11/1989. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as MOHAMMED SANI now wish to be known and addressed as SANI MOHAMMED All former documents remain valid general public to take note

ADAMU: I formerly known as MUSA BALA, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ILIYASU: I, formerly known as ILIYA IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and addressed as ILIYASU IBRAHIM. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

Formally known as MUNDI IDRIS SHABA, wish to be known as MAHMUD IDRIS SHABA, all previous documents remain valid, general public should take note.

PAUL: I formerly known and addressed as PAUL YUSUF. Now wish to be known and addressed as PAUL MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

BALA: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD BALA now wish to be known and addressed as BALA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known as AISHA ABUBAKAR ATIKU now wish to be known and addressed as SHAMSU AISHA ATIKU All former documents remain valid general public to take note

UMAR: I formerly known as AISHATU UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as ABBAS AISHATU UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as USMAN RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN RABE. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as FATIMA MUHAMMAD SABO, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA MUHAMMAD ISMAIL. All former document remain valid. General public and authority concerned to take note.

AGBO: I, formerly known and addressed as AGBO EDWIN and ADULUGBA AGBO now wish to be known and addressed as AGBO ADULUGBA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known as SUWAIBA IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA MUHAMMAD LAWAN. All authorities concerned and former documents remain valid. General public to note

I formerly known as AMOS SELINA DANBANA now wish to be known as CELINA DANLADI. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

AISHA: I formerly known as JIMOH AISHAT, now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU AISHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MARYAM: Formerly called MARYAM MUHAMMAD USMAN, now wish to be called MARYAM USMAN IWU. All documents remained valid. General public to take note please.

I formerly known and addressed as IYAMU ANITA IVIE now wish to be known and addressed as AKHIGBE ANITA IVIE. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public to take note.

AYISHAT: I formerly known and addressed as MISS ENABULELE AYISHAT now wish to be known and addressed as MRS YAKUBU ENABULELE AYISHAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as SANUSI SANUSI, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as SANUSI UMAR, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note

I formerly known as AMOS SELINA DANBANA now wish to be known as CELINA DANLADI. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

ARIOMAVWAHA: I formerly known as ERUOTOR ENDURANCE ARIOMAVWAHA, now wish to be known and addressed as OZIEGBE ENDURANCE ARIOMAVWAHA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR ABDULHAMID, now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ABDULHAMID ABDULLAHI. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

FUSSAM: I formerly known as AMINA MAL FUGUMA now wish to be known and addressed as FUSSAM HAJJA MODU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

ITSEDE: I formerly known and addressed as MISS ADAMU REBECCA ONOSHIOAGBE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ITSEDE REBECCA ONOSHIOAGBE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ABUBAKAR MOTUNRYO, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as ABUBAKAR SABIYU MOTUNRAYO, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note

I formerly known as KUMYA DINFA now wish to be known as KUMS DINFA SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

SELRE: I formerly known as MISS SELRE AMOS, now wish to be known as MRS SELRE PATRICK KUM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

TABITHA: I, formerly known as KANTIOK TABITHA, now wish to be known and addressed as KANTIOK TABITHA NASHAM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MAIGIDA: I formerly known as Ruth Sunji Zakka now wish to be known as Maigida Ruth Zakka. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

GODWIN: I formerly known and addressed as JAMES EMMANUEL GODWIN. Now wish to be known and addressed as AGBOSEMUDU EMMANUEL GODWIN. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known and addressed as DANLADI ALI, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as BINIYA ALIYU, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note

JENNIFER: I, formerly known as SPIFF, JENNIFER RUFUS now wish to be known and addressed as RUFUS-SPIFF, JENNIFER AYEBAEKIPREYE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUWALU: I formerly known as AUWALU BABANGIDA, now wish to be known and addressed as AUWALU ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

CALEB: I, formerly known as OSIOBE CALEB VOTE, now wish to be known and addressed as OSIOBE CALEB VOTE OYOVWEVOTU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: I formerly known as Bekesuo Miebi now wish to be known as Bekesuo Miebi Charles Maxwell. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public please take note.

OGANIRU: I formerly known and addressed as NWOKE DANIEL BRIGH. Now wish to be known and addressed as NWOKE DANIEL OGANIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known and addressed as 1. ASMAU MUHAMMAD MANSUR 2. ASMAU ISMAIL, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as ASMAU ISMAIL, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as ZAINAB USMAN ALIYU, wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB USMAN ALI. All my documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

TUJJANI: I formerly known as TUJJANI GONI MUSTAPHA, now wish to be known and addressed as TUJJANI MUSTAPHA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

ANI: I formerly known as AFORONWA AMARACHI now wish to be known and addressed as ANI ROBINSON AMARACHI. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I formerly known and called SHIE MNENA DORCAS now wish to be known and called MYINA MNENA DORCAS. All former documents remain valid. First Bank Plc, BVN and the general public to take note.

OSIGBEMHE: I formerly known and addressed as RICHARD ISAIHAH DAVID. Now wish to be known and addressed as RICHARD DAVID OSIGBEMHE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as 1. SAUDATU HAYATUDDREEN 2. SAUDATU LAWAL, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as SAUDATU LAWAL, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as ZUBAIDA MUHAMMAD HASSAN wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN ZUBAIDAH MUHAMMAD. All my documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

SAMAILA: I formerly known as GARBA MAI GARI, now wish to be known as YUSUF SAMAILA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ILELEJI: I, formerly known as ILELEJI ALEXANDER R., now wish to be known and addressed as ILELEJI ALEXANDER RUKEVVE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULMALIK: I formerly known as ABDULMALIK YAU now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULMALIK YAU ABBA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to please take note.

MARYAM: I formally known and addressed as TIJJANI MARYAM now wishes to be known and addressed as surname: TIJJANI, first name MARYAM with date of birth 01/01/1985 all former documents remain valid. First Bank Nig. Plc, and general public should please take note.

HASSAN: I Formerly known and address as USMAN HASSAN with old date of birth 01/01/1980 now wish to be known and address as. HASSAN USMAN TSARA with new date of birth 15/03/1981 all former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as HASSAN SHURIBU, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as HASSAN SHUAIBU, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

INUWA: I formerly known as BABANGIDA SALE, now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR INUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

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I formerly known as GARBA MUHAMMAD MADAGARI, now wish to be known and addressed as GARBA MOHAMMED MADAGARI. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OLALEKAN: I formerly known as ODOTAYO OLALEKAN MORUFUDEEN, now wish to be known as ODOTAYO OLALEKAN OLASUNKANMI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

EMMANUEL, I formerly known as JOSHUA JOHN now wish to be called and addressed as EMMANUEL GEORGE AUDU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Fatima Ibrahim now wish to be known and addressed as Fatima Ibrahim Abdulhadi. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern to please take note

I formerly known and addressed as AISHA ABDULLAHI KURFI wish to be known and addressed as MRS AISHA ABDULLAHI KURFI former documents remain valid general public should take note

MUJAAHEED: I, formerly known as MUJAHID SAMINU, now wish to be known and called MUJAAHEED SAMINU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I formerly known as ABDULRAHIM NURUDEEN OLAREWAJU, now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAHEEM NURUDEEN OLAREWAJU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HALIMA: I formerly known as UMAR HALIMA, now wish to be known as HALIMA LAZARUS SAMDI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MOHAMMAD: I formally known as MAIMUNA MOHAMMAD TUKUR wish to be known and address as MAIMUNA MOHAMMAD All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

MUHAMMAD I formally known as SADIYA BASHIR MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and address as SADIYA SHARIF ABBA. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ASMAU ABUBAKAR DARDAU wish to be known and addressed as MRS ASMAU ABUBAKAR DARDAU former documents remain valid general public should take note

ADAMU: I, formerly known as ADAMU HOSSAINI, now wish to be known and called ADAMU USAINI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ZULKIFLU: I formerly known as ZULKIFLU AMINU IBRAHIM AND ZALKIFLU AMINU, now wish to be known and addressed as ZULKIFLU AMINU. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DATCIT: I formerly known as DATCIT NALDA NIMDUL, now wish to be known as KALANDI DATCIT SMITH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as MAIJIDDA SABO WADA now wish to be called and addressed as BASHIR MAIJIDDA WADA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC Authority concern and general public to note

MOHD I formally known as ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM now wish to be known and address ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM MOHD. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

I formerly known and addressed as AYUBA ADO wish to be known and addressed as AYUBA AJAH former documents remain valid general public should take note

EVWIERHURHOMA: I, formerly known as BARON OMAMOKE GIFT, now wish to be known and addressed as EVWIERHURHOMA OMAMOKE GIFT. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I formerly known as PATIENCE AKANDE but now wish to be known, called and addressed as PEV PATIENCE YIMAM. All former documents should remain valid. All the authorities concerned and the general public should take note, please.

AGHOGHO: I formerly known as OYIBO AGHOGHO, now wish to be known as OYIBO AGHOGHO GRACE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

KACHALLA, I formerly known as ABU MUHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as KACHALLA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

GARBA, I formerly known as GARBA ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as GARBA ADAMU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as FATIMA USMAN ISYAKU wish to be known and addressed as MRS FATIMA USMAN ISYAKU former documents remain valid general public should take note

OJEKUNLE: I, formerly known as BAMIGBOYE OPEYEMI VICTORIA, now wish to be known and called OJEKUNLE OPEYEMI VICTORIA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SANUSI: I formerly known as MOHAMMED ISMAIL YUSUF, now wish to be known and addressed as SANUSI ALI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

VIHVANMENAK: I formerly known as EMMANUEL VIHVANMWENAK GAJERE, now wish to be known as NICHOLAS VIHVANMENAK GANG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

LAWALI, I formerly known as CUKURE LAWALI now wish to be called and addressed as LAWALI HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUSA, I formerly known as MUSA LAWAL DOB=08/08/1998 now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA LAWAN DOB=06/03/2000. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as SAKINA HALLIRU DAHIRU wish to be known and addressed as. SAKINA DAHIRU all former documents remain valid general public should take note

ZAINAB: I formerly known as ZAINAB AHMAD IMAM now wish to be called as ZAINAB ABUBAKAR HADI all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

ALIYU: I formerly known as AL-MANSUR ALIYU, now wish to be known and addressed as AL-MANSUR ALIYU SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

NANFWANG: I formerly known as DACHIT NANFWANG REUBEN, now wish to be known as ILIYA, NANFWANG REUBEN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as ZAINAB MUSA, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAFIYA, I formerly known as SAFIYA ABUH now wish to be called and addressed as SAFIYA MUSA OLD DOB: 14/09/1983 NEW DOB: 14/09/1988. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ALIYU MOHAMMED MANZO wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU MUHAMMED MANZO all former documents remain valid general public should take note

ARUWA: I formerly known as ARUWA NAFISA now wish to be called as ARUWA NAFI SAT YAHAYA all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

SALE: I formerly known as AISHATU SALEH, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA SALE. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

REJOICE: I formerly known as PETER REJOICE on my NIMC Identity card, now wish to be known as IZI REJOICE OHIMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. FIRST BANK LTD and the general public should please take note.

ABDULKADIR, I formerly known as SAMAILA KADIRI now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULKADIR SAMAILA with new DOB 03 July 1980. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ABU AMADU wish to be known and addressed as ABU ADAMU former documents remain valid general public should take note

RAYHANATU: I, formerly known as RAYHANATU RABIU MADUGU, now wish to be known and addressed as RAYHANATU RABIU USMAN. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, the general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

JABU: I formerly known as AMMANAS ZANNA, now wish to be known and addressed as AMMANAS ZANNAH JABU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

VICTOR: I formerly known as SABO VICTOR STEPHEN, now wish to be known as SABO VICTOR ADAGONYE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as MOHAMMAD UMMA HAUWU now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD UMMA HAUWU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

YAKUBU, I formerly known as YAKUBU BELLO now wish to be called and addressed as YAKUBU MUKHTAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HAUWA, I formerly known as HAUWA KHALIL now wish to be called and addressed as HAUWA SAFIYANU ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ADELEKE: I, formerly known as AMINAT DAMILOLA OLADELE, now wish to be known and addressed as ADELEKE AMINAT. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, the general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I, formerly known as MICHAEL OBADIAH, now wish to correct the spelling of my surname to MICHAEL and add MABUR as my middle name on my bvn. I shall now be known and address as MICHAEL OBADIAH MABUR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MUHAMMAD :I formally known as AISHA GALI wish to be known and address as AISHA GALI MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

RABIU, I formerly known as RABIU HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as RABIU ABDULKADIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MARYAM SANI MUHAMMAD NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MARIYA SANI MUHAMMAD. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

USMAN, I formerly known as USAMAN LAWAN ABBA now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN AUWAL ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HELEN: I formally known as HELEN LA'AH now wish to be known and addressed as HELEN MONDAY. Former documents remain valid. UBA and ACCESS to please note.

JANET: I formerly known as OBAM JANET UGWOMA, now wish to be known as OBAM MARYJANE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

NURA, I formerly known as NURA M SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as NURA MUHAMMAD SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IDRIS, I formerly known as IDRIS GARBA SARARI now wish to be called and addressed as IDRIS GARBA SAKATARE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as MUHAMMAD UMAR now wish to be known and called as MOHAMMAD UMAR ADAM. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note

SADIO, I formerly known as SADDIQ NURA now wish to be called and addressed as SADIO HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AHMED: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ADESHINA ABDULMUHIZ ADELOLAPO, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED AHMED ABDULMUHIZ ADELOLAPO. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ANY AUTHORITY CONCERNED TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SELCHANG: I formerly known as DAUDA SELCHANG NANSAK, now wish to be known as NANVEN SELCHANG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I was formerly known SALIHU ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and called as SALIHU ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note

NAFIU, I formerly known as NAFIU BADAMASI now wish to be called and addressed as NAFIU BADAMASI IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMED I formally known as SAMINU BADAMASI DA'U now wish to be known and address as MURTALA MUHAMMED BADAMASI All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

SALEH: I formally know as SALEH SHALOM MAIGODO now wish to be known and address as SALEH SHALOM All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

SAFIYA: I formerly known as ESTHER SAMBO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS SAFIYA MURIANA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

FAITH: I formerly known as MISS. NIRUS FAITH, now wish to be known as MRS. JOHNSON FAITH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ABDULLAHI : I formally know as ZULJA'U ABDULLAHI wish to be known and address as ZULJA'U MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

INUWA, I formerly known as INUWA HARUNA DANJAKA now wish to be called and addressed as INUWA HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

UMAR I formally know as UMAR SAIDU now wish to be known and address as UMAR SAID All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

SULEIMAN : I formally know as SULEIMAN KABIRU SANI now wish to be known and address as SULEIMAN KABIRU. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

FOLASHADE: I, formerly known as FOLASHADE ABDULRASHEED now wish to be called as FOLASHADE AKOREDE all former documents remain valid. Any authority and general public all authority concern should please take note

JULDAK: I formerly known as SOLOMON VONGJEN JULDAK, now wish to be known as MRS. SOLOMON JULDAK PONZI.P. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

HABIBU, I formerly known as HABIBU MUHD RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBU MUHAMMAD RABIU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

PATIENCE, I formerly known as PATIENCE INYANGBE ONAH now wish to be called and addressed as PATIENCE INYANGBE MATTHIAS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINU, I formerly known as AMINU SANI now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU SANI YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAGIRU : I formally know as SAGIRU RABIU now wish to be known and address as SAGIRU SALE ADAMU. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and address as AISHA ABDULLAHI, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note.

NENLEMWA: I formerly known as MISS. DAYOL NENLEMWA CLEMENT, now wish to be known as MRS. BAKO NENLEMWA AUGUSTINE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

IBRAHIM.: I formally know as MUAZZAM BALARABE wish to be known and address as MU'AZZAM BALARABE IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid, general public shall take note.

I formerly known as JUSTINA DADA OLAYEMI now wish to be called and addressed as JUSTINA DADA DAHUNSI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM MUSA YUSUF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as AISHA IBRAHIM I wish to be known and addressed as LAUWAHU SANI and my correct Date of Birth is 16/03/2000 not 16/05/1945 former documents remain valid general public should take note

SANNI: I, formerly known and addressed as SANNI MODINAT KEMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as SANNI MODINAT OLAWUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MASON: I, formerly known, addressed as NNESOCHI UGOCHI UNAOGU, now wish to be called and addressed NNESOCHI UGOCHI MASON. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

HUSNA, I formerly known as HUSNA AMINU TAURA now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU HUSNA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI UMAR ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formally known and addressed as MOHAMMED ISMAIL, MOHAMMAD ISMAIL wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMADU SAMAILA former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as MUBARAK UMAR DHAJIYA wish to be known and addressed as MUBARAK UMAR former documents remain valid general public should take note

CORRECTION OF NAME/CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH I, MGBEMERE IFEANYICHUKWU CHARLES. That my name was wrongly written as MGBEMERE IFEANYICHUKWU CHARLES. That my date of birth was wrongly written 1st November, 2000. That my correct date of birth is 1st November, 2001. That my correct name is MGBEMERE IFEANYICHUKWU CHARLES. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known and called VIVIAN O ONUH, now wish to be known and addressed as OKPE ONYI VIVIAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HAJARA, I formerly known as HAJARA AMINU TAURA now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU HAJARA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Yakubu Inusa now wish to be called and addressed as Yakubu Yunusa Sulaiman. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note date of birth is 01/01/1983

I formerly known and addressed as MUSTAFA SANI wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA SANI AHMED former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as KHADIJA IBRAHIM ISAH wish to be known and addressed as MRS KHADIJA IBRAHIM ISAH former documents remain valid general public should take note

INOWO: I, formerly known and addressed as AFEEZ MARIAM BOSE. Now wish to be known and addressed as INOWO MARIAM BOSE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as OSENI GODWIN, now wish to be known and address as SALIHU HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

USMAN, I formerly known as USMAN ALASSAN YAHAYA now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN HASSAN YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as RABIU NURA now wish to be called and addressed as NURA RABIU KWARU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as JAMILU YAHUZA wish to be known and addressed as JAMILU YAHUZA ADAM former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as NURA MUNTARI wish to be known and addressed as NURA ILIYASU former documents remain valid general public should take note

AYETIN: I, formerly known and addressed as AYTIN OBIAGELI. That henceforth, I now wish to be known, called and addressed as AYTIN OBIAGELI VICTORIA in every documentation and identification. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

POPOOLA: I, formerly known, addressed as POPOOLA SESAN JOEL, now wish to be called and addressed POPOOLA SESAN. All former documents to remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ABBA, I formerly known as YAKUBU YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as ABBA YUSUF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI DINI now wish to be called and addressed as DINI SULAIMAN ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as ADO MA'AZU wish to be known and addressed as MUAZU ADO former documents remain valid general public should take note

PHILIP: I FORMALLY KNOWN AS PHILIP TIMOTHY BUHU NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AS PHILIP TIMOTHY BUNU ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE

CORRECTION OF NAME I, BASHIRU SAHEED AYOBAMI. That this sworn affidavit is to confirm that my name was wrongly written as BASIU SAHEED AYOBAMI. Instead of my correct name as BASHIRU SAHEED AYOBAMI. That my real and correct name is BASHIRU SAHEED AYOBAMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABDULKAREEM: I formerly known as ABDULKAREEM ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR ABDULKAREEM MUSA and my date of birth was wrongly captured as 19/06/1980 instead of 18/07/1980. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

KHADIJA, I formerly known as KHADIJA ABUBAKAR SUNUSI now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA SUNUSI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as NURA HUSSAINI now wish to be called and addressed as NURA HUSSAINI KAZAURE. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note DATE OF BIRTH FROM 26/11/1950 TO 02/08/1954

I formerly known and addressed as JAMILA MUKHTAR wish to be known and addressed as MRS JAMILA MUKHTAR former documents remain valid general public should take note

HIINKPE: I, formerly called HIINKPE KWAGHFAN wrongly born 1/9/1992 now wish to be addressed as HIINKPE KWAGHFAN WISDOM with my correct date of birth 14/7/1994. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank PLC and general public should take note.

IBIANG: I, formerly known and addressed as LEBOKU MONDAY CHALES. Now wish to be known and addressed as IBIANG MONDAY BIODUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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IBIANG: I, formerly known and addressed as **LEBOKU STEPHEN IBOR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBIANG STEPHEN IBOR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEGBOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **SIKIRU ADEGBOYE DHIKRULLAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEGBOYE DHIKRULLAH ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SHERIFF I formerly known and addressed as **ALHAJI ZAJI SHARIFF AND ZAJI GANA ALH SHERIFF AND SHERIFF JAJI GANA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHERIFF JAJI GANA**. All former documents remain valid. DOB 15/02/1977 to 12/09/1974. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ZANNA BUKAR** now wish to be known as **MUHAMMAD ABUBAKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AMOS: I formerly known as Amos Sheme. Now wish to be known and addressed as Amos Sheme Ado. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

OSUJI - I, formerly known as ***MISS EZINDU CHINONSO GRACE***. Now wish to be known as ***MRS. OSUJI CHINONSO GRACE***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADEPOJU: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS BELLO MUTIAT OLUWAKEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADEPOJU MUTIAT OLUWAKEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNLEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **PARAMOLE OLUWAKEMI MOJISOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNLEYE OLUWAKEMI MOJISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and General public please take note.

HAJARA I formerly known and addressed as **HAUWA ADAMU DATAM** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJARA ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MADINA: I formally known as **MADINA YUNUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MADINA ABDULWASIU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ANTONY: I formerly known as **ASARGA ANTONY AMOS** now wish to be known as **ANTONY AMOS**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

CHUKWUNALUEZE I, formerly known as ***CHUKWUNALU EZE RUTH***. Now wish to be known as ***CHUKWUNALUEZE RUTH GIFT***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

JIMOH: I, formerly known and addressed as **GBADAMOSI RASHIDAT TEMITOPE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JIMOH RASHIDAT TEMITOPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME I, **OGUNRINDE ALICE BADEJOKO (NEE AYANKOYA)**. That on my documents my name was wrongly arranged as **OGUNRINDE ALICE BADEJOKO ALICE** instead of **OGUNRINDE ALICE BADEJOKO**. That for all intent and purposes my correct arrangement of name and full name is **OGUNRINDE ALICE BADEJOKO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMARU I formerly known and addressed as **UMARU SANDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMARU ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MUHAMMED DANJUMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD DANJUMA ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, **MUHAMMAD AMINU BELLO** do solemnly declare that: The names **MUHAMMAD AMINU BELLO** and **AMINU MAHAMMAD BELLO** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **AMINU MUHAMMAD BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MRS. BERNARD: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS WOWEM-AMADI CHITURU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. BERNARD MORRIS CHITURU**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

UKWUOMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODION ABEYUWA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **UKWUOMA ABEYUWA**. Address: 6, Dare street ikotun roundabout Lagos. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME That my name was wrongly written on my BVN and NIN as **KODJO ESTHER OVIYON** instead of **KODJO ESTHER VIYON**. That my correct name is **KODJO ESTHER VIYON**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATSUMA: I formerly known as **FATSUMA UMAR MUSA**, now wish to be known as **FATSUMA UMAR MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Nysc And General public should please take note.

that I was formally known as **MUHAMMAD AHAMAD** now wish to be called and address as **MUHAMMAD AHMAD MAIDUGU** general public to take note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **MUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. U B A and General public should take note.

MRS. NWOBIA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS LINDA AWOBIYI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. LINDA NWOBIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

JAMES: I, formerly known and addressed as **JAMES OLOGUN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMES TOLORUNLOGO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME On some of my documents (BVN/account details) my name appears as **BLESSING CHINYERE** instead of **BLESSING CHINYERE JOY** as on my National identification number (NIN). All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ADAMU: I formerly known as **ADAMU ISAYARO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU YARO ISAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NNENNA: I formerly known as **NNENNA REBECCA ONAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NNENNA REBECCA VICTOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUWADDA I formerly known as **MUWADDA BABBA SARKINFADA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUWADDA SARKINFADA** with DOB: 13/02/1972 not 23/02/1972. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note.

Mrs IKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OBIOHA CHIBUZO ESTHER**. Now wish to be addressed as **Mrs IKE CHIBUZO ESTHER**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

MORENIKEJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OMORENIKEJI OMOYEMISI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLATUNDUN MORENIKEJI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and General public please take note.

FALUYI: I formerly known as **RUTH OVAIWE**, now wish to be known and address as **ROSEMARY FALUYI**. Due to marriage. All former document remain valid. General public to please take note.

I formerly known as **TANKO GAIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMAILA GAYA**. All former document remain valid. General public and any authority concern should please take note.

HAJJA: I formerly known as **HAJJA YAKURA BUKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJJA YAKURA ABUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JAMELAH: I formerly known as **JAMELAH MUHAMMAD BELLO**, now wish to be known as **UMAR JAMELAH BELLO**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

Mrs DURU: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss DURU CHINWENDU ASSUMPTA**, and **Miss DURU CHINWENDU WHITE**. Now wish to be addressed as **Mrs DURU CHINWENDU INDEPENDENT**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME AND CORRECTION OF NAME **AYANGBENRO:** I, formerly known and addressed as **AYANGBENRO RASAK**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AYANGBENRO RAZAQ AKANHO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SHINABA: I formerly known and addressed as **Adewole Omolade Esther**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Shinaba Omolade Esther**. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

I formerly known as **REBEKKAH ISUWA** with D.O.B 2808/1980 now wish to be known and addressed as **REBECCA ISUWA** with D.O.B 0101/1980. All former document remain valid. General public and any authority concern should please take note.

I Formerly Known As **SHAMSIYA YUSUF** now wish to be known and addresses as **SHAMSIYA YUSUF YUSUF** all former Documents remain Valid. General public should take note please.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **IBRAHIM YUSUF**, now wish to be called as **IBRAHIM YUSUF SHANI**. All former documents remain valid, authority concern and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as **ALHAJI YAWALE ALHAJI SULE** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAWALE SULE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OYELEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OYELEKE OLAREWAJU BAMUWO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYELEKE BAMUWO OLANREWAJU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JIMO-LAWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **JIMO TAIWO SUKURAT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JIMO-LAWAL TAIWO SUKURAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MUHAMMED: I formally known as **MUHAMMED MUAZU**. Now wish to be call and address as **MUHAMMED MUAZU DUMBULUN**. All former documents remained valid, authority concern and general public to take note.

AISHATU: I formerly known as **AISHATU ABDULLAHI DANGOMBE**. Now wish to be call and address as **AISHATU ABDULLAHI SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TELLA: I formerly known as **TELLA BULLAMA MODU** now wish to be called as **TELLA BULAMA**. All former documents remain valid, FIRST BANK PLC, authority concern and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as **ASIYA YUSUF** now wish to be known and addressed as **ASIYA YUSUF JIBO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

CHINELO: I, formerly known and addressed as **CHINELO HAPPINESS AWALITE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHINELO HAPPINESS IWUOHA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AISHATU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AISHATU YAKUBU HASSAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU GARGA ALI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA YA'U BULAMA** now wish to be known as **AISHA MUHAMMAD ISA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

DORCAS: I Formerly known as **Dorcas Sogi Elam** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Dorcas Idi Elam**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MODU: I, formerly known as **LAWAN MADUMI** now wish to be known and called **BULAMA MODU BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

I, formerly known as **MISS AISHATU IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AISHATU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

TAIWO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss EKUNDAYO CHRISTIANAH IDOWU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs TAIWO CHRISTIANAH IDOWU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FEYISOPE: I, formerly known and addressed as **FEYISOPE OLAYEMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **FEYISOPE FATHIAH BALOGUN-SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHINENYE: I formally know as **EDITH AKWOLU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AKWOLU EDITH CHINENYE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YAHAYA: I formerly known as **YAHAYA WAKIRWA IDRISA** now wish to be known as **YAHAYA ISA WAKIRWA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

BUKAR: I, formerly known as **BULAMA MAI MAIGARI** now wish to be known and called **MOHAMMED BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

I, formerly known as **SANUSI GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANUSI HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ADEKEYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AFUAPE ALIMAT SADIAT OPELOLUWA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADEKEYE OPELOLUWA ESTHER**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME DUE TO MARRIAGE **OMOLABAKE:** I, formerly known and addressed as **OMOLABAKE STELLA OLOYE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OMOLABAKE STELLA ADEJUNO**. That I was born on 4th day of June, 1979. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I Formerly Known As **MUHAMMADU ABDULLAHI** and **MUHAMMED GANA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addresses as **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD GANA** all former Documents remain Valid. Date of birth is 12 December 1968 not 01 /04/1973 and general public should take note please.

AISHA: I formerly known and addressed as **ABBA AISHA UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA ABBA UMARA**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, **HAUWA YARO ABDULLAHI** do solemnly declare that: The names **HAUWA YARO ABDULLAHI** and **HAUWA USMAN** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **HAUWA YARO ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

I, formerly known as **SALIHU MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEHU SALIHU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

AJIBADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **AJIBADE BENJAMIN OLAJIDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJIBADE BENJAMIN ADEKUNLE**. That I was born on 8th day of April, 1997 not 7th day of April, 1997. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME **ADEBISI:** I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBISI BODEPHI LIPS ADEJUMO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEBISI ADEGBA ADEJUMO**. That I was born on 30th day of September, 1984. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as **BUKAR GONI KYARI**, With DOB 11/06/1992, now wish to be known and addressed **YUSUF SAMAILA**. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 01/01/1995, General public should please take note.

DAUDA: I formerly known and addressed as **DAUDA MOHAMMED BUZU** now wish to be known and addressed as **DAUDA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AISHA: I Formerly known as **AISHA AUDU** now wish to be known as **AISHA ISA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI TANIMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANUSI TANIMUN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

OKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **AMOKE ADEKUNLE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKE LOLA AMOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BUSARI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs RAHEEM RUKAYAT FOLASHADE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Miss BUSARI RUKAYAT FOLASHADE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JIDDA: I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR JIDDA**, now wish to be known and addressed **BAKARI JIDDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, **MALLAM DAU MUSA** do solemnly declare that: The names **MALLAM DAU MUSA** and **MUSA HARUNA** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **MALLAM DAU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

MUSA: I Formerly known as **MUSA GARBA JABA** now wish to be known as **MUSA GARBA**. With D O B 03/10/1990 to 09/03/1990. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MARYAM SHEHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

CHIDI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISRAEL OLUCHI EDITH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CHIDI OLUCHI EDITH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KAYODE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ISAIAH ESTHER OLUWABUNMI (Miss)**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KAYODE ESTHER OLUWABUNMI (Mrs)**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MATHEW: I Formerly known as **UMAR OBED**, now wish to be known as **MATHEW OBED**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

AISHA: I formerly known as **AISHA AHMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed **AISHATU AHMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MEZIE-ONAH: That I was formerly known as **MISS. NWODO UCHENNA CHINONSO**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. MEZIE-ONAH UCHENNA CHINONSO**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

ASOROSAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNYINKA OMOWUNMI RUKAYAT, POPOOLA RUKAYAT OMOWUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ASOROSAYO RUKAYAT OMOWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IMRAN: I formerly known as **IMRAN AHMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **IMRAN AHMAD KOGUNA**. All former documents remain valid and general public particular; **ZENITH BANK** should please take note.

ISAH: I Formerly known as **SALEH BUKAR MUDI ISAH**, now wish to be known as **ISAH SALEH**. All former documents remain valid. General Public should take note.

YAKUBU: I formerly known as **YAKUBU KURE MALLAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YAKUBU KURE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UPLIFTING THE FUTURE OF WOMEN AND YOUTH IN AFRICA (UF-WAYA)

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the above captioned organization whose trustees and aims and objectives are set out below has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration as an Incorporated Trustees under part F of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020.

Trustees:
1- Hauwa Garba Hamisu—President
2- Musa Al-ameeri—Vice President
3- Muhammad Mukhtar—Executive Director
4- Jibril Jibril—Secretary General
5- Safiyya Aminu—Financial Secretary

Aims and Objectives
1- Providing education for out of school children
2- Facilitating medical care for sick women and children.
3- Providing shelter for the vulnerable women and youth in the society.
4- To empower widows with entrepreneurial resources for self reliance.
5- Collaborating with other organisations in order to finance and uplift the standards of living of the less privileged.

Any objection to the registration of the association should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission plot 420 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama P.M.B 198 Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

ABUJA SQUASH CLUB

This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part 'C' of the Company and Allied Matters Act of 2020.

TRUSTEES:
1. SANI HADI (CHAIRMAN)
2. NWANKWO INNOCENT CHUKWUMA (SECRETARY)
3. ATTAH JONAH IBRAHIM

AIM AND OBJECTIVES
1. Maintaining spot activities to active and retires people.
2. To help in improving good health of people.
3. To provide means of doing to people in order to have a good health.

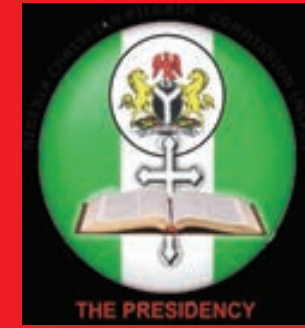
Any Objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days from this Publication.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy Plot No. C41, situated at Na'ibawa Qtrs, Kumbotso local government, Kano. Bearing the name of **ABDULLAHI MUSA** of Fagge local government, Kano. All efforts made to trace the original Certificate of Occupancy prove abortive, members of the general public to take note. If found please return to the nearest police station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

We, **SANI MOH'D LAWAL** and **ILIYA DANJUMA** are members of **Saminaka Consultative Forum** located at No.2 College Road Saminaka Lere LGA Kaduna State wish to inform the general public of the loss of our Offer Letter of Plot No.1 Usman Kauru Road with the Beacon Number of **SM 4410, SM4411, SM 4412, SM 4413, SM 4414** issued to us by **Ministry of Lands, Survey and Country Planning Kaduna (now KADGIS)** on the 16/12/2001 and same got lost within **Saminaka**. All effort made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned address. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.



**NIGERIAN CHRISTIAN
PILGRIM COMMISSION**

Call To Glory

**Late
Ngo Zimi
Pam
1925 - 2022**

With heavy heart, but with total submission to the will of God, the Management and Staff of the Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission NCPC wish to announce the passing on to glory of the Mother of our amiable Executive Secretary, Late Ngo Zimi Pam who slept in the Lord on 15th January, 2022 at the University of Jos Teaching Hospital, JUTH after a protracted illness at 97 years.

We pray that the Lord will comfort and console the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission, Rev Dr Yakubu Pam and the entire family at this moment of their bereavement.

May her gentle soul rest at the Bosom of the Lord until we meet to part no more in glory.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENT:

Service of Songs: Friday, 18th February, 2022, at Lagfield Event Hall, Near New Government House Rayfield, Jos - South. **Time:** 4:30pm

Burial Service/ Interment: Saturday, 19th February, 2022, at Tahei Polo Field, B.D. Zang Road, Gyel Bukuru, Jos- South. **Time:** 10 : 00am.

Signed:

Mr Barnabas Ali

Director of Administration,
Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission (NCPC)

SPORT



■ Action recorded during the match between KADA Angels and Team Delta at the just concluded Mark D Ball women basketball championship in Abuja

FCT handball association mourns coach Hanatu, rolls out plans

By Jide Olusola

The FCT handball association has rolled out its plans in its bid to develop the sport in the Federal Capital Territory.

The interim chairman of the board, Ambassador Dr Edward Olutoke during a media parley said the board plans to make handball compete favourably with football in the FCT.

“This board is a child of necessity and I have been looking for alternative sports beyond football and this is an opportunity to bring out the fire in us to develop handball in the FCT.

“Our priority is the welfare of the players. They need to be taken care of and we plan to pay premium attention to seeing the players involved in competitions. We have placed the players on salaries and scholarships.

“We have put plans in motion to redesign and remodel the handball court at the Old Parade Ground and by next month, it will be completed. We have also launched the supporters club,” he said.

Meanwhile, the FCT handball coach, Hanatu Shuaibu Dada has died.

The Second Vice Chairperson of the Nigeria Association of Women in Sports (NAWIS), FCT passed away on Monday.

Dada popularly called “Mama Handball” was a level 14 civil servant with the FCT Ministry.

Champions League Results

PSG 1-0 Real Madrid
Sporting Lisbon 0-5 Man City

Basketball players urge Dare to resolve NBBF crisis

By David Ngobua

Nigerian basketball players have urged the Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Mr. Sunday Dare, to immediately resolve the lingering leadership crisis rocking the Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF).

The call by the players is coming on the heels of the deafening silence from the sports minister despite the emergence of two factional NBBF presidents.

It will be recalled that on Saturday, January 30, 2022, parallel elective congresses were held in Abuja and Benin City where Igoche Mark and

Engineer Musa Kida were elected presidents respectively.

Consequently, the players who stormed the Federal Ministry of sports and youth development office in Abuja yesterday to register their displeasure frowned at the nonchalant attitude of the minister towards the leadership impasse.

Speaking on behalf of the players, a former NBA Player and former NBBF board member, Mr. Ejike Ugboaja, urged the sports minister to be bold and address the issues without sentiment.

He said “The two elections were concluded two weeks ago, and we don’t know the

stand of the minister. I served under Musa Kida’s board and I have played the game for more than twelve years. We have never experienced this type of problem before.

“Unless the Minister has been compromised, I think by today (yesterday) we ought to have our NBBF president and not the ministry running the show.

“We want the minister to come out and tell us what is going on. We want him to address us. We want the minister as the father of the game to tell us his position. Without the players there is no basketball,” he submitted.

Also speaking, the players’ representative, Stanley Gumut,

said that basketball players at home and abroad have thrown their weight behind Mr. Igoche Mark.

He also said the players have vowed not to repeat the mistake they made four years ago.

“The truth is that the players have thrown our weight behind Mr. Igoche Mark. Unfortunately, the ministry is not saying anything about the crisis in the NBBF.

“We are the owners of this game and we don’t want to play basketball for free anymore. The minister is supposed to come out and talk to us as a father but he is shying away and his action is becoming suspicious and worrisome,” said Gamut.

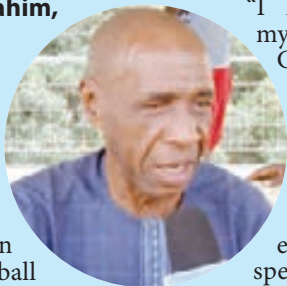
YSFON wants NFF to hand over age grade tournaments

From Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano

The Vice president, Youth Sports Federation of Nigeria (YSFON), north-central, Mustapha Abdulkarim (Allah-dey) has called on the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) to allow YSFON to take charge of age grade football tournaments.

The football administrator made this known in a chat with Daily Trust yesterday shortly after he declared open the ongoing 39th edition of Ramat U-16 Cup in Kano.

He said “the age group tournament should be left for us to organise so that we will be able to ensure that we supply top quality players for Nigeria’s senior national teams through this Ramat Cup and other tournaments we organise.



“I have just represented my president, the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Dr, Nasir Yusuf Gawuna to declare open the 39th edition of the Ramat Cup.

“I want to assure you that this year’s edition is going to be a special one and you can see we have recorded about

21 states in this tournament. Every year we don’t normally have less than 20 and kudos to the states that were around and we are assuring the country that so many states learn their lessons.

“From the screening this year, only the eligible players are going to participate in the championship. We do everything possible to eliminate age cheats. So NFF should allow us to be in charge of organising age grade competitions,” he reiterated.

Danladi clears air on diversion of Nasarawa Utd players transfer fees

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

The chairman of Nasarawa United, Barrister Isaac Danladi, has denied his alleged involvement in the sale of some key players to foreign clubs and diverting into private pockets the proceeds of such transfers.

In the past days, the Chairman of Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) Club Owners Association has come under attack by some critics following the transfer of some top players of Nasarawa United to foreign clubs.

Some of the players transferred are former CHAN Eagles striker, Ibrahim Sunusi, Abubakar Lawal, Hassan Abdallah, Tebo Franklin and Silas Nwankwo.

While addressing a press conference yesterday in Lafia, Danladi said such allegations were baseless and handiwork of some mischief makers.

“Some people erroneously believe that monies from the sale of Ibrahim



Sunusi, Abubakar Lawal, Hassan Abdallah, Tebo Franklin and Silas Nwankwo were never remitted to government accounts.

“It is indeed ridiculous for people to allege that we collected and diverted money. Everything we are doing is known to the people who gave us the responsibility to manage this club.

“In the case of Silas, it is not long that he was transferred. It is not more than two or three weeks and he is having age issues. Up till now, his contract has not been concluded. So when was the money released?” he asked rhetorically.

Danladi, therefore, said instead of peddling unfounded allegations against the club’s management, genuine supporters of Nasarawa United should join hands to move the club forward.

The member of NFF technical committee also assured that despite recent setbacks, Nasarawa United are confident of ending the ongoing season with silverware.

GUEST COLUMNIST

with **THEOPHILUS ABBAH, PhD**

The unseen forces behind terrorist fighters

On February 4, 2022, no fewer than 25 terrorists, fleeing airstrikes by the Nigerian military, drowned in a deep river located within the Marte axis of the Lake Chad basin in Borno State. On February 10, 2022, a military fighter jet and helicopter gunship eliminated some bandit leaders and terrorists in Niger State. On February 11, 2022, air troops of 'Operation Thunder Strike' eliminated no fewer than 20 armed bandits at the general area of the Nigeria Defence Academy (NDA) in Kaduna.

The military has recorded successes like these in recent times, and from my tally, between February 1 and February 13, no fewer than 155 terrorists, made up of bandits, Boko Haram and Islamic States of West African Province (ISWAP) fighters, have been killed. If on the average, 100 terrorists are killed in every two weeks, that translates to as many as 200 terrorists being killed every month. In a year, the military would have eliminated as many as 2,400 terrorists, and in over a period of 10 years since the army has been battling Boko Haram, roughly 24,000 terrorists should have been eliminated. This is a significant number. Away from hypothetical figures, it is possible that in reality, the military may have killed more than this estimated number of terrorists since 2009. So, from where do terrorists who throw bombs, slaughter, maim, and kidnap people emerge? Why do they keep increasing like flies, though the military kills them in large numbers? How do they still control territories in Nigeria and some Sahelian states?

In the last decade, government has wasted over seven trillion naira on the security sector, in its design to wipe out terrorists, but they are not yet vanquished. It is evident that those being killed by the military are mainly foot soldiers of terrorist groups, while their masterminds, the live-blood of the organisations, remain actively safe, not necessarily in bunkers, but entrenched in many sectors in the country and beyond, to provide the finance and motivation that attract fresh fighters and procure weapons to keep the battle alive. Who are those that provide the live-blood that energise terrorists? What do they gain from keeping the flame of terrorist attacks alive? Why have they evaded arrest and prosecution by the long arms of the Nigerian law?

To understand the situation, it is necessary to realise that the ultimate goal of Boko Haram and ISWAP is to defeat or extinguish western civilisation in Nigeria and beyond. In order to prosecute this ideology, the masterminds use their political, social and economic networks to raise funds, if necessary, from the western system which they abhor. In the case of Al-Qaeda, before September 11, Osama bin Laden took funds from his investments in Afghanistan and Sudan to sponsor terrorist

activities. Investigations have proved that the majority of companies and banks used by Bin Laden were located in Khartoum (Sudan) such as Faisal Islamic Bank, Ladin International, Taba Investment Co. Ltd, Al Themar Al Mubarak, Al Qudarat, Islamic Bank Al Shama and he used proceeds from them to fund terrorist activities.

Like Al-Qaeda, both Boko Haram and ISWAP could be benefiting from networks of companies and shell companies, shell banks, and offshore trusts to raise money, hide assets, and protect the identities of financial contributors in order to keep them safe. The low-hanging sources of funding for them could be the lucrative fish and cattle industry



Nigeria must evolve home-grown measures to track illicit funds. Where do all the dollars and naira kidnapers extort from victims enter? Why is it possible for Boko Haram and ISWAP to continue to replenish their stock of weaponry? Why is it possible for terrorists to keep recruiting fighters, including very young ones? What do they do to maintain the loyalty of the fighters? I think these are the posers that should dominate discussions and strategies about how to tackle the intractable insurgency

in the North East, as well as the thriving cross-border smuggling sector, as they have access and even control most of the routes from Nigeria to Chad, Cameroon, up to the Central African Republic (CAR). Another sector to investigate is the narcotic industry, proved to be a fundamental source of funding for terrorist groups. Various reports have proved that terrorist groups in Nigeria abuse narcotic drugs, some heavily intoxicated before they go to battle. Perhaps, drug abuse is just a cosmetic aspect of their engagement with narcotic drugs. There is likely to be a network of international drug trafficking in which some of their masterminds actively operate in order to raise funds to recruit and pay fighters, as well as buy the loyalty of their spies who are spread all over the areas they hold sway.

From research, it has been discovered that illicit drug trafficking had always been the most common criminal activity terrorist groups engage in. Groups like FARC, Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA), Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and Sendero Luminoso were deeply involved in drug trafficking. So also are terrorist groups who wear the garb of Islam. Then, there is the multibillion naira kidnapping economy, an easy way of generating a lot of dubious funds for terrorist activities. There are also legitimate sources of funding from their members who execute government contracts, or those who trade with them in food items, patronise taxis, buses, and motorcycles owned by terrorist groups and members.

Until November 2020 when the United Arab Emirates (UAE) security arrested and prosecuted six Nigerians for sending funds from Dubai to Boko Haram in Nigeria, there was not enough evidence that the country's security agencies looked in the direction of the role of illicit funds in financing Boko Haram. Government and the military had given priority to the procurement of weapons to battle terrorist fighters. At another level, government presented terrorists with unsolicited amnesty, and even rehabilitation, which failed to reduce the eagerness of terrorists to fight the Nigerian State. In whispers, terrorist fighters who surrendered to the military or were chased away from terrorist camps have returned with tales of the excess cash available to their commanders to play with. Boko Haram and ISWAP commanders purchase weapons, fuel, vehicle spare parts, food items, clothes, electronics, and even the loyalty of renegade Nigerian fighters with cash. So, one of the ways of advancing this fight against terrorists is not just by killing the poor fighters, many of them conscripted against their will and others forced into battle as slaves, but by cutting off the various streams of funding to the terror groups. And this could be achieved only through diligent, deliberate and forensic financial investigation.

Nigeria must evolve home-grown measures to track illicit funds. Where do all the dollars and naira kidnapers extort from victims enter? Why is it possible for Boko Haram and ISWAP to continue to replenish their stock of weaponry? Why is it possible for terrorists to keep recruiting fighters, including very young ones? What do they do to maintain the loyalty of the fighters? I think these are the posers that should dominate discussions and strategies about how to tackle the intractable insurgency. As government purchases sophisticated weapons from the West, it is important to toe the path of countries who have tracked illicit financial flow to terror groups and successfully cut it off. We could learn from Algeria, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Israel, US, UK, etc, who have used a combination of technology, diligent but discreet investigations, to cut off the live-wire of terror groups. Unless and until the battle against terrorists deliberately targets those who provide lasting political, logistic and financial support to terrorist networks, the prophetic statement by Lt General Tukur Yusuf Buratai, a former Chief of Army Staff, that Boko Haram would linger as the country's temptation for another two decades would come to pass. We must take the fight to the unseen forces who pay terrorists to keep fighting.

Abbah wrote from Abuja.

SPORT REPORT

Murray dispatches Daniel to start Qatar campaign



■ Andy Murray

Andy Murray took revenge on Taro Daniel with a 6-2, 6-2 first round victory in the Qatar Open on Tuesday.

The Japanese player had knocked out the Scottish former World No 1 in straight sets in the Australian Open in January.

"He played very well in Australia, he had a very good run there and was too good for me there," Murray said after his victory on Tuesday.

"I tried to be the one dictating from the first point, and I thought I did that well. It was one of the better matches I've played in recent months."

Liverpool's Henderson fit to travel for Inter Milan clash



■ Jordan Henderson

Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson has been passed fit to travel to Italy for the first leg of the club's last-16 Champions League tie at Inter Milan on Wednesday.

The midfielder was injured in Sunday's Premier League win at Burnley and was substituted early in the second half.

But he was involved during team training on Tuesday and is set to fly out to Italy with the rest of the squad.

"Hendo is fine," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said on Tuesday. "He got a knock on his knee and today was second-day recovery for a lot of players like for him as well."