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## Justice Tobi, Kukah head confab

By Abdulazeez Abdullahi, Group News Editor, Reuben Yunana, Senior Reporter State House

President Olusegun Obasanjo will this week announce the list of the fifty federal government delegation to the forthcoming national political reforms conference.

Impeccable sources at the presidency told *Daily Trust* that the president might have approved the appointment of Supreme Court judge, Justice Niki Tobi, as chairman of the proposed conference while renowned catholic priest, Reverend Mathew Kukah is to serve as secretary.

The high level government source said baring any last minute changes, Justice Tobi from Rivers state and Reverend Kukah from Kaduna state are to act as chairman and secretary of the conference committee respectively.

However, the appointment of Tobi, a southern christian minority and Kukah a northern christian minority might throw the conference into more controversies and opposition from a cross section of Nigerians.

### PDP may sanction house members over confab

There are strong indications that the People's Democratic Party (PDP), might have resolved to take disciplinary action against party members in the House of Representatives who challenged in court the proposed federal government's national political reforms conference.

Also, the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP), might have set up a committee of

By Hammeed Bello, Senior Political Reporter & Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political reporter

elders to persuade its members to pull out of the court case.

Fifty seven PDP, ANPP and Alliance for Democracy (AD), members in the House have joined forces to challenge the legality of the conference and already, an Abuja federal high court has issued a summons on President Olusegun Obasanjo on the matter.

Among the PDP members in the case are Dr. Usman Bugaje, Alhaji Faruk Lawan, Barrister Abdullahi Idris Umar, Ahmed Aliyu Wadada and Mr. Celestine Ughanze. The plaintiffs are led by Mr. Victor Lar of the ANPP.

Dependable sources in the PDP told *Daily Trust* that the party was embarrassed by the decision of its members in the House to join their opposition colleagues to challenge the president.

The sources said the acting chairman of the party's board of trustees, Chief Tony Anenih, was heard saying that the PDP will suspend the lawmakers for daring to oppose a government policy.

Anenih was quoted to have chided the lawmakers last week, accusing them of

Already, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have disagreed with President Olusegun Obasanjo on the need to hold the proposed talks.

The two chambers of the National Assembly separately refused to pass a budget of N932 million presented by the president for the fun-

ding of the planned confab.

According to the source, the position of the National Assembly is giving a lot of concern to the presidency, leading to delays in the take off of the talks which was earlier scheduled for the middle of this month.

Opposition to the talks is not restricted to the National Assembly whose members regard it as an unnecessary

talk shop.

Fifty seven members of the House of Representatives have filed a suit challenging the legality of the confab.

Vocal groups like the Movement for National Reformation (MNR), led by Chief Anthony Enahoro, which have been advocating such a conference do not seem excited by the Obasanjo

dialogue.

They do not see the proposed national dialogue as having the same authority as the sovereign national conference which they have been advocating.

Indeed, MNR has planned a parallel conference that would not be hindered by any no-go areas like the government's conference.

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Vice President Atiku Abubakar (left) and former military Head of State, General Ibrahim Babangida (right) chatting on arrival during the public presentation of the biography and celebration of 40th anniversary on the bench of Justice Salihu Modibbo Alfa Belgore in the judiciary held in Abuja ...recently. Pix: Kennedy Egbonodje.

## Oceanic Bank raises N17.6bn from IPO

By Ahmed I. Shekarau, Group Business Editor, Abuja & Bright Ewulu, Deputy Business Editor, Lagos

Oceanic Bank International Plc last Friday listed 3,313,605,300 ordinary shares on the floor of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) and raised N17.6 billion from its initial public offer (IPO), which catapulted the bank's capital base above the N25 billion minimum requirement pegged by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The listing of the 3.3 billion shares of the bank on the NSE last Friday signals the removal of the technical

suspension placed on the bank's shares.

Speaking during the official listing of the shares

### Akume's outrider dies in crash

#### Kills Catholic Priest

One year after the gun attack on his convoy in Nasarawa State, Benue State governor, Mr George Akume, at the weekend lost his police outrider in a ghastly accident involving one of the newly acquired BMW racing motor-

on the capital market which was attended by several stakeholders especially stockbrokers, managing director of Oceanic bank, Mrs Cecilia Ibru, said the bank not only exceeded the minimum reca-

pitalisation of N25 billion set by the CBN, it also became the fifth most capitalised bank on the NSE and the tenth most capitalised company.

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From Hir Joseph, Correspondent (Makurdi)

cycles and a Toyota Corolla in which a Catholic priest also died.

The outrider, Sergeant David Sula, who was almost cut into two halves was said

to be on speed while leading the convoy of the governor who was on his way to Plateau State to receive an honorary doctorate degree at the University of Jos.

The mishap occurred at Kaderin, a town in Nasarawa state about 64 kilometres after Makurdi.

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**Shi'ah coalition wins Iraqi polls**

Elkanah Chawal, Reporter (Foreign Desk) with Agency Reports

A coalition of groups dominated by Shi'ah Muslim candidates and sponsored by Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, has won the Iraqi national elections.

Election officials said it picked up nearly half of the 8.5m votes cast.

The two main Kurdish parties were in second place with about a quarter of the votes, followed by the alliance led by interim Prime Minister, Iyad Allawi.

Many Sunni Muslims

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## Justice *Contd. from Pg 1*

Late last year, President Obasanjo, who had consistently opposed the idea of a national conference, made a u-turn when he announced the formation of a committee headed by Governor Ahmed Makarfi of Kaduna state to work out modalities for such a conference.

Consequently, state governments and other interest groups have since nominated their representatives of the talks.

But the president is yet to announce his nominees which includes the chairman and secretary of the committee.

All efforts to get the comments of the presidential spokesperson, Mrs Oluremi Oyo proved abortive as *Daily Trust* was told at her

residence that she was yet to be back from a trip with the president.

But special adviser to the president on public communications, Mr Femi Fani-Kayode refused to confirm or deny the report.

"I am not in a position to confirm or deny that. We should wait until the federal government releases the list," he told *Daily Trust* in a telephone interview.

It would be recalled that during a similar conference under former military ruler General Sani Abacha, the constitutional conference was headed by Justice Adolphus Karibi-White while.

The secretary of the conference committee then was Alhaji Adamu Fika.

## PDP *Contd. from Pg 1*

selfishness for rejecting the conference budget.

Confirming PDP's fury over the decision of its legislators, the party's national publicity secretary, Barrister Venatius Ikem, said the PDP would soon vent its anger on the legislators when the National Executive Committee (NEC) meets.

Asked whether the PDP has already decided to expel the dissenting lawmakers, Ikem said: "There's nothing as dramatic as that, but definitely, the party is not happy with those legislators. The party's conference held last year had resolved that all members should support all programmes of government. We don't see any reason why members should go to court over reforms agreed to and we frown at their going to court.

"NEC will meet and decide on that type of attitude of members. The lacuna caused by the resignation of the party chairman has not made it easy for the executive to meet, but whenever NEC meets, the issue will be addressed.

"I am sure being the decision of the party to have the confab; NEC will definitely frown at the actions of the lawmakers."

But Lawan said yesterday that the conference was never a project of the party and dismissed any threats of sanctions, saying the legislators were exercising their constitutional rights.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* in Abuja on telephone, Lawan who represents Bagwai/Shanono federal constituency of Kano state, said though he was not aware of any disciplinary moves by the party, he added that PDP's pressure would make little difference as most of those in court were not from its fold.

"I'm not aware of any threats or any pressure or any intimidation from any quarters. But even if all PDP members withdraw from the case, it won't make much difference because majority of us are not members of the PDP. Even the leader of those who are in court (Lar) is not a PDP member. Therefore, PDP as a party cannot exert pressure on non-PDP members.

"But like I said, I'm not aware of anything like that (sanction threats). And in

right for anybody wishing to do so."

Saying that it was the executive and not the party that is convening the conference, Lawan argued that the lawmakers as members of an arm of the government have the right to disagree with the president. "This is not a party affair," he insisted.

Lar also confirmed that the ANPP has drafted some elders to convince its members to soft pedal on the conference. He, however, said that there was no going back on the court action since a constitutional breach has been established.

"We have learnt that some people have been drafted by the party (ANPP), to come and talk to us. But it's not a party affair. The issue is that of a constitutional breach and this has nothing to do with the party," he insisted.

On whether they will heed any call to back down, Lar who represents Langtang North/Langtang south federal constituency of Plateau state, said: "We have heard that some elders of the party will talk to us. But we have not seen anybody yet. When they come, we will listen to them. But it does not matter, we will continue with our court case all the same."

Besides the suit instituted by the lawmakers, the proposed conference is facing another hurdle from the National Assembly, as both the chambers refused to approve the N932 million budget required by the president to finance the confab.

Lar's counsel, Yakubu Maikyau, will today at the court move a motion for an injunction restraining the government from proceeding with the conference.



Governor of Central Banks of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ), have advised governments in the region to remove all forms of subsidies in order to recover costs.

This call by the regulatory bankers comes just as advanced countries like the United States of America commit as much as \$2 billion (about N270 billion) daily to subsidise agricultural production.

According to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Monetary Report for December 2004, released at the weekend in Abuja, the governors under the aegis of Committee of Governors of WAMZ, joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank to argue that citizens should be made to pay fully for goods and services offered by governments.

"The committee of governors, among others, noted that government services should as much as practicable be provided on full cost recovery basis through minimisation of subsidies and provision of adequate motivation for the private sector to serve as the engine of economic growth, the CBN report disclosed.

The monetary report produced by the research department of the apex bank said, as at end of December last year, Nigeria's foreign reserves stood at \$16.90 billion and could fund 11 months' imports for the country, even though latest figures released by the CBN showed that the nation's foreign reserve had risen to \$18 billion by end of January this year.

On the foreign exchange who dominated Iraq under Saddam Hussain boycotted the elections on 30 January.

Shi'ah leaders said they will try to draw them into the political process.

The Kurdish parties received nearly 2.2 million votes while Mr Allawi's list attracted nearly 1.2 million.

Correspondents said the Kurdish parties are expected to hold a balance of power in the proposed 275-member national assembly and want the post of president.

The main Shi'ah list, the United Iraqi Alliance, is expected to nominate a new prime minister.

There are three days in which complaints can be lodged and if none are upheld, the results will be declared official.

Overall turnout across

## Oceanic *Contd. from Pg 1*

According to her, total number of shares issued by Oceanic bank was 9,313,605,300 and thus puts its market capitalisation at about N5.87 billion thereby making it the fifth most capitalised bank on the market.

She stressed that the bank plans to raise its capitalisation further to N34.4 billion by the end of December this year, and N58 billion by the end of next year.

She said further that Oceanic bank hopes to achieve profit after tax of N5.8 billion this year and targets N7.9 billion by 2006, stressing that

## West African Bank governors seek removal of subsidies

By Ahmed I. Shekarau,  
Group Business Editor

market, the bank stated that total foreign exchange sold to authorised dealers fell by 2.5 percent to \$668.93 million from \$686.02 million in November 2004.

"Under the Dutch Auction System (DAS), the weighted average exchange rate of the naira vis-à-vis the US dollar appreciated from N132.92/\$ in the preceding month to N132.56 in December 2004," it explained.

The central bank said further that world crude oil

output, estimated at 83.55 million barrels per day (mbd) in the month under consideration outstripped supply as it rose marginally by 0.58 mbd while estimated demand stood at 83.4 mbd for the month.

For Nigeria, crude oil production including condensates and natural gas liquids was estimated at 23.33 mbd or 69.13 barrels for the month

compared with 2.33 mbd produced in November 2004 with export standing at 1.78 mbd and a total of 13.95 million barrels allocated for domestic consumption for the month.

The bank announced its retail price surveys of selected consumer items in Bauchi, Enugu, Ibadan, Kano, Lagos and the FCT. Abuja showed an increase while the overall rate of inflation for the 12 month period ended December 2004 stood around 15 percent.

## Court declares Bauchi election tribunal illegal

By Kemi Ogedengbe,  
Judicial Editor

A federal high court sitting in Jos has ruled that the National Assembly/governorship, legislative house election tribunal in Bauchi state was in violation of section 285(1)(a)(b)(c) and (d) of the 1999 constitution.

Consequently, all matters that were filed before the tribunal by parties in the 2003 election have been rendered void.

Ruling on a suit filed by Alhaji Aminu Mohammed, Justice C. E. Archibong ruled that the National Assembly election tribunal was the appropriate election tribunal to entertain petitions arising from the National Assembly election.

Ruling on the legality of the tribunal, Justice Archibong said the section 285(1)(a)(b)(c) of the 1999 constitution specifically created the National Assembly election tribunal and not the National

Assembly/governorship and legislative house election tribunal as formerly constituted.

The court also said that the injunction issued by the tribunal against the plaintiff should not in any way prevent him from exercising or discharging his duties as a member of the House of Representatives.

The court ruled that the plaintiff should not be deprived of his entitlements accruing to the Bauchi constituency.

Justice Archibong also set aside the injunction granted to the current representative of the Bauchi federal constituency, Alhaji Abdullahi Usman Matori, the National Assembly, the Speaker of the House of Representatives pending the determi-

nation of the suit.

It would be recalled that the plaintiff, Alhaji Aminu Mohammed of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), had won the Bauchi federal constituency election while the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) candidate, Alhaji Isa Matori petitioned the tribunal.

The tribunal however dismissed the petition while the petitioner appealed to the court of appeal sitting in Jos. The appeal court, however nullified Aminu Mohammed's election and ordered a by election.

But while the fresh election was to be conducted, Alhaji Abdullahi Usman Matori replaced Alhaji Aminu Mohammed Dan Bauchi who is currently in the House of Representatives.

## Akume *Contd. from Pg 1*

The governor's chief press secretary, Tahar Agerzua, who confirmed the tragic event in a telephone interview with newsmen, expressed the governor's sympathy but wondered why Sergeant Sula, whom he described as an experienced outrider would be involved in a head on collision.

*Daily Trust* could not get details as at press time. However, sources said the Toyota car involved in the accident contained two priests, and one of them died in the tragedy while the other survived, but was rushed to a Makurdi hospital where he is receiving treatment.

Sergeant Sula's remains and was driven back to Makurdi by a team of policemen.

According to government house sources the deceased just buried his wife while his father who also died recently is awaiting burial.

Sources said before taking off from Makurdi, the police outrider who was said to have been on the job for a substantial period having worked with two former governors, had talked of plans to return from Jos to continue preparations for his father's burial.

The governor, on March 3, 2004, lost his bosom friend, Chief Andrew Agom and a police Sergeant, Mr Joseph Ngum in Nasarawa Eggon in

## Shi'ah *Contd. from Pg 1*

the country was 58% of eligible voters.

But in Anbar province at the heart of the restive "Sunni triangle" area of central Iraq where the insurgency is strongest, fewer than 2% of those eligible to vote actually did so. Insurgents had threatened to kill those who ventured out to vote.

Attacks by the largely Sunni insurgency are ongoing, with an Iraqi army general killed in the latest violence.

At a news conference in Baghdad yesterday, electoral commission members, Farid Ayar and Adel al-Lami also announced the results of the elections for Iraq's 18 provincial councils and the Kurds' 111-member autonomous

parliament.

"Today marks the birth of a new Iraq and a free people," Mr Ayar told reporters.

UK Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, welcomed the announcement of the election results.

"The Iraqi people have taken another important step on the way to a secure and democratic future," he said.

The announcement of the results comes after a week of violence in which scores of Iraqis have died.

In the latest attacks, gunmen ambushed and killed Brigadier General Jadaan Farhan in northern Baghdad, along with two other passengers who were in a car with him.

Elsewhere in the capital, police said they had found the bodies of two men who worked for the party of Mr Allawi. A police spokesman said the men were from the same family.

North of Baghdad, in the town of Baquba, gunmen shot dead a communist member of the local council. Further north, in Mosul, hospital officials say two people were killed in a rocket attack on the city hall.

In the western city of Samarra, two Iraqis are reported to have been killed in an attack at a roadblock and another person is reported to have been killed in a car bomb attack at a checkpoint south of Baghdad on the

# News

## Pension Act: NLC suspends deductions in private sector

The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), has called for the suspension of deductions from workers salaries by employers in the private sector for implementation of the new pension reform Act. This followed a report made to the NLC to its affiliates that employers in the private sector under the Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association (NECA), are set to commence deductions under the new Pensions Act.

By Austine Odo, Senior Reporter (Labour)

The congress has therefore said no deductions should take place while "some critical and contentious" issues are resolved. In addition, the central working committee of the NLC has directed affiliates to embark on strike immediately in their sectors or companies should employers insist on the deductions ahead of the

resolution of issues. A letter addressed to the director general of NECA, Mr. Segun Oshinowo, by the president, Nigeria Labour Congress, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, made available to *Daily Trust*, indicated that labour would in due course, set a machinery in motion to liaise with NECA to examine some of the issues and challenges involved in the new pension regime in the private sector.

According to the NLC president, this is borne out of the need to avoid bottlenecks which a hasty implementation is bound to create. "This is in the spirit of the evolving tradition of bipartite consultations and consensus between the NLC and NECA," Oshiomhole said. The NLC urged NECA to prevail on its members and affiliates to suspend any plans for deductions pursuant to the law.

Chairman of the senate committee on rules and business, Senator Umar Tsauri (PDP, Katsina central) says the National Assembly rejected President Obasanjo's N932 million request to finance the proposed national conference because the confab has no place in the current democratic setting.

Tsauri, who was speaking to *Daily Trust* in Abuja, said the present political structure was adequate to take care of the nation's problems.

The National Assembly, according to him, was the best place for any form of dialogue, because it is made

## Why we rejected confab budget - Sen. Tsauri

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, Political Reporter

up of elected representatives from all areas of the country.

Commenting on the conference, he argued that it would amount to an usurpation of the functions of the legislature, adding that no credible lawmaker would support this.

Tsauri said the senate decided to throw out the confab budget to avoid unnecessary spending on a project that would add nothing to Nigerians.

He also faulted the advocates of the conference,

saying they were not sincere and did not have the interest of the nation at heart.

"The advocates of this conference are not sincere. If they want dialogue, should it be through nominees instead of elected representatives? The National Assembly is there, and if there is need for dialogue, it is for the National Assembly to do it.

"But for anybody to now say they will convene a conference of better minds, it's a slap on the legislature and we won't allow this," the senator said.

## EU earmarks N20bn for 2005 census

The European Union (EU), has approved N20 billion to cover half of the estimated cost of the 2005 census project in Nigeria.

This was disclosed in a press release made available to *Daily Trust* which stated that the EU support is to ensure that the forthcoming census exercise is not only accurate and complete, but is generally accepted by Nigerians.

The statement said an accurate and credible census is critical to the ongoing NEEDS reform programme, as it forms the basis for efficient planning and resource allocation.

It revealed further that the N20 billion will be used for remuneration of enumerators, provision of census questionnaires and related information technology equipment and provision of additional expertise and training.

Others are to support census advocacy, monitoring by Nigerian civil society organisations and monitoring by external census experts.

The statement stressed the importance of transparency to the success of the implementation and acceptance of the census results, adding that Nigerian civil society organisations will monitor the preparations, the census itself and post census activities in all the geo-political zones.

It said that findings to the national and external monitoring activities will be published as well as contract awards, payment conditions for enumerators and the results of the National Population Commission in website.

The EU support to the

By Elkhana Chawai, Reporter (Foreign Desk)

census will be launched in Abuja today by President Obasanjo in the presence of Mr. Koos Richelle, the director of Europe Aid, the development arm of the European Commission as well as other Nigerian and European Commission officials.

## Plateau PDP crisis deepens

The crisis rocking the Plateau State Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), resulting into the formation of two parallel offices took a new twist at the weekend.

While the faction led by the state governor, Chief Joshua Dariye and Maichibi Vwajji announced that the suspended chairman, Alhaji Habu Shindai have been .....his seat, countered that he had never been suspended in the first place.

A government statement weekend stated that the PDP in Plateau State had resolved to return its suspended chairman, Alhaji Habu Shindai to his seat and should therefore resume as the state chairman of the party while Maichibi Vwajji, chairman of their faction would revert to the position as deputy chairman.

According to the government statement, the resolution to reinstate Habu Shindai was taken at a meeting attended by the state governor, Joshua Dariye, officials of the party from the north central zone, state central working committee, members of the State House of Assembly and some party elders.

However, in a counter letter to the state governor copied to the national

From Jibril Daudu, Regional Editor (Jos)

secretariat of the party, Abuja, Habu mentioned that he had never been suspended in the first place hence the lifting of any suspension on him does not arise

Rather, he said he was illegally removed single handedly by the governor, a position he said was well known to the national headquarters of the party.

"As far as I am concerned, I am the chairman of the party in Plateau State and I have been working in that capacity since my elections, he maintained.

According to Habu Shindai, those who claim to have reinstated him have been suspended from the party and still remain so and therefore, have no locus standi to meet and make a statement to that effect.

Shindai who did not attend the purported meeting at which he was purportedly, reinstated said "If Dariye is sincere, he should put it in writing and not through the press."

At the inauguration of his parallel secretariat December 14, at Dadin Kowa area of Jos, Habu had announced the suspension of seven top members of the party in the



Adolphus Wabara

state. They include the state governor, Joshua Dariye, first civilian governor of the state and former national chairman of the party, Chief Solomon

## FG distributes ID cards in Benue today

By Ruby Rabi, Reporter

The federal government will commence the distribution of national identity cards in Benue State today.

This development comes in line with the president's directive that all eligible Nigerians of 18 years and above be issued with a national identity card.

The minister of internal affairs, Dr. Iyorchia Ayu, is expected to flag-off the ceremony at the Aminu Isa Kontagora Arts Theatre and Indoor Hall, Makurdi, with the Benue State governor, George Akume as the guest of honour.

Meanwhile, states like Bayelsa, Yobe, Ogun and the federal capital territory have collected their national identity cards.

Nigerians who were unable to register for the I.D. card in February 2003 during the mass registration exercise and those who have just attained 18 years of age, should go to any Department of the National Civic Registration (DNCR), office in their local government headquarters and register now since the exercise is a continuous one, the minister advised.

## Shehu Shagari @ 80



Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari

Nigeria's former President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari will by the special grace of God mark his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary on Friday, February 25, 2005.

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## Obasanjo meets senate over foreign debt

President Obasanjo will today meet with the leadership of the senate over the nation's foreign debt which stands at over \$32 billion. The meeting was through a letter he addressed to the Senate President, Adolphus Wabara.

*Daily Trust* gathered that the meeting may not be unconnected to the need to increase the funds appro-

By Isa Sanusi, Political Reporter

priate for debt servicing in this year's budget which now stands at \$1.7 billion.

Efforts to secure debt relief for the nation is not yielding fruits as most of the creditors that include the Paris Club insisted that Nigeria does not belong to the category of poor countries whose debts

deserve to be written off.

A document released by the Debt Management Office (DMO), in Abuja last month, noted that "amount appropriated for debts service payments each year falls far below requirements as per obligations," adding that "arrears of payment have continued to mount, resulting in further growth of the debt stock."

# National Confab... National Confab... National Confab

## Kebbi advocates state police

Governor Muhammad Adamu Aliero of Kebbi State, has advocated the operational control of the police force in each state to be under the office of the Chief Executive.

Speaking at a one day sensitisation workshop organized in the state capital to articulate the position of the state at the forthcoming national conference, the governor expressed need for state commissioners of police to be answerable to state governors who are the chief security officers of their respective states.

He however advised that the appointment of state commissioners of police be the prerogative of the police service commission.

On the judiciary, the Kebbi State governor stated that the appointment of State Chief judge and Grand Khadis should be vested on state governors after due consultations with the state

**Don't accuse us of taking bribe**  
— Sen Wada

From Mohammed Abubakar, Stringer (Gombe)

Chairman, Senate Committee on Information, Mr. Tawar Umbi Wada, said Nigerians should not accuse members of the National Assembly for accepting bribes from the executive if they change their position on the national conference on political reforms.

He said the National Assembly is ready to bow to superior arguments with regards to its refusal to support the conference.

Said he, "if anybody comes up with a superior argument that will convince Nigerians that the position of the National Assembly is wrong, if we bow to superior arguments nobody should accuse us of collecting any Ghana-must-Go."

The Senate committee chairman on information was speaking to journalists at his hometown, Billiri in Gombe State, at the occasion of the presentation of his party's candidate for the State House assembly bye-election coming up this Saturday.

He said the senate is upright with nothing to hide and challenged anybody who thinks otherwise to come out and say so.

He said as true representation, the National Assembly has passed Bills on almost every facet of national life and asked, "what is the conference coming to do?"

Mr. Wada said the senate arrived at this conclusion after considering the ramifications of the conference where it found it undesirable and unnecessary.

From Aminu Mohammed, Regional Editor, Sokoto

judicial service commission and confirmation by the state assembly.

Speaking on resource control, devolution of power and the revenue allocation formula, governor Adamu Aliero stated that Kebbi State was not opposed to the principles of derivation as provided for in the 1999 constitution but reiterated that the resources of Nigeria where given by God and should therefore be used for the good of all Nigerians regardless of where they come from.

The governor however stressed that there was urgent need for the review of the present revenue allocation formula to favour of states and local governments.

According to him, it was by so doing that states and local governments would be able to perform and meet their responsibilities.

On electoral reforms, Governor Adamu Aliero said the people of Kebbi State fully support the formation of a truly independent electoral body free from any form of

control, influence or manipulation by any tier of government.

The governor stressed that the decision by the state to participate in the proposed national conference was primarily based on "our ardent desire for peace, stability, security and good governance of our country".

He advised all Nigerians to support the conference as every body stood to gain a lot from the conference if it succeeded in consolidating national unity, equity and democratic governance.

Governor Adamu Aliero reminded Nigerians that the forth coming conference would be the fourth of its kind since 1977 with the three previous conferences, namely political bureau and national constitution drafting committee aimed at drafting new constitutions and put in place a civilian democratic institutions and structures while the 2005 conference was aimed at removing all inconsistencies, ambiguities and contradictions in the 1999 constitution for a more perfect federal constitution.

## Borno Muslims decry neglect of North East

As the national political reform conference gets underway soon, Borno Muslim Forum (BMF), an umbrella organisation for Muslim groups in Borno State has decry what it described as the "total neglect" of the North East part of the country "where no significant development project has been established" since President Obasanjo came to power over five years ago.

In a chat with newsmen in Maiduguri yesterday, president of the Borno Muslim Forum, Alhaji Baba Ghana Aji, said that while the national conference is a welcome development since it would provide an opportunity "to raise and dispassionately discuss all issues," it must be used by delegates, especially those attending from Borno State, to achieve ends that will promote the general well being of the people.

Arguing that delegates from Borno State should canvass an even spread of resources and federal investments to the state in particular and the North east region which have been neglected, BMF president said, "it is a fact that infrastructure provision is uneven and inequitable... The past five years has witnessed disproportionately higher (federal government) investments in the South West to the total neglect of other parts of the country especially the North east."

Alhaji Baba Ghana Aji also called on delegates to the conference to work for the

From Abdullahi Bego, Regional Editor (North East)

return of River Basin Development Authorities to the states where they were located in view of the primary position of agriculture as the employer of over 70 percent of the population. "It is now quite clear that the federal government has totally neglected agriculture as shown in the allocation of a mere two percent of the annual national budget... with all subsidies removed and no form of protection or guarantees to the farmer," he lamented.

Speaking about the complaint made by the Borno State chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), that Christians were not represented in the Borno State delegation to the national conference, the BMF president observed that it is not just to deny anybody who is competent the chance to work for the people on the basis of religion.

## Kwara confab nominees not cronies — govt

Following the spate of criticisms trailing the Kwara State nominees to the national political conference, the state government at the weekend dismissed insinuations that the nominees were cronies hand-picked by the kingmaker of Kwara politics, Dr. Abubakar Olusola Saraki.

At a press briefing in Ilorin, the commissioner for information, Alhaji Raheem Adedoyin said contrary to reports making the rounds, mini-congresses were held in



Dr. Lateef Adegbite (left), secretary-general, Islamic Council of Nigeria going through a copy of selected judgements of the Lagos State independent Shariah panel at the launch in Lagos, with him is Alhaji Mohammed Takori, Zamfara State commissioner for justice. Pix: Oladipupo Odunewu.

## Bauchi CNPP rejects confab list

The Conference of Nigerian Political Parties (CNPP), Bauchi State council, has dissociated itself from the list of delegates nominated by the state government to represent the state in the forth coming national political reform conference.

Also, the State House of Assembly said that "it has no comments" to offer as they alleged that they were not consulted in the composition of the list and pledged support for the National Assembly, saying "the constitution of the country has recognised only one body to review the constitution and that is the National Assembly".

CNPP in a statement signed by Abdullahi K. Idris and Yusuf Rakis Mohammed, deputy chairman and secretary respectively, at the weekend, said that "it is regrettable that such an all important periodic national assignment that will impact negatively or positively on the live and future of the people would be subjected to partisanship and bigotry by an 'elected government'".

While criticizing the composition of the list, the CNPP also said that "this kind of approach by the government is nothing but a clear contempt, apathetic, disrespectful, bigoted and insulting disposition of Mu'azu's regime to the sensibilities, honour and accommodating capacities of the people of Bauchi State".

From Tashikalmah Hallah, Correspondent (Bauchi)

Equally, they said that they are concerned about the age and antecedent of some of the nominees, stressing that "they have reached a point of senility. By implication, their thoughts, perception and level of relevance is best at par with the realities and expectations of a dynamic Nigeria today and tomorrow".

The CNPP, while calling on "every well-meaning individual and interest groups in Bauchi to partner with us in rising up to this challenge and dehumanizing slap," also stressed that "the inevitable failure of this team at the national level would definitely reflect on the present image of our dear state and its good people", adding, "we should all come together and fight this political corruption and failure".

Meanwhile, the state House of Assembly said they were not consulted in the composition of the list of the delegates, hence could not offer any opinion on it, "we have no comments on this issue. We were not consulted", said Mr. Yelmi Baraya, the chairman, House committee on information.

According to Mr. Baraya, the House decided not to comment because, "there is contradiction in the list of those who are going to represent us and we have left the people to judge the

constitutionality or otherwise of the said conference".

However, he said that the Bauchi state House of Assembly supports the House of Representatives in refusing to grant the president the money required to host the conference and also described those who took the matter to court as a "good development in a democratic set up".

However, both the positions of the CNPP and the House of Assembly runs contrary to that of the state government, as the government making the list of the nominee's public said they arrived at the names after "extensive consultations with interest groups".

## Success of confab lies on sincerity — Ohaneze

From Beatrice Onuchukwu, Stringer (Awka)

The president of Ohaneze Ndigbo in Anambra State, Chief (Dr.) Dozie Okedife has said that the national political reform conference will only succeed if it is handled sincerely.

He disclosed this in an interview with *Daily Trust* at Nnewi, saying "It was a long expected proposal which would give Nigerians a new sense of direction provided it would not be scuttled by unpatriotic Nigerians."

Okedife pointed out that it was an opportunity to take a proper and critical look at the constitution of Nigeria and political dispensation, stressing that any responsible Nigerian should give it maximum support.

He said, "I will not believe that you will always find something faulty with any proposal by the government because you are not a member of that government, you should give the proposal a fair chance. I know how long people have been crying for sovereign national conference to redefine what Nigeria is, who Nigerians are and the way we want to be ruled. People are now crying how again."

From Abdulrazaq Adebayo, Correspondent (Ilorin)

lege at the mini-congress was made up of members of the National Assembly from Kwara State elected chairmen and councillors in the 16 local government areas, members of the state's executive council, traditional rulers, community and political leaders.

"The mini-congress were publicised in the local media before the elections took place at Ajasse on January 27, while those of Kwara North and Kwara Central took place at Bode Saadu on January 29, and Ilorin, on January 30, respectively," the commissioner explained.

He said the electoral col-

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## YOUR LETTERS

On 1st October 2004, the Daily Trust Newspaper carried a story with the title, "Abdulkadir Abacha still on wanted list-EFCC." On the 9th of February 2005, the Newspaper carried another story entitled "Abdulkadir Abacha still on EFCC's wanted list-spokesman." In the latest story published on February 9th 2005, the newspaper published details of the purported EFCC investigations of Abdulkadir Abacha as supplied to the newspaper by the EFCC.

It is important to note here that in the area criminal investigation and prosecution and the carrying out of law enforcement function in Nigeria generally, numerous agencies are involved. These include the office of the Attorney-General of the federation; the Nigeria police, with its numerous departments; the EFCC; the ICPC; and several other national security outfits. In certain cases, the federal government even engaged the services of foreign solicitors and confers such solicitors with full mandate to act on its behalf.

In a situation like this, unless there is proper coordination of these numerous law enforcement agencies, grave mistakes leading to unjust violations or the rights of citizens are bound to occur, to the embarrassment or the Federal Government.

In the case of Abdulkadir

## Re: Abdulkadir Abacha still on wanted list

Abacha, it is on record that on March 17, 2004, the Federal Government confirmed the authority of its duly appointed foreign Solicitors "to sign on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria, a complete waiver in favour of Abdulkadir Abacha." The Federal Government also instructed its Solicitor "to communicate to the relevant Authority the withdrawal of the name of Abdulkadir Abacha and his companies from the request for mutual assistance and from the criminal complaint dated 24th of November 1999."

Again, it is on record that having fully satisfied all the conditions stipulated by the Federal Government, the Solicitors of the Federal Government duly issued and certified, on the 16th of April 2004, a "Complete Waiver" in favour of Abdulkadir Ahacha and his Companies in the following terms:

"For and on behalf of the federal Republic of Nigeria and all its agencies and affiliates (hereinafter jointly called "the Federal Republic of Nigeria"), I confirm b) this letter that the Federal Republic of Nigeria waives all and any claims whatsoever and howsoever it may have or has against you and/or any company, entity or any other asset holding vehicle in which you have a legal or beneficial interest (hereinafter called "you and your companies"),

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This waiver has immediate

effect and is irrevocable."

From the foregoing, and as Solicitors to Abdulkadir Abacha, we believe its only a complete failure of coordination which must have made or misled the EFCC into delving in any matter concerning Abdul-kadir Abacha and his companies. Therefore, on the terms of the aforementioned complete

waiver, Abdulkadir Abacha cannot be on wanted list and must be protected. In the case of Abdulkadir Abacha, there is clearly no room for splitting hairs for the purpose of crafting any form of claim or criminal complaint against him or any of his companies.

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## Why we must not talk to Gov. Sani

After reading the article "we must talk to Gov. Ahmed Sani" by one Abdullahi Ahmed Dabawa in *Daily Trust* edition of December 29th, 2004, one can not help but conclude that the writer is either out of touch with developments in Zamfara state or simply out for mischief.

The writer raised the issue of lack of development in the area of electrification, water supply, education, agriculture and social security.

Since the inception of Governor Ahmed Sani's administration in 1999, 50 villages have been fully electrified and the project for electrification of another set of 171 villages is presently in progress.

On water supply, Gusau, the state capital, which used to have serious water problem now has a stable portable water supply system. Boreholes have also

been sank throughout the state, the contract for another 700 boreholes was also awarded to indigenous contractors in the last two years.

On education, the state presently has the best scholarship system in Nigeria. Schools in the state are well taken care of in terms of feedings farmers, teaching materials and hostels accommodation.

Talk of agriculture in the state presently enjoy the full support of Ahmed Sani's administration through loans and the supply of fertilizer at highly subsidized rates. Also, with the introduction of ZARCAREP farming has been boosted in the state. Seedlings, pest-control chemicals and farming were given out as loans to farmers, to be paid back after harvest, at subsidized rates.

On social security, the Governor is not only putting the proverbial fish on the

table of the masses, it is also teaching them on how to fish. This is done through ZAPA loans scheme to the youths in the state.

As for health, since inception of the administration the state's General Hospitals and Health Centres have been rehabilitated. The Hospitals have best trained doctors and the citizens of the state can testify to this.

The writer of this article in question also criticised the issue of jeeps bought by the Gov Sani administration. The total number of jeeps bought is 120 and not 200 as stated by the writer. The said jeeps were distributed to consultants are ZASIDEP programme for the monitoring of the on going projects all over the state. These consultants are independent contractors and not ANPP members, as alleged by the writer.

All the roads mentioned

by the writer in the said article are federal roads, therefore the writer should direct his grievances to the federal government of Nigeria, which I think is doing its best under operation 500 roads.

It is falsehood for the writer to assert that billions of naira was spent in building palace for the present Emir of Bakura. Resources were at all times allocated to the various emirs on equal basis for the rehabilitation and construction of their palaces.

In conclusion, all the above are verified facts which the writer could have easily cross-checked before his write-up. This is to put records straight for the sake of justice and fairness.

The writer should instead join us in praying to Allah to give us Governor Ahmad Sani to lead this country come 2007 as our next president.

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# Special Project on Reputable Printing Companies in Nigeria

By Leke Adelere, Ag. Project Manager

Before the invention of printing technology, the art of writing and communication through forms has been subjected to laborious and cumbersome process of hand-copying. The technique of representation by images and writings engraved on stone/wood dates back to 500BC.

Printing is the art of documenting materials for preservation and for the benefit of humanity, from generation to generation. This attempt shows the importance of printing without which the present generation might not have the opportunity to know different historical and cultural backgrounds as they exist in societies of the world.

Printing technology is a phenomenon that has contributed immensely to the development of mankind. It has to do with the production of written materials in readable forms like letters, patterns, pictures and so forth. It is the technique of mechanical reproduction of words, figures, images etc. Man's effort at making reference to issues that bother on his existence prompted him to probe into his intellectual capability of improving his life style and the standard of living. It is the same spirit and force that enabled him to develop printing technology with which he has turned around the world today.

Within a short span of history, man's efforts have resulted into a monumental discovery and invention of technology that is described as unprecedented. The invention of printing, a technique evolved in China in the ninth century and then in Europe in

the fifteen (15<sup>th</sup>) century, were all attributed to the insatiability of man to proffer solutions to the emerging complexities surrounding intellectual development.

The Head of Department of Printing Technology, Kaduna Polytechnic, Mr Stephen Z. Bugi, described the development of printing technology as the best discovery that has ever happened to humanity. It is the invention of printing that has led, motivated and prompted further researches and experiments in technological advancement in the world, Mr. Bugi stated.

From the ninth century to date, printing has witnessed unprecedented and monumental developments which other aspects of human development might not have experienced in history. A giant stride in this field was recorded in 1495 when a German inventor, Peter Gutenberg developed the first ever known printing machine and relieved humanity of the laborious process of handwriting and copying of materials (manual process). Printing technology has surpassed that stage, as further researches have led to the development of computer systems that made printing process easier than ever before.

The printing industry in Nigeria is one of the fastest growing sub-sectors of the national economy. It has contributed to the Gross National Domestic Product in its own way. The industry is one of those sectors that have reduced the menace of unemployment, as printing business is highly dominated by private investors.

The industry's contrib-

utions to the economy also includes the taxes paid by the printers to the government through various agencies charged with that responsibility of tax collection. The colourful designs of printed materials ranging from books, journals, posters, calendars, almanacs, diaries, billboards and other security jobs undertaken by the printers are very spectacular.

Nigerian printers have demonstrated in the recent past that they are equal to the task of undertaking any kind of printing contract such as commercial, security, publications and so on from the government, agencies and corporate organisations. It is in their readiness to face the challenges that made majority of printing companies in Nigeria especially those that feature in this project, to turn-around their companies machinery with the installation of the latest printing machines one can find in any developed nation.

Many of them are operating with the latest models of printing equipment that are capable of turning-out copies of jobs. By this re-equipment, it means they can beat any time schedule by way of efficient delivery, excellent and quality jobs. Their charges are also moderate and competitive. Quite a good number of printing companies are now competing favourably with their foreign counterparts.

Nigerian printers are creative, meticulous and intelligent in their productions. Their creative ingenuity informed the basis for the array of colourful designs of posters, almanacs, calendars, journals, books and other printed

materials that beautify our environment (homes, offices and outdoors).

The quality of Nigeria printing and packaging products can beat their foreign competitors hands down. There have been several cases of importation of fake printing products



President Olusegun Obasanjo

into the country. These include finished printing jobs like security and classified documents that can even be handled locally better than any of those foreign firms. Our printers have been turning in excellent and appreciable printing products compared to the junks some agencies get from foreign printers.

The Nigerian printing industry has grown and moved from primitive stages to the modern form of printing through the acquisition of sophisticated computer software that enhances their output. Governments at all levels have to complement their efforts through steady patronage and evolving enduring policies that promote

business enterprise as it affects the industry.

Government irrespective of their status whether federal, states or local councils, are the highest spenders in any economy. This makes the government, especially the first and second tiers of government to be the determinant factors in evolving and promoting a good and flourishing printing business through their constant patronage of indigenous printers especially the reputable companies like those we feature in this project.

Patronage even though is very essential and the bedrock of every business, but it is not the only challenge confronting the printing industry in Nigeria. Government's obnoxious policies of multiple taxation, stringent laws that can strangle printers and all sorts of ports reforms are stifling the operations of the printing industry. Printers' inability to have access to adequate funding from the financial institutions like their foreign competitors, diversion of jobs that local printers can handle with maximum security, the state of the Nigerian economy itself and a host of others are part of the challenges militating against the enduring operations of printers and the other stakeholders in this sector. In as much as the sector is contributing its own quota as earlier stated above, government has to carry them along. There is no sense in giving any form of printing job to foreign firms to handle when we have competent hands that can do them even better than the so-called foreign printers.

Quite a good number of Nigerian printers, especially the ones we publish today with some of their jobs executed and

state-of-the-art machines installed to prove their readiness to take the challenge of meeting client's demands, can be contacted and see what their output quality is like. They have handled several security jobs with ease and have even acquired more sensitive equipment for that purpose.

Although printers are in categories there are those that find themselves in the job per chance some are quacks while a good number of them are professionals printing technologists with prerequisite training. All the printers we feature today are graduates of one programme or the other in the printing discipline. With the establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Printing Technology, the days of quacks are numbered. By the time the institute acquired the chartered status, the industry will be sanitised of indolence, incompetence and the cutting-corners.

In view of the federal government's economic reforms, most of the printers *Daily Trust* interacted with emphasised the need by the government to review its import duties downward in favour of the industry. They opined that duties or tariffs collected and other charges make the cost of printing equipment and their accessories astronomical. Hence, only very few among the printers can afford the cost and this of course, is of serious concern to the operators.

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# REFLECTIONS

By ISSA AREMU

## Togo: Long live nepotism!

Will there be life after Eyadema? But has there been life before the 'sudden' death of the 69 year-old dictator last week? Political observers insist that at best the international community had been cowardly, (or better still, less than courageous!) and at worst downright hypocritical (or better still economical with the truth!) about Eyadema's Togo as well as post-Eyadema's Togo! Less than courageous because no known undisguised dictator had been so rewarded with unprecedented cooperation instead of global condemnation as Eyadema!

An average student of modern dictatorship and tyranny effortlessly remembers tyrant Robert Mugabe than King Kong Gnassingbe Eyadema. No thanks to global media selectivity which true to the piper's tune lionises the former through satellite coverage of the imagined and the real from Harare while simultaneously concealing the sordid violations of human rights in Lome via a digital blackout!

In fairness Mugabe's pettiness in bully is not colour-bound! It has been indiscriminate madness. Witness the callous Matabeleland massacre of the 80s, continuous repression of trade unions and unionists and the harassment of 'white' farmers in 2000. Conversely the West African despot/godfather Eyadema long realised that you can sustain tyranny at home and make the international community turned the other way if only you protect Western system of colonial (read; French!) exploitation.

In truth while Eyadema brutally suppressed opposition since he brutally sacked the first democratically elected government of Olympio in 1958, he consciously cultivated the French politicians. Gnassingbe actually openly financed major French ruling political parties while he brutally sniffed life out of opposition at home! The lesson in modern dictatorship is that you can actually trample

your people underfoot but protect the interests of the big Brothers in Europe and America! You will not only be ignored as Saddam Hussein was long ignored and even spare a verbal sanction but you can actually be feared!

The new American secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice recently singled out the new *outposts of tyranny* which are fundamentally not different from Bush' axis of evil. Sorry only Zimbabwe was new with renewed dubious emphasis

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on Cuba! Paradoxically Rice consciously left out Eyadema's Togo! Was it by accident or by preference?

The sudden activism of AU and ECOWAS over Togo is however the most intriguing. Did Eyadema not occupy the front row at the last Africa Union's (AU) summit in Abuja? Out of all the stale resolutions at the end of summit was there any bullet point deploring the human rights violations and incipient dynastic succession in Togo? If you never had any misgivings or reservations, in fact, if you are actual accomplices in entrenchment of dictatorship of what relevance is a belated activism after the demise of the dictator? Who takes you serious when you cowardly await a dictator's heart attack before you opportunistically deploy dictatorship?

Why should the exit of a wicked man serve as a social syringe injecting new libertarian ideas in us to confront oppression when we could halt the rogue when he was alive? Who can cast the first stone not to know that Eyadema was plotting the take-over of *Eyadema jnr*? If ECOWAS and AU as well as the civil societies in

the continent were never aware that Eyadema was plotting his son's ( Faure) take over, what then are they capable of knowing?

We were told that speaker Fanbara Qattara Natchaba a possible interim President if things were orderly was locked out in Benin Republic by the plotters to forestall his ascendancy? What then about that? How many possible contenders had been exiled by both Eyadema and the very speaker of a rubber stamp parliament?

Could the gendarmerie have locked out any other speaker other than a speaker made by them and Eyadema and NOT by the Togolese people?

Of special significance was even the global hypocrisy about Togolese gendarmeries coup in enthroning Eyadema's son;Fuare. Is it because it was Eyadema's son and not one of the gendarmerie? Since when has nepotism become an aberration in the world and in particular Africa? In his landmark book; *In Praise of NEPOTISM*, Adam Bellow aptly observed that; *'Nepotism happens in plain sight, but it is covered by a thick of hypocrisy'*. When President Kabila was declared dead in DRC Congo and Kabila jnr emerged from Washington to replace him amidst protests by opposition home and abroad, where was AU? Since nepotism once proved successful who dares halt another? Whence our new democratic sensibilities when even here in Nigeria as in America, hereditary principles are assuming greater importance in political choices and appointment? See the checklist of this dispensation's political appointments at Federal level and count the office holders who are sons and daughters of *who-is-who* or those without dynastic/nepotistic connections? The whether is arrived at through meritocratic democratic order like in America or constitutional contraception like in Togo, the outcome is the same; nepotism!

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## Opinion

## Census 2005: The technical blunders

By Mundiir Abubakar

As a Nigerian who has had the opportunity to pass through the whole spectrum of the past census namely Enumeration Area Demarcation (EAD), Pre-tests, trial census, actual census, Post Enumeration Survey (PES), Data processing of census results among others, it is my moral and patriotic responsibility to monitor the on-going preparations for the conduct of a credible census and above all, draw the attention of government to the areas of technical inadequacies and proffering solutions accordingly.

It is in the light of the above that I embark on fishing out the fundamental blunder of the National Population Commission, precisely the use of Random Sampling as the index for determining the population estimate of an Enumeration Area (E.A). And by proven statistical research, this parameter grossly underestimates an E.A population and at an enormous proportion in the rural communities, where a Household comprises a man with numerous wives, many dependants and uncountable number of children. This poses problem of total coverage to the enumerator, who would work with the mind set of the population commission's estimate.

This scenario was made much intricate in the phase one and two of the EAD exercise, when the commission set up a task force which stampeded demarcators to round-up a four months work in a month. And very worrisome, this fire brigade process has been carried forward to the present Phase 3, in order to meet up with the July deadline of winding up the E.A.D exercise.

As a result of consistent, practically convincing and positive criticism of the

Random Sampling, the population Commission conceded to superior argument by carrying out partial downward review of the Random Sampling system from the selection of one in every three Households adopted in the phase one and two to the selection of one in every three House holds in the present Phase 3 of the E.A.D exercise. This shift in position manifestly attests to the fact that the Random Sampling System has inherent flaws and should not have been adopted at all, because of its role in the failure of 1991 census.

With respect to the above technical glitch, it dawned on the commission to desperately seek diversionary tactics to evade widespread criticism of the aforementioned set back and deficiency in the E.A.D exercise. Hence, the commission's helms man embarked on some form of antics to enhance credibility and amass public support and confidence.

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Secondly, only the non-problematic cartographic (mapping) aspect of the E.A.D has been given intensive media publicity but the statistical (Random Sampling) aspect which is the bane to credible census has never on any occasion been brought to public attention.

Thirdly, is the galvanised propaganda of the issue of "ethnicity and religion" which have in turn generated, of late, long heated debate from different society groups on whether or not to be

included in the census questionnaire. For instance, these two demographic items were not included in the 1991 census questionnaire for two reasons. First, ethnicity was technically taken care of, with the conclusion of items such as state, local government and hometown in the questionnaire. Secondly, religion is dynamic with an individual in the sense that a practitioner of African traditional religion (Idol worship) may convert to Islam or Christianity after census and this change would not be documented due to lack of provision for data update.

It is necessary to check incompetence this time around. The onus is also on President Obasanjo to order for an Audit enquiry into the National Population Commission Finances with the view of addressing firmly, the seemingly insurmountable problem of long overdue financial entitlements of staff, in order to boost their work morale and enthusiasm

towards the successful conduct of census.

In conclusion, it is evident that the commission claim of 250-500 persons bench mark of EA population estimate is a hoax and a far cry from reality on ground. In this regard, the commission should budget for provision of two teams of enumerators per E.A, so as to ensure total coverage.

The commission should among other things prepare guarantor forms with provision for two passport photographs, side by side and a copy given to each enumerator to complete with attached passport photographs of both the enumerator and the guarantor. This would enable the commission to easily call on any enumerator to answer query from any identified problem emanating from such an E.A. orderly and faithful conduct by enumerators.

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# How Will the Pension Reform Act Affect Public Sector Employees?

## Pension Reform: Implications for the Public Sector

Day 1: Tuesday, February 22, 2005  
(By Invitation Only)

Special Guest of Honour:  
**Alhaji Yayale Ahmed**  
Head of the Civil Service of the Federation

Day 2: Wednesday, February 23, 2005  
(Employees of Public Service, Union Leaders,  
Representatives of Cooperatives & Thrift Societies)

Venue:  
Nicon Hilton Hotel, Abuja, FCT.

Time:  
9:00am

### Guest Speakers:

**Mr. Rotimi Okpaise** (CEO, HR Nigeria and Vice President, APFN)

**Mr. F. N. Akpe** (President, APFN)

**Mr. Funso Doherty** (CEO, Provident Alliance Ltd.)

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Interested companies should submit their tenders to The Secretary Tenders Board, FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja, Lagos from 14th February, 2005.

*All tenders must be accompanied by the following:*

- Evidence of payment of non-refundable tender fee of N25,000 (Twenty five thousand naira only)
- Evidence of company registration.
- Company profile and evidence of execution of similar projects
- Evidence of company income tax payment in the last three (3) years.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Management of the Federal Housing Authority hereby calls on allottees of houses at the FHA Gwarinpa II and Lugbe estates, Abuja who are yet to complete payment for houses allocated to them to do so without further delay.

Although they have defaulted in meeting their financial commitments to the FHA, Management is aware that most allottees have let out their houses to tenants from whom they draw appreciable rent.

The Authority can no longer entertain pleas from affected allottees who have been in possession of such houses for more than five years.

Similarly, allottees of plots in those estates who got their allocations from June 2004 to date and are yet to pay the statutory premium and other charges have till February 28, 2005 to do so.

Allocations made before June 2004 and for which premium payment has not been made are by this notice revoked.

This serves as a final warning to all concerned.

Fola Owolabi  
Public Affairs Group  
For: Management.

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## Today's flight schedule

<b>Albarka Air</b>	
Lagos - Abuja	07:20
	10:30
	15:15
	13:00
Abuja - Lagos	8:45a.m.
	11:00
	13:15
	17:00
Maiduguri - Abuja 06:50	
Abuja - Maid.	17:00
Lagos - Yola	1:00 p.m.
Abuja - Yola	14:30
Yola - Abuja	15:30
Yola - Lagos	4:00 p.m.
<b>Chanchangi Airlines.</b>	
Lagos - Abuja	8:15a.m.
	11:00a.m.
	12:10p.m.
	4:45p.m.
Kaduna - Lagos	8:30a.m.
P/H - Lagos	9:00a.m.
	4:30p.m.
Abuja - Kaduna	2:30p.m.
Kaduna - Abuja	1:30p.m.
<b>IRS Airlines</b>	
CBQ - Abuja	8:00 a.m.
Abuja - Lagos	9:45a.m.
Lagos - Kaduna	9:30a.m.
Kano - Lagos	7:30p.m.
Lagos - Kano	11:15a.m.
Kaduna - Lagos	11:00a.m.
Lagos - Abu/MM	2:30p.m.
Abuja - MM	1:45p.m.
MM - Abuja	3:45p.m.
Abuja - CBQ	5:15p.m.
Kano - Abuja	1:15p.m.
Abuja - Kano	2:30p.m.
Kano - Lagos	3:45p.m.
Lagos - Kano	6:00p.m.
<b>EAS Airlines</b>	
Lagos - Abuja	8:15p.m.
	11:45a.m.
	5:45p.m.
Abuja - Lagos	10:15a.m.
	7:15p.m.
Lagos - Jos	11:45a.m.
Jos - Lagos	2:30p.m.
<b>Dasab Airlines</b>	
Auja - Lagos	8:30 a.m.
Lagos - PHC	10:30 a.m.
PHC - Lagos	12:30 a.m.
Lagos - Kano	2:30 p.m.
Kano - Lagos	4:30 p.m.
Lagos - Abuja	6:30p.m.
<b>ADC Airline</b>	
Lagos - Abuja	7:15 a.m.
	12:45 p.m.
Abuja - Lagos	8:55 a.m.
Lagos - Calabar	11:15 a.m.
Calabar - Lagos	7:20 a.m.
P/H - Lagos	9:45 a.m.
Lagos-Sokoto	8:55am
Sokoto-Lagos	11:55am
<i>Most airlines operate the same flight schedule on week days.</i>	

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) last week achieved treasury bills sales of N63.6



Charleys Soludo, CBN boss

## Govt securities sales hit N63.6 bn

From Bright Ewulu, Deputy Business Editor, Lagos

billion, with the daily open market operation (OMO) contributing a meagre N3.6 billion to the total sales. However, the primary market auction (PMA) contributed the lion share of N 60 billion. The poor activity in the OMO auction where transaction held only twice in the week was obviously responsible for the poor performance,

The OMO auction which held on Monday and Friday saw a total of N14.9 billion going to investors as repayment for bonds that matured. It would be recalled that the OMO auction transacted treasury bonds while PMA traded treasury bills.

The PMA 182 days tenor segment recorded N15 billion sale while the 91 days segment tenor recorded N45 billion. Even as the 91 days tenored department saw N53.2 billion going to investors for bills that fell due.

The OMO rates for Monday stood at 11 percent for range of bid rates, 11 percent for issue rates and 11.0932 percent for time

yields. The Friday auction was same as above but for its true yields which stood at 11.0697 per cent.

The PMA 182 days tenor department hold a range of bid rates of 12.5000 to 17.2500 percent, issue rates 12.5000 to 13.5000 per cent and true yield of 14.4744 percent, issue rates of 10.2500 to 13.7000 percent and the yield, 12.6779 percent.

The minimum rediscount rate is now 13 percent, a development seen as a way of boosting the real sector of the economy.

However, analysts on the capital market believe that it remains to be seen how the

development would benefit the market.

This is because since the CBN brought out its new monetary policy, the capital market is yet to change from its bearish tendency.

## NAIC pays Bauchi farmers

### N8m claims

The Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Corporation (NAIC) has paid the sum of N8 million to farmers in Dass local government area of Bauchi state due to crop loss occasioned by drought during the 2004 cropping season.

In a chat with newsmen in his office in Abuja, the managing director, (NAIC), Mr Kwatri K. Yusuf, also revealed that the Corporation is presently evaluating claims close to N200 million with the view to settling all genuine claims promptly after claim adjusters must have finished their documentation

A statement signed by the head, corporate affairs, NAIC, Mr. B.D. Pembi said the MD stressed that prompt payment of claims is always the cardinal philosophy of NAIC adding that "as a responsible player in the insurance sub-sector, we at NAIC, believe that claim payment is the ultimate goal of the insurance business, and therefore we never delay or joke with this obligation".

He attributed the wrong perception of insurance practice in the country to the failure of a few insurance firms to pay claims, and therefore urged other insurance companies to always uphold the ethical tenet of treating customers fairly by attending to their claims promptly with the view to building the necessary confidence of the public in the industry.

He is expressed optimism that with NAIC's N4 billion capital base and the highly trained professionals in its employment, the Corporation has the required capacity and potentials to compete favourably with other high profile players in the insurance industry.

## Shareholders endorse Intercity

### Bank's audited accounts

Shareholders of Intercity Bank Plc on Thursday at its 15th annual general meeting (AGM) held in Katsina approved the audited accounts of the bank as presented by both its external auditors, Panel Kerr Forster (Chartered Accountants, Kaduna) and the internal audit committee headed by Alhaji Yusuf Yabagi Sani.

Through a motion raised by one Alhaji Galadanci and supported unanimously by

By Ahmed I. Shekarau, Group Business Editor

others, the shareholders approved for the audited reports.

The bank's profits and loss account for the year ended June 30, 2004 presented at the AGM by its chairman, Alhaji Falalu Bello showed that its profit before taxation dropped by N6.7 million from N560,874,000 in the previous financial year ended June 30, 2003 to N554,216,000 in the year under review.

However, Intercity Bank's profit after taxation grew by N13,092,000 from N475,374,000 in the previous financial year to N488,466,000 last year.

The bank's directors therefore proposed for a dividend payment of N151.6 million as against N119.9 million paid in the previous financial year ended 30th of June, 2003. This proposal was approved unanimously by the shareholders.

Other businesses transacted at the AGM held at the Liyafa Palace Hotel, Katsina include fixing a remuneration for the bank's external auditors, and re-election of directors who were due for retirement and presented themselves for re-election. These include Col. Aminu Isa Kontagora (ret), Ambassador Hamza Abubakar and Alhaji Abdullahi Umar, the Wazirin Gwandu.

The shareholders also approved the board's decision to raise additional ordinary shares, totalling 6,968,034,415 which are to be allotted by way of rights issue, public offer and such other means in line with an approval for same from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

## Chartered Bank launches ATMs

Chartered Bank has commissioned the first set of its automated teller machines (ATMs) in its bid to provide convenient banking services to its customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A holder of Chartered Bank ATM card or card of any other bank linked to Interswitch can transact such businesses as withdrawals; printing of statements and funds transfer through Chartered Bank's ATM.

The Chartered Bank ATMs are located at the head office branch, Idejo, Victoria Island; Awolowo Road Branch, Ikoyi; Surulere Branch, Allen Avenue Branch, Ikeja; and Oduduwa Hall of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife.

The commissioning of the ATM further attests to Chartered Bank's advancement in IT-based service offerings.

The machine, the first of its kind to be installed anywhere in Osun state, was commissioned by Professor Rogers Mekanjuola, the Vice Chancellor of the Obafemi Awolowo University, who was supported by key members of staff of the University.

## Muazu makes case for 'smaller' banks

From Tashikalmah Hallah, correspondent Bauchi

As the re-capitalisation deadline set by the Central Bank of Nigeria [CBN], draws nearer, the Governor of Bauchi state, Alhaji Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu has appealed to the governor of the CBN, Professor Charles Soludo to let the small banks which could not meet the N25 billion re-capitalization base be.

He said the banks can be categorized into three, mega, medium and lower banks, thus, those with N25 billion, N10 billion and N5 billion as obtained in some advanced worlds.

He also faulted the merger system in the banking sector where banks were forced to merge in the name of re-capitalization, saying that merger of banks should be by convenience and not by circumstances.

Mu'azu who was speaking at a stakeholder forum/dinner at Zaranda Hotel Bauchi organized by the Assurance Bank limited in Bauchi on Tuesday said the reform in the banking sector should create opportunity for mega, medium, and lower banks to exist and participate in the sector.

"In the United States of America and other parts of advanced worlds, we have three types of banks. And when you talk of merger and de-mergers or acquisition, these words come about naturally in the cause of the market. For those of you who are big time players and

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## 1ST-TIER SECURITIES

## THE NIGERIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

REPORT AS AT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2005

COMPANY NAME	NO OF DEALS	QUOTATION(N)	QUANTITY TRADED	VALUE OF SHARES
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC.	1	2.83	3,109	8,798.47
THE OKOMU OIL PALM COMPANY PLC	17	16.00	277,000	4,574,100.00
PRESCO PLC.	12	11.50	19,380	226,222.97
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>299,489</b>	<b>4,809,121.44</b>
DUNLOP NIGERIA PLC.	31	2.10	559,783	1,171,532.71
R. T. BRISCOE PLC.	8	7.22	28,733	207,452.26
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>588,516</b>	<b>1,378,984.97</b>
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	33	3.42	14,233,553	48,678,751.26
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC.	24	6.63	58,109	385,262.67
FIRST ATLANTIC BANK PLC	1	3.41	141,000	480,810.00
CHARTERED BANK PLC	2	3.90	11,900	46,410.00
EIB INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	1	2.26	88,000	198,880.00
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC.	572	23.00	2,530,156	59,012,658.49
FSB INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	28	1.47	452,261	660,756.40
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC.	305	11.28	1,757,167	20,172,340.97
GULF BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	9	0.81	1,437,000	1,174,950.00
HALLMARK BANK PLC	1	1.86	5,000	9,300.00
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT BANK PLC.	45	0.60	3,418,513	1,992,255.94
INTERCONTINENTAL BANK PLC.	8	7.81	85,460	667,442.60
LION BANK OF NIGERIA PLC.	11	0.67	955,419	689,755.87
MANUFACTURERS BANK NIGERIA PLC.	24	1.12	1,730,299	1,939,340.15
NAL BANK PLC.	4	2.80	23,830	66,724.00
OCEANIC BANK PLC	6	5.75	396,064	2,277,368.00
OMEGA BANK (NIGERIA) PLC.	25	1.62	2,424,922	3,680,555.30
STANDARD TRUST BANK PLC	15	7.41	132,236	979,868.76
TRANS INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC.	8	1.70	449,298	762,824.64
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC.	68	10.00	1,624,120	16,241,200.00
UNION BANK NIGERIA PLC.	452	20.00	1,529,037	30,608,815.04
UNIVERSAL TRUST BANK PLC	5	0.81	185,000	152,850.00
WEMA BANK PLC.	16	3.93	2,050,201	8,057,289.93
ZENITH BANK PLC	240	13.54	1,804,350	24,101,159.34
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>1,903</b>		<b>37,522,895</b>	<b>223,037,569.36</b>
<b>BREWERIES</b>				
GUINNESS NIGERIA PLC.	156	100.00	256,236	25,724,486.78
NIGERIAN BREWERIES PLC.	539	40.56	1,708,517	68,321,222.69
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>695</b>		<b>1,964,753</b>	<b>94,045,709.47</b>
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC.	83	23.21	390,360	8,993,745.26
BENUE CEMENT COMPANY PLC.	6	4.07	71,700	291,819.00
CEMENT CO. OF NORTHERN NIG. PLC	18	7.44	208,432	1,545,199.88
WEST AFR. PORTLAND CEMENT CO. PLC.	41	11.03	165,743	1,793,563.52
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>148</b>		<b>836,235</b>	<b>12,624,327.66</b>
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS PLC.	8	4.70	19,556	92,400.40
CAP PLC.	1	7.00	750	5,250.00
D. N. MEYER PLC.	2	5.09	26,272	133,974.48
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC.	18	4.37	136,578	594,254.28
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>183,156</b>	<b>825,879.16</b>
<b>COMPUTER &amp; OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>				
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC.	2	0.87	9,400	7,978.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9,400</b>	<b>7,978.00</b>
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS NIGERIA PLC.	16	1.05	178,010	181,440.70
C F A O NIGERIA PLC.	14	4.52	31,586	146,857.83
JOHN HOLT PLC.	10	0.81	21,299	17,336.91
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC.	177	16.55	26,227,242.34	434,857,242.34
P. Z. INDUSTRIES PLC.	88	13.91	560,935	7,593,654.42
S C O A NIGERIA PLC.	8	1.19	14,836	17,654.84
U.A.C.NIGERIA PLC.	85	14.17	427,197	6,053,381.49
U.T.C. NIGERIA PLC.	5	1.14	41,448	47,660.72
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>403</b>		<b>2,865,997</b>	<b>40,285,229.25</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (W.A.) PLC.	4	0.98	52,000	50,848.00
JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC.	8	14.00	114,000	1,690,000.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>166,000</b>	<b>1,740,848.00</b>
<b>ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY</b>				
NIGERIAN WIRE AND CABLE PLC.	3	0.92	54,000	49,680.00
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>54,000</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING COMPANY PLC	24	25.40	14,742	364,390.72
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC.	158	56.40	1,208,651	68,635,941.11
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC.	23	16.61	63,223	1,050,134.03
NIGERIA BOTTLING COMPANY PLC.	74	53.50	229,332	12,585,244.24
NESTLE FOODS NIGERIA PLC.	77	148.00	95,227	14,090,665.70
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>356</b>		<b>1,611,175</b>	<b>96,726,375.80</b>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
CHRISTLIEB PLC.	1	0.56	400	224.00
EKOCORP PLC.	18	0.76	160,000	121,600.00
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	19	3.36	389,135	1,327,838.09
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	11	5.30	26,978	150,240.40
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC.	1	1.08	15,000	16,200.00
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARM. PLC.	22	3.48	138,200	481,887.56
GLAXOSMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	23	8.90	280,057	2,492,522.30
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>95</b>		<b>1,009,770</b>	<b>4,590,512.35</b>
<b>INDUSTRIAL/DOMESTIC PRODUCTS</b>				
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIGERIA PLC.	6	1.02	86,232	87,644.64
B.O.C. GASES PLC.	6	2.88	33,606	96,216.80
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC.	44	3.66	462,997	1,674,037.47
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>56</b>		<b>582,835</b>	<b>1,857,898.91</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
ACEN INSURANCE COMPANY PLC	2	0.60	25,000	15,000.00
AICO INSURANCE PLC.	2	2.10	6,000	12,850.00
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE CO. PLC.	9	1.57	422,333	658,603.50
CRUSADER INSURANCE PLC.	6	1.20	92,550	111,060.00
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	8	1.72	155,000	266,600.00
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	1	0.93	10,000	9,300.00
N.E.M. INSURANCE CO. (NIG.) PLC.	1	0.86	54,833	47,156.38
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC.	4	3.06	37,616	114,474.96
ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE PLC.	3	3.40	31,234	106,195.60
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE	1	1.26	15,000	18,900.00
FIRST ASSURANCE PLC	1	0.84	1,155	970.20
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	6	1.17	58,895	68,791.35
WEST AFRICAN PROV. INS. COY. PLC.	15	2.50	190,991	477,477.50
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>1,100,607</b>	<b>1,907,379.49</b>
<b>MANAGED FUNDS</b>				
C & I LEASING PLC.	9	1.51	446,320	710,329.40
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>446,320</b>	<b>710,329.40</b>
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
AVON CROWNCAPS & CONTAINERS PLC.	1	1.15	1,000	1,150.00
POLY PRODUCTS (NIGERIA) PLC.	4	1.00	21,960	21,381.60
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>22,960</b>	<b>22,531.60</b>
<b>PETROLEUM(MARKETING)</b>				
AFROIL PLC.	7	0.89	119,157	102,431.49
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	125	62.80	248,770	15,526,551.96
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	11	2.04	73,487	149,913.48
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	48	183.00	195,119	36,252,978.70
CONOIL PLC.	117	120.00	108,973	13,191,488.18
TEXACO (NIGERIA) PLC.	17	163.00	5,091	831,015.13
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	32	179.00	36,542	6,580,385.10
OANDO PLC.	160	94.00	159,181	14,611,216.13
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>517</b>		<b>946,320</b>	<b>87,245,980.17</b>
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC.	3	1.65	23,510	38,791.50
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>23,510</b>	<b>38,791.50</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PLC.	38	8.72	1,336,431	11,621,610.12
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>1,336,431</b>	<b>11,621,610.12</b>
<b>TEXTILES</b>				
UNITED NIGERIA TEXTILES PLC.	5	2.66	13,109	34,417.93
<b>Sector Totals</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>13,109</b>	<b>34,417.93</b>
<b>Overall Totals</b>		<b>4,407</b>	<b>51,583,478</b>	<b>583,561,154.58</b>

## TOP 10 TRADES FRIDAY

SYMBOL	VOLUME	VALUE	TRADES
LEVBROS	1,586,919.00	26,164,958.49	173
UBA	1,623,120.00	16,231,200.00	66
NB	1,685,748.00	67,392,059.04	531
GUARANTY	1,720,364.00	19,757,203.13	295
ZENITHBANK	1,791,050.00	23,921,077.34	236
WEMABANK	2,036,229.00	8,002,379.97	12
FIRSTBANK	2,373,174.00	55,397,983.11	556
QWENABANK	2,424,922.00	3,680,555.30	25
IMB	3,418,513.00	1,992,255.94	45
ACCESSBANK	14,233,553.00	48,678,751.26	33

## TOP 10 GAINERS

SYMBOL	LASTCLOSE	FRIDAY'SCLOSE	CHANGE
UNIPETROL	91.10	94.00	+2.90
MOBIL	180.76	183.00	+2.24
NB	39.65	40.85	+1.20
AP	62.00	62.80	+0.80
PZ	13.25	13.91	+0.66
TUP	24.80	25.40	+0.60
WAPCO	10.51	11.03	+0.52
NESTLE	147.51	148.00	+0.49
CCNN	7.09	7.44	+0.35
VITAFOAM	3.50	3.66	+0.16

## TOP 10 LOSERS

SYMBOL	LASTCLOSE	FRIDAY'SCLOSE	CHANGE
NBC	55.00	53.50	-1.50
FIRSTBANK	23.73	23.00	-0.73
JBERGER	14.70	14.00	-0.70
OKOMUOIL	16.70	16.00	-0.70
CADBURY	56.99	56.40	-0.59
GUARANTY	11.66	11.28	-0.38
UAC-PROP	8.71	8.35	-0.36
OCEANIC	6.05	5.75	-0.30
TOTAL	181.80	181.50	-0.30
DNMEYER	5.35	5.09	-0.26

## BON leads again in Hajj BTA issuance

From Ahmed Abubakar, Correspondent (Kano)

Bank of the North Limited (BON) has again emerged the major provider of Basic Travel Allowance (BTA) to this year's Hajj pilgrims across the country, according to a statement from the principal manager, corporate affairs, Baffa A. Muhammed.

The statement further stated that a total of 46,521 pilgrims out of the 65,000 pilgrims nationwide were issued with their BTA by the Bank of the North, and from this figure, about 71.5 percent of the overall total nationwide had benefited.

The statement also indicated that Bank of the North has over the years served majority Hajj pilgrims due to its policy of zero commissions' charges and effect handling of the exercise with half of BON staff that worked round the clock for the success of the exercise.

The statement however indicated that states pilgrims welfare agencies that sourced BTA for their pilgrims expressed satisfaction with the way BON rendered its services to the pilgrims during the Hajj exercise.

Among various welfare agencies who wrote to commend BON on the success of the exercise, Sokoto Pilgrims Welfare Agency has awarded a plaque to the bank for its meritorious and efficient issue of the BTA for the state's pilgrims.

## NSE index rises by 2.66%

The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) all share index last week rose by 2.66 percent to close Friday at 23,024.07, even as the market capitalisation of listed equities closed on a higher note at N1.88 trillion.

A turnover of 208.7 million shares worth N2.67 billion in 21,408 deals was recorded in contrast to a total of 313.0 million shares valued at N3.68 billion exchanged previous week in 19,787 deals.

There were no transactions in the federal government development stocks, state government bonds and industrial loans/preference stocks sectors.

The banking subsector was the most active during the week (measured by turnover volume), with 141.8 million shares worth N1.06 billion exchanged by investors in 9,023 deals. Volume in the banking subsector was driven in part by activity in the shares of 1MB International Bank Plc and Zenith Bank Plc. Trading on the shares of the two banks accounted for 40.7 million shares, representing 28.7 percent of the subsector's turnover. As in the preceding week, the conglomerates subsector followed on the week's activity chart with a turnover of 16.1 million shares valued at N222.3 million in 1,945 deals.

Thirty-five stocks appreciated in price during the week, lower than the forty-one in the preceding week. Nigerian Breweries Plc led the gainers' chart with a gain of N7.83 to close at N40.85 per share while Oando Plc followed with N4.50 to close at N94.00 per share. Other price gainers in the-Top 10 category include: TOTAL Nigeria plc N2.50,

Nestle Nigeria Plc N1.35, Mobil Oil Nig. Plc N1.00, Texaco (Nig) Plc 0.89, Northern Nig. Flour Mills Plc N0.75, 7-Up Bottling Co. Plc N0.62, Zenith Bank Plc N0.54, and Guinness Nigeria Plc N0.49.

Forty-Four stocks suffered price depreciation; higher than the thirty-nine that suffered the same fate in the preceding week. Conoil Plc led on the week's price losers' chart, dropping by N4.00 to

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## ADMISSION 2005/2006 SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the various programmes on offer in the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron for the 2005/2006 Session beginning 23rd October, 2005.

### 1.0 Programmes:

The following programmes are tenable during the 2006 Session:

#### (A) NATIONAL DIPLOMA in:

- Nautical Science (2 Years)
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- Boat/Ship Building Technology (2 Years)

These are two-year (4-Semester) courses of study leading to the award of the National Diploma in Nautical Science, Marine Engineering or Boat/Ship Building Technology, as applicable.

Holders of the National Diploma in Nautical Science or Marine Engineering can take up a career ashore or as sea-going merchant navy officers on the deck or in the engine room department of a ship. Holders of the National Diploma in Boat/Ship Building Technology can work in ship/boat building and repair yards, dry-docking yards, marine engineering workshops and other relevant establishments.

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#### (C) HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA in:

- Nautical Science (2 Years)
- Marine Engineering (2 Years)
- Maritime Transport & Business Management (2 Years)

#### (D) POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA in Shipping Technology (1 Year)

#### (E) SPECIALISED SEAMEN TRAINING COURSES:

#### 2.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

#### (A) NATIONAL DIPLOMA (ND) IN NAUTICAL SCIENCE/MARINE ENGINEERING/BOAT & SHIP BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

Applicants must possess the Senior School Certificate (SSC) or its equivalent with at least FIVE CREDIT passes in subjects which must include Mathematics, English Language, Physics, and any two of Geography, Technical Drawing, General Science, and Chemistry, obtained at NOT MORE THAN TWO SITTINGS.

#### (B) NATIONAL DIPLOMA (ND) IN MARITIME TRANSPORT & BUSINESS STUDIES

Applicants must possess at least FIVE CREDIT passes at NOT MORE THAN TWO SITTINGS of the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) or its equivalent. The subjects must include English Language, Mathematics, Economics/Commerce and any two of the following: Geography, Government and Book-Keeping.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS for admission into all National Diploma programmes include:

- Success in the competitive Entrance Examination which comes up on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005, at 0900 hours at the centres indicated below (See Section 4.1).
- Success in the Oral/Written Interview following the Entrance Examination.
- Passing the medical and physical fitness examinations and eyesight test to be conducted by the Academy's Medical Doctor.
- Applicants must be single and remain single throughout the duration of the programme at the Academy and be between the ages of 16 and 21 years for 1A (a-b) and between 16 and 25 years for 1 (a) (c) and (d) by the date of commencement of the session for which they are applying for admission.
- Applicants awaiting result of the SSCE or its equivalent need not apply.

NOTE: Only candidates who have satisfied the admission requirements indicated above will be short-listed for the Entrance Examination.

Candidates are not required to bring recommendation letters from referees. Admission will be based strictly on-

- conformity with the prescribed age limit;
- possession of the requisite credit passes in the relevant subjects at Senior School Certificate level;
- medical and physical fitness; and
- performance in the competitive Entrance Examination and subsequent written/oral interview.

#### (B) HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND) PROGRAMMES

#### a) NAUTICAL SCIENCE (2 Years)

#### b) MARINE ENGINEERING (2 Years)

Candidates must:

- satisfy all the requirements for admission into the National Diploma Programme in Nautical Science or Marine Engineering, as applicable;
- possess a National Diploma in Nautical Science or Marine Engineering from the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron or from a recognised institution, with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of not less than 2.50 (Lower Credit); and
- have undergone a minimum of (one-year) Post-ND Apprenticeship Training or Cognate Work Experience in a relevant establishment or organisation.

#### (c) HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND) IN MARITIME TRANSPORT & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Candidates must: (i) satisfy all the requirement for admission into the National Diploma in Maritime Transport and Business Studies Programme.

- possess the National Diploma in Maritime Transport and Business Studies from the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron or from a recognized institution, with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of not less than 2.50 (Lower Credit); and
- have undergone a minimum of 12 months (One-Year) Post-ND industrial attachment for cognate work experience in a relevant establishment or company.

#### (D) POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SHIPPING TECHNOLOGY (PGD-ST)

- Applicants must possess a good honours degree (B.Sc) or a Higher National Diploma (HND) in a Business, Science or Engineering Programme from a recognized University or Polytechnic.
- Membership of a Professional Transport Institute will be an added advantage.
- Candidate with qualifications equivalent to (a) above may be considered for admission based on maturity and length of service in the maritime industry.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All candidates for the HND and PGD-ST Programmes must request the schools they attended to send the Transcripts of their Academic Records to the Academy under confidential cover.

#### 3.0 SPECIALISED SEAMEN TRAINING COURSES & PREPARATORY/BRIDGING COURSES:

S/N	PROGRAMME	DURATION (WEEKS)	STCW EQUIVALENT	COMMENCEMENT
1	Associate Certificate in Nautical Science (FINAL) Formerly MASTER HOME TRADE or CLASS IV	23	Master on Vessels < 500GT (NCV) Near Coastal Voyages Reg. 11/3, para 5 and 6	JANUARY 8, 2006
2	Associate Certificate in Nautical Science (Inter) Formerly MATE HOME TRADE or CLASS V	42	OOV on Vessels < 500GT (NCV) 11/3, para. 3 and 4	JANUARY 8, 2006
3	Associate Certificate in Marine Engineering (inter) Formerly 3 <sup>rd</sup> CLASS ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE	30	Officer of the Watch (OOV), NCV Section A-III/1, para.9	JANUARY 8, 2006
4	Marine Engineering Assistant (MEII)	30	Ratings forming part of an Engineering Watch - Reg. 11/4	JANUARY 8, 2006
5	Inland Waters Navigation Certificate (Final) (Formerly River master Preparatory Course)	15	Ratings forming part of a Navigational Watch on Vessels of 500GT - Reg. 11/4	JANUARY 8, 2006
6	Inland Waters Navigation Certificate - (Basic) Formerly Quartermaster Preparatory Course	15	Ordinary Ratings on Ships 500GT (NCV)	JANUARY 8, 2006
7	Inland Waters Engineering Certificate (Formerly Motorman Preparatory Course)	12	Ordinary Ratings	JANUARY 8, 2006
8	Pre-Sea General Purpose Ratings Course	15	Ordinary Ratings	JANUARY 8, 2006
9	General Purpose Ratings Course	15	Ordinary Ratings	JANUARY 8, 2006
10	Basic Nautical Knowledge Certificate (Able Seaman/EDH Preparatory Course) Coxswain	15	Will be examined under national certification system i.e non-convention vessel classification	JANUARY 8, 2006

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH COURSE DURATION INCLUDES TRAINING ON THE MANDATORY BASIC SAFETY COURSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STCW '95.

**3.0 SPECIALISED SEAMEN TRAINING COURSES (GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS)**

These courses are meant for certificate holders transferring from the former Home Trade Certification to STCW Certification.

**3.1 DECK DEPARTMENT****3.1.1 ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE IN NAUTICAL SCIENCE (INTERMEDIATE) - PREPARATORY COURSE FOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH (OOW) ON SEA GOING VESSELS OF LESS THAN 500 GRT ENGAGED ON NEAR-COASTAL VOYAGES (Reg. 11/3, paras 3 and 4 of STCW '95)**

To be eligible for entry into the programme, candidates must:

- be not less than 18 years of age;
- have completed an approved education and training, up to secondary school level and have obtained passes in a minimum of four subjects in the SSCE including English Language, Mathematics and Physics;
- have served at sea in the deck department in ordinary trading or offshore support vessels for not less than 36 months;
- meet the standard of competence specified in Section A11/3 of the STCW Code for officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of less than 500 GRT engaged on near-coastal voyages; (v) pass medical fitness test.

**3.1.2 INLAND WATERS NAVIGATION CERTIFICATE (FINAL) FORMERLY RIVERMASTER PREPARATORY COURSE BUT NOW PREPARATORY COURSE FOR RATINGS FORMING PART OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ON SEA GOING SHIPS OF 500 GRT OR MORE (Reg. 11/4 of STCW '95)**

To be eligible for entry into the programme, candidates must:

- be not less than 18 years of age;
- show evidence of secondary school education up to SSS level and have obtained passes a minimum of four subjects in the SSCE including English Language, Mathematics and Physics;
- have served at sea in the deck department in ordinary trading or offshore support vessels for not less than 36 months;
- meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-11/4 of the STCW Code.

Note: The seagoing service, training and experience required in (iii) above shall be associated with navigational watch-keeping functions and involve the performance of duties carried out under the direct supervision of the master, the officer in charge of the navigational watch or a qualified rating.

**3.1.3 ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE IN NAUTICAL SCIENCE (FINAL) PREPARATORY COURSE FOR MASTERS SERVING ON SEA GOING SHIPS OF LESS THAN 500 GRT ENGAGED ON NEAR-COASTAL VOYAGES (Reg. 11/3: paras 5 and 6 of STCW '95)**

To be eligible for entry into the programme, candidates must:

- be not less than 20 years of age;
- have basic education up to SSS level and have obtained passes in a minimum of four subjects in the SSCE including English Language, Mathematics and Physics;
- meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-11/3 of the STCW Code for masters on ships of less than 500 GRT engaged on near-coastal voyages;
- have approved seagoing service of not less than 12 months as officer in charge of a navigational watch;
- meet the requirements of an officer in charge of a navigational watch; and
- pass medical fitness including eye-sight and hearing tests.

**3.1.5 INLAND WATERS NAVIGATION CERTIFICATE (BASIC) / QUARTERMASTER PREPARATORY COURSE**

To be eligible for entry into the programme. Candidate must:

- show evidence of Secondary School Education up to JSS level;
- not be less than 21 years of age;
- have served on powered craft in the deck department for a period of at least four years; and
- pass a medical test of fitness which shall include an eye-sight test.

**BASIC NAUTICAL KNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE (ABLE SEAMAN/EDH PREPARATORY COURSE)**

The general entry requirements for the programme are that Candidate must:

- not be less than 18 years of age;
- have a minimum of 36 months Sea Service;
- be medically fit; (d) be able to read and write; and (e) pass an eye-sight test.

**3.2 ENGINE DEPARTMENT:****3.2.1 ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE IN MARINE ENGINEERING (INTERMEDIATE); PREPARATORY COURSE FOR OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF ENGINEERING WATCH (OOW) IN A MANNED ENGINE-ROOM OR DESIGNATED DUTY ENGINEERS IN A PERIODICALLY UNMANNED ENGINE ROOM (SHIPS OF LESS THAN 3000 KW PROPULSION POWER ON NEAR-COASTAL VOYAGES) (Section A-11/1, para 9 of STCW '95)**

To be eligible for entry into the programme, candidates must:

- be not less than 21 years of age;
- have completed approved education and training up to secondary school level and obtained passes in a minimum of four subjects in the SSCE including English Language, Mathematics and Physics;
- have completed not less than six months seagoing service in the engine department on near coastal voyages;
- have completed mandatory basic safety training;
- have 3rd Class Marine Engineering Certificate of Competency (Home Trade) authenticated By the office of the GIS;
- pass medical fitness, eye-sight and hearing tests.

**3.2.2 RATINGS FORMING PART OF AN ENGINE-ROOM WATCH OR PERFORMING DUTIES IN A PERIODICALLY UNMANNED ENGINE-ROOM ON A SEA-GOING SHIP POWERED BY MAIN PROPULSION MACHINERY OF 750 KW PROPULSION POWER OR MORE (Reg. 111/4 STCW '95)**

The general requirements to obtain a certificate of competency as a rating forming part of an engine-room watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room are that candidates must:

- be not less than 16 year of age;
- have completed an approved seagoing service including not less than 6 months training and experience, or have completed special training, either pre-sea or on board ship, including an approved period of seagoing service which shall not be less than two months;
- meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-111/4 of the STCW Code; and
- pass a medical fitness test.

**3.2.3 INLAND WATERS ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE/MOTORMAN PREPARATORY COURSE**

The general entry requirements for the programme are that Candidate must:

- not be less than 18 years of age;
- have a minimum of 12 months sea service in the engine room of a ship/boat;
- be medically fit;
- be able to read and write; and (e) pass an eye-sight test.

**3.3 OTHER COURSES****3.3.1 PRE-SEA GENERAL PURPOSE RATINGS COURSE**

The general entry requirements are that Candidate must:

- not be less than 17 years of age;
- be in possession of Junior Secondary School Certificate;
- be medically fit; and (d) pass an eye-sight test.

**3.3.2 GENERAL PURPOSE RATINGS COURSE**

The general entry requirements are that Candidates must:

- not be less than 18 years of age;
- have a minimum of 12 months Sea Service while holding a Pre-Sea General Purpose Ratings Certificate or have a minimum of 36 months Sea Service on deck or in the engine room;
- be in possession of Junior Secondary School Certificate;
- be medically fit; (e) pass on eye-sight test; and (f) be able to read and write.

3.4 Candidates for the Specialized Seamen Training Courses should note that the above courses (in content, name and requirements) are being streamlined with the provisions of STCW '95. For more details on these and the Mandatory Courses, candidates or interested seafarers should contact the Academy.

**4.0 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

There will be an Entrance Examination into all National Diploma (ND) Programmes on Saturday, July 9, 2005.

**4.1 ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CENTRES**

- ORON: Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, Akwa Ibom State
- LAGOS: Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Wilmot Point Road, Victoria Island, Lagos.
- KADUNA: Nigeria Defence Academy, Kaduna
- ABUJA: Government Secondary School, Festival Road, Garki, Abuja.

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Further details on all courses on offer are contained in the Academic Brochure and other Information leaflets.

Candidates may obtain their forms directly from:

- The Academic Registry, Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron, OR
- Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Lagos Liaison Office, Outer Marina, C.M.S. Bus Stop, Lagos. OR
- Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Abuja Liaison Office, Plot 965 Aminu Kano Crescent, zone A7, Wuse 2, Abuja, F.C.T.

**6.0 PAYMENT**

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**7.0 CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED FORMS**

All completed application forms for all courses should reach the Admissions Office, Maritime Academy of Nigeria, P.M.B. 1089, Oron, Akwa Ibom State not later than Friday, 10th May, 2005.

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In the field of printing and publishing, the company has served many organisations some of whom are, Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, National Teachers Institute, Kaduna, Bauchi State government, Borno, Sokoto and Gombe States, National Primary Education Commission, Kaduna, Arewa Hotels, Kaduna, Nigerian Agricultural Insurance Company, Abuja, Yankari Insurance Company Limited, Bauchi and many other organisations.

Ramadan Press Limited is an expert in the printing of text books, dairies, calendars exercise books, security documents, annual reports, posters, brochures, educational and instructional materials, university course books, office stationeries and many other printable items. Those who have patronised the company's printing expertise have much to say about the organisation.

The company can boast of a highly qualified management and staff. Presently, they have eight management staff, six technical staff, 41 professional staff and 94 non-technical staff. These staff make made Radaman's profile to be rising among the comity of printers.

The department of printing comprises a pre-press unit, printing unit, finishing unit while the technical department is fully equipped with modern state-of-the-art-equipment that can be found in any leading printing outfit.

The company is fully equipped with 2 Nos 250 KVA and 1 No. 120 KVA generators as an alternative to the electric power supply from NEPA. This is aimed at guaranteeing constant power supply to the organisation.

The Board of Directors is made of Alhaji Garba Mohammed Noma, Hajia Maimunatu, Mohammed Billiaminu Garba Noma, Jamilu Garba Mohammed. These directors have contributed immensely to the success of Ramdadan Press.

Ramdan Press has set a standard of quality printing by acquiring a state-of-the-art equipment in all sections that make up the company. Despite their huge investment, which under normal circumstances should have attracted high cost of production, their prices are very moderate and highly competitive.

## Yaliam Press —Your Ultimate Printers

A radical departure from Traditional to Modern Graphic Designs and Printing Techniques, Yaliam Press has, within the span of two decades, transformed the printing landscape in Nigeria into a world class standard ultra modern techniques and state-of-the-art printing equipment.

The full compliment of a crack team of experts led by its Chief Executive Officer in the person of Yahaya Amfani, who is a renowned specialist in graphic design and printing techniques. Yaliam Press stands out as an embodiment of abundant talents, creativity, professionalism, expertise and innovation in printing techniques with the recent acquisition of additional equipment being installed in its Abuja ultra modern press room annex.

Yaliam Press offers a unique, effective and highly efficient printing services. Our exceptionally high quality and crisp clear stainless prints have certainly placed

Yaliam Press as one of the best printers, not only in Nigeria but across the West African sub region.

With effective networks and outreach, Yaliam Press offers excellent printing services in the following specialised fields:

**Offset Printing:** Yaliam Press handles security printing of all kinds of business forms with visible and invisible security, watermarks and secured stickers, official and personalised security watermark headed papers, complete corporate identity stationeries, annual reports, posters, programme of events, files, calendars, dairies, invitation cards,

**Publishing:** We handle publishing of both small and voluminous books either in perfect or stitched binding with hard or soft cover.

**Screen and Large format Outdoor Printing:** We handle screen printing or embroidery on t-shirts, face caps, clothing materials, wrappers, Multi-colour stickers, Image heat transfer on mugs, plates, etc.

Large format outdoor printing with clear images and wordings on either paper or Vanyl materials for both mobile or fixed bill boards/sign boards using conventional or reflective inks.

*For Printing, na Yaliam Press be oga kpata-kpata*

## Kwality Printing and Packaging Limited

*—Quality printing per excellence*

In the printing industry today, one name that rings a bell when quality, efficiency and excellence is required is Kwality Printing and Packaging Limited.

This high ranking printing firm came about through the desire of its parent company, Ramadan Press Limited, to establish a branch in Abuja. This dream came to pass on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2002, when the press began operations.

Since the inception of the company in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Kwality Printing and Packaging Limited has exhibited dexterity in the handling of printing jobs. This company handles Ctp Colour Separation, Quality Printing, Quality Packaging, and Quality Supplies. Indeed, Kwality can handle anything in the art of printing.

Armed with a staff strength of 46 made up of management, professionals and the non-skilled workers in the bindery section, Kwality Printing and Packaging Company is rated high in the parlance of printing in the Federal Capital Territory.

The company can boast of a modern pre-press unit that is fully equipped with a Ctp colour separation machine recently acquired. This machine, according to the chairman of the company, Alhaji Garba Mohammed Noma (Jarman Bauchi), is the first of its kind in the whole of the northern part of Nigeria. The chairman said that the machine is noted for its fast, efficient and quality delivery. Also in the pre-press unit are 3 Nos of complete sets of Desktop Computers, 2 Nos of Plate makers for various sizes, 2 Nos of Camera for filming both horizontal and vertical, 3 Nos of screen table of various sizes and 1 No of film dryer.

The printing unit is equipped with 1 No of 2 colour Heidelberg Sord Z Machine; 2 Nos 1 Colour Heidelberg Medium Offset; 1 No Heidelberg Kord 64 Machine of 1 colour series; 1 colour GTO 46 machine and Letter Press (Platen) with hot foil attachment. The finishing unit is made up of various machines including Hans Muller Stitching Machine 2 Nos; 1 No Polar 115 and 1 No Pola 90 Machines, there are other machines that make the unit a complete section.

In case of power outage, Kaduna, University of Abuja, Federal Ministry of Aviation etc. These organisations can attest to the imperilled performance of Kwality Printing Company.

To make the company's performance easy in case of the experience of NEPA's electricity power outage, Kwality Printing and Packaging Company has acquired a 250 KVA generator to provide alternative power supply for the operations of the company.

Kwality Printing and Packaging is made up of a highly competent management and staff who are equally motivated to bring out outstanding performance in order to satisfy their teeming customers.

The Board of Directors is headed by Alhaji Garba Mohammed Noma. Also on the Board are Alhaji Umar Mohammed Yola, Alhaji Umar Shuaibu, Alhaji G. A. Adamu and Hajia Maimunatu M. Noma. These people are the brains behind the success of the company.

## Amana for Quality and Affordable Printing

In the last one and half decade, Amana Printing and Advertising Company Limited has been blazing the trail of quality and affordable printing business. The company whose head office is presently located at No2, Club Road by Hamdala hotel, Kaduna, is one of the best printers that can meet the needs and demands of customers at short notice, giving the new printing machines installed recently to boost it's production and the services it renders.

Alhaji Mohammed M. Hama is the managing director and chief executive officer of Amana Printing and Advertising Company Limited. In an encounter with *Daily Trust*, he informed that, the company was initially registered on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1990, as an enterprise with the name Amana Press Company on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1996 with the aim of engaging in general commercial printing and publishing. The company is now Amana Printing and Advertising Company Limited.

The company can boast of new additional technologies, two Heidelberg Speed master to its production equipment, which will increase their capacity to handle security jobs within a limited period required by the customers.

Being efficient in its production, Amana Printing has become a house-hold name among notable organisations, both in government and corporate bodies. Few of the company's clients include: Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN – books printing), National Teachers Institute, NBTE, ABUTH, Colleges of Education, banks, state governments and others.

The company's management team is headed by Alhaji Mohammed M. Hama, a graduate of Printing Technology from the Kaduna Polytechnic. He also holds other professional and management certificates, all which have impacted on the output of the company to the satisfaction of its numerous customers.

## ABU Press, the foremost Printers

Everything about Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State, is always great because the institution will never compromise standards. Even its printing press section, the Ahmadu Bello University Press Limited popularly called ABU Press is known over the years for quality, efficient and excellent printing and publishing.

The press is the first University Press North of the river Niger, and one of the foremost university press in the Nigerian University system. ABU Press was established with the primary aim of promoting academic excellence, the focus and policy which the company has maintained till date through various publications from wide range of disciplines.

It was incorporated on January 30, 1978. It is one of the leading printing and publishing firms in the educational sector of Nigeria. The company is equipped with modern pre-press machinery, offset printing machines, bindery equipment, computers with the latest innovations in softwares. These and many other machines are what ABU Press added to its production stock.

ABU Press being an educational printing and publishing company is one of the few university press that can publish in different languages considering the quality of human resources at its disposal. The company handles security printings; examination papers, receipts, certificates and other commercial printings in volumes.

The press upholds high standards in publications, efficient in delivery system and competitive prices. These have endeared the company to its customers within and outside the country over the years.

It is centrally located on the main campus of Ahmadu Bello University, Samaru, Zaria. It's management is presently headed by Abdullahi Hassan K. Sauri, as the managing director with Professor Yakubu A. Nasidi, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration as the chairman, board of directors.

## Finlay Communication Press

Finlay Communications Press a subsidiary of Finlay Communications Ltd is a modern Printing Press providing quality printing and publishing in the Federal Capital, Abuja.

Established in 2003, Finlay Press is fully equipped with modern machinery in all sections from Creative / Pre- Press (Graphics Department) to Finishing Section. The machines include Colour Separation Equipment, Kord 64, Sordz, Gestetner 201/211 Printing Machine, Folding, Stitching and

Binding Machines. Others are Embossing, Lamination and Heat Press Machine on Mugs, Caps and T-Shirts.

A one-stop Printing and Publishing outfit, Finlay's services include and Printing of books, journals, magazines, dairies Annual General Meetings (AGM) reports, Calendars, Bill Boards, Stationary items (Receipts, Invoice, Vouchers, Letterheads, L.P.O e.t.c.) and Corporate/ Social gifts such as T-Shirts, Mugs, Face caps, Bags/Folders, Key-Holders, Clocks e.t.c.

In addition we supply quality stationery items such as envelopes of various sizes and bond papers for executive letterhead papers and Call cards.

# IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION HOLDEN AT ABUJA

SUIT NO.: FHC/ABJ/CS/48/2005.

## BETWEEN:

1. ALLIED NETWORK LTD
2. BASIC SEA ENTERPRISES LTD.
3. BLUE SEA ENTERPRISS LTD.
4. DATA GENERAL LTD.
5. DAUSAYI INVESTMENT LTD.
6. GREEN LAKE INT. LTD.
7. LAKE LAND RESOURCES LTD.
8. MULTI SYSTEM NIG. LTD.
9. RAHAMA TOUCH SERVICES LTD.
10. STANDARD UNION LTD.
11. TEK SYSTEM LTD.

PLAINTIFFS

## AND

1. INLAND BANK (NIG.) PLC.
2. IBN SECURITIES LTD.
3. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION

DEFENDANTS

## ADVERTISEMENT OF THE WRIT

Notice is hereby given that the Plaintiffs are by an order of this honourable Court dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005 granted leave to advertise the writ of summons before this honourable Court praying for the following Orders:

a) A declaration that the 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Plaintiffs are the rightful, valid, legal and subsisting shareholders of the respective shares as listed here below against their respective names and evidenced by their respective Share Certificates annexed in support of the writ, namely:-

- i) Allied Network Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 19,593,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8877.
- ii) Basic Engineering Nig. Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 12,350,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8876.
- iii) Blue Sea Enterprises Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 13,490,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8858.
- iv) Data General Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 11,400,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8842.
- v) Dausayi Investment Ltd. is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 18,250,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8842.
- vi) Green Lake Int. Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 11,400,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8875.
- vii) Lake Land Resources Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 16,790,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8879.
- viii) Multi System Nig. Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 12,825,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8843.
- ix) Rahama Touch Services Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 14,250,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8844.
- x) Standard Union Ltd is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 10,450,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8878.
- xi) Tek System Limited is the rightful, valid and subsisting owner and shareholder of 10,450,000 ordinary shares in the company as evidenced by Share Certificate No. 8881.

b) A declaration that no interest by way of transfer, charge, pledge or creation of 3<sup>rd</sup> Party interest has been effected and or created by the 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Plaintiffs over their respective shares to anybody and that any purported transfer, charge, pledge or creation or 3<sup>rd</sup> party interest over the said shares by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants or any of its agents, servants, officials and or officers is without the Plaintiffs consent, authority and approval, and is accordingly null, void and of no effect.

c) A declaration that any purported change of ownership in shares of the Plaintiffs, in the event any has been effected by the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant is null and void and unenforceable against the Plaintiffs.

d) A declaration that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendant were deceitfully and unjustably misled and triggered against the Plaintiffs with a view to use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendant in suppressing the Plaintiff's investigation into its investment, and in so doing conferring undue advantage on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants.

e) A declaration that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendant lack the legal power, jurisdiction and standing to arrest anybody in an attempt to investigate, coordinate or adopt measures to identify, trace, freeze, confiscate or seize the Plaintiff's share holding in the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant over a transaction in shares acquired by the Plaintiffs in the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant in 1996 before the establishment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Defendant.

f) An order of this Honourable Court directing and compelling the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant to rectify its shareholders register to reflect the actual shareholding of the Plaintiffs in the order as evidenced by the Plaintiffs Shareholding Certificates as at 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1996, in the event any such alteration is effected by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants on the Plaintiffs shareholding.

g) An order of this Honourable Court directing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants to render account for the direct benefit or advantage accruable to the 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Plaintiffs by way of dividend, bonus or other associated or incidental interest from in the shares from the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1996 when such shares were acquired by the plaintiffs till the determination of the action.

h) An order of this Honourable Court directing that the monetary benefit found due and payable to the 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Plaintiffs by way of dividend bonus and associated interest be paid to the plaintiffs by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants forthwith.

i) An order of perpetual injunction of this Honourable Court restraining the company from taking any steps that will prejudice the interest of the plaintiffs by way of merger, acquisition, reconstruction or takeover.

j) An order of Perpetual Injunction restraining the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants by themselves, privies acting on their behalf, agents, or servants and assigns from exercising any rights the Plaintiffs' shares except through due process and in pursuance of the Plaintiffs consent and approval.

k) Such other orders as this Honourable Court shall deem fit to make in the premises of the case.

The writ was presented to the Court Holden at Abuja on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2005; by:-

1. ALLIED NETWORK LTD
2. BASIC SEA ENTERPRISES LTD.
3. BLUE SEA ENTERPRISS LTD.
4. DATA GENERAL LTD.
5. DAUSAYI INVESTMENT LTD.
6. GREEN LAKE INT. LTD.
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And that the said writ is directed to be advertised and sat down for mention before the Court sitting at Abuja on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2005, and any Creditor or Contributory of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendants' companies desirous to support or oppose to making of an Order on the said writ may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the writ will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said companies requiring such copy on payment of the regulates charge for the same.

DATED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005

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BAUCHI STATE.
2. INLAND SECURITIES LTD  
PLOT 532, IBB WAY, WUSE ZONE 4  
ABUJA.
3. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION  
PLOT 1017-1018 COREE BAY CRESCENT,  
OFF ADEMOLA ADETOKUNBO CRESCENT, WUSE 2, ABUJA.



# NIGERIAN - TURKISH INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES

## RESULT OF THE FIRST STAGE OF 2005 N.T.I.C MATHEMATICS COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY 5 AND 6 PUPILS

STATE	EXAM NO	NAME	SURNAME	SCHOOL
ABUJA I	11	EJEMEIRELE	OMOKHUALE	OLUMAWU NUR/PRI
ABUJA I	68	MICHAEL C.	ANIBUEZE	STELLA MARIS N/P
ABUJA I	15583	JEREMIAH	OKOSUN	DEO GRATIAS, GARKI II - ABUJA
ABUJA II	36	MARYAM	ABDULLI SAM	OLUMAWU NUR/PRI
ABUJA II	126	FATIMA	ADIGUN	PREMIER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
ABUJA II	256	SHAKIRAT JBITOLA	ONIYANGI	RABER I UN NUR/PRI
KWARA	624	AMEEN	FARIDA	FLORA KINDERGARTEN NUR/PRY. ILORIN
KWARA	627	LASODE	ADURAMO	FLORA KINDERGARTEN NUR/PRY. ILORIN
KWARA	840	JIMOHMOHAMMED	TAOFEEK	ABDULAZEEZ NUR/PRY SCH. ILORIN
KOGI	1273	VICTORIA	AKIN.IBILAIYE	SACRED HEART NUR/PRY SCH. KABBA
KOGI	1274	BOSADE	MODUPE	SACRED HEART NUR/PRY SCH. KABBA
KOGI	1408	TIJANI	AHMED	LGEA SCH. IDUKA - OKENE
KADUNA	13880	OLUWASAYOFUNMI	POPOOLA	SACRED HEART SCHOOL
KADUNA	14469	SHAMAH	GODOS	AIRFORCE PRI. SCH.
KADUNA	14644	HABIB	AHMED	KADUNA INT'L SCH.
PLATEAU	12152	AHAM ROCHAS	OKORACHA	PLATEAU PRIV.
PLATEAU	12154	CHINOMSO	ONYINYE	PLATEAU PRIV.
PLATEAU	12346	GODWIN	NWAGELE	ALBAKANS PRE-SCI. PRIM. SCH. JOS
BAUCHI	12566	BENJAMIN	OKREKE	ST PAUL NURS. AND PRIM. SCH.
BAUCHI	12703	SAMUEL	YUSUF	GOMBE STATE ZENITH INT'L. SCH.
BAUCHI	12968	ALIYU KHALID	JIBRIL	ABDULLAHI MEMORIAL NURS. AND PRIM. SCH. AZARE
KANO	8473	RAPHAEL	OKOH	BENNIE INT. SCHOOL
KANO	9863	IFEOMA	AMAEFUNA	ST. LOUIS PRI. SCHOOL
KANO	9423	OLUSINE MICHAEL	AYODELE	F G C K S S
SOKOTO	11030	RISKUWA	IBRAHIM	IET MODEL PRI SCHOOL
SOKOTO	11043	DEBORAH	EKECHUKWU	FGC STAFF PRI SCHOOL
SOKOTO	11212	CHIEDOZIE	OEBULIE	UNITY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
BORNO	10161	SHUKURALLAHI	ADEWUSI	UNIMAI D STAFF PRI. SCH.
BORNO	10208	EMMANUEL	YAUTAMA	NAMU SCHOOLS
BORNO	10217	ASABE	MUHAMMAD JODA	EL-KANEMI COLLEGE
LAGOS I	5334	FEHINTOLA JOSEPHINE	OKUNNUBI	HANDMAIDS INT. CATH. SCH.
LAGOS I	6904	MOGBO	OJUBA	CHILDVILLE SCHOOL
LAGOS I	17305	O.AKIMLABI OLUWASEGUN	AMINU	MAY DAY SCHOOL
LAGOS II	5162	CHIDUM	OKOYE	THE FOUNTAIN SCHOOL
LAGOS II	6288	CHIAMAKA JENNIFER	IBEME	ST. JUDE'S PRIVATE SCHOOL
LAGOS II	16934	OYEFOLABI	OWORU	ST. SAVIOUR'S SCHOOL
OGUN	5135	MUTIU	HASSAN	JACOBS MODEL SCHOOL
OGUN	5137	MUTMAINAH	SANNI	THE BELLS JUNIOR SCHOOL
OGUN	16992	AJIBADE ABDULKABIR	ADEWUYI	PEAKLANE SCHOOL
LAGOS III	4374	DISHAAN	AHUJA	INDIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL
LAGOS III	6181	CHIAI.UKA ERIC	ILECHUKWU	NAZARETH SCHOOL
LAGOS III	6827	OSMAN	MOLUMO	CRESCENT
P/HACORT	7008	IMMANUEL	LOOLO	BLOOMBREED MONTESSORI INTR'L SCHOOL
P/HACORT	7072	OGOCHUKWU JESSICA	VICTOR OSONDO	THE GROOE SCHOOL
P/HACORT	10043	OGHENERO CHIDI	AKPOFURE	KHARECE MONTESSORI

### SECOND STAGE OF N.T.I.C MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This is to inform the above successful candidates that the second stage of N.T.I.C. mathematics competition comes up on;

Date: **19<sup>th</sup> February, 2005.**

Venue: Nigerian Turkish International Collage, Abuja

Plot 152 Ahmadu Bello Way by Kashim Ibrahim Way Wuse II, Abuja.

Time: 10:00 A.M. Prompt.

Note: Accommodation, transportation, and feeding of invited candidates will be taken care of by the Nigerian Turkish International Colleges' Management.

After the second stage of the examination, successful candidates and their Mathematics Teacher will be entitled to the following prizes;

POSITION	STUDENTS	MATHS. TEACHERS
1 <sup>st</sup>	N150,000.00	N50,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	N100,000.00	N50,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	N75,000.00	N50,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	N50,000.00	N50,000.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	N40,000.00	N50,000.00
6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	N20,000.00	

On behalf of the management and staff of Nigerian Turkish International Collages, I want to express our profound gratitude to all participants, schools, various States Primary Education Boards and the general public for the interest shown in our Second Annual National Mathematics Competition. The interest shown was the reason for the over eight thousand number of candidates that participated in the first stage of the competition nation-wide.

We want to happily invite all participants, schools and stake holders in education to please attend, the Award/prize Giving Ceremony coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2005, between 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. at Conference Hall, Sheraton Hotels and Towers, Abuja.

Candidates who participated in N.T.I.C. Mathematics Competition can check their result at the following addresses;

I- [www.nticnigeria.com](http://www.nticnigeria.com) or [www.suratnigeria.com](http://www.suratnigeria.com)

II- Any branch of Nigerian Turkish International Collages.

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January 14 - April 8, 2005.

# OBASANJO, THIRD TERM & OTHER ISSUES

There has been a resurgence of vicious attacks on President Olusegun Obasanjo in the press lately engineered by selfish politicians of dubious credentials, armchair critics and some established civil society demigods.

The politicians whose main concern is to truncate on going reforms in the economic and political spectrum because of their ambition in 2007 have lately orchestrated a blackmail on Mr President on a rumoured **THIRD TERM AGENDA**

The truth is that the reforms of Mr President, have been blocking the drain pipes of the economy and the avenues for corruption in the public sector are suddenly shrinking to the shock of some selfish elites who benefited from the rot of the past.

The reality is dawning on established political actors that political and economic crimes committed in the closets of party offices, public offices or bedrooms, will eventually be exposed, through the various anti corruption gates erected by President Obasanjo in spite of political and filial relationship with the presidency. Suddenly Nigerians are beginning to realise that the hitherto *sacred cows* or untouchables can indeed be touched to sanitise the polity.

All these sign posts of President Obasanjo's Administration have no doubt ruffled feathers in the polity, and we appreciate that such can indeed cause discomfort and pain to an elite used to milking the public cow.

But the reforms are necessary for democracy to endure and for the good of us all in society. Therefore we in the **Good Governance Initiative for Nigeria (GGIN)** endorse these reforms and urge its continuance against all sorts of blackmail.

## AUDU OGBEH Vs A TRUTH FULL PRESIDENT

Nigerians! Is it an offence for a leader to be truthful and candid? Just for saying it as it is, issues of public importance, Mr President has been vilified and mocked. The latest point of mockery of Obasanjo is his truthful and candid response to a rather escapist, pretentious, opportunistic, ill-motivated and buck passing letter from the outgoing PDP Chairman Chief Audu Ogbeh. The truth is that Chief Audu Ogbeh as Chairman of the party had much more responsibility to resolve the Anambra debacle since he called it a 'family affair'. Yet he chose to play to the gallery, for reasons that are yet to be unravelled.

Having lost the moral authority to continue in office, Chief Audu Ogbeh chose to honourably resign his position- an act of courage and honour rare in this part, we must say. Now this episode has provided charlatans the excuse to allege all sorts of untoward happenings. While some alleged a "Gun Point" resignation, others would term it "House Arrest" resignation which all have turned out to be a farce and cover up tactics of a failed party leadership.

There is no doubt that the PDP hierarchy needs some refocusing and reforms, because of the level of corruption in the largest party in Africa. President Obasanjo cannot succeed in reforming the political system if his own party is rotten and all sorts of fraudsters and charlatans appropriate the mandate of the party at various levels of governance as it seems to be now.

We call on the President to continue the reform and resolve internal confusion in the party so that it will not threaten our nascent democracy. The PDP will be stronger, more effective and more legitimate with the sort of courage President Obasanjo is showing. Of course those that the reforms will consume will continue to behave like victims. But we know better.

## THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Another issue which has become a source of attack on Mr President is the proposed National Political Reform Conference. It is very clear that some civil society demigods will never be satisfied no matter what President Obasanjo tries to achieve. These little gods self acclaimed ethnic champions, entrepreneurs and so called activists can never be appeased, no matter the good intentions of Obasanjo.

Since the advent of democracy, Nigerians have clamoured for a National Conference to dialogue on a lot of issues including the review of the 1999 constitution. Because of his desire to complement the economic and social reforms with political reforms Mr President agreed to convene this conference. Suddenly, those who championed the call for the conference have now began to sing different tunes. They now see the conference as part of an agenda for a **THIRD TERM** for Obasanjo. One even called it a 'Presidential retreat'. Haba!

We in the GGIN commend the initiative by President Obasanjo on the need for a Political Reform Conference. We salute his courage, discipline, foresight and political maturity.

We call on Nigerians to make inputs into the present proposal to enrich the conference, rather than trying to discredit it, even before its commencement. We should learn from History. When General Sani Abacha instituted a National Conference in the recent past, the same arm chair critics called for its boycott which eventually led to their irrelevance in the political system. This time they must not mislead Nigerians with their narrow, outdated, opportunistic and iconoclastic ideas. Participation and engagement are superior to aloofness!

## IN CONCLUSION:

- We believe President Obasanjo is sincere in proposing the Political Reform Conference or National Dialogue and this conference will address all the problems and challenges that face us as a people.
- We believe President Obasanjo harbours no **THIRD TERM AGENDA**, having promised at several fora including the world wide CNN of his intention to quit office after the constitutionally allowed Second Term.
- We plead with President Obasanjo not to be derailed in his economic and political reforms, which are in the best interest of the majority of Nigerians. However Mr president should continue to fine tune such policies to minimise hardship and possible loopholes which may be exploited for selfish ends.



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# Trust International

## Somalis protest against AU troops

Thousands of Somalis have taken part in a protest in Mogadishu against the deployment of foreign troops. The protest was organised by an Islamist umbrella organisation with

the support of two members of the cabinet.

One of the top organisers, Sheikh Ahmed Mohamed, urged demonstrators to prepare for holy war against foreign troops.

The African Union (AU) has authorised the deployment of thousands of troops from several regional countries to help with the relocation of the government.

The new Somali Cabinet of President Abdullahi Yusuf is due to begin returning from Kenya on 21 February.

Somalia has been without an effective government since the overthrow of President Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991.

Since then, rival warlords have battled for control of the country, and Somalia has been divided into a patchwork of chiefdoms.

The demonstration was jointly organised by the Islamic Courts' Union, Umbrella Organisation of Islamic Clerics and the supporters of two warlord-turned-cabinet ministers, Husein Aideed and Osman Ali Ato.

It was peaceful, with hundreds of heavily armed militias providing security as demonstrators poured into the capital's Trabunka Square aboard mini-buses and big lorries, said the BBC's correspondent in Mogadishu.

"We don't need foreign intervention... African soldiers are unacceptable on the grounds of faith" were some of the slogans shouted at the rally.

"Having Somalia's neighbours lead and constitute such a force would be unnecessarily inflammatory and could

jeopardise the entire peace process," said Sheikh Abdullahi Ali, a member of the Somali cleric's council.

Regional Governor Abdullahi Ganey Frimbi, who also joined to the demonstration, has said much blood will be shed if troops from Ethiopia are deployed in Somalia.

"We reject Ethiopian intervention and request parliament not to approve the peace mission, which will allow an old enemy of Somalis to enter their territory," he said.

The Secretary General of the Umbrella Organisation of Islamic Clerics, Ibrahim Suley, issued a statement saying: "We reject all foreign intervention and request parliament not to approve the peace mission, which will allow African forces to enter Somalia.

"We are not of the same religion and that is why we cannot accept them."

The Somali transitional government was divided over the issue of foreign troops and parliament had not yet approved the measure.

Various Somali leaders and groups had threatened to oppose such an intervention by force, BBC correspondent said.

World renowned American playwright Arthur Miller is dead. Miller, who was established as a modern literary icon by his play *Death of a Salesman* - a compulsory text for literature students in many Nigerian universities, passed away on the evening of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 at the age of 89. He is said to have died of heart failure at his home in Connecticut, USA.

The late playwright who wrote till his last days, notably short stories for American A-list magazines such as *Esquire*, was born in New York in 1915. The Great Crash of 1929 ruined his father who was the owner a garment factory. As a result, Miller faced a tough time growing up and had to do menial jobs to pay his way through college where he studied journalism.

Unconventional in his works, Miller's first stage play, *All My Sons*, depicted the impact of American involvement in World War II on a family. The playwright was criticised for supposedly being unpatriotic. In a manifestation of the departure from accepted norms that came to colour a good number of his works, Miller retorted "that he was just telling the truth."

Also worthy of note, the late Miller's surprise marriage to American movie idol Marilyn Monroe in 1956 shocked many in the American public. The BBC in

## American playwright Arthur Miller is dead

By Crispin Oduobuk, Group Literary Editor

its obituary for Miller said, "The bookish intellectual and the doomed screen goddess made an unlikely couple." Not surprisingly, the marriage broke up and 1961 Miller married Inge Morath, a famous lady photographer.

Artistically, Miller will always be best remembered for his monumental play *Death of a Salesman* which premiered in 1949 in Philadelphia, USA. Willy Loman, the central character in the play, epitomises the unsuccessful man whom the demands of modern society has in effect emasculated to widespread scorn. Significantly, Loman's

upbeat personality, interpreted by many as false hopes and illusions, do not stop him from committing suicide. This tragedy made the late Arthur Miller a legend in the literary world.



Late Arthur Miller

## Embassy donates to National Islamic library

By Elkhana Chawai, Reporter (Foreign Desk)

The Embassy of the State of Israel in Nigeria has donated hundreds of books and other educational materials to the Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI), for the take-off of the National Islamic Library in Kaduna.

In a statement released by the Israeli embassy in Abuja, it stated that the National Islamic Library is centre of excellence and a citadel of knowledge, which harbours several volumes of academic and religious publications.

The Ambassador of the State of Israel to Nigeria, Mr. Noam Katz, made the book presentation to the Emir of Argungu, Alhaji Isma'ila Muhammad Mera, who is the chairman, publication committee of JNI and the initiator of the collaboration between the embassy and JNI, at Arewa House in Kaduna.

Speaking while making the presentation, the ambassador noted that the spirit behind the collaboration is to stress the importance of sharing knowledge, as well as opening dialogues among different cultures, tradition and religion in order to create harmony and peace.

## Floods claim 300 in Pakistan

Troops and rescue workers are distributing relief supplies to survivors of a dam collapse, as the toll from floods and a week of torrential rain and avalanches in Pakistan approached 300.

Officials yesterday said 1000 to 1500 people were still missing in coastal villages in the worst-hit south-western province of Baluchistan, while casualties continued to rise in Pakistan's north-western frontier and the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

About 3000 troops and 1000 paramilitary forces with helicopters, coast guard boats and C-130 transport planes ferried food, medicine and tents to Pasni and nearby villages, close to where the 150m-long Shakidor Dam burst on Thursday, sweeping people into the Arabian Sea and destroying telephone lines, roads and bridges.

The Pakistan Red Crescent was dispatching tents, blankets, tarpaulins and 40 tons of food.

Army, navy and coast guards - sometimes using fishing nets - have retrieved 135 bodies from floodwaters in the districts of Pasni, Turbat and Awaran. In all, about 200 people are confirmed to have died in flooding in Baluchistan, Pakistan's biggest and poorest province.

On Saturday President General Pervez Musharraf visited Pasni, where relief operations have been hampered by severe damage caused to a 40km coastal highway.

Villages near the town of Uthal, about 100km from Pasni, were also inundated, washing away crops and damaging homes.

Weeping at the roadside, Alah Bakhsh, 45, said his 18-year-old son was among dozens stranded in their homes by the floodwaters. "I don't know what has happened to them," he said.

Baluchistan authorities said late on Saturday that 1000 to 1500 people were unaccounted for in the flood-hit areas, up from the earlier figure of 500.

Nearly 18,000 homes were damaged or destroyed in the region - about 1900km southwest of the capital, Islamabad, said Muhammad Ilyas at the provincial Crisis Control and Management Cell.

## Israel to release 500 Palestinians prisoners

Israel's cabinet yesterday approved the release of 500 Palestinian prisoners as a goodwill gesture towards Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, government officials said.

The list of prisoners to be freed does not include those who Israeli officials say have participated in attacks on Israelis or those who still have two years to serve in prisons or who have not

completed two-thirds of their sentences, said *Aljazeera* correspondent Walid al-Umari in Ram Allah.

The first prisoners could be freed as early as Monday, al-Umari said.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced last week that 900 prisoners would be freed, 500 in days and 400 in the next few weeks to bolster Abbas, who reached a ceasefire with the Israeli

leader at a summit in Egypt five days ago.

Their names will first be published on a government website, giving the public an opportunity to appeal against the release of individual prisoners.

Freedom for about 8000 Palestinians in Israeli jails is an emotive issue for Palestinians, who regard them as heroes of an uprising against Israeli occupation that began more than four years ago.

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# IT World

## NITEL unveils software on detailed billing system

The Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) has concluded plans to begin the detailed billing system and stop pulse rate billing to enhanced customers satisfaction, bill integrity and billing efficiency.

Inaugurating the committee on the implementation of the pilot scheme of the system for Abuja territory recently, the Chief Finance Officer, Alhaji Hassan Yar'Adua disclosed that the software to

By Hamisu Muhammad  
Reporter (Business)

capture the necessary inputs for the system was developed by staff of the company.

He said the Abuja pilot scheme is meant to test the application of the system before it is deployed to other parts of the country.

A statement from the NITEL deputy general manager, corporate communication, Bala I. Abdulkadir said the software had already been demonstrated to the

management and Board of Directors who all applauded the effort put into its development saying that it was an indication that the company was responsive to customer needs.

He said by the inauguration, the implementation committee which will be responsible to a steering committee, was mandated to ensure the smooth take-off of the system and the subsequent deployment to other parts of the country. He also pledged management's support to the committee to ensure success in its activities.

Also speaking at the ceremony, the general manager (marketing and sales), Mrs Zubaida Rasheed said the system will be applied in Abuja Territory for the March, 2005 bills when the detailed billing system is operational, customers will no longer be billed by the use of pulse rate which employs radial distance to technically calculate the cost of telephone calls.

The pulse rate system she said is technically based hence problematic for customers to understand. She explained that rather, the cost of calls will now be based on minutes spent and where the customer calls (local call, regional call, national call, and call to a GSM number) as it applies to international calls.

By the new system she said, customers can manage their expenditures on telephone calls because "they will know where they called and how long they stayed on the phone."



Some visually challenged students during a training at the Bola Ige Information Technology Centre, Abuja. The instructor, Mrs. S. Kalama is in the middle.

## Motorola plans huge investment in Nigeria

The marketing director of Motorola, Jacky Humphries has disclosed that the company will make a multi-billion-naira investment into the Nigeria economy.

Humphries said provided the company sees growth in its business activity in the country in the next one year, there is hope, adding that this will lead to more employment creation.

Speaking on the occasion of its launch of new handsets and accessories into the Nigeria market held at the Bost Club, Victoria Island Lagos, she pointed that Motorola aims to become the number one brand in Nigeria and Africa.

Motorola country manager, Mr. Raphael Udegu in his contribution said that, Motorola which opened shop in Nigeria back in 1962, is expected to continue its investment in Nigeria.

Product manager, Motorola Mr. Brian Burns in his speech stated that the company in 2004 recorded \$32 billion in revenues and that despite being 75 years in existence it hopes to continue its expansion.

According to him, the company is expected to invest \$500 million into Africa in the current year, maintaining that the avalanche of products it is launching into the Nigerian market is among the best in its range.

He stated that the distribu-

From Bright Ewulu, Deputy  
Business Editor (Lagos)

tion partnership with Mobiltron RCN will certainly enable their products reach all the rooks and ranny of the country.

The managing director of Mobiltron RCM, Mr. Jim Doak said during the occasion that the partnership is a fantastic arrangement, will enable more Nigerians access to one of the best known phone brands in the World.

He assured Motorola potentials customers that any of their products are sold with one year warranty and called on Nigerians to support the more.

A director of Mobiltron RCN, Mr. Agbo Abiola said the issue of repairs and serving would not be a problem since what Motorola is trying to do is part of the technology in the hands of Nigerians.

## LG vows to out-sell Samsung, Siemens

LG electronics, one of World top mobile phone manufacturers, has vowed to double its sales in 2005 thereby beating its close rivals, Samsung and Siemens to fourth and fifth positions respectively.

Nokia is currently occupying the first position following by Motorola while Samsung and Siemens occupy third and fourth

From Zakariyya Adaramola,  
Correspondent (Lagos)

position respectively on the mobile phone sales chart.

Speaking last week in Korea, the chief executive officer (CEO) of LG Electronics, Mr. Kim Sang vowed that the company would out-sell Samsung and Siemens in 2005.

Mr. Kim said he was

## Microsoft enforces anti-piracy policy

Microsoft, the leading software developer, is set to enhance its anti-piracy engineering, education and enforcement efforts by launching its "Windows Genuine Advantage" Programme in Nigeria.

The programme, which checks the authenticity of a user's operating system whenever updates are downloaded from Microsoft's website, aims to curb the negative economic impact that counterfeit or pirated software has on the region. It will also provide users of genuine software with value-add multimedia, communications and entertainment software.

In a statement, Country Manager for Microsoft in Nigeria and Ghana, Mr. Gerald Ilukwe, said that software piracy costs African economies millions of dollars every year.

"According to the Business Software Alliance - of which Microsoft is a global member - the software piracy rate on the continent stood at over

80 percent last year. This compares to a global average of around 36 percent: he said.

"Many companies that sell legitimate software have difficulty competing with the artificially-low prices offered by software counterfeiters.

"Counterfeit software also puts users at risk of receiving an inferior product that may present security risks or contain malicious code. It also means that users cannot receive product support. The best way to combat this is to ensure that users recognise and receive all the benefits of the genuine product."

With Windows Genuine Advantage - originally launched as an optional English Language pilot programme in last September - users of the Windows XP operating system visiting the Microsoft download site ([www.microsoft.com/downloads](http://www.microsoft.com/downloads)) will be asked to prove that their software is legitimate.

A product 10 number can be supplied or the website can run an automatic check. In return, they can gain access

to tools protect them from an Inferlor computing experience, viruses and other vulnerabilities that can result from counterfeit software.

While optional at present, this validation will become a prerequisite later in the year. However, to help customers who may require more time to move to genuine windows software, Microsoft is offering security updates through automatic updates in Windows, with or without validation.

Twenty new language versions of Windows XP - and most Windows content will be included in the pilot programme. The total worth of the multimedia, communications and entertainment software that will also be available on the site is about \$450. The include Microsoft Photo Story 3 for Windows, Winter Fun Pack 2004, 50% off a selection of MSN Games by Zone.com, Six-month trial of Microsoft Office OneNote 2003, and 50% off hosted Windows SharePoint Services.

## Union Bank deploys ATMs at Kaduna fair

As part of measures to ensure that its teeming customers enjoy banking services with ease at the 2005 Kaduna International Trade Fair, Union Bank of Nigeria Plc is deploying Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) at the fair to enhance customer service.

The service would enable customers to make cash withdrawals up to a maximum sum of N20, 000 daily and obtain their account balances as well as statements. The fair opens on Friday February 18, 2005.

According to a release in Lagos signed by the Bank's assistant general manager

Corporate Affairs, Kabir Dangogo, other products/services to be availed to customers and non-customers at the fair include the Bank's on-line, real time banking services; telephone banking; current and savings accounts; as well as Vigo, RIA Express, Money Exchange SA and Travelex international money transfer products. Other services that would be available during the fair are leasing, trade and commerce as well as products/services of the Bank's subsidiaries.

"In addition, customers and prospective investors would receive business advisory

services on imports and exports, oil and gas, solid minerals, agricultural and SME financing as well as foreign exchange transactions" The Bank would also advise customers and prospective ones visiting the Kaduna fair on how to establish new ventures, expand the existing and revive ailing ones.

Similarly, the Bank's Union Value Card would be available at its stand for customers to download and replenish their money to the tune of N16.5 million. Also, non-customers interested in Union Value Card can pick up the forms at the Bank's stand

optimistic LG would clinch the number three position from Samsung in rolling out camera phones in the United States, adding that it would also improve on its products differentiation to out sale Samsung.

"LG spun off its chip division five years ago and we see a way to out maneuver Samsung in rolling in two ways. One is speed: LG beat Samsung in rolling out camera phones and MP3 phones in the United States.

The other is product differentiation. The company sells its high-end-goods under the LG name allowing LG to spread fast without tainting the LG brand", said LG CEO.

Mr. Kim Sang also announced that the company is aiming for the major leagues by turning LG to a digital trend setter and by 2010 becomes one of the world's top three electronics payers.

A latecomer to mobile phone, LG, it would be recalled had boosted its sales of handsets from 6.9 million in 2000 to 44 million last year.



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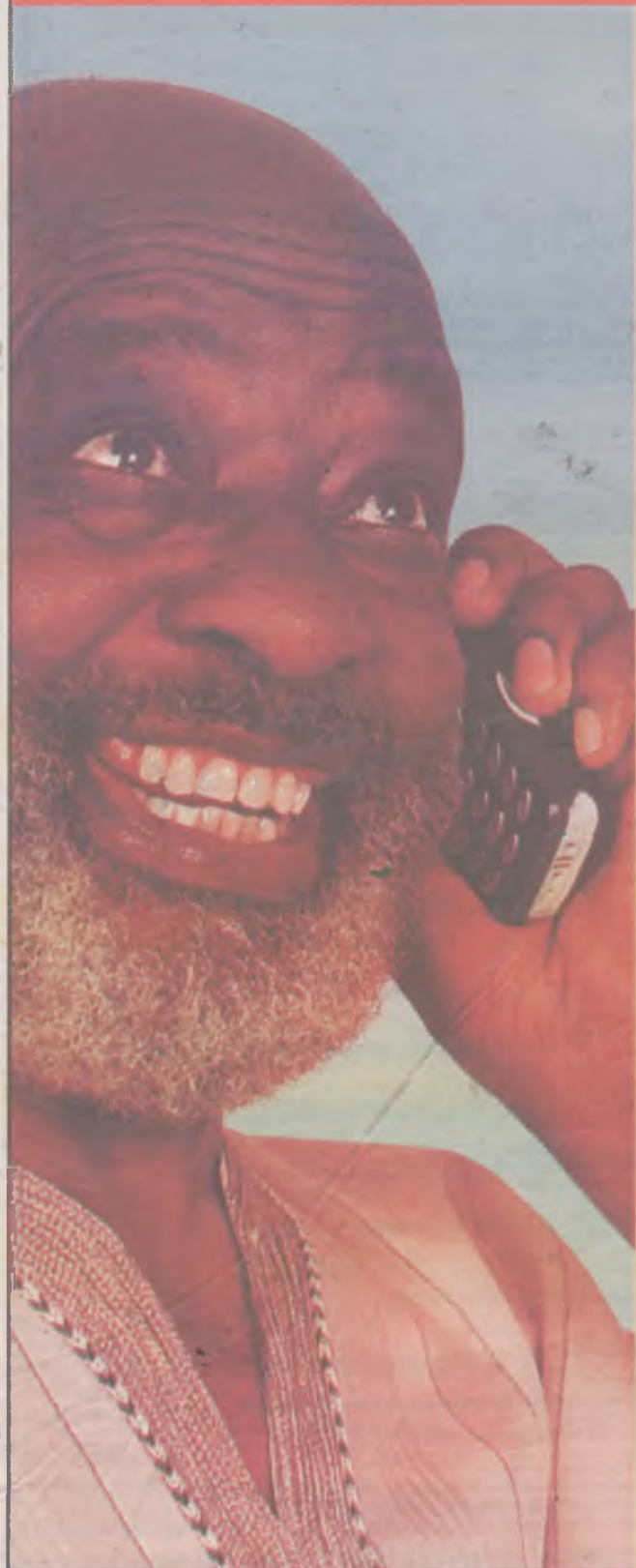
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AS AT 7 MONTHS ENDED 30 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004	N'000
AUTHORISED:	10,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each
ISSUED AND FULLY PAID*:	3,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:	Share Capital
	Statutory Reserve
	1,674,376
	3,174,376

#### SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:

##### \*SIGNIFICANT POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENT

During the period under review, the Bank sought to raise N3 billion through the issue of 1 billion ordinary shares of 50 kobo each at N3.00 per share through a private placement. As at the close of the offer in December, 2004, a total sum of N4.5 billion had been realised from the private placement, which is in deposit for shares. The private placement was thus 150% subscribed, thereby bringing the Bank's shareholders' funds to N7.7 billion as at December, 2004.

#### STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS:

As at its last audited accounts, the Bank had no outstanding long-term debentures, mortgages, loans, charges or similar indebtedness or material contingent liabilities, other than in the ordinary course of business. However, the Bank had contingent liabilities in the ordinary course of business amounting to N8.6 billion which comprise acceptances, bonds, guarantees and other obligations for the account of customers.

#### SUMMARY OF THE OFFER:

ISSUER:	First City Monument Bank Plc ("FCMB" or "the Bank")
ISSUING HOUSES:	FCMB Capital Markets Limited ("FCMB-CM") and Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited ("Stanbic")
SHARE CAPITAL:	
Authorised:	N5,000,000,000.00 comprising 10,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each.
Issued and fully paid:	N2,250,000,000 comprising 4,500,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each.
Now being offered for subscription:	4,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each.

#### PURPOSE:

The Offer is being undertaken to enable FCMB increase its shareholders' funds to ensure compliance with the N25 billion minimum capital requirement for Nigerian banks as directed by the Central Bank of Nigeria. The Offer is also being undertaken to finance its strategic business development in preparation for the opportunities arising from the consolidation activities in the Nigerian banking industry. This strategic business development will involve the establishment of the following 45 branches: Lagos (20 branches); Abuja II, Ado-Ekiti, Asaba, Benin II, Damaturu, Enugu, Gboko, Ibadan II, Ikorodu, Ilorin, Jos, Maiduguri, Makurdi, Nnewi, Onitsha II, Oshogbo, Owerri, Port Harcourt II, Potiskum, Sango Ota, Umuahia, Uyo, Warri, Yenagoa. The Offer would also enable the Bank continuously upgrade its information technology infrastructure to meet the demands of its expanding network of branches and customer base. The Offer will also provide the Bank with additional working capital to support its enlarged operations and strengthen its competitive positioning in the industry.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS:

After the deduction of the costs and expenses of the Offer, which is estimated at N1,080,287,052.42 (representing 6.75% of gross proceeds), the net proceeds of N14,919,712,947.48 will be utilised as detailed below:

	N'000	18.75
Business Expansion: Development of new branches	2,797,446	18.75
Upgrade of information technology infrastructure	1,864,964	12.50
Working capital	8,205,842	55.00
Implementation of branding activities post-consolidation	2,051,461	13.75
	14,919,713	100.00

#### UNITS OF SALE:

Minimum of 1,000 ordinary shares and multiples of 500 ordinary shares thereafter.

#### MARKET CAPITALISATION AT OFFER PRICE (PRE-OFFER):

N18,000,000,000

#### MARKET CAPITALISATION AT OFFER PRICE (POST-OFFER):

N34,000,000,000

#### UNDERWRITING:

This Offer is not underwritten at the instance of the Bank

#### QUOTATION:

An application has been made to the Governing Council of The Nigerian Stock Exchange for the admission of the 4,000,000,000 ordinary shares now being offered for subscription to its Daily Official List.

#### STATUS:

The new ordinary shares to be issued shall rank pari passu in all respects with the issued ordinary shares of the Bank, except with respect to the dividend that may be declared for the year ending 30 April 2005.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Extracted from the Reporting Accountants' Report):

	As at 30th April				As at 31st December	
	months to 30 11 04	2004	2003	2002	2000	1999
Gross Earnings	3,002,563	3,123,629	2,898,502	5,576,728	3,819,768	3,532,026
Profit before taxation	517,699	329,265	52,447	490,532	1,019,855	617,998
Profit after taxation	433,486	338,149	9,250	259,629	784,954	553,904
Dividend	0	50,000	0	0	200,000	150,000
Shareholders' funds	3,174,376	675,262	2,452,741	2,167,631	1,908,002	1,323,048
Total assets	48,787,126	23,736,249	15,164,119	14,950,528	17,496,795	12,674,219
Adjusted earnings per share (kobo)*	14.4	11.3	0.3	8.7	26.2	18.15
Adjusted dividend per share (kobo)*	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	6.7	5.0

\*Calculations of adjusted earnings and dividend per share are based on the issued and paid-up capital of N1,500,000,000 comprising 3,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each for the periods seven months ended November, 2004, two years ended April 2004, sixteen months ended April 2002 and two years ended December, 2000.

#### FORECAST OFFER STATISTICS (Extracted from the Reporting Accountants' Report):

Year ending 30th April	2005	2006	2007
	N'000	N'000	N'000
Gross Earnings	6,212,182	11,129,735	16,376,325
Profit before taxation	1,009,791	3,065,671	4,504,583
Profit after taxation	794,705	2,412,683	3,545,107
Dividend	337,500	1,020,000	1,700,000
Forecast earnings per share (kobo)	17.66*	28.38**	41.71**
Forecast earnings yield at offer price (%)	4.42	7.10	10.43
Forecast dividend per share (kobo)	7.50*	12.00**	20.00**
Forecast dividend yield at offer price (%)	1.88	3.00	5.00
Forecast price/earnings ratio at offer price	22.65	14.09	9.59

\* Forecast earnings and dividend per share for the year ending 30 April 2005 are based on 4,500,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each which is the total of the current paid up share capital of 3,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each and the 1,500,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each to be capitalised from the private placement exercise.

\*\* Forecast earnings and dividend per share for the years ending 30 April 2006 and 2007 are based on the enlarged paid up share capital of 8,500,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each.

NB: Projections do not include the likely merger with compact regional retail banks currently undergoing due diligence. It is expected that these transactions will bring substantial growth to the Bank's balance sheet and earnings if successfully concluded.

#### EXTRACT FROM THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA STATUS REPORT AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2004

	30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2004 N'million	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2004 N'million
Gross Total Assets	23,736	48,680
Total Deposit Liabilities*	18,019	20,340
Gross Loans and Advances	7,905	16,587

\*The difference in total deposit liabilities between the audited financial statements as at 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 and CBN status report as at the same date was mainly as a result of the sum of N2.58 billion in domiciliary deposit accounts which was not included in the CBN status report.

#### DIRECTORS, SECRETARY AND OTHER PARTIES

##### DIRECTORS:

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Standard Trust Bank Plc  
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Victoria Island, Lagos

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OFFER:  
CSL Stockbrokers Limited  
Primrose Tower (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
17A, Tinubu Street  
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Calyx Securities Limited  
Stock Exchange House (17<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
2/4, Customs Street, Lagos

Capital Bancorp Limited  
Eleganza Building (11<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
15B, Wesley/Joseph Street, Lagos

Clearview Investments Company Ltd.  
NCR Building (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
6, Broad Street, Lagos

Eurocomm Securities Limited  
Stock Exchange House (18<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
2/4, Customs Street, Lagos

F & C Securities Limited  
17B, Bishop Abayade Cole Street  
Victoria Island, Lagos

Intercontinental Securities Limited  
Bull Plaza (16<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
38/39, Marina, Lagos

Mainland Trust Limited  
St. Peter's House (9<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
3, Ajele Street, Lagos

Pilot Securities Limited  
Elephant Cement House (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
Central Business District  
Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos

Profund Securities Limited  
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Victoria Island Lagos

Signet Investments and Securities Ltd.  
Signet Suite, Church House  
29, Marina, Lagos

Tiddo Securities Limited  
Labour House (Left Wing, 1st Floor)  
Central Area, Abuja

**MATERIAL CONTRACT**

The following agreement has been entered into and is considered material to this Offer:

- i) A Vending Agreement dated 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 by which FCMB Capital Markets Limited and Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited have agreed to offer for subscription 4,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each in First City Monument Bank Plc.

Other than stated above, the Bank has not entered into any material contract except in the ordinary course of business.

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ISSUER AND ITS ADVISERS**

As at the date of this Prospectus, FCMB Capital Markets Limited, one of the Issuing Houses to the Offer is a wholly owned subsidiary of First City Monument Bank Plc. Mr. Ladi Balogun, a director of the Bank, is also a director in CSI Stockbrokers Limited and City Securities Limited, both of whom are acting as the lead stockbroker and the registrar respectively. Save as disclosed, there is no other relationship between FCMB and its Advisers, other than in the ordinary course of business.

**CLAIMS AND LITIGATION**

The Bank is currently involved in 16 court cases, which are pending in various courts in Nigeria. The Solicitors to the Offer are of the opinion that the maximum potential liability in the Bank from these cases should not exceed ₦65,717,375.00. Save as disclosed, the Directors are not aware of any other pending or threatened claims or litigation involving the Bank which may be material to the Offer.

**COSTS AND EXPENSES**

The costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the Offer, including fees payable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, The Nigerian Stock Exchange, the Central Securities Clearing System, professional parties, brokerage commission, printing and distribution expenses are estimated at ₦1,080,287,052.42 or 6.75% of the gross proceeds and are payable by FCMB.

**CONSENTS**

The underlisted parties have given and have not withdrawn their written consents to the issue of the Prospectus with their names, reports and opinions (where applicable) being included in the form and context in which they appear:

**The Directors of FCMB:**  
 Otunba M.O. Balogun, C.O.N (Chairman)  
 Dr. Jonathan A.D. Long (Managing Director)  
 Mr. Ladi Balogun (Deputy Managing Director/CEO)  
 Mr. Biodun Oyinuro (Executive)  
 Mr. Godwin T.S. Adokunye  
 Alhaji Tijani Hashim (Galadima of Kano)  
 Mr. Ladi A. Jadesimi  
 Dr. (Mrs.) Martina Nwakoby  
 Mr. Oluremi A. Oloruwade  
 Mr. Bismarck Rewane  
 Mallam Suleiman Yahyah

**Company Secretary:** Mrs. Olajumoke P. Bakare

**Issuing Houses:** FCMB Capital Markets Limited  
 Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited

**Stockbrokers to the Offer:** CSI Stockbrokers Limited  
 Calyx Securities Limited  
 Capital Bancorp Limited  
 Clearview Investments Company Limited  
 Eurocomm Securities Limited  
 F & C Securities Limited  
 Intercontinental Securities Limited  
 Mainland Trust Limited  
 Pilot Securities Limited  
 Profund Securities Limited  
 Signet Investments and Securities Limited  
 Tidlo Securities Limited

**Auditors:** PricewaterhouseCoopers

**Reporting Accountants:** Akintola Williams Deloitte

**Solicitors to the Offer:** Ahuko & Oyeboode  
 Olanisun Ajayi & Co.  
 Olawoyin & Olawoyin

**Registrars:** City Securities Limited (Registrars)

**Receiving Bankers:** Guaranty Trust Bank Plc  
 Standard Trust Bank Plc

**DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

The following documents, or copies thereof, may be inspected at the offices of FCMB Capital Markets Limited at Primrose Tower, 17A, Timubu Street, Lagos and Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited at Stanbic House, Plot 688, Amodu Tijani Street, Victoria Island, Lagos during normal business hours on weekdays (except public holidays) from 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 until 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.

- The Certificate of Incorporation of the Bank;
- The Prospectus issued in connection with the Offer, duly signed by the Directors of the Bank and other parties to the Offer;
- The resolution recommending the Offer passed at the meeting of the Bank's Board of Directors held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2004;
- The certified true copy of the shareholders' resolution authorising the Offer passed at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2004;
- The Memorandum and Articles of Association, duly certified by the Corporate Affairs Commission;
- The audited accounts of the Bank for each of the two years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000, sixteen months ended 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2002, two years ended 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 and seven months ended 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2004;
- The Reporting Accountants' Report on the audited accounts of the Bank for each of the two years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2000, sixteen months and two years ended 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 and seven months ended 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2004, prepared by Akintola Williams Deloitte ("Reporting Accountants");

- The Memorandum on the Profit Forecast of the Bank for the years ending 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2005, 2006 and 2007 prepared by the Reporting Accountants;
- The material contract referred to above;
- The schedule of claims and litigation referred to above; and
- The written consents referred to above.

**PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION AND ALLOTMENT****1. APPLICATION**

The general investing public is hereby invited to apply for the ordinary shares through any of the Receiving Agents listed in the Prospectus and Abridged Particulars of the Prospectus.

- Application for the ordinary shares now being offered must be made in accordance with the instructions set out on the back of the Application Form. Care must be taken to follow these instructions, as applications, which do not comply, will be rejected.
- The Application List for the ordinary shares now being offered will open on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2005. Applications for the shares must be for a minimum of 1,000 shares and in multiples of 500 shares thereafter. The number of shares for which application is made and the amount of the cash, cheque or bank draft attached should be entered in the boxes provided.
- The subscription currency for the Offer is the Nigerian Naira (₦).
- The applicant should make only one application, whether in his own name or in the name of a nominee. Multiple or suspected multiple applications will be rejected.
- Individual applicants should sign the declaration and write his/her name, address and occupation in the section marked 1A on the Application Form for the Offer whilst Section 1B should be completed in the case of joint applicants. A corporate applicant should affix its seal in item "3" in the box provided for this purpose and state its incorporation (RC) Number or in the case of a corporate foreign subscriber its appropriate identification number in the jurisdiction in which it is constituted.
- Each Application should be forwarded ONLY to any of the Receiving Agents listed in the Prospectus and Abridged Particulars of the Prospectus, together with the cash, cheque or bank draft for the full amount of the purchase price, crossed "FCMB OFFER" and made payable to the Receiving Agents to which the application is addressed. All bank drafts will be presented upon receipt and all applications in respect of which cheques or bank drafts are returned unpaid will be rejected.

**2. ALLOTMENT**

The Directors of the Bank, FCMB Capital Markets Limited and Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited reserve the right to accept or reject any application in whole or in part. All irregular or suspected multiple applications will be rejected. The allotment proposal will be subject to the clearance of the Securities & Exchange Commission.

**3. APPLICATION MONIES**

All application monies will be retained in separate bank account with the Receiving Bankers pending allotment. If any application is not accepted, or is accepted for fewer shares than the number applied for, a crossed cheque for the full amount or the balance of the amount paid (as the case may be) will be returned by registered post at the applicant's risk within 5 (five) working days of allotment. A share certificate in respect of shares allotted will be sent by registered post at the applicant's risk not later than 15 (fifteen) working days from the date of allotment.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM**

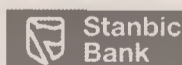
- Applications should be made only on the Application Form, photocopies or scanned copies of the Application Form.
- Applications must be for not less than the minimum number of shares stated on the Application Form. Applications for more than the minimum number of shares must be in the multiples stated on the Application Form. The number of shares for which applications are made and the amount of the cash, cheque or bank draft attached should be entered in the boxes provided.
- The Application Form when completed should be lodged with any of the Receiving Agents listed in the Prospectus and Abridged Particulars of the Prospectus. Applications must be accompanied by cash, cheque or bank draft made payable to the Receiving Agent with whom the application is submitted, for the full amount payable on application. The cheque or draft must be drawn on a bank in the same town or city in which the Receiving Agent is located and crossed "FCMB OFFER" with the name(s) and address(es) and daytime telephone number (where available) of the applicant(s) on the back. All cheques and drafts will be presented for payment on receipt and applications in respect of which cheques are returned unpaid for any reason will be rejected.
- The applicant(s) should make only one application, whether in his own name or in the name of a nominee. Multiple or suspected multiple applications will be rejected.
- Joint applicants must all sign the Application Form.
- An application from a group of individuals should be made in the names of those individuals with no mention of the name of the group. An application by a firm, which is not registered under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, (Cap C20), Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, should be made either in the name of the proprietor or in the names of the individual partners. In neither case should the name of the firm be mentioned.
- An application from a corporate body must bear the corporate body's official seal and be completed under the hand of a duly authorised official.
- An application from a pension or provident fund must be in the name of each individual trustee unless the trustee is a limited liability company.
- An application by a non-literate person should bear his right thumbprint on the application form and be witnessed by an official of the bank or stockbroking firm at which the application is lodged who must first have explained the meaning and effect of the Application Form to such a person in his/her own language. Above the thumbprint of such a person, the witness must record in writing that he has given this explanation to the non-literate person in a language understandable to him and that the non-literate person appeared to have understood the same before affixing his thumb impression.
- The applicant should not print his signature. If he is unable to sign in the normal manner he should be treated for the purpose of this Offer as a non-literate person and his right thumbprint should be clearly impressed on the Application Form.

**CBN CIRCULAR REF BSD/02/2005 - IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RECEIVING AGENTS**

In order to facilitate a comprehensive capital verification exercise by the Central Bank of Nigeria, all Receiving Agents through whom subscriptions are made for this Offer are required to submit photocopies of the payment instruments with a corresponding schedule containing the particulars of subscribers not later than two weeks from close of the Offer to the Joint Issuing Houses. PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE WILL RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF SUCH SUBSCRIPTION (S).

**Joint Issuing Houses:**

**FCMB CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED**  
 (A member of the First City Group) • RC 446561



**Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited**  
 RC 58034

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL BRANCHES OF FIRST CITY MONUMENT BANK PLC, BANKS AND STOCKBROKERS NATIONWIDE AND CAN ALSO BE DOWNLOADED FROM WWW.FIRSTCITYGROUP.COM AND WWW.STANBIC.COM

DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLY TO THE RECEIVING AGENTS LISTED IN THE PROSPECTUS AND ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS

9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2005

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a time to Share,  
a time to Love  
and Celebrate.



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# ABUJA TRUST

## el-Rufai inaugurates ministerial advisory c'ttee

The minister of the Federal Capital Territory, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai, last Thursday inaugurated a ministerial advisory committee with a view to ensuring that the president's mandate of providing efficient and cost effective services to residents of the FCT is realised.

The 17-member committee, which has the first FCT minister, Chief Mobolaji Ajose-Adeogun as chairman, also comprises three former FCT minister, AVM Hamza Abdullahi (rtd), Maj. Gen. M. Gado Nasko (rtd), and Arc. Baba Ibrahim Bunu.

Other members of the ministerial advisory committee include Dr. Ndi Okereke-Onyike, Mr. Hakeem Bello-Osagie, Mr. Olusola Sampson, Mr. Stouchayen, Alhaji Idris Musa and Alhaji Idris Othman.

Other members also include Prof. Akin Mabogunje, Prof. Pat Utomi, Mr. Fola Adeola, Mr. Tony Elumelu, Alhaji Alhassan Gwagwa and Mr. Asue Ighodalo, while Chief of Staff to the FCT min-

## Army pledges to help FRSC

By Salaudeen Ozigi

The Nigerian Army has pledged its readiness to render a helping hand to the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) in the discharge of its statutory duties.

This pledge was made by the chief of army staff, Lt. General Martin Luther Agwai at the passing out parade of officers and marshals of the FRSC at the NYSC camp, Kubwa, Abuja on Friday.

General Agwai, represented by the chief of administration of the Nigerian Army, Major General Yakubu Usman, said there was need for the army to lend a helping hand in the activities of the FRSC as its duties are essential to the safety of life and property on Nigerian roads. He added that integrity, focus and loyalty should be the watchwords of the commission and urged the officers and marshals to use the knowledge gained during their training in the day-to-day activities so as to shun acts capable of degrading the reputation the commission has acquired over the years.

Highlights of the ceremony include the passing out parade and the presentation of gifts to the corps marshal, Major General Haldu Hananiya.

1,028 marshals and 121 officers passed out at the ceremony.

By Nasir Imam,  
Property & Environment Editor

ister, Balarabe A. Lawal is to serve as secretary.

Inaugurating the committee, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai stated that in view of the numerous challenges facing the FCT and the complexity of the ministry, their unique contribution will definitely move FCT forward:

The minister explained that his administration would want the advisory committee to consider the need to reduce the size of the FCT by giving some of the land back to the bordering states the capital was carved out from and suggested the need to have phase IV development of the FCT that would include the airport.

Malam el-Rufai also would like the committee to consider the issue of resettlement of the original inhabitants of the FCT, while a position should be taken on the buffer zone in the territory, adding that the committee will also advise the present administration on the day-to-day running of the FCT.

In his response on behalf of the committee, the chairman of the committee, Chief Mobolaji Ajose-Adeogun, assured the minister that the assignment would be tackled creditably and promised that members of the committee will use their wealth of experience in advising the minister.

Meanwhile, the FCT minister has promised to allocate a portion of land at the Central Business District to the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria (CIIN).

While receiving mem-

bers of the governing board of the institute in his office, the minister acknowledged the importance of the insurance industry, saying that it is a major player in the economy of any nation.

Mallam Nasir el-Rufai urged the institute to ensure that it develop the land within six months of allocation or the allocation would be revoked and given to other serious developers.

Earlier, the president of the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria (CIIN), Alhaji Bala Zakariya'u, extolled the performance of the minister since his assumption of office, and said that CIIN is responsible for determining the standard of skills, and knowledge to be acquired by all insurance practitioners in Nigeria.

## Water vendors to withdraw supply to Water Resources Ministry

The Association of Water Vendors in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) says it will direct its members to withdraw supply of the commodity to the Water Resources Ministry.

Chairman of the association, Usman Maigari, told newsmen on Friday in Abuja that the action had become imperative following the recent threat of its members by staff of the ministry.

According to him, Haruna Maradun, a water vendor, was recently threatened by some staff of the Ministry of Water Resources after he refused to accept N10 per 20-litre jerry can of water.

"This is not the first time, we have received several complaints of threat on our



Children washing and taking bath at a water pond in Gishiri, a suburb of Maitama district, Abuja.

the matter," he said.

When contacted, the ministry's spokesperson, Mr. Olubayo Ogunloye, said that the allegation of threat by the association was too personal for the ministry to comment on.

He said that activities in the ministry have been affected due to lack of water for more than three weeks noting that the ministry was part of the FCT, which has faced acute water scarcity for several months now.

"We don't have water in

all the offices, including the minister's and other directors offices," a staff of the ministry who pleaded anonymity, said.

The acute shortage of water at the ministry might not be unconnected with the recent grounding of its water tankers that normally supply the commodity during such periods of scarcity.

Abuja FCT and its environs have been facing acute water scarcity since late last year, a situation that is worsening by the day.

## Civil servant faces forgery charge

Ishmeal Agbana, a staff of Nigerian Copy Right Commission Abuja, has appeared before, an Abuja Chief Magistrates' Court for alleged forgery.

Agbana, 34, working at

the commission's accounts department appeared on a two-count charge of criminal breach of trust and forgery.

He was said to have forged the signature of one Mrs. Njoku and withdrawn N620, 000 from the commission's account.

The prosecution told Magistrate Othman Musa that the accused made the withdrawal from Diamond Bank, Abuja branch, without the consent of the authority.

When the charges were read, the accused pleaded not guilty, while the defence counsel, Mr. J. U. Awagu, applied for his bail, arguing that the charges are bailable.

In his plea, Awagu assured the court that his client would neither impede investigation nor abscond, adding that he would provide surety to stand for him throughout the trial.

The trial magistrate, Musa, granted the accused bail in the sum of N300, 000 with a surety in like sum and adjourned the case to March 16, for hearing.

In another development, a

30-year-old banker, Vincent Takpi, working with the Broad Bank, Abuja, was arraigned before the same court for alleged forgery.

The prosecution told the court that the accused used his position as a cashier at the National Assembly branch in Abuja, to forge the signature of some customers and withdrew N532, 500 from their accounts.

Yakubu said the case was reported by Idris Aliyu, a staff of the bank in area 10, Garki Abuja, adding that the withdrawals were made without the consent of the customers.

The accused was charged with criminal breach of trust, forgery and theft, which according to prosecution contravened the penal code. The accused who, was not represented by a counsel pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Magistrate Musa granted him bail in the sum of N300, 000 with a surety in like sum, and adjourned the case to March 17, for hearing.

## Abuja NEPA loses N11m cables to vandals

NEPA's effort to ensure stable power supply to the FCT and its environs has suffered a set back as vandals carted off 6, 000 meters of aluminum cables from the network.

The vandalism, which occurred at three different sites in the last two weeks, was the third in a series of renewed assault on NEPA's installation in the Abuja zone in the last three months.

The present incident which cost was put at N11 million occurred on the transmission line between Apo and Gwagwalada at Garki - Dutse and at the Sewage treatment plant behind the Abuja Airport and another line linking Capital Science Academy and Peggi in Kuje area council.

Conducting newsmen

round the vandalised sites at the weekend in Abuja, the NEPA business manager for Garki district, Mr. Bayo Dokunmu, said that the vandalism was a calculated attempt to frustrate NEPA's effort.

Dokunmu said that the damage to the transmission lines would greatly affect the authority's determination to ensure stable power supply to the FCT and its environs.

He regretted that in this era of NEPA's unbundling, scarce resources that should be used to upgrade equipment would have to be channelled toward replacing the vandalised cables.

"The cost of replacing the vandalised cable is enough to inject more than seven transformers into the network for a reliable power supply to our customers,"

he added.

The manager said that the authority has started consultations with the various communities where NEPA's installations were present on the need to beef up security in the face of renewed hostilities on its equipment.

While assuring that the vandalised equipment would be replaced in the next few weeks, Dokunmu said that anyone caught in connection with the vandalism would be prosecuted. "Those involved in this barbaric incident should know that it is not in the best interest of this nation, anyone caught will be made to face the full wrath of the law," he said.

He called on Nigerians to assist the authority in the protection of its equipment by alerting the police of suspicious activities around any NEPA installation.

# KANO TRUST



A cross section of Kano vendors and distributors at an interactive forum organised by Media Trust ... recently

## Shekarau severs police support for hisbah guards

**K**ano State governor, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau has announced the unification of the Islamic vanguard outfit, the hisbah guards to make it more relevant to shariah implementa-

By Musa Umar Kazaure,  
Kano Bureau chief

tion in the state. He also reveal that his government has severed the support of the Kano State police command for the successful operation

of the Hisbah guard personnel who have been having problem with the police.

Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau, who made the revelation in his Islamic New Year broadcast yesterday, said that the establishment of the hisbah commission, zakat commission and shariah commission in the state in line with his administration's commitment to stall implementation in its entirety.

To further strengthen the existing shariah structure he said an Islamic schools committee to be known as shariah committee is to be set up soon to serve as an advisory body to the government in its desire to ensure proper shariah implementation in the state.

He commended the wealthy in Kano who paid their zakat to the state zakat commission for onward distribution to the needy, say-

ing shariah implementation can only succeed with the correspondence and support of the citizenry. Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau also called on the *ulama* and scholars to continue to strive in propagating Islamic teachings among its adherents and non-adherence, adding that shariah cannot succeed in an ignorant society.

He stated that his government has succeeded in bringing all the Islamic scholars under one umbrella; urging Muslims in Nigeria to shun acts capable of breaching the peace while invoking the spirit of tolerance, honesty and devotion to the service and worship of Allah.

The Governor stated that the first of Muharram of every Islamic year was declared a public holiday in Kano State to allow Muslims celebrate the Islamic New Year and reflect on their relationship with Allah.

## Emir solicits support for police

The emir of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero, has called on federal, state and local governments to support and cooperate with the police to enable them to perform their duties effectively and efficiently.

Bayero made the call in Kano while receiving the acting Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday G. Ehindero in his palace on courtesy visit.

Alhaji Ado Bayero explained that if police could be supported by the relevant authorities and the general public crimes and other illegal activities could drastically be reduced if not totally eradicated in the country.

Bayero who also charged the general public to fully cooperate with the police said policing is a collective responsibility to ensure peace and tranquillity in all communities.

Dr. Ado Bayero who prayed for peace also prayed to God to continue guide the acting IGP to implement his 10-point programme accordingly.

Speaking earlier, the acting Inspector General, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, told the emir that they were in his palace to pay him homage.

Mr. Sunday then solicited support and cooperation of the emir stressing that fatherly advise from the

calibre of people like the emir of Kano would no doubt enable anyone to achieve any targeted objective.

Meanwhile the Kano State Governor, Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau, has called on the acting IGP to intensify action in identifying the main objectives of the police particularly improved welfare of the entire police force.

Mallam Ibrahim Shekarau who was speaking while receiving the acting Inspector General in his office said the IGP's 10-point programme is enough indication of his vision for the police.

He also suggested that more funds should be injected in training and retraining of police officers and men to acquaint them with modern techniques of policing the society.

On his part, the acting IGP said in an effort to beef up security in the country two additional helicopters have been purchased for boarder patrol.

He also disclosed that the Nigeria Police Force is planning to establish two major police camps between Abuja and Kaduna with a view to improving security along the way.

He called on the general public to desist from given police monetary inducement.

## Kumbotso sets up computer training centre

By Yusha'u Adamu Ibrahim,  
Correspondent, Kano

A computer-training centre valued at about 20 million naira has been constructed by the Kumbotso local government council with a view to educating youths in the area become computer literate.

The council's chairman, Alhaji Sagir Abdulkadir Panshekara disclosed this to newsmen in his office while reviewing the projects executed by the council in the in the area.

Although Sagir Panshekara said that the training centre was established by the council to enable the people of the area to meet up with the global changes in modern technology.

He disclosed that students in the local government area will be encouraged to acquire computer training under the programme which he said will no doubt help them in their future endeavours.

He also stressed that the council would continue to execute projects that will have direct impact on the people at the grassroots.

The chairman called on potential beneficiaries particularly students to make good use of the centre and assured that programmes initiated by Shekarau's administration would be implemented in Kumbotso local government area.

## Wudil hisbah/shariah c'ttees get N200,000 boost

By Ahmed Abubakar,  
Correspondent, Kano

Hisbah and shariah committees received 200,000 naira from the Wudil local government council in order to discharge their lawful duties effectively in the area.

The chairman of Wudil local government area, Alhaji Abubakar Abdullahi Likita, disclosed this while commending the efforts of the state government in the implementation of the shariah in the state.

Alhaji Abubakar Likita also commended the committee for their forthrightness in the upholding of real virtues of Islamic principles and maintenance of law and order within the local government council. Likita called on the committees to continue the good work they have started. He reiterated his council's determination in curbing acts of indiscipline and all forms of undesirable acts. He called on members of the commission to ensure support to the committee in

the discharge of their obligations.

He charged the committee to make judicious use of the money given to them and pledged his council's continued support to both hisbah and shariah committees for the upliftment of the shariah in the state at large.



Gov. Shekarau

## NGO to provide N3m water scheme for desert trees

Fight Against Desert Encroachment (FADE), a non-governmental organisation (NGO), is providing a N3 million water scheme toward sustaining its tree belt project in Makoda, Kano state.

Chief Newton Jibunoh, FADE's founder told newsmen at the weekend in Makoda that the water project would be functional at the end of this month.

Jibunoh said that the scheme was being financed with part of the money donated to the NGO by the Kano State government and the 44 local governments in the state.

He said that the project included a borehole, a 25,000-

litre over-head tank, a 15,000-litre underground tank and a reticulation network.

The environmental crusader said: "Our objective is to ensure the success of this pilot tree belt scheme which will be extended this year to Jigawa and Katsina states."

He said that the failure rate of the trees planted some four months ago had been very minimal, adding: "We are really encouraged by their survival rate."

Jibunoh commended Gov. Ibrahim Shekarau, his deputy, Alhaji Abdullahi Magaji, the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero and the entire people of Kano for their "wonderful support for the scheme."

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## Lagos helicopter shuttle service takes off July

The multi-million dollar helicopter shuttle service project being packaged by Carverton helicopters and the Lagos State Waterfront and Tourism Development Authority would take off by the end of July this year.

The managing director of the firm, Mr. Ademiyi Makanjuola, who disclosed this to our correspondent in an interview on Wednesday, said when fully operational the helicopters would convey passengers from the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja to Victoria Island in less than eight minutes.

He said the firm had been perfecting its operational

From Olumide Bajulaiye, Correspondent (Lagos)

strategies since three years ago when it obtained the licence to operate in the country.

He noted that a lot of people who come to Lagos to keep serious business appointments either from within or outside the country are usually disappointed when they discovered that their precious time have been wasted in the traffic hold-ups.

He said the shuttle services of the airlines would be affordable to an average Nigerian as it was presently charging 50 dollars per trip from the Port Harcourt Airport to the city, which is also a

journey of eight minutes.

In a similar vein, the managing director of the state Waterfront and Tourism Development Authority, Mr. Adesegun Oniru told our correspondent that the service would boost socio-economic lives of Lagosians, as they would be able to meet business appointments and save a lot of man-hour.

Residents of Eric Moore Towers, Surulere, Lagos, have initiated legal action against Mr. Salvador Moshood, who claims to have bought the property in the April 2004 open bid.

The legal action came soon after Moshood, Managing Director of Dock Management Nigeria Ltd, gave the residents a month's notice to vacate the estate or be forcefully ejected.

Eric Moore Towers, occupied by civil servants, is one of the federal government's estates sold to the highest bidder last year as part of its monetisation policy.

Under the monetisation

## Eric Moore residents sue Dock MD over threat of eviction

By Mohammed Shosanya, Correspondent (Lagos) with agency report

policy, the federal government pays its workers money in lieu of services and facilities such as official cars, accommodation and furniture.

The application for leave to enforce their fundamental rights is before Justice Yetunde Idowu of a Lagos

high court.

The residents, through their counsel, Mr. Ray Onyegbu, are seeking an injunction restraining Moshood from forcefully evicting the applicants from their residence without the due process of law.

Alhaji H. Atiku Abubakar (not the vice-president), Messrs Daniel Makolo, Mike Anyanwu, M.A. Alakija, Ade Olaribigbe, Titus Murdakai and Mrs Florence Nwosu sued Moshood on behalf of themselves and other residents of the estate.

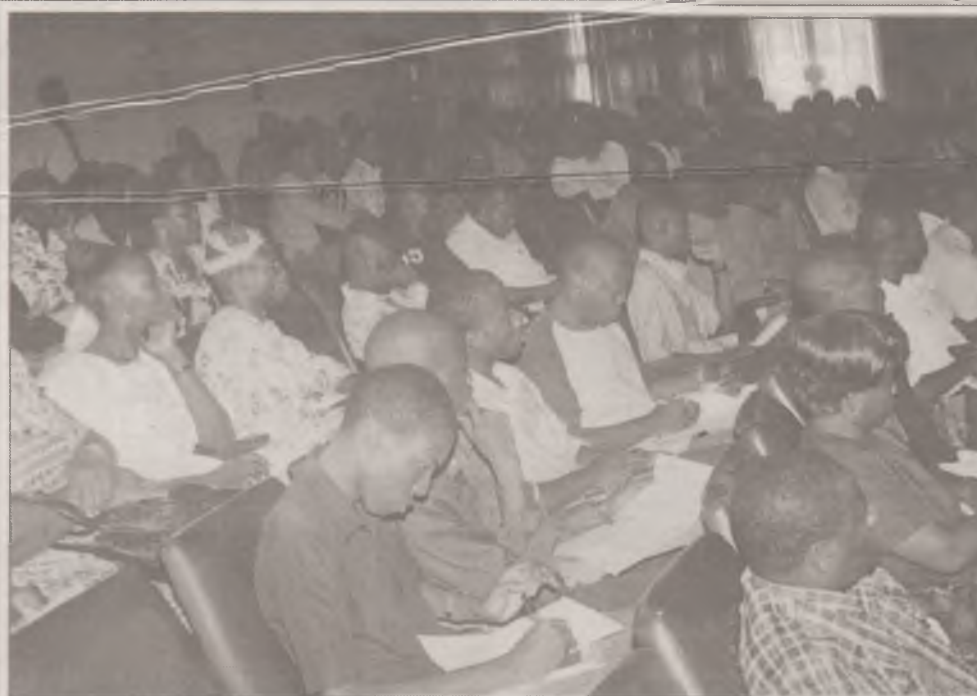
The residents also sought a declaration that the threatened eviction, if carried out would be unlawful and unconstitutional.

In a 17-point affidavit in support of the application, the embattled residents argued that they did not have any previous contract with Moshood with regard to their tenancy at Eric Moore Towers and as such eviction threats from him were unlawful.

"The federal government or any of its agencies has not issued the applicants any notice to vacate their premises," the residents stated in the affidavit.

They pointed out that the proposed sale of the property was in line with the monetisation policy of the federal government subject to conditions.

The conditions, they claimed included payment of a certain percentage of salaries to the workers at the commencement of the policy implementation to enable the workers afford payment for new houses.



Students of Unilag listening to a lecture on gender and democracy delivered by Prof. Rhoda Reddock of the University of West Indies... recently.

## LASG to draft civil servants to classroom

Qualified civil servants within the rank and file of the civil service in Lagos State may be drafted to teach in public schools in the state due to a shortfall in the number of teachers, the state government has said.

With about 597 secondary schools in the state and 26,000 teachers the number is not sufficient for the correspondent number of pupils, even as plans to recruit 5000 additional teachers has hit a brick wall.

The governor, Bola Tinubu, who disclosed this during a parley with principals of public schools said the qualified civil servants would be used pending the employment of more teachers.

Tinubu, acknowledging the shortage, said the recruitment process had been stalled by the urgent need to rehabilitate schools in the state.

He said about N1 billion had been set aside by the government for the rehabilitation exercise, with 34 schools already approved for such.

On the new reform policy of the state government in the education sector, Tinubu said the aim of the exercise was to address career frustration and improve on ills in the sector.

The state had last week announced the creation of six-district education management system and the post of tutor-generals with levels equivalent to permanent secretaries in the civil service.

Meanwhile the Lagos State government has unveiled plans to buy a large portion of the 5.5 billion shares offered for subscription by the Eko International Bank Plc on behalf of its workforce.

Making this disclosure in Alausa last Thursday, the head of service, Mr. Sunny Ajose said the state government decided to

embark on it to help secure the future of public servants and ensure that they have a regular source of income after retirement.

The head of service speaking on the terms of the loan, said an agreed sum, based on the number of shares bought by individuals will be deducted from workers salaries over a period of three years.

## SCSN to establish 3 additional Shariah panels in Lagos

The Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria (SCSN) Lagos State chapter has said that plans had reached final stage to establish three more Shariah panels to cover the five old divisions in the state.

Revealing this during the launching of the selected judgments of the Lagos Independent Shariah Panel, the chairman of Lagos SCSN, Barrister Ishaq Bamidele Adeshina, said the establishment of three additional Shariah panels through private initiative would afford

From Zakariyya Adaramola, Correspondent (Lagos)

more Muslims in Lagos State the opportunity to benefit from the divine legal system.

Barrister Adeshina lamented that despite the preponderance of Muslims in Yorubaland, "successive state governments in the region have been marginalising Muslims and openly discriminating against them."

This, he said, explained why out of the three legal systems recognised by the nations constitution, "only

the Christianity-friendly common law and customary law are being operated in the whole of Yoruba land."

His words: "It is rather unfortunate that despite the preponderance of Muslims in Yorubaland, successive state governments in the region have been marginalising Muslims and openly discriminating against them. This explains why out of the three legal systems recognised by the nation's constitution; only the Christianity-friendly common law and customary law are being operated in the while of Yorubaland. The third legal system, the Shariah, which is duly recognised by section 6(4)(a) and 277 of the 1999 constitution is not accorded any recognition by state governments in the south-west."

"At this juncture, I humbly call on our dear brother, the executive governor of Lagos State, Alhaji Ahmed Bola Tinubu to help the cause of Allah by establishing Shariah courts for Muslims in the state."

He revealed that the panel has handled no fewer than 77 cases in its two years of existence, adding that the rate of compliance with the judgements of the panel has been tremendously encouraging.

"Our post-judgement monitoring efforts revealed that about 99.1 per cent of the litigants who came before the

## Trailer plunges into Lagos lagoon

An empty trailer waiting to load rice at Berth 6 of the Lagos Port Complex (LPC) last week plunged into the lagoon, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

An eyewitness told NAN that the incident occurred around 5am when trailer drivers were scrambling to position themselves nearer to the ship - MV IRENE - containing the rice consignment.

According to the source, the motor boy who was lucky enough to have jumped out of the vehicle before it plunged into the river was trying to outsmart other drivers when he lost control of the vehicle.

Port officials were seen this afternoon making frantic efforts to get divers to locate the trailer for evacuation.

A driver of a mobile crane that was stationed for the evacuation, however, expressed frustration at the exercise, saying that he had been on stand-by with the crane since 11.30am but to no avail.

Dockworkers of DINABELL Ltd. - a stevedoring firm, working at the berth also complained that their work had been affected as a result of the incident.

NAN recalls that last year; two trailers also plunged into the lagoon at the port, claiming four lives.

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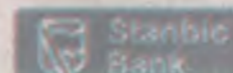


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**On behalf of myself and my family, I heartily felicitate with you individually and collectively on your well deserved conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degree (s) by Authorities of the University of Jos, Plateau State. I share with you this glorious moment which is, no doubt, a testimony of your stewardship and dedicated service to your people and institutions.**

**It is my sincere hope that this recognition will spur you to work harder to bring more dividends of democracy to your people and the nation at large. Accept once more my big congratulations.**

**Signed:**  
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## NIGERIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (NPSA) 23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**VENUE:** UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, ENUGU CAMPUS  
**DATE:** JULY 12-14 2005  
**THEME:** THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE & THE FUTURE OF NIGERIAN FEDERALISM

### ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

The 23rd annual conference of the Nigerian political science association (NPSA) will hold at the University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN), Enugu campus from July 12-14, 2005, with July 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 as arrival date.

The theme of the conference, as decided by the Annual General Meeting during the 220d Annual Conference in June 2004, is:

#### **THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE & THE FUTURE OF NIGERIAN FEDERALISM**

The general theme has been divided into the following sub-themes and round tables:

#### SUB-THEMES & CHAIRS

1. National Conference & Federalism: Theoretical & Methodological Issues (professor Sam Oyovbaire )
2. National Conference: Comparative Historical & Contemporary Experiences: 1- Comparative global experience (Dr Jibrin Ibrahim)
3. National Conference: Comparative Historical & Contemporary Experience: 2- Nigerian Experience (Professor Okwudiba Nnoli)
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6. Federalism, Constitutionalism & The National Question in Nigeria: 3- Resource Control & Fiscal Federalism (Professor Adigun Agbaje)
7. National Conference, Federalism & The National Question: 4- Restructuring Nigeria's Federal Architecture (Professor S.W.E. Ibodje)
8. Economics of Reforms and National Cohesion (Professor Isawa Elaigwu)
9. Civil Society organizations in political reform and National Dialogue (Professor Aaron Gana)

#### ROUND TABLES

1. Democracy, National Conference & Nigerian Political Science (Professor Bolaji Akinyemi, Chair)
2. Political Parties & The Future of Democracy in Nigeria (Professor Attahiru Jega, Chair)
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#### NOTES:

1. Names of sub-theme panel and Round Table chairpersons are subject to confirmation.
2. Members of the NPSA and others who wish to present papers under the sub-theme panels are each invited to submit not more than a 500-word abstract electronically to the Secretary, NPSA at the following e-mail, and not later than March 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.
3. Appearance on Round Tables is by special invitation.
4. More details of the conference thematic problem statement and perspectives will appear in the next issue of the NPSA Newsletter, which will be distributed electronically and by post to members of the NPSA at the end of January 2005.

#### SIGNED

**L. Adele JINADU**  
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Nigerian Political Science Association



### FEDERAL PROGRAM SUPPORT UNIT (FPSU) LOCAL EMPOWERMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT (LEEMP) FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, ABUJA.

#### RECRUITMENT OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS CREDIT NUMBER: 3818 UNI

#### NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice of this project that appeared in dg Market of 27th May, 2004.

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for consultancy services for Multi-Disciplinary Implementation Teams (MITs) as facilitators for the beneficiary communities and rural local government areas in the implementation of the Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Project (LEEMP). In the nine participating states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Enugu, Imo, Katsina, Niger and Oyo.

The MITs would be expected to mobilize communities, facilitate the identification, prioritization, formulation of Community Development Plans (CDPs) and implementation of micro-projects.

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- i. Community development Officer;
- ii. Rural/Civil/Agricultural Engineer;
- iii. Natural resources Officer/Agriculturist/Fisheries/Livestock; and iv. Accounts supervisor/Officer manager.

Each team of MIT is required to provide requisite services to several communities (not less than ten) in each participating local government area and all members of the MITs are expected to reside at the local government area headquarters, for the duration of the contract.

A candidate who wishes to apply as an MIT must have a minimum of B.Sc. or HND in (arts, social sciences, natural and environmental sciences, engineering, accountancy or any relevant discipline) in any of the required positions listed above. In addition, interested applicants must be unemployed graduates possessing the necessary local language skills in any of the nine participating states. Female applicants are encouraged to apply.

The Federal Program Support Unit, Local Empowerment and Environmental Management Project, of Federal Ministry of Environment now invites eligible candidates to indicate their interest in participating as a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Implementation Team.

Interested applicants are to submit their application in not more than one page A4 size paper along with a curriculum vitae, photocopies of evidence of qualification and NYSC certificate. In addition applicants are to submit a brief write up of not more than one page A4 size paper on the topic, "My views on improving rural development in the country".

Applications must be returned to the specific state of interest at the relevant address below not later than two weeks from the date of this publication.

Further inquiries could be made from any of the following addresses.

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## THUMBS UP FOR THE JIGAWA STATE GOVERNOR, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. ALH. IBRAHIM SAMINU TURAKI

The Ministry of Science and Technology Jigawa State wishes to express its profound happiness with the University of Jos for giving honour to whom it is due.

The conferment of a Doctor of Science (DSc) Honaris Causa on the Executive Governor of Jigawa State Alhaji Ibrahim Saminu Turaki comes almost immediately after such an honour was bestowed on him by Mr. President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, the Hon. Minister for Science and Technology and many others.

We believe that it is an honour well deserved considering the fact that Jigawa State is to the best of our knowledge the first and only state in the Federation where you will find a full-fledged Ministry of Science and Technology. The Ministry is the brainchild of the Doctor.

The Ministry is the midwife to other science-related outfits such as the Galaxy Information and Technologies Ltd., the hub for the Jigawa State Broadband Internet Access Network project and PHS Telephony services. We proudly wish to state that it was Galaxy that transmitted e-Nigeria live via satellite. It provides effective internet and intranet connectivity. Galaxy has established connectivity between government ministries, agencies and departments; connectivity between the twenty-seven local governments in the state and also tuition via internet to many students who are benefiting from distance learning electronically. The Dutse hub, manned by Galaxy the arrowhead for e-learning, e-government and e-commerce in the state. It will not only provide the critical mass for the computer industry but also be a major revenue earner for the state. The major development corridor to the state which is the Maigatari Border Free Zone would sell gum-Arabic, sesame and other agricultural products to the world relying on this vital service.



*His Excellency,*  
**Alhaji Ibrahim Saminu Turaki**  
Executive Governor of Jigawa State

Jigawa State has an Alternative Energy Fund which was initiated to identify renewable sources of energy in the state. Solar energy was used to electrify five villages in 2004. Thirty more will be electrified this financial year. The Fund is also working with the Wind Energy Association of Europe to explore the abundant wind potentials in the state. The use of Biomass and coal are also scientific breakthroughs of immense benefits, a U-turn to the lip service hitherto given to attesting desertification.

Jigawa State has an Informatics Institute in Kazaure which is fast metamorphosing into a full-fledged computer university. The Institute, the second of its kind in Africa, is affiliated to the Informatics Institute of Singapore. So far, five sets of students in computer studies and Information Technology have graduated from the Institute. The Institute is poised to start degree courses, real time online, soon. Thousands of students and civil servants have become computer literate through it and other satellite computer schools at Hadejia, Gumel, Ringim and Dutse. The Doctor is fast spreading the mustard seed.

His Excellency, Dr. Ibrahim Saminu Turaki also established the Research Institute in Kazaure which has made major research findings in agricultural inputs and



*Alhaji Ibrahim Abdullahi Madobi*  
Commissioner, Ministry of Science & Technology, Jigawa State.

methods. Both agricultural seeds, livestock and inputs such as a local fertilizer most suited to Jigawa soil were developed.

Jigawa State has skill development centers. It has Adobe machines that use local raw materials to build houses. It has also special machines that are providing wells and by extension, water to all the nooks and crannies of Jigawa State.

We have arrived. The New World has come of age under the leadership of Dr. Ibrahim Saminu Turaki, an achiever and a visionary who is ready to plant the date-palm tree without insisting on its maturing during his time. For those who see only with their eyes, he has built the Dutse Monument but for others who see with their hearts and eyes, they know that Jigawa State is today on the scientific and technological fast track to development. We thank the University of Jos for seeing with their eyes and hearts. And we once again, on behalf of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Galaxy ITT Ltd., the Alternative Energy Fund and Informatics University Jigawa State congratulate the Engineer of the Desert Road, Alhaji, Dr. Ibrahim Saminu Turaki, for reaching this remarkable milestone.

## Jigawa State Government And The N1 Billion Donation

We are not surprised that the erstwhile political leaders in Jigawa State who suffered terrible defeat in the hands of the Executive Governor Saminu Turaki have not found it easy settling down to the new reality in Jigawa State politics. But it is funny that after series of defeats, and when it has become clear to them that the people they have deceived for too long would no longer tolerate such unfaithfulness again, they are still wasting their time, mounting fruitless media campaigns on Jigawa State Government and on the person of Governor Turaki.

For too long, it had been the decision of Jigawa State Government to avoid any distraction from the everlasting and monumental development efforts being spearheaded by His Excellency Governor Saminu Turaki. But for too long too, these people have continued to give false information through sustained media campaign and it is feared that if falsehood is allowed to fester, it may begin to resemble truth. So, it is important that the good people of Jigawa State and indeed, the rest of Nigerians, are alerted to the desperate moves of these political jobbers to discredit the good work of the Jigawa State Government.

The latest in the fictional comedy of these bad losers, is the allegation that the Jigawa State Government has made a donation of N1 billion to the Government of Niger Republic. How stupid?

We can imagine the kind of desperation to just lay hand on anything to discredit the Jigawa Government, otherwise, even the world number one fool would not believe this sort of allegation. We thought they should have known this too.

There are many critical questions that should naturally leap to mind when one hears this kind of spurious allegation. Why would Jigawa State Government donate money to the Government of Niger Republic? For what purpose was the donation made? Even, God forbid, if there was a Tsunami in Niger Republic and Jigawa feels so touched, will the next thing be to donate N1 billion. Does this make sense?

We should ask, how much is Jigawa worth and from how much would such money come from? We should ask also if it is possible for the Governor to spend even one kobo from the Jigawa State Government money without appropriation by the State House of Assembly? And does it now mean that the Jigawa State House of Assembly sat and deliberated on this and approved that a sum of N1 billion that the Jigawa State Government also badly needs should be donated to the government of another country?

We know that it is only a confused people that would spread this kind of falsehood. It appears these people are bidding for the World Fiction of the Year Award. Then they have won.

Jigawa State earns less than a billion naira monthly, and this includes the monthly federal allocation, out of which forty percent is paid to workers monthly as salary, and it is on record that not only that Jigawa State is one that pays the highest salary to its workers, it is also one of the few in the country that has never owed workers their salaries. And the quantum of work that has been done and which is very visible all over the state testify to how effective the state government has been allocating resources. To us, in Jigawa, people come first, and this is why it took this long to react to a distraction like this, since it is nothing to do with what will benefit the ordinary Jigawa man, either an indigene or a resident.

Jigawa State is not an oil producing state and therefore is not entitled to any derivation funds from the Federal Government. And even then, is it possible for even Delta State that earns the highest allocation monthly to donate one billion naira to any country? How much more, for Jigawa State that is one of the least earning states in the country.

Anyway, the truth is that Jigawa State has not donated any money to any government be it in Nigeria here or abroad. And it even lacks the capacity to do so. What it has abundant capacity for is to maximise the little resources available for projects that would have the most impact on the people.

What these people cannot understand is how Jigawa State Government secured huge opportunities for the people of the state through bilateral relations with countries with the potentials to add value to the lives of the people of the state. So, under this arrangement, it is Jigawa State that will soon benefit in several billions of naira from such countries, rather than give what it does not have. We invite these detractors to the expansion of the Maigatari Border Free Zone along the old trans-Saharan route, through Niger, Burkina Faso, and Mali, and to the sales of multiple rigs to some of those neighbouring countries within the first quarter of this year. In fact, relevant ministers of some of the interested countries have started arriving Jigawa State to finalise arrangements on these important bilateral ventures. The entire world will be part of this important occasion.

When the falsehood of these politicians got to town, self-appointed enemies of the Jigawa State Government, like hungry dogs lapped it up, and started parodying the fiction. This is why the state government has decided to take legal action against this type of recklessness.

We have therefore sued the Sun Newspaper for not showing enough discretion in publishing and promoting this false allegation. The paper must have probably relied too much on Sani Zorro, a columnist of the Sun, who led them with the fiction. And for believing a self-appointed enemy of the Jigawa people like Sani Zorro, the Sun has forsaken its ethical responsibility to the public. Too bad!

Signed:  
Mohammed Sani  
(Director of Press)



FEDERAL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF NIGERIA

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PERIMETER FENCE AT THE MURTALA MUHAMMED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IKEJA, LAGOS.

The Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria hereby invites tender for the completion of the perimeter fence at Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos.

*The broad scope of works includes the following:*

- Reclamation of the swampy area over which the wall will pass using approved laterite material.
- Construction of a laterite filled road along the reclaimed area.
- Construction reinforced concrete wall along the reclaimed land using steel formwork for fair face wall finish.
- Construction of raft foundation to carry the reinforced concrete wall.
- Construction of culverts and provision of other drainage facilities for effective discharge of run offs on both sides of the fence.
- The total length of the proposed fence is 1570 meters.
- The laterite road will run as close as possible along the reinforced concrete wall and shall have a width of 7 meters.

Tender documents are available from and should be returned to the office of The Secretary, Tenders Board, FAAN Headquarters, Ikeja, Lagos, from Thursday, 14th February, 2005 at 10.00am upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of N25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand naira only).

*All tenders must be accompanied by the following:*

- ▶ Evidence of payment of the non-refundable tender fee
- ▶ Evidence of company registration with FMW & H Category C and FAAN in Category E
- ▶ Company profile and evidence of previous work done
- ▶ Evidence of company income tax in the last three (3) years.

The completed tender must be submitted in two (2) sealed envelopes and marked at the bottom right corner "TENDER, COMPLETION OF MMIA PERIMETER FENCE, IKEJA", not later than two (2) weeks, 28th February, 2005 from the date of collection of the tender.

Please note that the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria is not bound to accept the lowest tender and shall not give explanation for the rejection of any tender.

Signed:  
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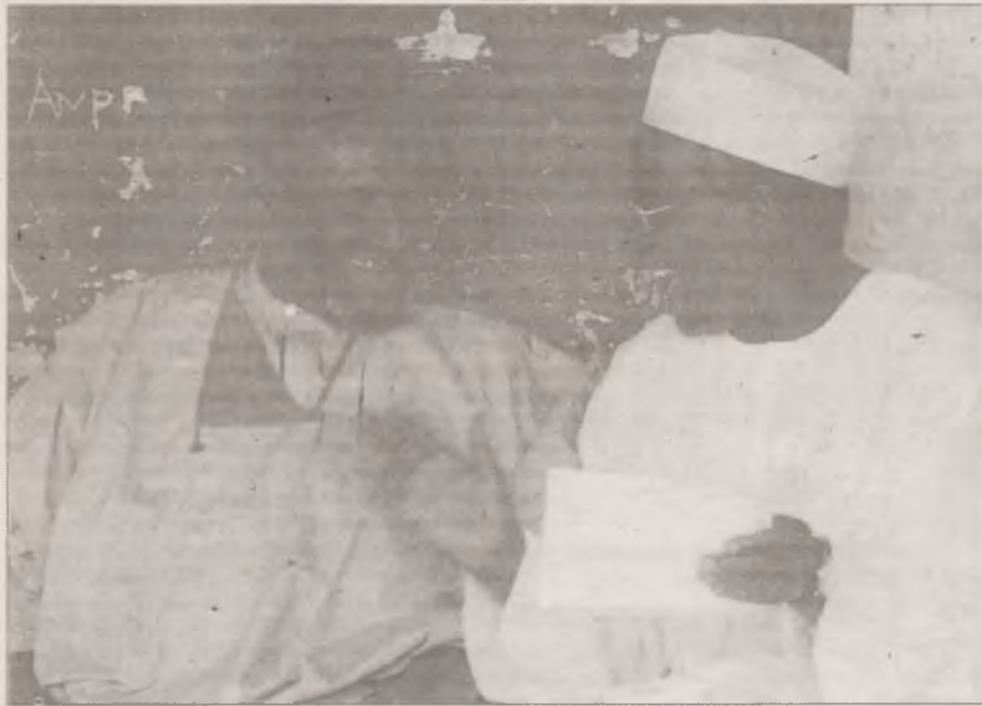


**AMBASSADOR ISA BAWA SALKA**

*Garkuwan Salka*

Signed  
Her Excellency,  
Haj. Zaynab Abdulhadi Kare

# Inside Politics



Member, House of reps, Hon. Lawal Garba (right) and ANPP Daura chairman, Hon. Salisu Engeenaduring Hon. Lawal constituency tour to the state to commission some projects... recently.

## Jigawa communities hold rally for senator

Communities in Jigawa East Senatorial District have gathered to celebrate their Senator, Ibrahim Kirikasamma, at the National Assembly, even as they collectively pass a vote of confidence on the Senator.

Daily Trust gathered that the rally is also part of moves to reconcile various interests in the area towards a stronger representation both at the

From Hassan A. Karofi,  
Correspondent (Dutse)

state and the federal levels so that members of the community would get improved shares of democratic dividends from their various representatives in government.

In the rally attended by thousands of people from the 8 local governments of the senatorial district, speakers extolled the qualities of the Senator and commended him for his contribution towards the development of the area.

In his speech shortly after the commencement of the programme, Senator Ibrahim Kirikasamma described the warm reception accorded him as a motivating impulse that would propel him more towards making more sacrifices for the betterment of his people.

He told the gathering that although he had been inundated with various questions concerning roads, water provision, employment and other socio-economic and infrastructural demands by his people, his presence would enable him personally explain his responsibilities to his people.

Senator Kirikasamma told the crowd that he had visited the area with members of the National Assembly

committee on Water in order to acquaint them with the situation of his communities with a view to ensuring their inclusion in the federal government planned massive water initiative that would soon be flagged off.

The Senator also revealed that apart from the water schemes of the state government, he will personally look into the complaints of water shortage with a view to assist, even as he directed that a new land for the community's cemetery be acquired immediately.

The Senator also disclosed that presidential adviser on refugees, and several other officials were all invited to the area with the intention of intervening in the efforts to make life better for the people of the area.

He therefore assured them of his continued efforts at bettering their lives, even as he called on them to be loyal and respectable to their leaders whom he said are dedicated to their well being.

In his welcome address earlier the chairman of the Kirikasamma local government represented by his secretary, Alhaji Yusuf Maje, assured people of the area of the commitment of their leadership towards improving their living conditions with the available resources, just as he described the Senator as a good ambassador of his people.

## 2007: Bauchi youth group declares support for Marwa

A group of youths in Bauchi State, with the new name, League of Bauchi Loyalists for Marwa 2007, has realigned itself with the presidential ambition of General Buba Marwa against its earlier support for General Ibrahim Babangida (rtd).

The group, originally known as Nigerian Youth for Babangida (NIYOB) said in a statement signed by its chairman and secretary, Umar Gwaskwaram and Abdullahi Yalwa respectively that it has formerly metamorphosed into league of Bauchi Loyalists for Marwa 2007, in support of Marwa.

The group which said it has been in the campaign for IBB since 2001 decided recently to transfer its loyalty to Marwa because IBB, it said, had not shown any genuine interest in the race for 2007.

"To be precise, this association wishes to formerly withdraw its initial support for IBB and decided to commence a more comprehensive and coordinated support for the man who suits the taste of time.

"A man who is ready to sacrifice his today for his country's tomorrow, a serious mind that deserves a serious backing. We are talking of no other person but Brig. General Buba Marwa (rtd)."

The youth group said its decision to endorse Marwa

against IBB was because of its resolve to support only those with absolute commitment, loyalty and sincerity of purpose to the leadership of Nigeria.

"We have every reason to believe IBB is not really interested in the presidential race but rather is the mere call

by some political opportunists who want to make fortune out of artificial circumstances," the group said, adding, "not only that, opinion sampled revealed that the world has changed for the likes of IBB to find it easy to the villa."

## Rivers LG chairman bags

### 'best LG merit award'

The chairman of Omuma Local Government Area of Rives State, Hon. Nwuke Anucha, has emerged as the best local government chairman for year 2004 at the third Nigerian Local Government Chairmen Merit Award (LOGMA) held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja on Thursday.

Hon. Nwuke Anucha, clinched the star prize of a 10-seater bus, while Dr. Titus O. Asagu, chairman, Jere local government emerged second; and the third prize of a computer set each was awarded to Mustapha Bali from Borno and Hon. Musa Filani Kajola of Jeda LGA of Adamawa State.

In his welcome address, chief executive of Mentors Communications Ltd, and Editor-in-Chief of Landmarks, organiser of the event, Mr.

Bayode Ojo said this years award was an opportunity to strongly charge the LG chairmen across the country to ensure that the ugly events that brought about the suspension of democracy at the grassroot between 2002 and 2004 are not repeated again.

"The only way to ensure this is by making sure that the mandate given to you is channelled towards meeting the genuine needs of the people; your success or failure will be measured by the level of improvement in the living condition of people," Mr. Ojo declared.

Earlier, Mr. Bayode said LOGMA is instituted to stimulate fair competition in service delivery among local government chairmen in Nigeria, adding that it is a modest way of contributing to the sustenance of democracy in the country.

## FCT APGA condemns demolition of Wuse market

The All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), FCT chapter, has condemned in strong terms, the recent demolition of Old Wuse market and Karimo town by the FCT minister, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai.

"We view with great concern the economic tsunami that was unleashed on the good people of the Federal Capital Territory by el-Rufai-led demolition task force," a statement by the party said.

"In as much as FCT APGA does not subscribe to the idea of people erecting illegal structures in FCT, it should be pointed out that the erection of these structures was approved by previous governments in the country. Structural mistakes of over two decades cannot be corrected overnight. Efforts ought to have been made to relocate the affected persons before the demolition.

"The recent demolition of property and destruction of goods worth billions of Naira at Old Wuse market without allowing the traders to remove their wares is an economic tsunami that should be strongly condemned by Nigerians. We therefore use this opportunity to call on President Olusegun Obasanjo, the National Assembly, religious leaders and traditional rulers to call el-Rufai to order before he doubles the existing crime rate in Abuja and its environs. We also use this opportunity to call on all Imams and Bishops to pray for those affected by this economic tsunami afflicted by Mallam el-Rufai's demolition squad.

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## FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER & STEEL PUBLIC NOTICE

### INVITATION TO BID FOR INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS (IPP'S) IN NIGERIA

Independent power producer companies who have obtained the Request for Proposals (RFP) document in accordance with recent advertisement in *Daily Trust Newspaper* of 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 and *Thisday Newspaper* of 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 are hereby notified of the following clarifications:

1. Bid Security. (Page 5, item 4 (iv) (i))

The value of Bid Security to be provided shall be stated percentage of the sum of estimated plant investment cost PLUS Operation Maintenance Cost for the three (3) years.

2. Consortium. (page 13, item 3.4 (ii))

For any Nigerian Company involved in the project, provide proof of certificate to ISO 9001:2000 and not ISO 9001:2001.

3. Environmental. (Page 14, item 3.4(iv))

The firms retained for the Environmental Impact Assessment must be registered for such services with the Federal Ministry of Environment and not the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (FEPA) which no longer exists.

4. Transmission. (Page 14, item 3.4 (v))

This paragraph shall be headed "Operation & Maintenance" A new paragraph shall be inserted (item 3.4 (v)) headed "Transmission" reading - Details of Power Transformers, type of switchyards, type of transmission lines, power evacuation study, protection, controls and metering"

In view of the foregoing clarifications/amendments, the submission date is accordingly extended to 9th March, 2005 at 4.00 P.M.

The Permanent Secretary  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER & STEEL  
Federal Secretariat Complex, Shehu Shagari Way,  
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Signed:  
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## ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA UNIVERSITY, BAUCHI (OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)



### INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND TENDER NOTICE

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi intends to construct a one storey block of offices/classrooms for the Directorate of Remedial Studies at the Gubi Campus,

#### 2.0 SCOPE OF WORKS

The project comprises the construction of a one-storey structure supply and installation of furniture in the offices/classroom and hand/soft landscaping.

#### 3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies/firms are required to submit the under-listed documents for consideration within one (1) week of this publication.

a) Company profile to include list of technical/administrative staff, list of plants and machinery and evidence of similar jobs handled.

b) Copy of certificate of incorporation and registration with ATBU as a contractor in category B3.

c) Tax clearance certificates for the last three (3) years.

d) Company's audited financial report for the last three (3) years.

#### 4.0 SUBMISSION

Completed pre-qualification/tender documents shall be sealed and marked "CONFIDENTIAL" PREQUALIFICATION/TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICES/CLASSROOM BLOCK" and should be addressed to:

The Vice-Chancellor,  
Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi,  
PMB 0248,  
Bauchi State.

#### 5.0 INVITATION TO TENDER

i) Notwithstanding the submission or the pre-qualification documents, only qualified companies/firms shall be short-listed and invited to a competitive tender bidding for the project.

ii) Short-listed companies/firms shall be required to pay a non-refundable tender fee of Thirty Thousand Naira (N30,000.00) to obtain full tender documents.

SIGNED  
(A LHAJI IBRAHIM MUSA)  
REGISTRAR



## ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA UNIVERSITY, BAUCHI

### ANNOUNCEMENT

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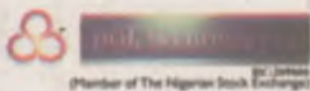
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# News

## 50 lawyers to hasten prosecution of Abuja, Lagos suspects

The Acting Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Gabriel Ehindero has expressed concern over the overcrowded condition of the police cells even as he has pledged to deploy 50 police lawyers to speedy prosecution of suspects in Abuja and Lagos state.

Mr. Sunday Ehindero disclosed this in Kano while addressing senior officers of the force of police academy Wudil, Kano.

The police boss said the exercise which will commence in two weeks time was aimed at decongesting police cells nationwide as according to him, the present situation is not helping the matters.

He also disclosed that the force was intended to establish family unit in the police in addition to the human right desk which will purely be treating matters concerning family.

The acting Inspector

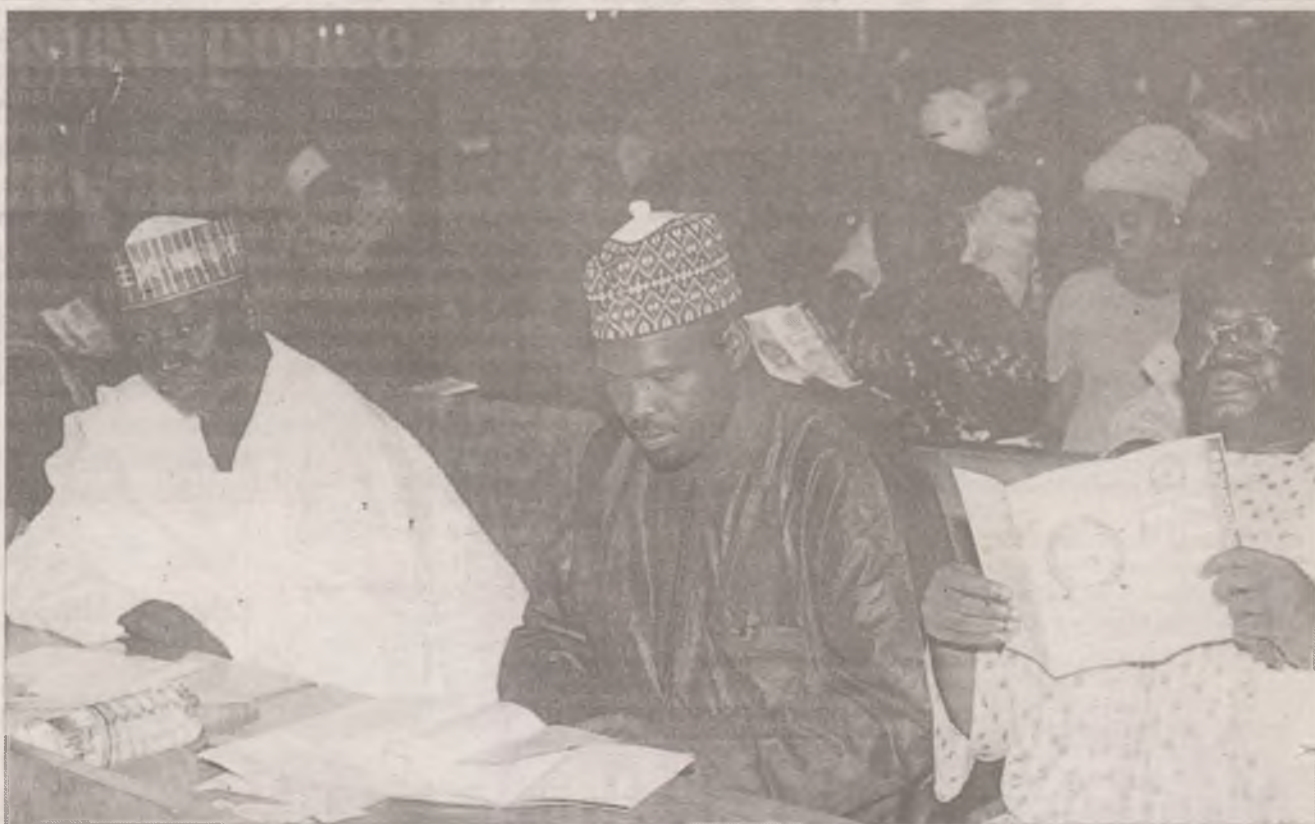
From Yusha'u Adamu Ibrahim, Correspondent (Kano)

General of Police further stated that "professional discipline and the concept of corruption will be given due consideration in the Nigeria police force with the sole aim to readdress the present situation.

"I have no doubt in my mind with these put in place, we will have a better Nigerian police force" he assured.

Turning to the police academic school, Mr. Sunday said all the inadequacies militating against the progress of the school will soon be tackled within the next one year.

Mr. Ehindero who also promised to expand the existing police public relation committee said that it has been observed that the image of the Nigeria police is at lowest point and therefore called on the police to strive hard to restore the lost glory of the force.



From left are, Mallam Samaila Maiyashi, chairman, Kajuru local government, Alhaji Ibrahim Sakadadi the Sabon Gari local government and chairman, Kaura local government, Mallam Bodami during the NIGEPMA special award ceremony held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja... weekend  
Pix: Joe Oroye

## Dariye cautioned against installation of traditional ruler

Traditional title holders in Kanam local government area of Plateau State have cautioned the state governor, Chief Joshua Dariye against installing a traditional ruler for the Boggaham people besides the Emir of Kanam.

In a letter addressed to the governor entitled "Re-selection of Pangkwa Boggham," signed by the Galadiman Kanam, Alhaji Ibarhim Bawa and five other title holders, they asserted "there is no any separate Boggham (Borum) speaking people being led by our only paramount ruler, the Emir

From Rakiya A. Muhammad Correspondent (Jos)

of Kanam..

According to the title holders, it took over 200 years to bring together all the entire Boggham group under the Emirate including the Jhar people of Kantana, Badawa and Garga people in the present Jhar chieftdom and in 1980, the entire Boggham village head then constituted what remained as Kanam Emirate having one culture, tradition and speaking same language.

The letter alleged that those agitating for Boggham Chieftdom are opposed to the use of "Emir" for their traditional head, noting that there are some ethnic nationalities who are not Hausa speaking people but their rulers go by the title Emir, giving example of the Emir of Zuru in Kebbi state, the emir of Dass in Bauchi state, the emirs of Lagai, Agai and Borgu in Niger state.

It also alleged that some people are opposed to the use of emir, because it signify Islam, adding that such people have failed to realize that the entire Boggham community is made up of more than 80 percent Muslims.



Gov. Joshua Dariye

## Trust Classified

### LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, Dr. (Mrs.) Anne chinwe Okorafor of 10 Macdonald Road Ikoyi Lagos, hereby inform the general public that my Letter of Offer of Terms of Grant/Conveyance of approval for a land at Dakibiyu B10 measuring 1346.51 Sqm with Reference Number MFCT/LA/AB 586 is missing. If found kindly contact me at the above address or return to the Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) or the Ministry of Federal Capital Territory Abuja.

### LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the Original document of Offer of the Terms of Grant/Conveyance of Approval of Plot No. 3816 covering about 1,120.00m<sup>2</sup> at Kurudum Layout of Amac Zonal Planning office bearing Network Survey, belonging to Iniobong Ekong M. is missing. If found, please return to the nearest Police Station or to Mr. Iniobong Ekong M. No. 1 Megro Crescent Maitama Abuja.

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This is to inform the general public that the Certificate of Occupancy No. FCT/Abuja/OG/81 294 covering the Property situated at Area 18 North West District Zone A2 has been reported missing. If found please return to HAJIYA MARIYA SANUSI DANTATA of Koki Quarters, Kano, Kano State or Chabki Benny Esq. Plot 2399, Manzini 08036246905. Signed: Chabki Benny Esq. (Solicitor)

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This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original paper of the following Plots:  
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### LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

The general public is hereby notified that the following Land documents within Federal Capital Territory Abuja have got missing on the 26/12/04. They are:  
1) MFCT/LA/93/MISC. 10,790-Lauro Const. Co. Nig. Ltd. Plot 104, Kado District, Abuja, the original C of O got lost.  
2) MFCT/LA/89/MISC. 13,467-Ifaaj. Enterp. Nig. Ltd. Plot 122A, A8, Wuse II Abuja. The Original letter of Offer of Terms of Grant got lost.  
3) MFCT/LA/89/MISC. 13,468-Imrah Invest. Ltd. Plot 122B, A8, Wuse II District Abuja. The Original letter of Offer of Terms of Grant got lost.  
If found, please deliver to the Chairman's Office, Dantata & Sawoe Const. Co. Nig Ltd., opposite old CBN, Nyanya Road, Abuja  
Signed  
Auwalu Mohd Sadau

### GOD THE LIGHT OF WORLD DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES INT. NIGERIA

This is to inform the general public that the above named Ministries has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part C of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990. The Trustees are:  
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Signed: SECRETARY

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Signed: Solicitor Barr. Sam. Yusuf Adda S. Y. ADDA & CO. 39, Oritshe Street, Ikeja, Lagos. Tel: 01-8151525, 08038588895

## Change of Names

I, formerly MISS PATIENCE LEGWE OCHINDO, now wish to be addressed as MRS. PATIENCE LEGWE BINALAYEFA. All former documents remain valid. Rivers State Polytechnic Bori and general public please note.  
I, formerly known as BALA HASSAN, now wish to be known as BALA HASSAN ISHAKA. All former documents remain valid. College of Arts, Science and Technology (CAST) Kurgwi, University of Jos and the public to note.  
I, formerly known as SIENGE MARTHA MGPUEMO, now wish to be known as MRS. TERLA-ABAH MARTH MGPUEMO. All former documents remain valid. FBR, ABU and general public to note.  
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# SPORTS

## Henry declares everlasting love for Arsenal

France's 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000 winning striker Thierry Henry said he would like to remain with English Premiership champions Arsenal for the rest of his career.

The 27-year-old former Monaco and Juventus marksman told the BBC he would like to stay on after his present contract ends in 2007.

"I would like to stay here, but it's up to the people involved. If it was only up to me, no problem, but we all know how it is in football.

"If you stop scoring goals, someone young can come along and kick you out," said Henry,

who has scored 16 times in 23 Premiership appearances this term.

Henry said he knew that Arsenal had a history of having great strikers but who were always replaced effectively when their days at the top ended.

"No one would have thought that when Ian Wright stopped, someone else would come in and do something.

"Nicolas Anelka came for two or three years and when he stopped everyone said 'who are

we going to have?' Then suddenly I arrived.

"It's going to be the same with me and that's the way it is. I'm just realistic.

"When I stop, Arsenal will always be Arsenal, whether I'm in the team or not."

Henry gets a chance to add to his tally on Monday against relegation candidates Crystal Palace as Arsenal seek to get back in touch with leaders Chelsea.

## Mickelson in seventh heaven

Phil Mickelson continued his dominance of the Pebble Beach Pro-Am with another 67 for a tournament three round record of 20-under, earning a seven-shot lead.

As the stylish left-hander continued in his own world of birdies, current world number one Vijay Singh missed his first cut since February last year.

Singh carded a third successive 73 and was seven shots from the cut line.

European Tour stalwart Greg Owen eagled the 18th at Poppy

Hills for a round of 67 that put him on his own in second.

Having beaten David Duval's 54-hole record set by David Duval in 1997, Mickelson now only needs to break par in the final round to eclipse the 72-hole mark set by Mark O'Meara, also in that year.

Mickelson was much tidier off the tee at Pebble Beach than he was in his second round at Poppy Hills, but could well have been even further ahead, missing four birdie chances from inside 15 feet in his opening six

holes.

He dropped only his second shot of the week when an eight-iron sailed over the green into a bunker and he missed from 15 feet.

But it was another impressive all-round display from the entertaining left-hander, who demonstrated his versatility by choosing to play a soft nine-iron from 123 yards that set up a birdie.

He picked up three shots on each nine, spinning a wedge shot back to five feet at the closing par-five. "I want to keep pushing it and get as many birdies as possible," Mickelson said.

"I don't want to do anything stupid but I don't want to play defensive either."

Owen, 33 later this month, spent seven years on the European Tour before injury prompted a back operation.

The 2003 British Masters winner, who had to play through three stages of the US Tour school last year, propelled himself out of the distant cluster behind Mickelson with a four-iron to 12 feet en route to an eagle at the 18th at Poppy Hills.

He will now be in the final pairing with Mickelson when the tournament reaches its conclusion at Pebble Beach on Sunday, but admitted: "I've never played with guy or got to meet him.

## NBA superstar Malone to bow out

Forward Karl Malone will announce his retirement on Sunday after 19 years in the NBA, according to the Utah Jazz.

The 41-year-old, twice a league MVP, will end his career with 36,928 points, second to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 38,387.

Known as the "Mailman", Malone spent 18 of his 19 seasons in a Jazz uniform, teaming up with guard John Stockton to form one of the NBA's most lethal duos.

He joined the LA Lakers last season in a bid to win an elusive

NBA title, but missed out when Lakers lost to Detroit.

Following knee surgery, Malone considered signing with San Antonio - another title contender - but has apparently decided to bow out instead.

He is one of two players, along with Jerry West, to average at least 25 points in 11 consecutive seasons. And Malone is the only player to be named on the All-NBA team 11 times.

He ranks second all-time in minutes played and field goals made and fourth in games played.

## Iverson's 60-point haul leaves Magic spellbound

Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, amassed a career-best and NBA season-high 60 points to power the host Philadelphia 76ers to a 112-99 win over the Orlando Magic Saturday.

Iverson averaged a league-

high 29.7 points a game going into the contest and more than doubled that with a dazzling effort during which he went 24-of-27 from the free-throw line.

His previous career-high was 58 points, set against the Houston Rockets in January 2002.

It was the first 60-point game in the NBA since Tracy McGrady piled up 62 for Orlando against the Washington Wizards last March.

Iverson's brilliant performance overshadowed a 32-point, 13-rebound show from Steve Francis as his Magic team lost for the 14th time in 17 road games.

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, the Detroit Pistons received double figures from six players, led by 21 points from Chauncey Billups, as the NBA champion Detroit Pistons thumped the

Washington Wizards 107-86.

Richard Hamilton added 20 points to the Detroit cause and Tayshaun Prince had 16 to help snap Washington's four-game unbeaten run.

Gilbert Arenas, named for next week's All-Star Game, continued to shine for the Wizards with a game-high 24 points. Antawn Jamison chipped in with 14 in a losing cause.

The Wizards have lost nine straight to the Pistons, including two this season.

In Milwaukee, 23 points from Desmond Mason and 18 from Mike James helped the Bucks bury the Atlanta Hawks 113-83 to stretch their home winning streak to four games.

Antoine Walker picked up 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawks, who slumped to their 14th successive road loss.



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# Sports

## Nigerian stars on song in Europe

It was a weekend of goals for Nigerian stars in Europe with Ayodele Makinwa scoring his first goal for Atalanta in Italy. Osaze Odemwingie made a brilliant goal scoring return for Lille in France on a day John Utaka found his scoring boot.

At Lille - who received the news on Saturday that their stadium redevelopment would be delayed for at least seven months Nigeria striker John Utaka put visitors Lens ahead on 16 minutes but Philippe Brunel brought the home side level with a 57th-minute penalty. Midfield player Mathieu Bodmer struck ten minutes later to give Lille the advantage only for Lens to equalise through Daniel Cousin with six minutes remaining. Just as extra-

time loomed, fit-again forward Peter Odemwingie jumped highest to head the ball in off a post to send Lille through.

In the Italian top flight, Atalanta had hopes of a shock win in the capital when Nigeria striker Ayodele Stephen Makinwa rose unmarked to glance a header past Lazio goalkeeper Matteo Sereni just before the break and claim his first Serie A goal. But Lazio equalised almost immediately with a header of their own from Fabio Bazzani and scored the decisive goal two minutes from time thanks to Fabio Liverani's angled short-range effort. Lazio are now four

points clear of the relegation zone.

The English Premiership clash between Aston Villa and Portsmouth on Saturday saw an own goal after 17 minutes from Portsmouth FC's Arjen de Zeeuw, this gave Aston Villa FC the lead at Fratton Park, and although Aiyegbeni Yakubu equalised seven minutes later, Thomas Hitzlsperger struck the winner for Villa on 73 minutes.

At White Hart Lane, Tottenham defeated Premiership rivals West Bromwich Albion FC 3-1 to earn a tie against lower-division side Nottingham Forest FC - a repeat of the 1991 final. West Brom took the lead after 12 minutes following a well worked move which resulted in Nwankwo Kanu heading in.

But two minutes before half-time, West Brom goalkeeper Russell Hoult injured himself in a challenge which resulted in a penalty, Robbie Keane beating Polish substitute Tomasz Kuszczak from the spot.

Early in the second half, two impressive strikes from Jermain Defoe on 50 and 55 minutes secured the win for Spurs.



Eagles striker John Utaka found his scoring boot as he scored for Lens against Lille in the French top flight at the weekend.

### Ilorin sports complex to gulp N150m

As part of the preparations for the establishment of a football Academy in Kwara state, N150 million has been budgeted for the renovation of the Ilorin Stadium Complex for this year.

The Special Assistant to the governor on sports, Alhaji Zakari Mohammed disclosed this in an interview with newsmen in Ilorin at the star match between Kwara United and Nationale at the weekend.

He said N97 million has also been budget for the Kwara United Football club to be released in three phases, with the first 30 per cent of the budget earmarked for recruitment of new players.

The special assistant said "We tried to correct areas where we went wrong in terms of weakness in the team, but we must beg our people fans and supporters who watch Kwara United matches to be patient and tolerant in the new season".

Commenting on the star match which ended 3-0 in favour of Kwara United, Alhaji Mohammed said a lot had been done to educate the fans and supporters on the need for discipline in order to prevent the ugly developments of the past which led to the banishment of team.



From Abdulkrazaq Adebayo, Correspondent, Ilorin

He explained that there was need for patience from fans and supporters because a large chunk of the players have been placed on transfer market and in the process of rebuilding it takes time before team cohesion comes into play, "even with a first class technical manager on ground.

### PREMIER LEAGUE

## TV blackout for star match

The much-advertised Star Match of the Premier League on the opening day of the 2005 season between Kwara United and Iwuanyanwu Nationale was not shown live on tele-

vision after Lagos TV station African Independent Television (AIT) disclosed that they experienced "serious technical problems" transmitting the game from the Ilorin Township Stadium on

Saturday.

However, the Nigeria Football League were saved some blushes after national radio, FRCN, ran a live commentary of the same game.

Lagos radio station Brila

FM also carried live commentaries of the local derby between Julius Berger and newly-promoted Gateway International which finished goalless at the MKO Abiola Stadium in Abeokuta.

Rather than show the Premier League game, AIT played back last year's African Nations Cup quarterfinal match between the Super Eagles and Indomitable Lions of Cameroon, which Nigeria won 2-1.

Unconfirmed reports also suggest that Minaj TV may have dragged the soccer authorities to court, insisting that they hold the exclusive rights to broadcast league matches in the country even though their contract to that effect expired in November.

## Pillars get N25m boost

The sum of N25 million naira was released to the management of Kano Pillars by the Kano state government as take-off grant for this year's Premier League.

The chairman of Kano Pillars FC Sani Mohammed Usman disclosed this during a press briefing over the weekend in Kano.

He said the grant is timely and encouraging as the club management has already increased the players bonus which include 6,000 naira from 5,000 naira as match allowance; 12,000 naira for winning away matches and 1,800 naira from 1,500 naira as transport allowance for every trip.

According to him, Kano Pillars FC has maintained the

From Aliyu S. Machika, Correspondent, in Kano

between 20,000 naira and 25,000 naira for each player.

He described football as a serious business, saying in every outing for an away match cost them not less than

350,000 naira. He urged stakeholders to invest in football so that it can be moved forward to meet international standard.

Responding on the issue of players insurance and club sponsorship, he said NFA

would take care of the issue of sponsorship and that each club would be given its due.

He also noted that Globacom has shown interest to continue their sponsorship and partnership with the club.

## ...hold NPA at Onikan

Kano Pillars snatched a valuable point away from home when they held NPA Seaside to a 1-1 draw in one of the opening matches of the new Premier League season on Saturday.

In a game that failed to live up to the expectations of most of the spectators at the Onikan Stadium no thanks to a drab performance by both sides particularly in the first

to shoot ahead in the 25th minute through Emmanuel Atobasi, formerly of Plateau United.

The NPA attacker had capitalized on a goalmouth scramble to put his team in front. But the second half belonged to the visiting Pillars, who made three substitutions as they went in search of an equaliser.

And their sustained pressure on NPA paid off five

substitute Abdujaliu Hassan punished the home team from

a loose ball off a corner kick for Pillars to regain parity.

### RESULTS

Kwara Utd	3	National	0
Tornadoes	1	Enyimba	1
Berger	0	Gateway	0
3SC	3	Nasarawa	1
Gombe	2	Wikki	1
Gabros	1	Rangers	1
Zamfara	1	Sharks	0
Lobi	3	El Kanemi	0

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EDITORIAL

## Togo succession crisis

The death of veteran Togolese leader, Gnassingbe Eyadema recently has thrown the West African nation into a constitutional crisis with continental implications. Togo is left not just to mourn one of Africa's longest serving rulers but also to worry about the succession controversy that has seen the late president's son being sworn in as his successor. Hours after announcing the death of the 69 years old president, the Togolese army chief announced what amounted to a coup by defying the constitutional provision which spells out the succession path. That provision provides that in the event of the death of the country's president, the speaker of parliament becomes the president until the conduct of fresh election within a specified period. In sharp contrast to that provision, Faure Eyadema, a serving minister in the government and a son of the late President was quickly sworn in and the constitution amended in a clear disregard of the law.

The African Union, ECOWAS, the United Nations, European Union and a number of countries including the former colonial power, France were all quick to condemn what former Malian President and current head of AU commission Alpha Omar Konare called a coup d'etat. An emergency ECOWAS meeting held in Niger and agreed to send a clear message that there is no way the unconstitutional succession from father to son will be allowed to stand. A number of African leaders including the African Union chairman, President Olusegun Obasanjo and the ECOWAS chairman, President Tandja Mammadu of Niger were mandated to go and reiterate the international distaste to the Togolese authorities. It did not happen that way, following the Togolese leadership relocation from Lome to Kara. The message was eventually passed to a Togolese delegation which went to the ECOWAS chairman in Niamey. It does appear that Faure Eyadema and his army backers are not about to capitulate so easily.

Whatever the case, this newspaper commends the stand of AU, ECOWAS and other bodies and countries on the Togolese drama. The two houses of the Nigerian national assembly have also shown exemplary unity in supporting President Obasanjo's position on the Togolese crisis. In fact the House of Representatives is advising that diplomatic and economic sanctions should be placed on Togo if what many see as an illegitimate government refuses to leave power. The lower house of parliament also supports the use of military force in the event that Faure Eyadema refuses to budge. Within the same house are some who wonder how Nigeria could be trying to teach others a lesson in democracy when Nigeria's own elections are so fraudulent.

This newspaper believes that matters may not get to the use of force if France, the former colonial power in Togo is sincere about not supporting an illegal power grab as has happened in Lome. Its policy of continued commitment in its former colony has meant that France still maintains some troops and has lots of influence in Togo. We believe that it is in the interest of France not to allow Togo to go the way of its former jewel of African ex-colonies, Ivory Coast which is now divided between the government in the South and rebels in the North.

African countries and organisations should continue to maintain their new-found position of zero tolerance of unconstitutional change of government. This will be in the spirit of the Peer Review mechanism under the New Partnership for African Development. It is certainly helpful that that former position of non-interference in the internal affairs of other African countries has been jettisoned for the robust position now being championed. Given the recalcitrant position of the current Togolese leadership, there is need for care, so as not to create a new problem of enmity between citizens of one country and another in a region working towards intergration. Other West African countries may be considering the Nigerian example of recalling their ambassadors to Lome well ahead of the proposed sanctions against the five million strong nation. African countries and organisations should not just insist that Faure Eyadema must go but also help Togo to come out of the kind of damage that 38 years of the authoritarian rule of Eyadema senior may have done to the country's political health.

It could be argued that part of the Ivory Coast problem could be traced back to the long years of the paternalistic one-man rule of the late Houphouet Boigny. African Union, ECOWAS and other African countries should help Togo in the post Eyadema transition which should begin as soon as the caretaker government envisaged by the country's constitution is in place. Togo should seek to enthrone an all inclusive political culture that will give all Togolese a sense of belonging.

## Hajj without tears

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We arrived Jeddah International airport at about 8:30 pm but by midnight I was in a hotel from the window of which I could see the Red sea. At the reception our group guide gave me books on *Umrah* and Hajj, the two-piece clothes for the ritual (Ihram) and bathroom slippers. He said there was a vehicle going to Medina at noon, which would return a day later. I ordered room service, had a shower and lingered on the balcony overlooking the sea before finally retiring to bed.

After a late breakfast on day two, we set out for Medina in a convoy of three vehicles. We arrived well after *Asr* but we had already said our prayers on the way. After checking into a hotel, and resting a little, I went to the mosque of the prophet for *Magrib* and *Ishah* prayers. I wandered about in the cool evening air of the city in winter along with thousands of other pilgrims from all corners of the globe.

Besides prayer there little else to do but sight-seeing, shopping and eating, so I did a bit of each. Certainly nobody should go to Medina without sampling its dates, which are world-famous. From previous experience I am also fond of the flat Arab bread, which is baked in side-street bakeries and tossed straight on to waiting hands. The Arabs normally eat it with beans paste or meat gravy, but I prefer it with honey and drinking yoghurt (*laban*) for company.

From Medina we donned on the *Ihram* for *Umrah* which we performed that night before retiring back to the hotel in Jeddah. There we rested until the evening before *Arafat*, when along with two million other pilgrims we embarked on the great exodus to the plain outside Mecca where the main Hajj rituals are performed. Like most other pilgrims we spent five nights between *Arafat* and *Minnah* and then it was all over. Most pilgrims will spend a few days between Mecca and Jeddah resting and shopping before the journey back to their home countries. I did the same and four days after the Hajj I was back to Nigeria.

A few hundred privileged Nigerians will have no difficulty recognizing the Hajj movements that I described above. Those who can afford to go through international routes or better still with the Federal-government appointed *Amirul Hajj* delegation (because it is free and they may even smuggle in their wives and children) can count on going on Hajj without tears. But for the majority of Nigerian pilgrims this joyous opportunity is peppered by bitter experience.

I was invited to observe the Hajj by the Saudi Ministry of Information and Culture along with about 100 other journalists from around the world. It is the Saudi way of saying come and see how hard it is for us to be "the custodians of the two holy mosques." There may be lapses in the way we do it, but we are constantly trying to improve. In any case how many of these problems are caused by you the pilgrims rather than us the hosts?

On the Saudi lapses I will say there are many, even if it is not the place of a guest to be critical of his host. But I say this because we all have to work together to make the Hajj something that all Muslims will be proud of. The Saudi factor will be crucial in this and we are fortunate that their government is not sparing the dollar in an almost permanent effort of upgrading the infrastructure in the Kingdom, without which it will be impossible to accommodate millions of visitors every year. However the Saudi attitude lags behind the excellent conveniences. In many ways they are like us, with the main difference being a healthy respect for authority. Otherwise those who can get away break the rules; officials are laid back except in the presence of someone with high office; there is much buck-passing before taking decision and it is taken for granted that every thing will run late.

However, the Saudis who must be aware of the criticisms of some of their ways, say with some justification that most of the chaos and delays of Hajj are created by poorly trained and ill-behaved pilgrims, and the responsibility for this must be put on the doorstep of their home authorities. That a pilgrim who has been well coached at home on the rites of pilgrimage, including respect for the right of others, is unlikely to be a nuisance to others and a burden to his hosts.

The behaviour of such ignorant pilgrims, from Nigeria and elsewhere, is indeed at the root of many of the problems. Many of the first timers who are going for genuine *ibadat* do

not prepare enough for the spiritual part of the journey. Without understanding the inner meaning of the rituals they tend to exaggerate their external forms, sometimes to the detriment of whoever is near them. I have for example seen groups of pilgrims hurdle together before charging the crowd at the *jamrat* (stone-throwing rituals). One look at their contorted faces told me the fellows were too far gone to hear any exhortation. May be the poor fellows think there really is a devil lurking behind that stone! The best one can do in that situation is to extricate him self from the melee!!

Then there are those who will proudly tell you that they go to Hajj every year. To do what you wonder? An important man, beside whom I sat on the plane told me that was his 34<sup>th</sup> Hajj and he had his passport to prove this. There are many like him who have caught the Hajj bug, especially among the *Ulamah*, traders and those in authority. But you wonder can't they go elsewhere like Dubai to do their trading? Why must we cheapen the house of God with over familiarity? Even those who live inside Saudi Arabia itself are restricted from performing Hajj to once every five years.

Most of our complaints about the poor arrangement of Nigerian Hajj overlook our role and focus on that of our officials. But it is probably the case that a society gets the officials it deserves and this year we got Ibrahim Mantu as *Amirul Hajj*! By coincidence I stayed in the same hotel with Mantu and company at Jeddah and I saw at close quarters that little is to be expected from such official Hajj delegations. First of all it is the last to arrive, on the eve of the ceremonies; ensconces itself in a hotel in Jeddah that is far away from crowd; and except for visits to pilgrim camps in *Minnah*, is far removed from the experiences of the people in whose name it is there. Finally as soon as the ceremonies are over the big men are under pressure to return home and would have forgotten that they led a Hajj delegation by the time the last pilgrim makes it back.

So widespread is the problem that it infected everyone and everything, from the department in charge of pilgrim affairs, to the airlines, the state welfare agencies, even the private travel agencies that are beginning to come into the business. The only aspect of Hajj that did not go well for me was the flight, which was through a Nigerian charter service. The operators never tell you the truth, so to take an afternoon flight they tell you to come to the airport the day before and this happened both at Abuja and Jeddah. To add insult to injury some of our luggage has not arrived two weeks after the journey! But I understand this was a minor inconvenience compared to those who took the full package for accommodation and were given the usual Nigerian treatment.

So we have a long way to go before we can organize Hajj (or for that matter anything) successfully. And the fault is not in our stars but in a weak determination to put things right. There are competent men and women who can make a difference, but the job invariably goes to cronies and those shameless enough to lobby. So year in year out we produce the same fiasco, but we blunder on because the system with all its faults still serve the powerful and the heedless and those who use their knowledge to serve them. The rest of us probably do not feel enough disgust to disown the mess.

As a solution somebody has suggested on Freedom Radio that may be we should consider suspending Hajj from Nigeria for sometime and try and get our act together before we resume again. This may sound like a radical suggestion but radical steps are needed to deal with this problem that has persisted really since colonial days. The Muslim *Ummah* should boldly tell the Federal government to let it handle Hajj as a purely religious matter (with whatever consular that is necessary) and let us sort this out among ourselves. Much of the corruption and incompetence is due to the involvement of governments at both federal and state levels.

As I have indicated even the private sector is not free of this malaise. But at least for the private sector there is the sanction of the market. Those who offer a decent will sooner edge out the scammers from the business. Otherwise there will be little tangible change; governments will continue to use this noble annual event to serve the needs of power and in this they will have the support of powerful beneficiaries of this corrupt system. If the *Ummah* cannot take over and manage Hajj for the benefit of its own members then we have to put up with the never changing flaws of a hybrid system