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ENUGU PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN	P/HARCOURT PARTLY CLOUDY 29 MAX 18 MIN
JOS PARTLY CLOUDY 31 MAX 14 MIN	
LAGOS PARTLY CLOUDY 34 MAX 24 MIN	

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Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)

 Wash your hands frequently with soap and water	 Maintain social distancing	 Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
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AFRICAN SAYINGS >>

Notwithstanding the pain, women still long to give birth

(Kenya)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

"Sales are contingent upon the attitude of the salesman -- not the attitude of the prospect"



- W. Clement Stone

PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



■ Airport workers at Adolfo Suarez Barajas airport react after flights were suspended due to heavy snowfall in Madrid, Spain, yesterday.

Photo: REUTERS/Susana Vera

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CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:37	12:44	3:58	6:27	7:32
ENUGU	5:39	12:42	3:56	6:22	7:27
KADUNA	5:36	12:43	3:57	6:25	7:30
KANO	5:31	12:38	3:52	6:21	7:26
KATSINA	5:33	12:44	3:58	6:29	7:34
LAGOS	5:54	1:00	4:14	6:40	7:45
MAIDUGURI	5:14	12:21	3:35	6:03	7:08
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SOKOTO	5:44	12:52	4:06	6:35	7:40

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	BOCGAS	TOTAL	SEPLAT	ARDOVA	CHAMPION
OPEN	12.65	143.00	496.10	16.35	1.02
CLOSE	1.15	13.00	45.10	1.45	0.09
CHANGE	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.73	9.68
LOSERS	DANGCEM	DEAPCAP	ROYALEX	UPL	CORNERST
OPEN	225.00	0.22	0.23	1.25	0.62
CLOSE	-19.90	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
CHANGE	-8.13	-4.35	-4.17	-2.34	-1.59

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FEATURE

#EndSARS:

Lagos police stations still in ruins as operatives battle rising insecurity

More than 10 weeks after the destruction of many police stations in Lagos during the #EndSARS protests, the rebuilding of the affected facilities is yet to commence, thereby stalling policing activities in various communities and parts of Lagos, *Daily Trust* can report.

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Lagos, the economic hub of Nigeria, has witnessed an upsurge in criminal activities in the aftermath of the destruction and vandalism of police stations and posts in the state.

No fewer than 25 police stations came under arsonists' attacks in the wake of the #EndSARS protests which rocked the state in October 2020.

From October 19 and 20 when the Lekki shooting took place, several police stations and posts were either razed or vandalized even as some policemen were killed during the statewide melee when hoodlums reportedly hijacked the protests against police brutality.

The police stations that were affected include Orile, Amukoko, Layeni, Ilasamaja, Ikotun, Ajah, Igando, Elemoro, Makinde, Onipanu, Ebute Ero, Pen-Cinema, Isokoko, Alade, Cele, Igbo Elerin, Shibir, Gbagada, Onilekere, Makoko, Daleko, Asahun, Makinyo, Amuwo-Odofin and the Anti-Kidnapping unit at Surulere.

Other police stations that were vandalised but not burnt are Ojo, Ojodu, Mowo, PPL and Morogbo.

By weeks, the rebuilding of the police stations was yet to commence, findings by our correspondent have shown.

From Ojodu, Pen-Cinema, Isokoko, Onipanu, Anti-Kidnapping, Orile, Cele, Ilasamaja, Daleko and several other stations toured by our correspondent, the rehabilitation of the burnt/vandalized stations has not started.

Police officers, it was gathered, are still operating mostly out of their offices while others were deployed to nearby stations pending when their stations would be rehabilitated leaving most stations crowded.

At Isokoko Agege Police Divisional Headquarters, where no fewer than four vehicles were burnt during the #EndSARS crisis, our correspondent observed that the building was still a shadow of its former self.

Though most police officers at the station declined to comment, one ventured to confirm that one of the burnt offices in the divisional headquarters was fixed through contributions by the officers.

"We had to task ourselves to buy louvres to fix one of the burnt offices, which we are using at the moment. We are still expecting the intervention of government," the officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

Similarly, the Railway Police Station at Agege was yet to be fixed when our correspondent visited.

Officers were seen outside wearing



■ One of the burnt police stations in Lagos

mufti and unable to operate in any of the offices. "This is how we have been operating since the station was burnt. Our patrol vehicle was also burnt," one officer also said.

The situation is not different at Ojodu Divisional Police Station where officers were seen outside in mufti while few officers were in uniform.

It was, however, observed that part of the station housing the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) was not touched.

At the Anti-Kidnapping Police unit in Surulere, which was not burnt but completely vandalized, the station was deserted. Not a single officer was in sight while a patrol vehicle which was vandalized was yet to be removed from the station.

A trader near the station told *Daily Trust* that the officers in the unit had not returned since the destruction of their offices. It was however learnt that the unit is currently operating from the state command headquarters.

'At Orile police station, vigilantes man the gate'

During the #EndSARS violence, the burning of Orile police station went viral as the expansive one-storey edifice was completely razed down by suspected arsonists.

Months after, the officers at the station are still to policing the area from the burnt building.

Our correspondent met the DPO who now occupies a makeshift office made of plywood. He, however, refused to make any comment and directed our reporter to the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO).

Scores of vigilante operatives were seen at the gate of the building. It was however not clear what their mission was when our correspondent visited, while many officers were also seen in mufti discussing outside. Despite being completely razed, officers still continue to occupy what passes for the front desk.

One officer told our correspondent

in confidence that despite the recent destruction, the division has intensified its surveillance and crime prevention activities within the Orile and Iganmu axes.

"Yes, we have challenges with office accommodation but we also realized that our work is not about the building," the officer said directing our correspondent to the PPRO for further information.

The Cele Police Station at New Itire remains deserted as the reconstruction of the station was yet to commence.

A trader near the post told our correspondent that the officers at the post now operate at the main Itire Divisional Police Headquarters.

"I was around here the day this police post was burnt by hoodlums who were armed to the teeth. They were in large number; they were certainly not from this environment. They attacked the police post and set it on fire. The officers here could not stop them because they were many, in fact some of them took to their heels," a trader adjacent the station said.

The situation is not different at Ilasamaja Police Station, Daleko, Igando, among others visited by our correspondent.

Concerns over delay in rebuilding burnt stations

Residents and community leaders have expressed concern over the delay in rebuilding the stations which they said could worsen insecurity in the state.

"In Agege-Pen Cinema axis, crime rate has increased drastically and there are fears that the various police posts have nowhere to keep the criminals if they continue to arrest them," said a resident of Ile Epo, Mr Benjamin who narrated how he was attacked by area boys at Pen Cinema recently.

Speaking with our correspondent, an activist, Comrade Bayo Agunloye, tasked the government to swiftly fix the burnt buildings in addition to embarking on a complete reformation of the force.

He said since the #EndSARS protest,

the morale of the officers has reduced drastically. "They are now very fearful," he said.

According to him, the station at his community in Igando which was also burnt during the protest now operates at an abandoned health centre which could not accommodate most of their staff.

Also speaking with our correspondent, chairman of the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) in Victoria Island, Lagos, Mr. Mathew Ibadin, described the delay in rebuilding the burnt stations as "a bad omen."

He asked Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu who had promised to rebuild the burnt stations to fast-track the process, saying, "We don't need to delay such thing because security should always be given priority."

He said crime rate would be high if police stations are too far from the community, adding, however, that the various communities and corporate organizations need to come to the aid of the police to ensure the burnt stations were rebuilt.

"If there is no security in a particular community, it is going to affect crime in that area, the area is going to be high in terms of crime because the more the police station is far from the people, the more people can actually commit crime within the community.

"If I see something, for me to go and report if it is too far from where I live, I would be discouraged to go there. Even before the police officers would get to the area, they (criminals) must have caused a lot of damage."

Policing not affected - PPRO

Speaking with *Daily Trust*, the state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed that the rebuilding was yet to start but said the command was working with the Lagos State government which had promised to rebuild the police stations.

However, he said the delay in rebuilding has not affected policing in those areas in any way. According to him, there have been increased patrols in the communities affected.

Adejobi also stated that the command has designed a shift structure for the affected police stations and posts to use temporarily.

He also dismissed reports that the police are not responding swiftly to distress calls, saying the officers are more than ever before alive to their responsibilities.

"The state government has promised to rebuild the stations. We have written to them and they are working with our works department. I am very sure the reconstruction of those places would commence very soon," he said.

37 burnt to death in Bauchi, Nasarawa road crashes



■ The scene of Akwanga accident which claimed 17 lives

From Hassan Ibrahim (Bauchi), Ibraheem H. Muhammad (Lafia), Magaji I. Hunkuyi (Jalingo) & Muideen Olaniyi (Abuja)

A prince from Taraba State, Nuhu Hamman Gabdo, his wife, Hadiza Nguroje and her sister, Zainab, as well as his four children, Ummi, Ayman, Firdaus and Abdullah, were among the 17 people burnt to death Saturday night along Akwanga road in Nasarawa State.

Twenty people also died in a separate accident in Bauchi.

Late Hamman Gabdo was the brother of the Lamido Gashaka in Serti.

They were returning to Abuja in a Sienna bus after a visit to Gashaka in Mambilla Plateau, Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The late a Hamman Gabdo was a staff of the Nigeria Communication Commission (NCC) in Abuja and held the traditional title of Ubandoma of Gashaka Chieftdom, *Daily Trust* learnt.

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) yesterday confirmed the accident.

The FRSC Unit Commander in Akwanga, Assistant Corps Commander Ebere Onyegbaduo, said the accident involved a

commercial VW Sharon bus and a private Toyota Sienna bus.

Onyegbaduo said a preliminary investigation showed that the accident occurred when the Sharon bus, coming from Abuja axis, rammed into the Sienna while attempting to overtake on a hilly bend Agwada town.

He said the two vehicles went up in flames, with the occupants trapped inside, adding that all the 17 people were burnt beyond recognition.

He said the occupants of the Sharon bus were taken to the Akwanga General Hospital; while those of the Sienna had been taken to the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital (DASH), in Lafia.

He said, "We received a distress call of a ghastly accident by 7 pm around Agwada town, between Akwanga and Gudi towns.

"We rushed to the scene and found a commercial VW Sharon bus and a private Toyota Sienna bus engulfed in flames with the occupants inside the burning vehicles.

"We called the fire brigade and the fire was contained by 11 pm and we completed the rescue by 2 am," he said.

Mourning in Gashaka

Hundreds of mourners yesterday trooped to the palace of Lamido Gashaka in Serti, the traditional seat of Gashaka chieftdom to condole with the monarch, Zubairu Hamman Gabdo, over the death of his brother and his family.

Emirs and chiefs from within and outside Taraba had also arrived at the palace to commiserate with the monarch. Business and other activities in Serti were also suspended as locals thronged the palace to commiserate with the bereaved family. It was learnt that the funeral prayer for the deceased was conducted at the palace of Emir of Lafia in Nasarawa State.

Buhari commiserates with Nguroje

President Muhammadu Buhari has condoled with former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Babangida Nguroje, over the death of two of his sisters, Zainab and Hajiya Hadiza with her husband and their four kids, in a road accident.

President Buhari, in a statement issued on Sunday by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, said: "I am lost for words to

describe such multiple deaths in a single-car accident in which family members perished.

"I received the news of this tragedy with deep shock and grief, and wish to express my heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with you at this trying and painful moment."

He prayed to Allah to forgive the gentle souls of the deceased persons and comfort those they left behind.

The Bauchi tragedy

In Bauchi, no fewer than 20 passengers were burnt beyond recognition in a road crash that occurred yesterday at Tirwun, a suburb of the state capital.

Eyewitness Garba Sabo told *Daily Trust* that the accident occurred at Mangorori area of Tirwun when a Hummer bus heading to Maiduguri from Jos with 18 passengers collided with a Volkswagen Golf car heading to Bauchi with four passengers on board.

The spokesman of the Bauchi State Police Command, DSP Ahmed Wakil, also confirmed the incident, saying the two vehicles went up in flames with 20 passengers burnt beyond recognition.

Wakil, who did not disclose

the cause of the accident, said the remains of the victims had been deposited of morgue at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBU-TH) in Bauchi.

He said two female passengers survived with varying degrees of injuries and were receiving treatment at ATBU-TH. In a telephone interview, a staff of Borno Express in Jos, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity, also confirmed the accident.

"I know one of the passengers, who came from Cotonou in Benin Republic on her way to Borno for an assignment.

"She came from Lagos yesterday (Saturday), slept here in Jos and arrived at the motor park this morning. Out of the 18 passengers, 16 died and two females sustained injuries and unfortunately, she is among the dead passengers in the accident.

"I am not the custodian of the passengers manifest but I partook in loading the vehicles which included men, women and children but you can come to Jos office to get information or the passengers involved," he said.

AfCFTA: Dangote leverages trade deal, creates new trade routes

Dangote Industries Ltd, says its cement expansion plan and fertilizer investments are strategies aimed at opening new trade routes for Nigeria under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

President, Dangote Industries Ltd, Mr Aliko Dangote, said this in a statement on Sunday in Lagos.

Recall that the AfCFTA, which took off on Jan. 1, aimed at creating a single market, for the movement of capital, goods, people and investments to further deepen the economic integration of the continent.

According to him, the

cement company with an installed capacity of 29.3Mta in Nigeria, is targeting an expanded entity in Cameroon.

He also revealed that new plants would soon be ready for commissioning in Niger, Benin, Ghana, Cote D'Ivoire and Togo.

Dangote stressed the need for Africa to deliberately improve its per capital consumption of cement to aid infrastructure development by stimulating further demand and forcing down the cost of the commodity.

He said that the desire for Africa's self-sufficiency in

cement production informed the signing of a 4.34 billion dollars contract with Sinoma International Engineering Company Ltd., a Chinese construction giant.

The contract, the business mogul said was for the construction of 11 new cement plants in 10 African countries, and Nepal in Asia.

Dangote said the report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the development of deficit infrastructure to ensure competitiveness in the AfCFTA, had moved the company to leverage the deficit with its

cement investment.

"For Dangote Industries Ltd., moving goods like cement by road from Nigeria where they are manufactured to Ghana, where there is a big market, is "unviable", hence the need for new plants that will open multiple trade routes," he said.

Also speaking, Mr Devakumar Edwin, the company's Group Executive Director, stated that movement of products via road was expensive.

Edwin added that the governments of Togo and Benin Republic had complained of the pollution that the trucks

brought to the environment as well as the toll on the roads.

"With the success of the Doula plant in Cameroon, the company is already doubling its capacity in Yaoundé and targeting three million tonnes in the country to check competition as well as earn foreign exchange. "Our desire to increase our investment with the Phase 2 project is based on not only the fast growth rate of the Cameroonian economy but also due to the warm welcome extended to us and the enabling environment created by the government of Cameroon. (NAN)

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Gunmen attack Ebonyi police station, kill 3 officers

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakiliki

Gunmen on Friday night attacked Onueke Police Station in Ezza South Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, killing three police officers.

Two others sustained bullet wounds in the attack.

Daily Trust gathered that the attackers, who were armed with AK 47 rifles, stormed

the police station, set it ablaze and freed inmates in the cell.

It was learnt that four vehicles parked at the station were also burnt by the gunmen.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Loveth Odah, confirmed the incident yesterday.

Odah said the state police command has launched an investigation into the incident, with a view to arresting and bringing

the perpetrators to book.

"The command has launched an investigation to apprehend the actors of this unholy Friday night act against three of our officers.

"Also, we are calling on the general public with vital information to provide such to the police in order to hunt down the perpetrators of this heinous crime," Odah said.



■ Muhammed Adamu

Emir of Zazzau appoints new Iyan Zazzau, others

From Aliyu Babankarfi, Zaria

The Emir of Zazzau, Ambassador Ahmed Nuhu Bamali, has appointed Hon. Abbas Tajuddeen, Member Representing Zaria Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives as the new Iyan Zazzau to replace the late Alhaji Bashir Aminu, who died on Friday.

Daily Trust reports that the emir also elevated Alhaji Munir Jafaru, one of the contenders of the Zazzau throne from Yeriman Zazzau to Madaki.

Confirming

the



■ Ahmed Nuhu Bamali

appointments, the Chief Protocol of Zazzau Emirate, Alhaji Abubakar Ladan, said the Madakin Zazzau is the second most important title holder in terms of hierarchy.

The emir also appointed Abdulkarim Bashir Aminu, the son of the late Iyan Zazzau to fill the vacant position of Talban Zazzau, which was occupied by the late Alhaji Abdulkadir Iya-Pate, who also died on Friday.

The position of Dan Iya went to Justice Munir Ladan while that of Magajin Garin Zazzau went to the emir's younger brother, Mansur

Nuhu Bamali, who earlier held the title of Barde Kerarriya.

The title of Sa'in Zazzau went to Idris Ibrahim Idris; Barden Zazzau was given to Shehu Tijjani.

Aminu Iya Sa'idu was appointed as Kogunan Zazzau; Bashar Abubakar, was given Barden Kudu and Buhari Aminu Ciroma got Barde Kerarriya.

The emirate's Chief Protocol Officer, Alhaji Abubakar Ladan said appointment letters had been given to the new appointees.

3 killed in Southern Kaduna

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

Three persons have been reportedly killed in Kamaru village, Chawai Chieftdom in Kuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

A community source said four attackers arrived at the victims' house and an argument ensued. Shortly after, the assailants opened fire on the victims.

A statement by Kaduna State Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said troops of Operation Safe Haven responded to a distress call from the village, and upon arrival, they found three persons – Sunday Joshua, Samson Andy and Mrs Tani Jacob – shot dead, and one other, John Joshua,

injured.

"Investigations indicate that the gunmen were criminals from a neighbouring state who crossed over into the village to carry out the heinous act," the statement said.

He said the remains of the victims have been handed over to the relevant authorities in Chawai Chieftdom.

In another

development, Aruwan said troops reported the arrest of a resident suspected of poisoning cattle in Gindin Dutse village, Jema'a Local Government Area of the state.

He said two cows had died in the village after eating poisoned cassava beside a farm. Troops trailed and arrested the owner of the farm, who is now undergoing preliminary investigations.

Osun Senator escapes 'assassination attempt'

From Hameed Oyejobade, Osogbo

The Senator representing Osun West Senatorial District, Senator Adelere Oriolowo yesterday said he escaped assassination attempt at Ikire, Irewole Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the federal lawmaker was reportedly attacked by gunmen on Sunday during a meeting of members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the district.

Mr Oriolowo was rushed out of the

meeting in Ikire, Osun State, by security personnel present.

In a post on his Facebook page, Senator Oriolowo wrote: "Just escaped an assassination attempt on my life and that of my entourage. To God be the glory, we are safe and alive."

"God is my helper, my shelter and my fortress, I fear no evil."

The Senator could not be reached on the phone for details on the incident.

Also, the Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola could not be reached for comment.

Redirect your grouse to LG chairmen, Lalong tells protesting worker

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Plateau State Governor, Simon Bako Lalong, has said that the implementation of the N30,000 minimum wage at the local government level was not the responsibility of the state government.

He said the minimum wage was solely the responsibility of the 17 local government chairmen of

the state.

The local government workers had in the past one month embarked on protests, leading to blockage of state secretariat to demand implementation of the federal government N30,000 minimum wage.

Lalong, who spoke through the state's Commissioner for Information and Communication, Dan

Manjang in Jos, said: "I advised local government employees to redirect their grouse to the right channel, which is the local government councils.

"It is their sole responsibility to negotiate and implement not only the minimum wage but other allowances they wish to offer them. This is more so that the allocation of local government is paid

directly into the accounts of the local governments by the federal government and not warehoused with the state government."

He called on the local government employees to show maturity and understanding by interfacing with their employers, warning that no disruption of public peace or government activities would be tolerated.

Ekiti govt imposes curfew, bans gathering of more than 20

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Ekiti State Government has imposed 8.00 pm to 6.00 am curfew and banned gathering of more than twenty people in the state with effect from today.

This is contained

in a statement by the state Commissioner for Information and Values Orientation, Akinbowale Omole.

According to him, the new guideline was to curb the spread of the coronavirus in the state.

He said there was the

need to take proactive steps to curtail the spread of the second wave of the virus, which has been reported to be more contagious and deadly than the first.

He stressed that the curfew would be enforced strictly and that violators

would be made to face the wrath of the law.

He, however, said those on essential services are exempted.

He said religious centres should hold a maximum of two services per day and should not extend beyond 2 pm.

10,000 displaced Borno families get food supplies

A total of 10,000 displaced families in Damasak, Borno State, yesterday received the donation of food items, which comprised of 25kg of rice 25kg of beans, 25kg of maize and 5 litres of cooking oil each from the state government.

Residents of Damasak, headquarters of Mobbar Local Government Area were displaced before the town became a stronghold of insurgents.

People returned to the town with the help of the government after it was liberated, according to a statement by Isa Gusau, government's spokesman.

He said the food distribution exercise was conducted by Governor Babagana Zulum.

The governor arrived at Damasak on Saturday where he distributed inputs to 1,200 irrigation farmers in addition to cash donations.

FRSC warns against night trips

By Maureen Onochie

Corps Marshal, Federal Road Safety Corps, Boboye Oyeyemi, yesterday advised fleet operators, other commercial drivers and passengers as well as private vehicle owners, to desist from night trips.

He said night trip, often characterized by poor visibility, fatigue, sleeping on wheels and excessive speed is unsafe and utterly dangerous.

Corps Public Education Officer, Bisi Kazeem, in a statement, quoted Oyeyemi as giving the

warning while reacting to reports of fatal crashes recorded at night at the beginning of the year.

He said intelligence report had revealed that most fleet operators and other vehicle owners, including private vehicle owners, who were addicted to night journeys, did so for selfish economic gains, unnecessary overloading of vehicles with both passengers and goods and to avoid arrest and enforcement on physical distancing by FRSC patrol teams.

Nigeria short of 277,537 teachers at basic level - UBEC

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Executive Secretary of the Universal Basic Education Commission, Hamid Bobboyi, says Nigeria has a shortage of 277,537 teachers at the basic level.

Bobboyi, according to a statement yesterday from the commission, said this was discovered in the 2018 National Personnel Audit Report on Public

● As teacher professional development gulps N10bn annually

and Private Basic Education Schools in Nigeria.

He said the personnel audit conducted by the UBEC further indicated that while 73 percent of those teaching in public schools were qualified; only 53 percent of teachers in private schools were qualified, having the minimum requirement of Nigeria Certificate in

Education and above.

He said the UBEC, in realization of the importance of teachers in the provision of quality education, designated 10 percent of the entire amount received from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for teacher professional development through the State Universal Basic Education Boards.

“10 percent of the

entire amount that is received from the Consolidated Revenue Fund is designated for Teacher Professional Development through the States Universal Basic Education Boards.

That is something that is very important for us to realise that we pump in a minimum of N10bn every year for Teacher Professional Development in this country,” he said.

Ex-ambassador to US, Obiozor, emerges Ohanaeze president

By Saawua Terzungwe

A former Nigerian ambassador to the United States, George Obiozor, yesterday emerged as president-general of the apex Igbo socio-cultural group, Ohanaeze Ndigbo.

Obiozor, who was the Nigerian ambassador to the US from 2004 to 2008, defeated two other at an election held in Owerri, Imo State Capital.

Meanwhile, the All Progressives Congress has congratulated Obiozor on his election as the new President-General of Ohanézè Ndígbo.

The Secretary of the APC Caretaker Committee, Senator John J. Akpan Udoedehe, in a statement last night, also congratulated the outgoing Chief John Nwodo-led executive on what he described as its mature and patriotic leadership of Ohanézè Ndígbo.

“Going by his distinguished service to the nation, Obiozor’s experience and suitability for the strategic position of President-General of Ohanézè Ndígbo is not in doubt. The party hereby urges Ndígbo to support Obiozor to fulfil the mandate of the organisation.

“The APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee under the leadership of Governor Mai Mala Buni is determined to consolidate on the ongoing efforts to further mainstream the South East geo-political zone in the workings of the governing APC and place the zone in its deserved political standing in the country,” the party said.



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YOBE STATE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

GOVERNOR BUNI'S STATE OF EMERGENCY AND THE NEW FACE OF EDUCATION IN YOBE STATE

THE POLICY

Shortly after his inauguration as the Executive Governor of Yobe State on 29th May, 2019, His Excellency, Hon. Mai Mala Buni, in his inaugural speech, declared a State of Emergency on Basic and Secondary education to revitalize and develop a solid foundation for education in the state. This was immediately followed by the first ever education summit in the state where renowned academicians, erudite scholars and education administrators were assembled and a committee was constituted under the former Vice Chancellor University of Maiduguri and presently, Vice Chancellor Yobe state University, Professor Malah Daura, to develop a roadmap to breathe a new life into Basic and Secondary education in the state. To demonstrate its political will towards changing the face of education in the state, the Buni administration in 2020 and 2021 allocated over 21 per cent of the state budget to education.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

- As an immediate measure to provide conducive learning environment in schools, the Mai Mala Buni administration initiated and completed rehabilitation of six senior secondary schools in the state namely: GSS Jaji Maji, GSS Jajere, GSS Kukargadu, GSS Nguru, GSS Geidam and GSS Babbangida
- Established seven new Model Schools in Damaturu, Buni Yadi, Potiskum, Gashua, Geidam and Nguru. The model schools will check congestion and offer opportunity for dual curricular in western and Islamic education

- On-going construction of new mega schools in Damaturu, Potiskum, Nguru, Geidam and Buni Yadi.
- Construction of additional hostels in eight female boarding schools (GGC Damaturu, GGSS Ngelzarma, GGSTC Potiskum, GGSS Gadaka, GGSS Nguru, GGSS Dagona, GGSS Buni Yadi and GGSTC Dapchi).
- Procurement of over 85,710 relevant core subjects text books and other instructional materials worth over One Billion Naira (N1,000,000,000).
- Supply of furniture to Primary and Secondary Schools across the state in collaboration with SEPIP programme.
- Recruitment of 200 qualified teachers in the major subject areas of English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Computer.
- Training of 7,719 Basic and Secondary School Teachers on basic teaching skills, numeracy and literacy as well as ECCD teaching and general pedagogy.
- Training on methodology for effective imparting of knowledge and skills.
- Payment of tuition and other fees for Yobe State students studying in NTIC, NMC Abuja, Federal Science College Sokoto and other Federal Model Schools across the country which amounts to over a Billion Naira (N1,000,000,000).
- Hundred per cent payment of all external examination fees for WAEC, NECO, NABTEB and NBAIS to all Yobe State students.
- Intensive coaching of SS 3 students in preparations for external examinations

- through extension during holidays, additional 2 hour extra lessons daily after school hours, and also extra lessons via radio and social media platforms such as Facebook, Google classroom, WhatsApp, among others, to assist SS 3 students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Vigorous Supervision, Monitoring and Evaluation of schools with the Hon. Commissioner and his entourage spending nights in students' hostels to effectively assess situations in boarding schools.
- Improved nutrition intake of students by supplying adequate foodstuff including bulls to secondary schools across the state.
- Establishment of three schools of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and a Teacher Training Centre

THE FIRST YEAR SCORE CARD

It is evidently clear that the political will and financial interventions provided by the Buni administration for the state of emergency on education, has in the first year recorded remarkable and impressive results in the 2020 WAEC examination.

- 12,042 students registered for the 2020 WAEC Examination
- 2,530 students scored distinctions and credits in 5 subjects and above including mathematics and English
- 725 students scored distinctions and credits in all 9 subjects
- 8,042 students scored credits and passes in mathematics



Dr Muhammad Sani Idris Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education

7,008 students with credits and passes in English
With more commitment from the government and introduction of more strategic measures as demonstrated by government in the last one year, there are strong indications that the State of Emergency declared on education by His Excellency Governor Mai Mala Buni is on the right track of achieving the desired results for advancement of education in Yobe State. Indeed, Yobe is moving, Buni is working.



One of the Model schools established in Damaturu, Potiskum, Gashua, Geidam, Nguru and Buni Yadi



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Miyetti Allah denies joint patrol with Amotekun

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Some officials of Miyetti Allah in Oyo State have denied that they carried out a joint operation with Amotekun operatives and raided the settlements of Fulani herders suspected to be kidnapers in the state.

The officials, who spoke in confidence, told Daily Trust yesterday that they were not part of the operation and wondered why a settlement that existed for over 45 years, with all the people living there known to relevant authorities, would be raided and some people killed.

Three Fulani herders including one Alhaji Usman Okebi and two of his sons were reportedly killed by Amotekun operatives during a raid at Okebi in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of the state.

A section of media reported that there was a clash between some herders and Amotekun in the community.

However, at a press conference yesterday, the Commandant of Oyo State Security Network Agency, Operation Amotekun, Col. Olayinka Olayanju (rtd), said there were no clashes between his men and Fulani herders in Ibarapa land and Oke Ogun axis of Oyo State.

The commandant, who addressed newsmen in Ibadan, said that his men launched six operations in four local government areas, but that the team in Aiyete was attacked inside the forest by suspected bandits, three of whom were killed.

According to him, the operations were fully supported by Fulani leaders living in the areas, and a number of Miyetti Allah members were part of the operations.

“Contrary to any report you might have come across, there was no clash whatsoever between Fulani herders and Amotekun in Ibarapa or Oke Ogun axis of Oyo State.

“What happened was that we launched clearance operations in different locations around the thick forests of the four local governments that have suffered kidnapping and wanton killings in recent times.

“When our men entered the forests at Aiyede, they were attacked and a gun battle ensued, which led to the death of three of the attackers. One of our men sustained injuries.

“It was not a clash with the Fulani, because Fulanis were part of the planning of the operation and we raided the forests together. Amotekun worked closely

with Miyetti Allah,” he said.

But one of the Miyetti Allah leaders who spoke to Daily Trust on phone, countered Col. Olayanju, insisting that they were not part of the operations.

He said those killed were innocent herders. “Of course we had a meeting with the Amotekun leadership and agreed to carry out a joint operation. They told us some people have been abducted and they needed to go out for an operation to rescue them.

“We said it is okay to carry out the operation but there was the need for us to be fully involved because people in some of the locations they want to visit don't speak Yoruba and some of the Amotekun personnel don't speak Fulfulde or Hausa.

“We said they have to be careful so that they would not mistake innocent herders as kidnapers. We all agreed to meet at a certain place and time and we waited for them but sadly they didn't come,” he said.

Another official said they only received a distress call after the damage has been done at one of the Fulani settlements. “We were called that the Amotekun operatives have killed some of our people and we called the relevant authorities. We will give you details of what actually happened,” he said.



TARABA STATE CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH INSURANCE AGENCY (TSCHIA).

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Taraba State Contributory health Insurance Agency (TSCHIA) is a body corporate that is saddles with the responsibility of regulating and administering the state social health insurance scheme to all citizens and residents of the state.

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POST-UTME/DIRECT ENTRY ADMISSIONS SCREENING EXERCISE FOR 2020/2021 ACADEMIC SESSION

1. INTRODUCTION

This is to invite all First Choice UTME and Direct Entry (DE) candidates seeking for admission into the Sule Lamido University (SLU) Kafin Hausa for the 2020/2021 Academic Session to register for the 2020/2021 Admission Screening as detailed below.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCREENING

a) UTME Candidates **MUST** have passed a minimum of 5 relevant subjects, at credit level, in the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSCE) or equivalent in not more than two (2) sittings, including English Language and Mathematics.

b) Direct Entry Candidates **MUST** possess a minimum of Lower Credit in the National Diploma, a Merit in NCE or 8 points in the IJMBE Advanced Level.

c) Interested UTME Candidates who did not choose Sule Lamido University Kafin Hausa as their First Choice Institution but wish to study in the University and scored 160 and above in the 2020 UTME, should change to the SLU via JAMB website (www.jamb.org.ng) and choose any of the programmes listed below:

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		B.A. Hausa	170
		B.A. History	160
		B.A. Islamic Studies	180
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		B.Sc. Chemistry	160
		B.Sc. Computer Science	170
		B.Sc. Mathematics	160
		B.Sc. Physics	160

3. REGISTRATION

Online registration for the Screening Exercise for both the UTME and DE candidates will commence on **Monday, 11th January, 2021 and end at midnight of Sunday, 31st January, 2021.**

To register for the exercise, follow the procedures below:

STEP 1: Visit the Sule Lamido University website at www.slu.edu.ng and navigate to admissions.slu.edu.ng/applicant/login for UTME candidates and admissions.slu.edu.ng/de-applicant/login for DE candidates

STEP 2: Log in using your UTME number and UTME score (UTME applicants) or DE number, state of origin and gender (DE applicants) and upload your passport-sized photograph.

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STEP 7: After successful payment, you then generate, download and print the "Acknowledgement Slip" to complete your registration.

4. DATES FOR THE SCREENING EXERCISE

The Screening Exercise for both the UTME and DE candidates will take place as follows:

- Faculty of Education - **Tuesday, 9th February, 2021**
- Faculty of Humanities - **Wednesday, 10th February, 2021**
- Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences - **Thursday, 11th February, 2021**

Candidates must present the originals and photocopies of the following documents:

- Acknowledgement Slip
- Evidence of Payment
- UTME Result/DE Registration Slip
- SSCE Statement(s) of Result
- Two recent passport-sized photographs with white background
- Certificate of Indigeneity
- Birth Certificate or Declaration of Age
- 'A' Level Statement of Result (for DE candidates only)

5. VENUE OF THE SCREENING:

All eligible Candidates should report at the University's Permanent Site, Kano-Jahun Road, Kafin-Hausa, Jigawa State by **9:00 am** on the appropriate date.

Any candidate who fails to appear for the screening exercise on the scheduled dates will not be considered for admission into the University during the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

Candidates must strictly adhere to the extant preventive measures of Covid-19 including maintaining of physical distancing, regular washing of hands and/or sanitizing the hands and wearing of face masks.

All enquiries should be directed to admissions@slu.edu.ng

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Day Kano community celebrated 'hardworking' DPO

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

Members of Fagge community in Kano metropolis have recognised the effort of the DPO of Fagge Police Division, in charge of Fagge A to D1, CSP Abubakar Hama, with an award for transforming the community from a crime hub to a peaceful one.

Fagge is one of the largest and highly populated LGAs in Kano. It is surrounded by markets, making it a very busy community. However, the many socio-economic activities and

various people it attracted, among others, have made it to be associated with a lot of crimes - drug abuse, phone snatching and thuggery, among others.

"But the coming of Hama has transformed our community and changed the perception of even the criminally-minded to embrace peace and legitimate means of getting their livelihood, particularly the youth," said one of the community members, who is a lawyer, Abba Hikima.

The award presentation, which was organised by the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Fagge

Command, took place at Kano Guest Inn on Sunday, with hundreds of the community members in attendance.

The PCRC chairman of the area, Alhaji Ibrahim Galadima, said they decided to honour the DPO to encourage him to continue with the hard work and also appeal to other officers to emulate him.

He recalled that Fagge area was known for criminal activities and drug abuse, adding that "I can tell you that we are now in paradise in terms of peace and unity in this community."

On his part, the Chairman

of Fagge Local Government said the DPO has transformed Fagge from a crisis hot spot to a peaceful place and conducive environment for residents and businesses.

He said the community members also deserve commendation for their cooperation with the DPO, adding that without their support, success would be difficult to achieve.

Meanwhile, the state PCRC chairman, Comrade Saleh Jiji, has tasked the community members to embrace community policing and be

vigilant of any suspicious activity in the area.

Speaking to Daily Trust after the event, the awardee, CSP Abubakar Hama said the police is a friend to all and should relate well with them to achieve his goal.

He said the award is not for him alone but all his colleagues and the community members themselves, as without their support he couldn't have made it.

He appealed to the people to embrace community policing in order to get adequate security in the country.

COVID-19: Benue gov in isolation again

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has gone into isolation again after having contact with persons who tested positive for COVID-19.

This would be the second time the governor will be going into isolation since the outbreak of coronavirus.

He first went into isolation when his wife, Eunice tested positive for the virus on July 3, last year.

Ortom has already spent 10 days in his latest isolation after suspecting that he had contact with some confirmed cases.

The Deputy Governor, Engr. Benson Abonu, confirmed this yesterday in an interview with journalists shortly after the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Interdenominational Service held at the ECWA Church, along Barracks Road in Makurdi.

Abonu said the governor decided to go into isolation following the medical report indicating that a certain Permanent Secretary, whose name he refused to disclose, and his family tested positive for COVID-19.

The deputy governor, who doubles as Chairman of the State's Action Committee against COVID-19, said that his principal would remain in isolation for the required number of days until a test shows he is negative.

"As I speak with you, the governor has been in isolation for about nine days (as of Sunday) and has shown no symptom or sign of the virus. So, I'm happy to inform you that by tomorrow (Monday), we should be able to certify him free and he will resume work," Abonu said.

The deputy governor also lamented the rate the virus has killed several personalities in the state, observing that in the last five days, Benue lost four prominent persons including a serving local government chairman.

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175m SIMs linked to NINs - Official

By Zakariyya Adaramola

About 175 million active SIM cards have been linked to their owners' unique National Identity Numbers despite last week's two-day warning strike by staff of the National Identity Management Commission, a top government official has said.

The two-day strike and a slight software glitch in NIMC's information and technology network system had disrupted the enrollment exercise last week.

The official, who spoke didn't want his name mentioned because he was not authorized to speak on the issue, told Daily Trust yesterday that only about 30 million SIMs had not had their NINs linked by their owners.

Nigeria's tele-density rose by 2.2 per cent from 104.4 per cent to 106.6 per cent, even as 4.2m new telephone lines were activated in the last quarter of 2020, increasing the country's total telephone subscribers' base to 203.5m, according to the Nigerian Communications Commission.

Tele-density is the number of telephone connections for every 100 individuals living within an area. It varies across nations, and between urban and rural areas within a country.

The NCC had said there would not be mass disconnection of telecom subscribers as a result of the ongoing linkage of NIN records to SIM registration.

The commission's spokesperson Ikechukwu Adinde said last week that many Nigerians had already linked their NINs to their SIMs and there shouldn't be any fear of mass disconnection.

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

Thus, he said, if there were 43 million Nigerians with NINs, this could account for about 172 million SIMs already linked to NINs.

Meanwhile, the NIN enrollment will resume at NIMC offices and other designated centres nationwide today.

"The National Identity Management Commission is glad to inform the general public that normal enrolment services for the National Identification Numbers (NINs) have been fully restored at all NIMC offices nationwide as the glitches experienced since January 6, 2021, have been sorted out", NIMC's Head of Corporate Communications, Kayode Adegoke said at the weekend.



■ Borno Governor, Prof Babagana Umara Zulum (middle) presenting seeds to one of 1,200 irrigation farmers, at the distribution of variety of farm inputs in Damasak, headquarters of Mobbar LGA in Northern Borno Saturday.

Service chiefs: Buhari seeing things Nigerians don't see - Presidency

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari is still keeping the service chiefs, despite persistent calls for their replacement, because he is seeing things most Nigerians don't see.

His Senior Special Assistant to the President on Media and Publicity,

Garba Shehu, said this while featuring on a programme on TVC, 'Politics on Sunday'.

Reminded that the service chiefs had outlived their tenure, he said: "It's because he (Buhari) is seeing things that critics are not seeing. He is seeing things most people don't see. It's not a tenured appointment. There's no part of the law that says Chief of Army Staff must serve for two years. Then, after two years, he must go. He serves at the pleasure of president."

"Now, the president has said again he'll make changes. When will he make those changes? It is entirely up to

him. I think Nigerians should give him the benefit of the doubt."

Shehu said the security challenges in Nigeria were mutating as they "are transforming from one form to another. But all hands are now on deck. From the resolutions we are seeing, particularly coming from the president, 2021 is going to be very decisive in dealing with Boko Haram, banditry and kidnapping."

He urged Nigerians to give Buhari the benefit of doubt as he pledged to make changes in the security architecture.

Shehu, while reacting to the insinuation that Buhari was not in charge of his government, said: "President Buhari is healthy, fit, and fully in charge of his government. Let no one make mistake that they can chance the president on this thing. The fact is that the President is calm, patient, and not bullish. He was once a military Head of State. He had executive power,

legislative power, and judicial power under the military as Commander-in-Chief. But it's about dictatorship. So, he knew power and how to wield it."

"But the fact that he is here as an elective president in charge of one of the three arms of government, the executive arm of government, this has changed on how much he can really go after them. He can only persuade the parliament. He as president will also not like to be seen as dictating to the courts."

"The latitude of opinions intellectually, be it academic, medical, or whatever it is available to the president at any time is not available to any single citizen. The critics are saying he is not getting it right. The president cannot be bound by every advice he gets. He makes choices because on every given course of action, the President is presented with options to decide what is

in the best interest of the country because he has sworn to an oath to defend the nation, the Constitution, lives, and properties."

He said the Buhari government had stopped the kind of ground corruption that rocked the People's Democratic Party's administrations.

The presidential aide also expressed optimism that Nigeria would exit recession this year.

Asked whether corruption had stopped under Buhari's administration, Shehu said: "This government, under President Buhari, has stopped ground corruption. As I said, people will pull out money from Central Bank of Nigeria, put it on the table and just go home. Today in Nigeria, you cannot do that in daylight and take money from treasury and nothing will happen. High people have been locked up and sent away from office. People have been jailed, governors, whatever."

IPPIS: Varsity workers threaten nationwide protests

By Idowu Isamotu

Non-teaching staff in Nigerian universities yesterday said they had concluded arrangements to embark on three-day nationwide protests over the Federal Government's refusal to address their demands on the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System, sharing formula of the N40bn Earned Academic allowances, non-payment of arrears of the new minimum wage, among others.

The workers, under the auspices of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) which

consists of the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions and the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities, have been directed at all branches to mobilise other members on Monday for the rallies.

The JAC took the decision to protest against inconsistencies in the IPPIS payment, the delay in the renegotiation of the FGN/ ASUU /SSANU 2009 Agreement and other issues on Friday night at a meeting that held between the leadership of NASU and SSANU in Abuja.

In a communiqué issued yesterday, signed by SSANU President Mohammed

Ibrahim and NASU General Secretary Peters Adeyemi, the workers said they reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Federal Government on October 20, 2020.

The workers listed other contentious issues as the non-payment of retirement benefits to former members, non-constitution of visitation panels to universities, poor funding of universities, teaching staff usurping the headship of non-teaching units and other wide range of issues.

The communiqué added that the unions would consider

other measures to press home their demands, including embarking on an indefinite strike after the protests. The committee will also meet on Thursday to review the success of the protests and deliberate on the next step.

Seventy five percent of the N40bn Earned Allowances approved for the four unions in Nigerian universities last December was allegedly allocated to the Academic Staff Union of Universities leaving 25 percent for the other three unions; a development that angered NASU, SSANU, and the National Association of Academic Technologists.



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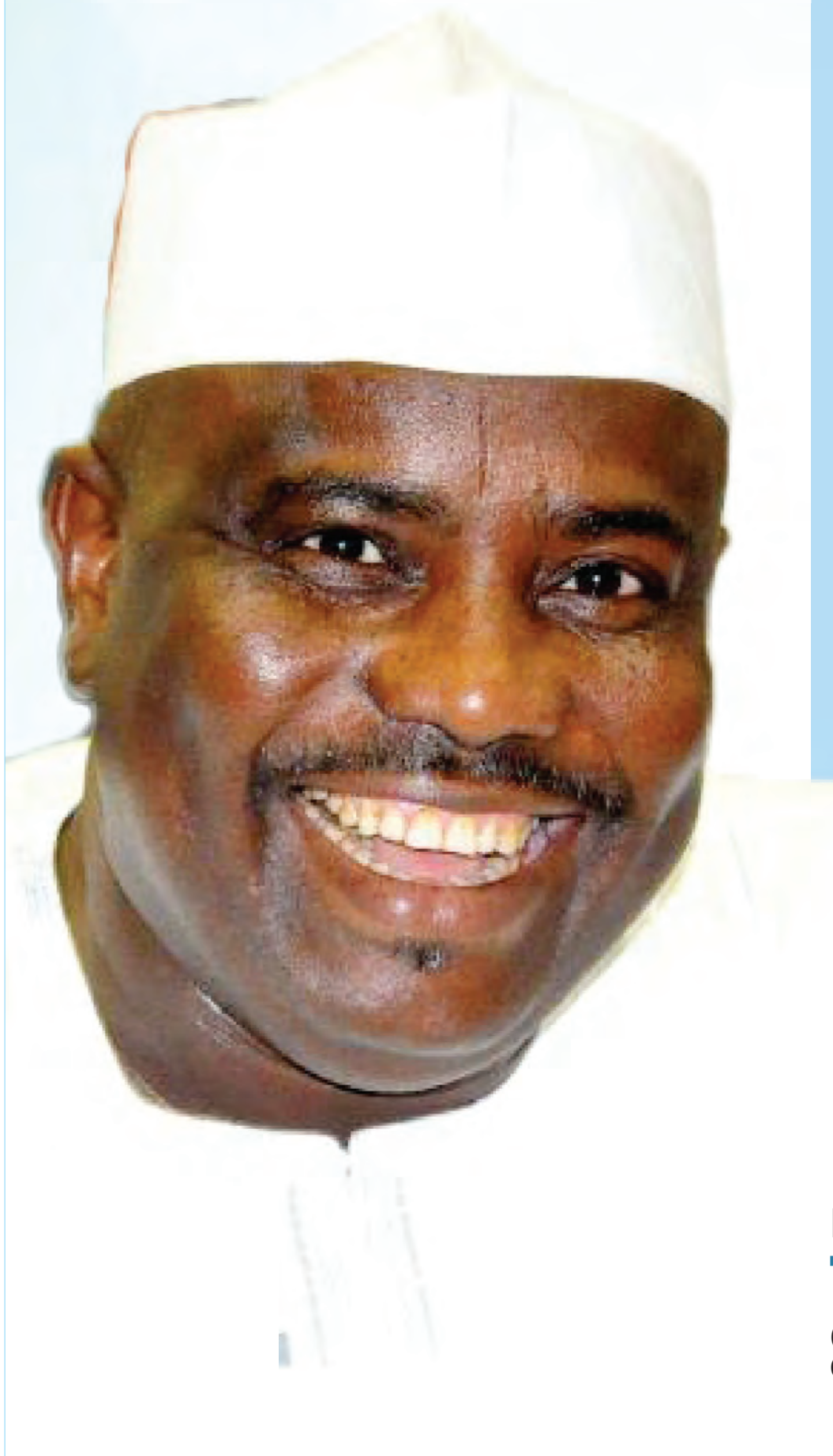


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Happy
55th
Birthday
to My Boss



It is with immense pleasure and gratitude to Allah (SWT) that I, on behalf of my humble self, members of my staff and the entire family, felicitate with a famous democrat, an embodiment of the good governance and a leading legal luminary and administrator par excellence, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR, (Mutawallen Sokoto), Governor, Sokoto State, on his 55th birthday celebration.

His Excellency's unique leadership style in piloting the affairs of Sokoto State, which is so dear to the hearts of the good people of the State is not only a testimony of his astuteness as a true democrat that brought about harmony, peace, unity, and developmental projects that have positively touched the lives of the people of the Seat of the Caliphate, but also a testimony of his immense popularity and recognition of his contributions and efforts in building a very strong foundation for repositioning the State, in particular, and Nigeria, as a whole.

We are convinced, at 55, Governor Tambuwal has made tremendous contribution to render for the growth and development of our dear State and the country at large. This was evidently seen, during His Excellency's tenure as the Speaker, Federal Republic of Nigeria and now, as Governor of Sokoto State. It is to that effect we are encouraging Governor Tambuwal to remain resolute in his quest to serve humanity.

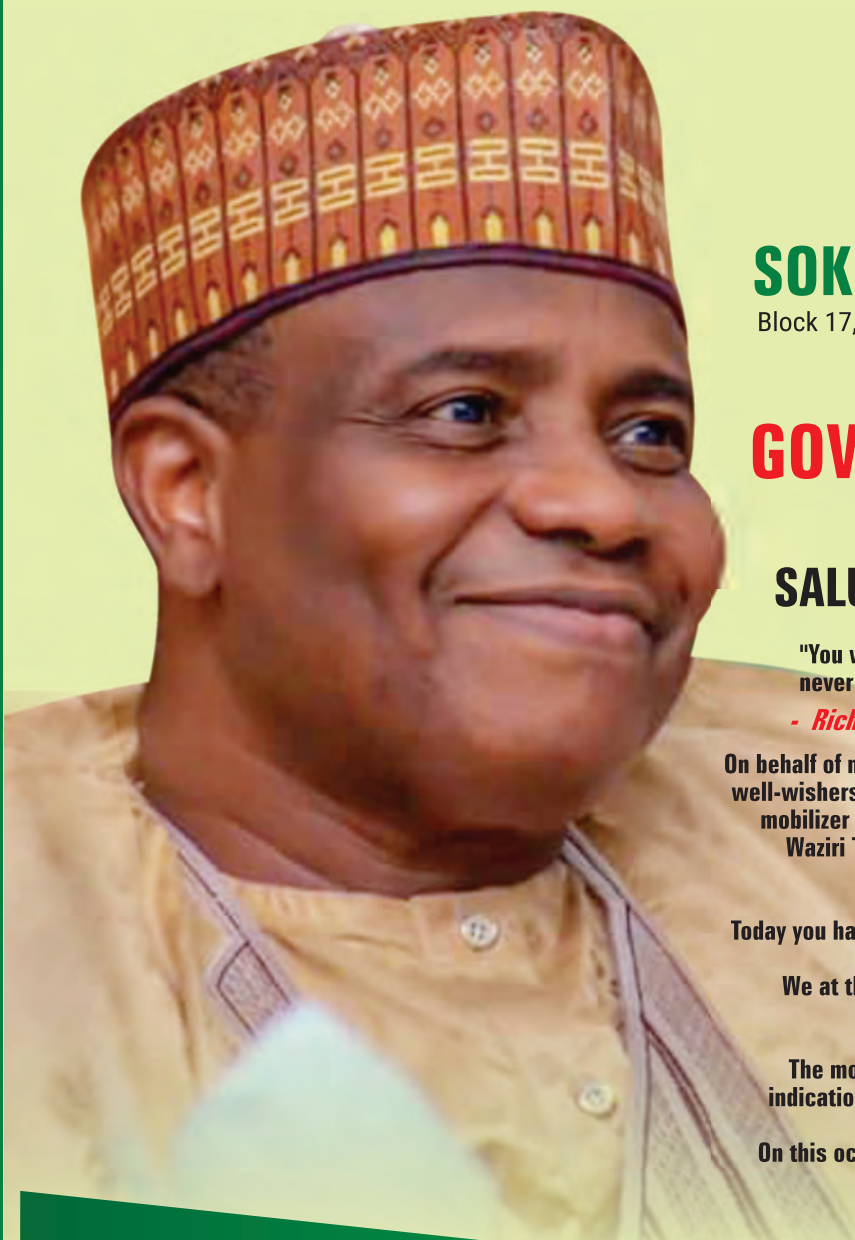
As we join family members, good people of Sokoto State and beyond, political associates, friends and well-wishers to celebrate this auspicious moment of His Excellency's 55th birthday, we also pray that may this be the beginning of even a brighter future, may we be part of it with robust health. Amin Ya Rabbi.

Signed:



Hon. Manir Muhammad Dan'iya
(*Walin Sokoto*)
Deputy Governor, Sokoto State

RT. HON. AMINU WAZIRI
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GOVERNOR TAMBUWAL @ 55

SALUTE TO AN ASTUTE AND DYNAMIC LEADER

"You were born and with you endless possibilities, very few ever to be realized. It's okay. Life was never about what you could do, but what you would do."

- *Richelle E. Goodrich*

On behalf of myself, and entire staff and management of Sokoto State Scholarship Board, I join millions of well-wishers in felicitating with our astute and dynamic leader, political strategist as well as formidable mobilizer of human and capital resources for sustainable development, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, CFR, (Mutawallen Sokoto), Executive Governor of Sokoto State on this auspicious occasion of his 55th birthday.

Today you have added another candle of knowledge and wisdom to your life. May it give you the power to enlighten the whole world.

We at the Sokoto State Scholarship Board are proud of your numerous achievements in the areas of educational development, especially the prompt payments of students' scholarships.

The modest achievements so far recorded by your administration in the area of education are clear indication that the state is on the right track of leading other states in the area of rapid development educationally.

On this occasion of your birthday, we wish you joy and happiness, Happy Birthday Mutawallen Sokoto!

His Excellency

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HIGHLIGHT OF SOME ACHIEVEMENTS RECORDED BY SOKOTO STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

9.1B

Total money spent on scholarship from the inception of Governor Tambuwal administration to date.

245

Number of students with disabilities that are being given special grant in form of sponsorship

21,000

Number of Sokoto state students in various universities across the country whose tuition fees are being paid by Governor Tambuwal administration

32

Number of overseas universities where Sokoto state indigenes are studying various courses

200

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration to study Medicine and para-medical courses in India, Ghana, Sudan and Ukraine, with at least minimum of 5 students from each of the 23 local governments out of which 50 are females

52

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Med Lab, Nursing and ICT that graduated from Sudan.

28

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study Pharmacy and Computer Engineering that graduated from Bangladesh.

14

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study French Language and graduated from Niger Republic.

33

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study MBBS, Arabic, Shari'a Law, ICT, Environmental Studies, Developmental Studies, Public Health and Health Management that graduated from Uganda.

22

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study and graduated from various Universities in Europe and other countries.

17

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study Computer Science, Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Mass Communication and International Relations that graduated from Baze University, Abuja.

70

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study MBBS, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Medical Lab Science, Nursing and ICT expected to graduate from Sudan this year.

22

Number of students sponsored by Tambuwal administration that study Medical Lab Science and Radiology expected to graduate from India this year.

3.5B

Amount approved for Sokoto State Scholarship Board in 2021 Budget

600M

Amount paid as tuition fees for students in Sudan, Ukraine and India with about 300M queued for settlement as at when due.

40m

Amount being paid as monthly allowances to the students studying in various universities abroad.

2020

The year Tambuwal Administration settled all inherited outstanding tuition fees of students studying in Usmanu Danfodiyo University and Sokoto State University with no any outstanding debt left.

MY PERSPECTIVES

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Medical degree wahala

The posting in the portal of the Keffi Old Boys WhatsApp group looked routine, that last morning of last year. 'MDCN inducts first KASU-trained medical doctors.' Induction by the MDCN – Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria - of new medical doctors is not a piece of excitable news, even if it is related to one of the young state universities, which KASU is. May be the posting popped up in our portal, I reasoned, because the Provost of the KASU College of Medicine, Professor Abdullahi Abba and the Guest Speaker at the occasion, Professor Musa Borodo, the President, National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (NPMCN), are both well-regarded old boys of the college. It was only when I went through the posting and found that the graduating students had spent eleven years to attain a medical degree that got me gasping. 'Eleven years for a medical degree', I muttered to myself and gasped again.

There was plenty of chest-beating on the occasion. All the speeches highlighted the resilience of the stranded medical students and their bewildered tutors enduring the tardiness of their government to meet the requirements of accreditation, raising their hopes, times and again, and dashing them again and again. What is remarkable about the KASU case is that the Medical College kept the faith and fixed its eyes firmly on the goal. While working towards the goal, KASU was helped by an education-friendlier, and a more focussed government, to attain the ultimate prize.

I made enquiries around and found that the medical school was founded in 2008 as one of the faculties of Kaduna State University (KASU) and it welcomed its first set of 46 students the following year. However, due to an unimaginable sloppiness by the government of the day, the pioneer medical students started without the wherewithal for proper medical education. For a start, there wasn't even a teaching hospital on the ground and as time went on, other deficiencies manifested and as a result, all the accreditation institutions snubbed the college. Accreditation denied, the beleaguered students were left languishing in the cold, year in year out, not knowing when to graduate.

I understand that while KASU's case had a triumphant finish, that of Kogi State University, Ayingba, is still playing out. The university took in its first set of medical students in 2012. The teaching hospital that was started five years ago to earn the accreditation points is still wallowing in the doldrums with no clear date of completion. That's why nine years later, due to non-accreditation, the university is yet to earn medical doctors to its name. At best, the students are farmed out, at some intervals, to other accredited institutions in the country to continue their studies. Even KASU at a stage in 2014

when accreditation proved well-nigh impossible had to send 29 students to a university in Uganda to complete the medical course.

You might think this is a phenomenon that is endemic only to the state universities. Wrong. Some years back, the University of Abuja, funded and run by the federal government, had a running battle with accreditation agencies affecting some of its courses. The Medical College was chiefly affected due to its many deficiencies, particularly the lack of a functional teaching hospital. Its pioneer medical students spent a record 12 years of heart-wrenching anxiety to graduate. In an interview carried in the Punch Newspaper, the star medical student of the set, Dr Dahiru Adamu Bara, expressed their collective sadness at the long period it took to graduate:

'We lost time, a lot of resources and energy and so many of our colleagues are in high places already. I have friends who have a Ph.D. now. I have friends who are senior registrars in other hospitals, while I'm just starting my houseman internship. There is a lot that have been lost, and that cannot be counted or quantified, but hopefully one may be able to regain it one way or the other.'

The quest for quality medical doctors for the country is really a challenging one. This is what the guest speaker at the KASU ceremony, Professor Musa Borodo, brilliantly addressed in his paper titled: *Challenges of Medical Education in Nigeria: Peculiarities of State-Owned Universities*. Already, the country is seriously deficient. We are nowhere near the WHO minimum requirement of a doctor/population ratio of 1:1000. The figures from MDCN indicate that as of 2018 the number of doctors in Nigeria was 47,219 giving the nation a doctor/population ratio of 1:4255. Governments at all levels exhibit a lackadaisical attitude towards medical education. Not enough medical schools are being established. And when the governments decide to build, the schools are starved of funds to acquire the right equipment and infrastructure necessary for accreditation.

Considering the number of medical schools and their low level of intake, it would take Nigeria years to attain the desired number of doctors, even assuming the population remains static and the brain drain is frozen. Meanwhile, Professor Borodo proposes a declaration of a state of emergency in medical manpower production by all governments and the private sector and injecting adequate funding to deal with the shortages. Additional measures could include undertaking reforms in the curriculum development aimed at possibly reducing the number of years, students spend to graduate, without reducing the quality.

Nothing short of this will do. I agree with him.

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Notes on digital agriculture

In the last four years, I have been part of numerous agricultural information technology projects across Nigeria aimed at using digital technologies to support farmers. While I have mixed feelings about some of the outcomes and experiences, I have witnessed some outstanding results. I have worked on some of these projects on a completely private level, while some of them were done alongside international development organisations or governments. Remarkably, the most successful projects were donor-funded even though they lacked a thorough sustainability angle without the donors. I have examined some of our work funded by the European Union, The German Cooperation and OXFAM as leading examples of how crucial digital technologies can be for farmers in Nigeria.

Generally, these projects I have worked on required building mobile information, communication and marketing platform for farmers using cross-media platforms such as the mobile phone, web and radio to facilitate information for the farmers, enhance communication and provide business linkage as well as visibility to ready markets.

A major problem stems from the fact

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The market driven infrastructural development (ranging from rail to port) around groundnut, cotton, and cocoa in the late 1800s and early 1900s was not sporadic or aimless. It was a deliberate system that linked farms and farmers to regional and global markets

that agricultural markets, including banks, operate on a seemingly different plane from smallholder farmers who exist on a predominantly informal plane. So, there is no effective communication between farmers and markets. Smallholder farmers don't know what the market will pay and as such cannot grow crops according to the market's specifications. Most of these farmers are still using traditional methods of farming and are bereft of scientific information ranging from weather data to agricultural best practices that would let them double or even triple their yields. This is the primary cause of their under-production, loss and food crises as well as some environmental crises in some regions. As such, they grow mostly what they can eat or trade locally, the way they have always grown it.

The need for a solution to these challenges is clearly expressed in NEPAD's observation that agricultural growth in Nigeria is generally achieved by cultivating more land and by mobilising a larger agricultural labour force. There has been very little improvement in yields and barely any change in production techniques and access to the market.

As far as the market is concerned, the physical disconnect is a direct result of the existence of an information disconnect.

The basic infrastructure like rails and roads that would take crops from the smallholder's farm to the market do not exist, because the market doesn't want the crops the farmers are growing in the ways and volumes they are growing them. This leads to the isolation of the smallholder farmer, usually with no money and no voice that the marketplace can hear. The market-driven infrastructural development (ranging from rail to port) around groundnut, cotton, and cocoa in the late 1800s and early 1900s was not sporadic or aimless. It was a deliberate system that linked farms and farmers to regional and global markets. Until we figure out the market linkage debacle for agricultural commodities, no scale of infrastructural investment may ever save us.

However, in a data-intensive world and with the proliferation of mobile phones, digital technologies can be used to effectively bridge the gaps and link the farmers to not only markets but also knowledge bases. Smallholder farmers in Nigeria are already using mobile phones to communicate with loved ones and to talk to family and friends. It is fascinating to note that the institutions that make up the formal marketplace communicate in much the same way. Therefore, it is not farfetched to think of generating a simple two-way means of digital communication to reach and at the same time hear from smallholder farmers. I have witnessed this work in Plateau where potato farmers used digital technologies to access markets and extension. I have also worked with women farmers in Benue State recording tremendous improvements in their farming. Lately, I am seeing the same results with farmers in Adamawa and Kebbi States piloting these technologies.

Where these types of platforms exist, they can easily accommodate the various cooperatives, local business groups or civil society groups by providing them with a mobile and web platform to reach, manage and administer content to the farmers in their networks as well as obtain structured feedback from farmers and their small businesses. Easily deployed could also be a reporting mechanism through which agencies and organisations can interact with various sets of data to understand trends and plan interventions.

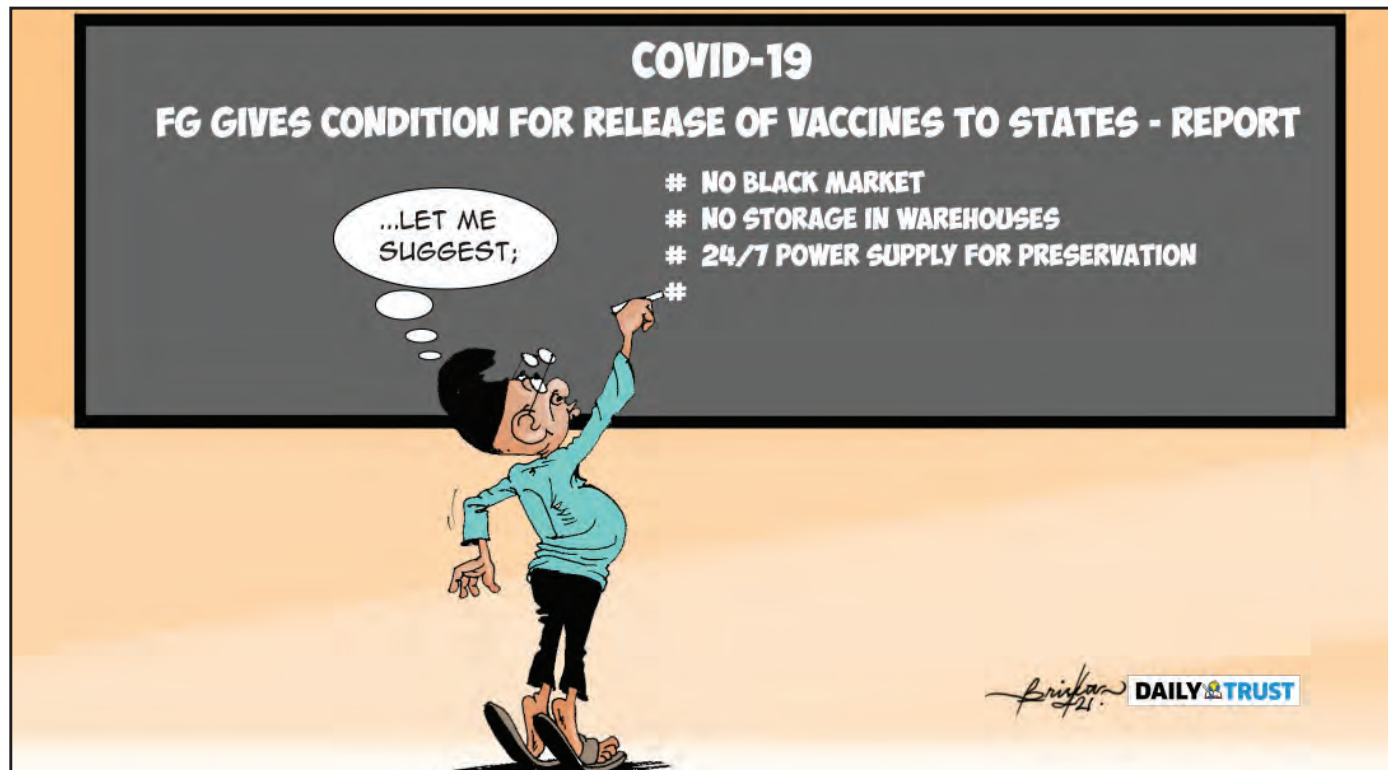
A great example is a nifty tool we deployed in Plateau State some years back that functioned as a conflict awareness and alert system. Through this, the farmers and other users of the platform can report any business conflicts, security issues and corruption. States or any interested party can use the platform to identify hotspots and plan resolution or any further action. Information can thus be crowd-sourced to address the difficulty of obtaining structured feedback from medium and small enterprises on their enabling environments.

The bottom line is democratisation of data and easy flow of information cuts down the cost of doing business in agriculture to such a great extent. It saves an incredible amount of money and time for not only the farmers but also agribusinesses that spend outrageously in managing the risk of doing business. In a situation where stakeholders and partners can know each other easily and exist as entities in a single platform, agriculture will be boosted to unimaginable levels.

Letter to the Editor

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America's failing democracy, Nigeria's gain

It is no longer news that America's democracy, which the entire world especially the developing countries like Nigeria looks up to, is under serious attack, and in fact, grievously injured by the same person who supposedly was elected to protect it. Wednesday's storming and siege on the Capitol building - the equivalent of Nigeria's National Assembly by the supporters of President Trump to overturn an election he woefully lost to President-elect, Joe Biden is a new low by the supposed custodians of the modern democracy.

The notable events that occur much recently in the United States of America, such as; the BLM, COVID-19 and the recently concluded elections is enough to allude to the fact that there is nothing sane even in our supposedly saner climes. This has further confirmed that democracy is fragile not just only in developing countries but also in developed countries. Leaders everywhere must, therefore, work hard to live up to their responsibilities of protecting it.

Surprisingly, these 'saner climes' are hypocritically brandishing sanctions on countries purportedly not in their good books, by citing reasons of "undermining democracy". Considering what is going on in the USA now, it will not be out of place to call for the sanctioning of the country.

In all of these, Nigerians have a thing or two to learn especially those who always call, tag, and invite the USA to meddle in our affairs. They must understand that only we (Nigerians) can solve our problems. Americans like us have had difficult moments but do not disparage their sovereignty and patriotism.

Idris Mohammed Shabafu, Minna

Open letter to Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice

Let me start by expressing my dismay over the way the management team of the Nigerian Institute of Leather and Science Technology (NILEST), Zaria is running the affairs of the college with impunity and total disregard for the terms and conditions of service of the college. Sir, it is rather unfortunate that despite the several patriotic attempts and interventions by some respected individuals and organisations, the state of impunity in the NILEST Zaria is now growing out of hands.

In the first place, it is seriously disheartening to say that the Chief Executive Officer of the college, Dr. Eucharia Ngozi Oparah is piloting the affairs of the college in an acting capacity

for over three years (precisely since June 2017) without renewal of appointment as Ag Chief Executive Officer for all this while.

Sir, you will recall that on 9th May 2017 the Ministry of Science and Technology advertised the vacant position of the Chief Executive Officer of the college but the selection process is up till now uncertain and inconclusive for no justifiable reason.

It is rather unfortunate to say that at present, the composition of the members of the college management team is lopsided. This is due to the fact that thirteen (13) out of fifteen (15) are from one faith. This is also critically insensitive and irrational to the country's demographic structure and also a grave violation of the federal character principle as enshrined

in Section "C" of the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution (as amended).

Correspondingly, the composition of the college's workforce proved the lopsidedness and other irregularities associated with recruitment exercises of the college at various times in the past.

Sir, there is an urgent desire to revisit how the management team of the Nigerian Institute of Leather and Science Technology is running the affairs of the college so as to compel them to operate within the limit of the law, especially the selection of a substantive chief executive officer and other irregularities pointed above.

Bashir Ibrahim Bomo (a.k.a Ibn Khaldum)

I will take the COVID-19 vaccine

Thank you to all those who responded to my request for comments on the CONSPIRACY THEORISTS' dangerous, ill-informed and politically motivated campaigns against the recently developed COVID-19 vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 infection.

The negative campaign is directed most intensely at the genetically modified mRNA vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, on the spurious grounds that it may cause (as yet undefined) genetic interference with the normal molecular development of humans who receive it. This is a

sinister insinuation against science, translational medicine and humanity. It is the product of ignorance amongst little educated persons whose conspiracy theories are designed to misinform gullible individuals against science and more specifically against BIG PHARMA. Sure, the pharmaceutical industry is often unethical (I should know), but Big Pharma is responsible for developing the most important drugs and vaccines that have controlled or eradicated diseases and increased longevity by some 30-40 years over the last century - consider malaria, smallpox; and more

recently vaccines against Hb&c viruses, HPV, monoclonal antibody treatment of cancer, vaccines for pneumococci, meningococci, Hib; advances in drug treatment of diabetes, hypertension, etc - and you will agree the positives far and away exceed any negatives against the industry.

Remember that the mRNA targets one epitope of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, and although the antibodies it produces against COVID-19 are likely polyclonal in nature, this in no way means that the genetic modification of the viral DNA induced by mRNA would similarly occur in human DNA

of recipients of the vaccine. That's it, as far as the science goes, until some new revolutionary knowledge emerges!

One comment suggests that there is no value in discussing the conspiracy theories regarding the vaccine because those promoting them are ill-informed. I disagree. There is always value in addressing any purported scientific point of view, regardless of its veracity or the status of those advancing it.

I CANNOT WAIT TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE, approved by competent authorities.

Prof Idris Mohammed is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Science.

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An appeal to Gov Bala Mohammed

We are appealing to the Bauchi State Governor, Senator Bala Mohammed, to approve the implementation of the proposal submitted by Soft and Ideal Global Ventures in 2020 on Irish potato farming in the state. The introduction of Irish potato farming would enhance food security and income generation, especially amongst the teeming youths in the state.

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Re: Village heads inviting bandits

This is a serious and dangerous issue. If village heads will trade with the lives of their subjects, then where are we heading to? I suggest those found to have been

involved in this act should get a death sentence without any option. They should have equal treatment with bandits, armed robbers and kidnappers. It is also important for other states to check on the activities of their traditional rulers also.

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The invasion of Capitol Hill

The unfortunate invasion of the American legislature by President Trump's supporters was a big scandal that deserves international condemnation. The crocodile tears by Trump should not be accepted but, instead, be followed with stiff punishment to serve as a deterrent.

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KASUPDA's wages of haste

Claims and counterclaims have continued to trail the demolition, by authorities of the Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KASUPDA), of the Asher Restaurant in Kaduna. The demolition of the building, which is located on Kachia Road, Sabon Tasha in Kaduna took place on December 31, 2020. The order to demolish the structure was sequel to a notice on the social media that announced Asher Restaurant and Lounge as the venue for a sex party.

According to KASUPDA, the sex party would have showcased (if it held) "A high-level immorality that negates our socio-cultural, religious, and traditional values"; adding that "This act of immorality is partly the reason why we are bedevilled with security challenges in our dear state". It also said Governor Nasiru Ahmed El-Rufai "in his proactive leadership style ordered the immediate arrest of the organisers" and asked KASUPDA "to demolish the structure to forestall a recurrence" as well as deter other clubs that are intending to host similar events.

A few days later, KASUPDA made a U-turn from its earlier position that justified the demolition of Asher Restaurant for allegedly being the venue for a botched sex party. It said the building was brought down for its illegal status stressing that, "Checks of government records show that the building housing Asher Restaurant had neither a valid title nor development permit." KASUPDA Director General, Ismail Umaru Dikko, while regretting the inaccuracy of previous statements by the handler of their social media account said: "There is no reservation about steps taken to enforce the laws and regulations of Kaduna State on a property that was in violation of its provisions." Dikko said only holders of valid title and development permits required notification before enforcing provisions of the law.

When the police eventually arrested the suspect that posted the sex party notice in the social media, he confessed that it was simply a hoax. According to the suspect, the sex party started as a joke between him and his friends; and was not meant to go public. "The whole thing was a joke. A friend made the flier that was posted on Twitter and put my number on it and we all laughed over it, but somebody sent it to someone and to another person, until it got to Twitter", the suspect said.

The owner of the restaurant, Aisha Mercy Yakubu, however, denied knowledge of the event. She said a customer had hired the VIP Lounge of the restaurant for a 15-man reunion/clothing line promo, to appreciate his customers for their good patronage of his brands. According to her, she lost goods worth N32 million as well as cooking utensils, furniture, electric appliances, chillers, deep freezers and outdoor catering utensils. "I watched them pull down the building without allowing me remove any item before the demolition and as a result of the trauma, I lost my one-month-old pregnancy," she said.

Kaduna State Government last week arraigned five suspects including the owner of Asher Restaurant, her husband, and Marvellous Akpan who allegedly disseminated information about the party. They were charged before Magistrate Benjamin Nok of the Gabasawa Magistrate Court with flouting COVID-19 protocol and acting immorally. Other charges include violation of a partial lockdown order of the Kaduna State Government 2020, criminal conspiracy and attempt to commit an offence with public nuisance, obscene or indecent act, gross indecency and adultery.

It is obvious that KASUPDA over-reacted to the social media message. The conflicting statements by KASUPDA in which it reversed itself from an earlier one is the result of an action hastily taken. The latter claim advanced to justify its action was an after-thought. Even if the building lacked title as claimed, demolition should be a consequence of legal procedures, not an executive fiat. While we call on the court hearing the case to ensure that justice prevails in this matter without undue delays, government agencies, like citizens, are urged to verify social media contents before acting on them. This demolition is, indeed, the wages of careless haste.



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Agriculture and health nexus in fight against COVID-19 pandemic

By Dr Abba Yakubu Abdullah

All my life, which extends beyond a half-century span, malaria and common cold have been my two major afflictions. Malaria, I have come to recognise its early symptoms and always take care of it with appropriate drugs and for the common cold, I usually let it take its course of three to five days and I am done with it. As I get older, I started taking supplements especially vitamin C to boost my immunity. However, with the advent of the COVID-19, Zinc tablets were added to my treatment regime after I survived a serious cold attack, which lasted for about two weeks. Luckily, I was told by a doctor that it wasn't COVID-19 and many people have been having similar long-lasting cold attacks. Perhaps, the common cold virus is in solidarity with the COVID-19 virus in making sure humans have a taste of the power of microbes.

Before the advent of the pandemic, zinc is mostly heard in the prescription to children who suffer from diarrhoea, but with the advent of the COVID-19, zinc has become a drug supplement of choice by doctors and is prescribed to all COVID-19 patients and many common cold victims like me. Zinc is an essential micronutrient associated with over 300 biological functions and is known to play a critical role in biological processes including cell growth, differentiation and metabolism and its deficiency restricts childhood growth and decreases resistance to infections, which contribute significantly to morbidity and mortality in young children. Although, severe zinc deficiency is rare in humans, mild to moderate deficiency may be common, especially in populations with low consumption of zinc-rich animal-source foods and high intakes of foods rich in phytates, which inhibit zinc absorption. Mild to moderate deficiency may be difficult to diagnose, as signs and symptoms such as increased susceptibility to infections and growth retardation are shared with other nutrient deficiencies and childhood illnesses. In addition, Zinc helps the immune system fight off invading bacteria and viruses like the common cold, SARS, coronavirus and other members of its family. The body also needs zinc to make proteins and DNA, the genetic material in all cells, and during pregnancy, infancy, and childhood, the body needs zinc to grow and develop properly.

In 2018, I attended a study tour and training program on Technology Advances in

Agricultural Production, Water and Nutrients Management by the International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC), Muscle Shoals, Alabama USA. In many of the papers presented, zinc is mentioned as one of the important micronutrients that is important to both plant growth and human health. The Centre has a specialised research on nano production of zinc for use in fertilizer production. Chemical fertilizers are responsible for between 40 and 60 percent of the world's food supply and started the World's Green revolution. Crops need 14 essential nutrients. However, in Nigeria, NPK (15-15-15) is the commonly used fertilizer until recently when the formula was changed to NPK (20-10-10), i.e. Nitrogen was increased to 20% while phosphorous and potassium

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were reduced to 10% each under the Presidential Fertilizer Initiative. It is obvious that only macronutrients are considered in Nigeria's fertilizer formulation with no consideration to micronutrients for the nutritional health of the consumers of the farm produce.

Zinc is one of the important micronutrients that is required for healthy growth for both plants and humans and therefore provides a nexus between agriculture and human health, especially under the current pandemic season. Low bio-availability of Zinc not only reduces plant productivity, it also impairs the nutritional quality of the harvested products by lowering Zinc density in seeds/grains.

The deficiency of zinc in humans has its origins in the zinc status of agricultural soils and the consequential low amounts of it in staple food crops. Consuming foods with elevated Zinc

concentrations is expected to result in an immediate positive impact on human nutrition and consequently on human health. Agriculture is the primary source of all nutrients required for human life in Nigeria. However, Nigeria's agricultural system does not provide sufficient nutrients output to meet human nutritional needs for healthy living. One of the possible solutions to correct this deficiency in Nigerians is by food fortification or biofortification of the major staple crops produced for consumption. A fast and cost-effective way of addressing zinc deficiency in soils, crops and humans is by adding Zinc into fertilizers formulation for crops production. Furthermore, the addition of Zinc in the fertilizer formulation could increase the yield of crops by 15 per cent and reduce the quantity of fertilizer application by 50 per cent.

Nigeria is beset by significant micronutrients (especially zinc, iron and vitamins) deficiency problems that are rife in soils, food crops and human diets. In a study in 2007, it was found that only about 0.9 per cent of Nigeria's land mass has adequate amount of zinc in its soil mostly found in parts of the North West and Niger Delta regions. However, Zinc is readily available in Nigeria from mines especially in North Western Nigeria and surprisingly could easily be harvested from used car tires, littering all over Nigeria, which contains 1-2 per cent zinc by weight.

Whereas the direct linkage that exists between soil fertility, crop nutritional quality and human nutrition as expounded above, Nigeria's, current emphasis in agriculture has been on increasing food production quantitatively, with little effort being made in the area of qualitative crops production. The focus here is our star of the moment, zinc, considering its immense positive effects on crop productivity, environmental benefits and crop nutritional quality. It is, therefore, imperative under the new normal caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for Nigeria as, a matter of policy, to start the inclusion of zinc into fertilizer formulation for the environmental, economic and health benefits that could be derived. This will impact greatly in reducing the cost of agricultural production by reducing the amount of fertilizer per production as well as enhance immunity in humans that will positively impact the health of Nigerians.

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CEO INTERVIEW

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The company recently marked its 60th anniversary, what impact would you say FMN has made in Nigeria?

Since inception, our purpose has been to continue growing a diverse portfolio of accessible, sustainable food products, and investments that enhance the lives of the Nigerian people, today and in the future, whether through the people we employ, the consumers that purchase our goods or the child who recollects a deliciously home-cooked meal prepared with our products. By maintaining this focus, we have overtime, created shared value for our customers, communities, investors and anyone that is connected to our organisation.

Evolving from a single flour-mill into Nigeria's large food and agro-allied group, FMN has grown through product evolution, acquisitions and partnerships. More importantly, we have contributed to six decades worth of growth to the Nigerian economy while responding to Nigeria's changing needs

With a focus on five critical food value-chains, FMN has established several manufacturing concerns, including one of the largest single-site mills in Apapa, a central grains hub and processing mill in Kano, an automated edible oils refinery in Ibadan, a fish and animal feed mill in Ibadan and Calabar, a sugar estate in Niger State as well as one of the largest sugar refineries in Lagos, etc.

As we speak, FMN employs over 12,000 Nigerians, directly and indirectly, impacts several millions more, especially when we consider our numerous community-based outreach and empowerment projects across the country. We place a considerable commitment to enhancing lives within our host communities through infrastructure, skillset development and empowerment.

In October 2020, FMN Group recorded 31 per cent revenue growth, how did you achieve that?

Firstly, it is important to acknowledge that the outbreak of the coronavirus has had devastating effects on several sectors of the economy. Nonetheless, as the biggest

FMN contributions to Nigerian economy huge — Olusanya

Boye Olusanya is the General Managing Director (GMD) of Flour Mills of Nigeria (FMN). In this interview, he speaks on how the company evolved to become one of the biggest food and agro-allied businesses in Nigeria in its 60 years of existence.



■ Boye Olusanya

food and agro-allied group in the country, we are acutely aware of the far-reaching impact that our businesses have on the lives of millions of Nigerians and have always been prepared to ensure that we always meet the needs of the people.

To guarantee that we have unrestricted access to the essential raw materials for our production, we developed a long-term plan that included embarking on a backward integration strategy. We invested heavily in the agriculture and agro-processing sectors and some of these investments include large scale commercial farms and out-grower programmes that enabled us to work very closely with smallholder farmers and farmer groups. This approach also significantly enhanced the local content profile for many of our products, and by extension fed growth and productivity in Nigeria's food value chains.

What are strategies the company deployed to expand the flour milling business?

Excellence; we are a passionate company that is constantly pushing the boundaries and exploring new frontiers to deliver the best. This focus inspires everything

we do at FMN, and that is why we implement the best practices in our manufacturing process, backed by innovation and the ingenious spirit of our people.

There have been agitations by smallholder farmers about the firm stifling them, how has the company empowered them?

The group's investment in agri-business is essentially anchored on the principle of achieving economies of scale in food production through crop-specific value chains. To ensure that we can raise productivity and accelerate food processing and value addition, we have over time continued to collaborate across the value chains. Our well-defined backward integration programmes include strong partnerships with a network of smallholder farmers and farmer groups across the country.

FMN Group's Strategic Imperative plan in the years ahead is to create value in the supply chain of agro-allied products and reduce dependence on imported raw materials, how do you hope to achieve that?

As at today, FMN is Nigeria's largest food and agro-allied group, running a fully

integrated 'farm-to-table' model. This means that we are involved in all aspects of the food development process.

From agro-inputs like seeds and fertilisers at the crop cultivation stage up to aggregation, storage and transportation when the crops are harvested and processed. This ensures we have complete control over the type of raw materials we use for our manufacturing process and guarantees our promise of quality. While this approach is important to guarantee our access to raw materials, it also allows for the entire ecosystem to flourish.

Amidst stiff competition, how does FMN sustain its presence?

Well, I believe the answer to that is clear. It is all about the quality of our products. We keep our eye on quality in everything we do at FMN. In addition to the fact that our consumers always come first, we never renege on our promise of quality. For instance, we recently adopted the 'Gold Standard' in manufacturing for all Golden Penny products. This simply means that we have adopted the highest and most stringent manufacturing processes to ensure the superiority of our products in line with global best practices and the needs of our consumers.

Can you also speak on the about N2 billion the company said it spent in the fight against COVID-19?

Our company, mandated by its unwavering commitment and sense of duty to Nigeria which spans the past 60 years, activated an action plan to support the government in the fight against coronavirus.

We kicked off this plan with the redemption of our N1 billion pledge to the Nigerian private sector coalition against COVID-19. We also commenced a N400 million food relief distribution activity spanning 12 Nigerian states, delivering food supplies to the most vulnerable communities

hit by the nationwide lockdown.

The suddenness of the COVID-19 scourge necessitated global economies to implement restrictions to ensure their frontline responders had sufficient medical supplies for the fight against the virus. As such, the global medical supplies chain was severely impacted.

Last year, the FMN group initiated a successful, emergency global supply-chain plan to help provide the Nigerian government with tangible and tactical support during the global economic lockdown. This initiative, which was led by our chairman, John Coumantaros, procured, donated and distributed critical medical supplies worth over \$1.5 million. The medical supplies which included 60,000 COVID-19 testing kits, ventilators and over 300,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment have continued to help Nigeria manage the pandemic.

Planning for this initiative involved the leadership of the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), vendors from five nations, multiple logistics partners, and a tireless team drawn from the FMN group's operational leadership.

Our team scaled through varying global regulatory restrictions on medical supply procurement, limited stock and transport restrictions, and stayed resolute in the race to help Nigeria manage and flatten the curve.

What are the projections for the company this year?

Last year, we commemorated 60 years of job creation, enriching the lives of Nigerian families and communities, and economic growth. For 2021, we plan to move forward by continuing to re-configure and reposition our various businesses to respond effectively to the evolving environment of the Nigerian consumer market and to continue to create value for our stakeholders.

First Bank unveils virtual payment card

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

First Bank of Nigeria Limited, has launched the Virtual Payment card, a Naira denominated debit card that digitally replaces the plastic debit card.

In a statement, the bank said, the card is designed to be linked to either a customer's operative account or wallet account.

The bank said the First Bank Virtual Payment Card is a suitable alternative to the use of cash and

cheque, with its wide-range features, which include the ability of cardholders to protect his/her card using the block and unblock capabilities.

It is a safe, convenient, and easy way of making e-commerce payments amongst other functionalities and can be created via the bank's digital channels with a N215 cost.

Commenting, Deputy Managing Director of the bank, Mr Gbenga Shobo, "The Virtual Payment Card is also designed to guard against the spread

of the COVID-19 as it does not require physical interaction between the customer and First Bank branches.

"We enjoin our customers to download the application and stay ahead in modern banking."

First Bank also recently launched the FAST Track ATM, which it said is the first of its kind in Africa, designed to promote financial activities on the ATM without any form of physical interaction with the machine.

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ECONOMIC INSIGHT

N4.4tr debt bad for economy — AMCON

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The management of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) has said that it is bad for the economy as the corporation has recovered over N4.4 trillion debt from various companies.

It, therefore, called on all agencies of the federal government and all stakeholders to join its debt recovery drive to guide against the huge opportunity cost of not recovering its huge total current exposure.

AMCON made the call in a paper presented by the Group Head of AMCON Enforcement, Mr Joshua Ikioda, titled "Overview of AMCON from Cradle to Date and the

Implication of the Bad Debt to the Nigerian Economy" at a 2-day training for Federal High Court Legal Assistants and Court Registrars in Abuja.

Its current exposure of N4.4tr is higher than the entire 2021 capital expenditure budget of the federal government worth N3.85tr.

Ikioda said this is also bigger than the N3.12tr for total foreign debt service for 2021 and personnel cost of N3.7tr.

He said, "Of this figure, the government agency further disclosed that its 350 obligors alone account for a whopping N3.6tr, which is 82 per cent of the outstanding exposure of N4.4tr, which if recovered would be enough to complete the revival of the

moribund Ajaokuta Steel Company and construction of many more of such projects."

AMCON explained that the huge debt if recovered would be enough to capitalise over 2 million micro-businesses with N2m cash injection each or 200,000 Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with N20m per SME, which would create over 10m jobs.

AMCON assured that it is determined to recover these debts because the money belongs to Nigerian taxpayers.

AMCON MD/CEO, Mr Ahmed Kuru in his keynote address said debt recovery has been difficult for the corporation. "It did not turn out to be that easy, through the instrumentality of the courts as we encountered a lot of challenges.

N/Delta minister wants TAJ Bank branch in Uyo

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Minister of Niger Delta Affairs, Senator Godswill Akpabio, has urged the TAJ Bank to prioritise opening a branch in Uyo in Akwa Ibom State once it gains its national license.

Akpabio said this when the bank commissioned an infrastructure at Saint John Paul School in Uyo recently.

According to a statement from the TAJ Bank, the minister commended the bank for believing in the vision of the school and accepting to provide financing for the expansion of the institution's infrastructures.

Representing the bank, one of its officials, Mr Nasir T. Usman, acknowledged the enormous strides that the leadership of the school has made to fill in the gap of quality education in Nigeria. He noted that the results were evident in the school's nine years of existence as it had succeeded in moulding students of great intellectual output and high moral standing.

The bank said in just over one year of operations, it has recorded several milestones. Recently, the bank was awarded Bank of the Year by Leadership Newspapers Group for its remarkable performance and efforts in driving financial inclusion to people at the grassroots.

Other dignitaries at the event include the Chairman of the school, Mrs Uloma Akpabio and the Sole Administrator, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Mr Akwa Efiang.



■ From left: Team Lead Private Banking Group, TAJBank, Nasir T. Usman; Minister of Niger Delta, Senator Godswill Akpabio; Chairman St John Paul School, Uloma Akpabio; The Sole Administrator, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Akwa Efiang; Ikechukwu Ugwuegede, and Ekene Ugwuegede at the commissioning of infrastructure at the school in Uyo, Akwa Ibom state recently.

Local content: Firms asked to audit expatriates

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

The federal government has asked companies to submit details of expatriates working for them as the push for local content intensifies.

Announcing this yesterday, the Special Ministerial Task Force on Monitoring and Enforcement of Nigerian Expatriate Business Permit and Expatriate Quota

Administration, said the government is ready to sanction companies that failed to comply with the law guiding the employment of qualified Nigerians as understudy for expatriates.

The task force directed companies to submit the Tax Identification Number (TIN), National Identification Numbers (NIN), phone number and email addresses of

Nigerians understudying expatriates in the firms.

According to the chairman of the task force, Mr Bola Ilori, this decision was reached during its meeting with representatives of the Nigerian Immigration Service, Nigeria Labour Congress; Nigerian Bar Association, the Nigerian Society of Engineers, other professional bodies and officials of the Ministry of

Interior.

Speaking to reporters in Ibadan, Ilori was concerned that some companies employed Nigerians with school certificates to understudy the expatriates who are managers, apparently showing they were not ready to transit the role to the Nigerians.

"How can a school certificate holder understudy a manager?"

Airline to save N10bn with VAT removed from tickets

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The 2020 Finance Act has removed Value Added Tax (VAT) from domestic airline tickets, as airlines may save N10 billion on this.

VAT is remitted to the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS). However, there are concerns that this may not reduce the high airfares that have risen to over N60,000 for a 30-minute flight.

Under the umbrella body of the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON), the domestic airlines in June 2018 took a decision to suspend VAT remittance, insisting aviation is the only means of transportation still burdened by VAT

remittance.

However, a week after the resolution, President Muhammadu Buhari issued an Executive Order for the removal of Value Added Tax (VAT) from "All Forms of Shared Transportation". The new Act now gives backing to the removal of VAT by the airlines as the N10bn spent on this by AON could be saved.

Although air operators lauded this, they said they would have to contend with other factors like high exchange rate, high cost of aviation fuel (Jet A1), among others that have raised the air tickets.

Chairman of West Link Airlines, Captain Ibrahim Mshelia said it would help to "ease, standardise and harmonise

our system with international best practices. It is a good move in the right direction."

Spokesman for Dana Air, Mr. Kingsley Ezenwa said. "It should reflect soon but don't forget it is not just VAT that is playing a role in the fares as the multiple taxes are there, forex, parts, JET A1, etc. But we need to see it implemented then we can start reflecting it on tickets."

An aviation analyst, Mr. Olumide Ohunayo said, "We expect that airlines should be able to issue tickets stating clearly the fare and what the other charges are; it should not be hidden anymore so we can have some progress in the fare structure."

Workers decry poor irrigation tools

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

Workers in the Cross River Basin Development Authority (CRBDA) have decry the poor state of irrigation projects of the Authority covering Cross River and Akwa Ibom States.

The workers under the aegis of Nigerian Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers Union (NUAAWU), during a protest against the appointment of politicians as managing directors of the federal government entity said that has affected the system functionality.

They noted that CRBDA has irrigation projects in the states but none is functional. Spokesman of NUAAWU at the Authority's chapter, Joseph Etim said, "We certainly cannot continue like this except we want the place to die completely."

He called on the Minister of Water Resources, Alhaji Suleiman Adamu to appoint only technocrats that have passed through the Authority as managing directors.

When contacted for comments, Mr Jackson Udo, the Public Relations Officer said there is no permission as a civil servant to the press on this issue.

Tackle porous borders now, FG urged

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The first female National President of the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and

Agriculture (NACCIMA), Iyalode Alaba Lawson, yesterday called on the federal government to immediately address the concerns of porous borders.

She spoke on Sunday in

Abeokuta, Ogun State at a media parley, as part of activities to mark her 70th birthday on January 18.

The entrepreneur also knocked the government over

the border closure policies, saying the organised private sector was not carried along before the borders were shut.

She said, "Our neighbours can be very nasty, using our borders

being porous, what are we doing to those porous borders?"

"But now that the borders have reopened, we need to block the porosity of the borders," she noted.

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Herbalist caught with human part said he bought it for N2,000

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

A herbalist caught with a human part in Iwo, Osun State, Hamsat Akeem, said he bought it for N2,000 from a human parts dealer in the community.

The herbalist said he wanted to use the human

part for money ritual and that he contacted the dealer, Tajudeen Monsuru, to get it for him which he did without delay.

Akeem spoke with *Daily Trust* at the police headquarters in Osogbo, where police detectives at the State Criminal

Investigation and Intelligence Department held him.

Monsuru was also arrested by police detectives and confessed that he sold the human part to Akeem.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Wale Olokode, told our

correspondent that another suspect, Yusuf Tiamiyu, was also arrested for buying a human head from Monsuru.

Yusuf, who is popularly known as 'Awayewasere', in a chat with *Daily Trust*, said he paid N20,000 to Monsuru for the human head, adding that he bought it for one of

his clients.

Monsuru confessed that he had killed several people, sold parts of their bodies for as low as N2,000 and used the money to drink.

CP Olokode said the matter was under investigation and the suspects would be arraigned in court soon.

Police arrest 2 over kano shooting

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

The Kano State Police command has confirmed that it has arrested two suspects and recovered a car snatched by gunmen who killed the owner of the vehicle at Zoo Road, Kano State.

The armed men, on Saturday, shot and killed the man close to Ado Bayero Mall on Zoo Road in Kano metropolis.

The victim, who was identified as Alhaji Isa Abubakar, was shot around 10 pm and died a few hours after.

An witness told *Daily Trust* that the gunmen stormed a rice mill on Zoo Road, in the evening and started shooting in the air.

"They attempted pulling out one man

from his car, but he initially resisted. Eventually, they dragged him out of the car and shot him in the chest," the witness said.

The source added that the attackers ran away with the man's vehicle and left him in a pool of blood on the street.

The Kano State Police Command spokesman, DSP Abdullahi H. Kiyawa, confirmed the incident. He said the police reacted immediately they heard the gunshots.

He added that the man was taken to hospital for proper medical attention. "However, the victim died in the hospital, a few hours later, due to excessive blood loss from the gunshot injury," he added.

Kidnapped councillor's wives, 3 others freed after ransom payment

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Two wives of a councillor representing Gwako ward in Gwagwalada Area Council, Abuja and three others that were abducted in Kpakuru village regained their freedom after payment of N4 million ransom to the abductors.

Daily Trust had reported that gunmen suspected to be kidnappers last Tuesday invaded the councillor, Idris Mohammed's, house and abducted his two wives, younger sister and two of his younger brothers.

A member of the victims' family, who preferred anonymity, disclosed to our reporter that the victims were

released around 8 pm on Saturday after the ransom was taken to the kidnappers to a location around Wumi forest, a village sharing boundary with Niger State.

"But can you imagine after they collected ransom at far away Wumi village, we went to pick the hostages around a bush near Giri junction. However, we give glory to God that they are back home safely," he said.

The spokesperson of the FCT Police Command, ASP Maryam Yusuf, who asked our reporter to send a message to her phone after several calls, was yet to reply to the text to confirm the release of the victims at press time.



■ The herbalist, Hamsat Akeem .

Photo: Hameed Oyegbade

Community arrests man who raped 7 teenagers in Plateau

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Residents of Bukuru in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State have arrested one Abdulhamid Sale who was accused of raping seven teenagers in the community.

Aliyu Hassan EL-Yakub, a youth leader of the area who confirmed the arrest to *Daily Trust* in Jos yesterday, said the suspect had been transferred from Bukuru 'B' Division Police Station to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), State Police Headquarters, Jos.

According to the youth leader, the arrest of the suspect came after a report by the mother of one of the victims to the vigilante group that she saw her daughter with a phone which the parents did not buy for her and called for an investigation into the matter.

He said, "After thorough investigation, we found out that the phone was given to the girl by the said Sale, and further checks revealed that he raped seven girls mostly 13-year-olds. They all claimed he slept with them and gave them money. We arrested him and handed

him over to Bukuru 'B' Division Police and he was later taken to the state police headquarters in Jos."

The youth leader, while expressing his dismay over the incident, called on parents to watch over their kids, saying there are bad eggs in the society who were always ready to prey on impressionable teenagers.

When contacted, the spokesman of the state police command, Ubah Gabriel, promised to find out from the CID and get back to our reporter but at the time of filing this report, he had not.

Appeal court affirms death sentence by hanging in Ekiti

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A Court of Appeal, sitting in Ado-Ekiti on Friday affirmed the judgment of a High Court in Ekiti which sentenced one Sunday Jimoh to death by hanging.

Jimoh was sentenced to life imprisonment by Justice Dayo Ogunmoye of the State High Court on December 30, 2017. The convict was said to

have committed the crime at Omuo Ekiti, Ekiti East Local Government Area of the state.

Dissatisfied with the judgement of the high court, Jimoh approached the appellate court, seeking to overturn the decision of the trial court.

The Director of Public Prosecution, Mr. Julius Ajibare, who led the prosecution team, argued that the case lacked

merit.

The judge, Justice Obi Elechiu, however sentenced him to death by hanging. "Having listened to the arguments from both the prosecution and the defence counsel, the court of appeal upholds the judgement of the lower court and dismisses the convict's appeal for lack of merit," the judge stated.

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PROPERTY

COVID-19: Property investment still profitable in Dubai

By Terkula Igidi

One of the leading real estate consulting firms in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) based in Dubai, Middle East Harvesters (MEH), has said despite the downturn in the global economy caused by the coronavirus pandemic, property investment in the summer city is still profitable.

A managing partner of MEH, the Nigerian-born Emmanuel Agbangbe, in an interview on WhatsApp, gave lots of reasons why property investment in Dubai is still highly profitable.

He stressed that buying a property in Dubai remains significantly cheaper compared to other major cities in the world.

"The recently introduced ten-year UAE property owner's visa and retirement visa programmes is a significant benefit for those looking for a residence.

"Besides, the zero taxation policy of the government of UAE is an incentive that property investors should not discountenance," he said.

Agbangbe who assured that MEH's team of experts is committed to fast, professional and courteous service in the real

estate sector, added that Dubai is one of the safest cities in the world since it is an ideal location for property investment.

He said the upcoming Expo 2021, scheduled to begin in October 2021, would attract well over 25m visitors and tourists, bringing along with them billions of dollars in foreign investments, urging Nigerians to take advantage of the opportunity and make their presence felt in the sector.

Speaking further, he said the never-ending summer, diversity in its expatriate population and the local currency, Dirhams,

pegged to the USD, eliminating all forms of FOREX risks, guarantee a return on investment in the property market in Dubai.

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"As a real estate consulting company in Dubai, we have a wide network of real estate agents and brokers across the UAE, who help our landlords find quality tenants (Interested in short or long term lease arrangements) for their apartments, villas or offices," he added.

Bauchi govt to provide roads in construction of 2500 housing scheme

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Bauchi State Government will award contracts for the construction of access roads and provision of electricity in the ongoing construction of 2,500 housing estates embarked upon by the administration in the six emirates of the state.

The State Commissioner for Environment and Housing, Honourable Hamisu Muazu, who disclosed this during the inspection of the ongoing housing project in some areas, said the government would provide amenities in the new estates to enable poor people who would be allocated the houses by the state government to enjoy life like other citizens.

The commissioner who visited project sites in Jamaare, Azare, Misau and Ningi expressed satisfaction with the achievements recorded so far and commended the contractors for the progress of work.

"I am here to inspect the ongoing construction of our 2500 housing scheme awarded by the administration of Senator Bala Mohammed. I am satisfied with the achievements so far made and I must commend our contractors for living up to expectation."

He expressed optimism that the project would be completed without taking much time having reached various stages of completion.

He also applauded the contractors for working with local suppliers and urged them to maintain the tempo for the speedy completion of the housing project.

The commissioner, however, attributed the delay in the speedy execution of the project to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe

■ Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in the Central Business District, Abuja.

Lagos State to review Magodo residential scheme II plan

By Abdullateef Aliyu

The Lagos State Government and the Magodo Residents Association have reached common grounds on the contents of the review of Magodo Residential Scheme II Plan.

After protracted meetings, the two sides agreed to leave the estate as residential with no mixed developments, while those who had converted their uses would be made to revert to status quo ante.

"It was also agreed among others that no development would be tolerated on Magodo wetlands, CMD road would remain mixed-use, while the other side of CMD road would be recovered as a buffer zone for the expressway," a

statement signed by Mukaila Sanusi, Assistant Director, Public Affairs, Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development, said.

The statement quoted the Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Idris Salako decrying the unapproved change of the estate plan by residents who had unilaterally and illegally altered their uses to allow offices, religious houses and commercial activities of different types spring up in areas where they are not designated.

"It is discomfiting how the government vision of accommodating the elites of the society in an ambient environment is gradually supplanted by an unhealthy culture of arbitrariness,

which, if care is not taken, may create planning disorder and throw up slumming challenges," he said.

He recalled that the Lagos State Government, as part of its intervention of bridging the housing gap in the state, had created the Magodo Residential Schemes, strictly as medium residential estates, through the New Towns Development Authority (NTDA), which had the mandate to develop residential schemes for different strata of the society.

The Commissioner stated that given this background, government must intervene to restore order in line with the planning regulations, which stipulates periodic review of estate schemes to meet contemporary needs.

LandWey to open Lagos' first Wellness, Polo City

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A Lagos based real estate firm, LandWey is set to open Nigeria's first-ever wellness and polo city in Lagos.

The city called "Isimi Lagos", according to the firm, is an ode to the peace of mind it promises to give to its future residents.

The firm said at the weekend that Isimi Lagos holds the promise of "countless ways to enjoy an active and beautifully diverse lifestyle within nature; the perfect meeting point of technology and architecture."

Managing Director of LandWey, Olawale Ayilara, told newsmen that residents would be privy to the 360 panoramic view of nature at its finest with picturesque scenery of the city.

He said, "Residents of this majestic city would not only enjoy quality time away from the bustle of Lagos, but they get the gift of nature and the world around them to explore, all the while investing in their physical and emotional well-being.

"The idyll of the city is punctuated by an all-natural lake, which can be used for everything from kayaking to family picnics, and residents who have dreamed of destination weddings can take advantage of the waterfront which makes for the perfect wedding venue."

According to him, families will enjoy outdoor activities like being able to pick their fruits and vegetables from the farm, while the petting zoo is a unique feature within the ranch that is guaranteed to be the children's favourite.

He added, "A utopia for sports lovers, the city boasts of a standard polo turf with a stable that houses some of the world's best horses and being surrounded by kilometres of riding trails provides a state-of-the-art riding experience. The golf course is certain to thrill both the pros and the beginners and would make residents fall in love with the game.

"Sophisticated meeting rooms and workspaces situated within the tech valley are equipped with high-speed internet and uninterrupted power to boost efficiency of the residents, and the sheer elegance of these spaces make them the perfect place to harness intellectual capacity, fueled by the peace that abounds around."



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774 jobs: Plateau flags off employment of 17,000 workers

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong has flagged-off the engagement of 17,000 Nigerian citizens into the special public works programme in the state on behalf of the Federal Government.

According to Lalong, 1,000 people have been selected from each of the 17 local government areas of the state.

While flagging off the programme at the Township School in Jos, the Commissioner of Environment, Yakubu Idi, who represented the governor, said the 17,000 beneficiaries, who were carefully selected from their various communities, were among the 774, 000 people set to be enrolled in the programme.

The governor told the beneficiaries that the programme was designed to reduce unemployment and therefore should not be misused. He thanked the federal government for initiating the exercise, especially at this critical moment.

Director General of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE), Malam Abubakar Nuhu Fikpo, represented by Mrs. Linda Barau, said the programme was meant to create mass employment and cushion the effect of the COVID-19, particularly for unskilled citizens, adding that no formal education was required to be enrolled.



■ Seized motor cycles in Lagos

LASG seizes 100 okada over traffic law violations

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Lagos State Environmental and Special Offences Unit has impounded 100 motorcycles over violation of the state traffic law.

The operation was enforced along Navy town, FESTAC town and Rainbow end of the Oshodi-Apapa expressway on Saturday.

Chairman of the state taskforce, Shola Jejeloye, who led the team said the operation was in continuation of government's efforts in ensuring sanity on Lagos roads.

Jejeloye also said it was targeted at defiant motorcyclists who, according to him, were hell bent on plying restricted routes across the state.

He stressed that the

enforcement operation was carried out to halt the abuse of traffic laws by motorcycle operators.

"The discouraging high statistics of motorcycle accidents and the compelling need to enhance safety on Lagos roads led to the promulgation of the Lagos State Transport Sector Reform Law 2018.

"Besides, criminals also use motorcycles as a means of escape after committing criminal activities. Also worrisome is the influx of persons without any traceable address and valid means of identification under the guise of commercial motorcycle riders into the state. This has remained a huge security threat to residents.

"In accordance with the law, every motorcycle

operator must wear crash helmet, be above 18 years, not ride on kerb/median/road-setbacks, avoid restricted routes, not carry more than one passenger/pregnant woman/adult with baby/child below 12 years, not install any musical gadgets, must wear apron, not operate beyond 10pm, operate with a rider's permit and have their motorcycle registered with government," he added.

While warning the general public, especially motorists to ensure that their valuable items are safely kept while in traffic, the chairman solicited for the cooperation of all residents in providing useful security information about criminal activities around them to security agencies through the Lagos State free emergency toll lines 112 or 767.

QUICK READ

We'll not accept anti-party in FCT PDP - Chairman

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Sunday Zaka has said the party would not accept any member that tried to engage in anti-party politics into its fold.

Zaka spoke during the party's get together, which had some PDP stakeholders and chairman of Bwari Area Council, John Gabaya, in attendance in Bwari at the weekend.

He said PDP was a party to beat across the FCT, adding that it would continue to operate an open door policy to accommodate more members into its fold.

The chairman urged members and supporters of the party to remain committed to it to continue to wax stronger ahead of 2022 area council elections and 2023 general elections.

Emir of Keffi woos foreign-based agro manufacturing firm to Nasarawa

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

A post-harvest technology manufacturing company based in Germany, Reila, has identified Nasarawa State as location for establishing its assembly plant in Nigeria.

Emir of Keffi, Dr Shehu Chindo Yamusa, who wooed the company to Keffi, said, "Being an academic, farmer and an emir has prepared me to continue striving towards the agricultural and other means of growth and development of my emirate, state and the country from manual to mechanized farming, harvest, storage, marketing and research and development."

Nasarawa State Governor, Engr. Abdullahi Sule, who witnessed a demonstration by the firm of its post-harvest implements at Shabu Farms, in Agwada Development Area, showed appreciation to the Emir of Keffi, Dr. Shehu Chindo Yamusa, for the initiative.

3 die as mob attacks customs checkpoint in Kwara

The Nigeria Customs Service, Kwara Command, has said that three persons have died during a mob attack on its sector 3 check point and operational base in Ilesha-Baruba area of the state.

A statement by Mr Zakari Chado, the command's Public Relations Officer (PRO) on Saturday, said the three persons were part of the mob that attacked the check point and attempted to overrun the base.

"On January 8, at about 8pm, Sector 3 security operatives at Ilesha Baruba, while conducting stop and search at a checkpoint along Saki-Ilesha Baruba axis, flagged down a Volkswagen Golf vehicle.

"The vehicle was red coloured with registration number BDG 453 BH. The driver refused to stop, hence the operatives pursued the vehicle and successfully apprehended it. During the pursuit, the driver abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene.

Police brutality: Ogun panel visits crime scene, ex-SARS office

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Ogun State Judicial Panel of Investigation set up by Governor Dapo Abiodun to ascertain complaints of victims on police brutality, human rights violations and extra-judicial killings by security operatives has visited some of the scenes mentioned by petitioners and respondents before it.

At its various sittings, petitioners had alleged being tortured, harassed, molested and victimised by operatives of the defunct Special Anti Robbery

Squad (SARS).

The chairman, Justice Solomon Olugbemi, said there was need to visit some crime scenes as part of its fact-finding duty.

"During the course of giving evidence, several witnesses that came before the panel mentioned the former office of the defunct Special Anti-Robbery Squad, Magbon now in use by the new outfit SWAT and Oba Correctional Centre, Abeokuta amongst others" the panel chairman stated.

According to him, "the panel visited the locus in quo somewhere in Alagada

area of Oba in relation to an alleged extra-judicial killing by a Mobile Police officer, Sergeant Tunji Ademuyegun posted to the New Abeokuta Correctional Service, Oba facility sometime in 2019 to inspect the security outposts of the army, mobile police and correctional guards to gather useful information on how the runaway police sergeant could have successfully escaped."

The chairman reiterated the commitment of the panel "to holistic fact findings and thorough

investigation into all petitions before the panel to deliver justice to all without fear or favour and to make appropriate recommendations to government."

During the visit, two witnesses, Alhaji Sulaimon Salisu and Mr. Oluwafemiwa Kehinde Owosa, at the scene where Sergeant Ademuyegun was alleged to have shot late Biola Adeyanju spoke with the panel, saying "the officer shot sporadically after being drunk and the bullet eventually hit the deceased."



GOVERNMENT OF NIGER STATE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids Works (Without Prequalification)

EMPLOYER: Niger State Ministry of Environment
PROJECT: Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project
CONTRACT TITLE: Reclamation of 60 Ha degraded land(woodlot and orchard plantation)across Niger State Nigeria
COUNTRY: Nigeria
CREDIT NO.: IDA 51050 NG
RFB No: NG-NIGER SPMU- 163019-GO-RFB
Issuance Date: Monday January, 11th, 2021

1. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of Niger State Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for the Reclamation of 60 ha degraded land (woodlot and orchard plantation) across Niger State by the Niger State Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) Fy20.

2. The **Niger State Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NG-NEWMAP)** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of the following:

Lot	Item No.	Description of item.	Bid – Security	Delivery Period	Location(s)
1	1	Procurement of low Hanging fruits seedlings	N1,500,000	120	GSS Tgina, GSS Ibeto, GSS Kontagora, GGSUC Kontagora, ILSC Kutigi, GGSS Bida, GSC Izom, GGSC Sabon Wuse, MKSS Lapai in Niger State
2	2	Construction and Installation of Boreholes with submersible pump and stanchion overhead Tanks	N800,000	120	GSS Tgina, GSS Ibeto, GSS Kontagora, GGSUC Kontagora, ILSC Kutigi, GGSS Bida, GSC Izom, GGSC Sabon Wuse, MKSS Lapai in Niger State
3	3	Procurement of Shear Butter Seedlings	N1,500,000		Borgu Local Government in Niger State

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" procurement in investment project financing revised August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information may be obtained from the **State Project Management Unit (SPMU) (NG- NEWMAP) Attention: Usman Garba Ibeto (Project Coordinator), Email: nigernewmap@gmail.com, Telephone: +234-8035704346 or 08065381450** and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours at the address given below.

4. The Bidding document in English Language may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Thirty thousand naira (N30, 000.00)**. The payment will be done in the Account Unit of the project office at **Niger State - Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project**.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12.00 Noon On Monday 8th February, 2021** Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below.

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of N1,500,000:00k for lot 1, N800,000:00k for lot 2. And N1,500,000:00k for lot 3.

7. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

8. A Pre-bid meeting would be held at the address below on **Monday 1st February, 2021** which is one week before the bid opening date by 12:00 noon to allow potential bidders seek clarifications on the bidding document.

9. The address referred to above is:

Signed
Project Coordinator
Usman Garba Ibeto

Address:
The State Project Coordinator
Niger State Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP)
No. 7 Habibu Shuaibu Road, Opposite Federal Secretariate, Minna- Niger, Nigeria.
Telephone: +234-8035704346 or 08065381450 E-mail: nigernewmap@gmail.com



GOVERNMENT OF NIGER STATE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Request for Bids Works (Without Prequalification)

EMPLOYER: Niger State Ministry of Environment
PROJECT: Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project
CONTRACT TITLE: Desilting Of Existing Drainage Channels In The State Urban Centers (Minna, Bida, Kontagora and Suleja)
COUNTRY: Nigeria
CREDIT NO.: IDA 51050 NG
RFB No: NG-NIGER SPMU-163043-CW-RFB
Issuance Date: Monday January, 11th, 2021

The Federal Republic of Nigeria has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts for **Desilting Of Existing Drainage Channels In The State Urban Centers (Minna, Bida, Kontagora and Suleja)**

The State project management Unit (SPMU), Niger State– Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NG-NEWMAP) on behalf of Niger State Government now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Desilting Of Existing Drainage Channels In The State Urban Centers (Minna, Bida, Kontagora, Suleja .)** in Niger State. Margin of preference shall not be applied.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Open competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Projects Financing (Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018) ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all invited Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Further information may be obtained from the **State Project Management Unit (SPMU) (NG- NEWMAP) Attn: Usman Garba Ibeto (Project Coordinator), Email: nigernewmap@gmail.com, Telephone: +234-8035704346 or 08065381450** and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours at the address given below.
- The Bidding document in English Language may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Fifty thousand naira (N50,000.00)**. The method of payment will be through Bank draft in favor of **Project Coordinator Niger State - Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project**. The document will be sent by courier on demand
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12.00 Noon On Monday 8th February, 2021**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of N1 million.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
- A Pre-bid meeting would be held at the address below on **Monday 1st February, 2021** which is one week before the bid opening date by 12:00 noon to allow potential bidders seek clarifications on the bidding document.
- The address referred to above is:
**The State Project Coordinator
Niger State Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP)
No. 7 Habibu Shuaibu Road, Opposite Federal Secretariate, Minna-Niger, Nigeria.
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Signed
**Project Coordinator
Usman Garba Ibeto**



FCT ADMINISTRATION/ SATELLITE TOWNS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

PREAMBLE

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) in her bid to boost the FCT economy, wishes to undertake the provision of Cottage industry in plot 7322, Wasa District Abuja. The project is aimed at provision of jobs, and reduction of youth restiveness in the FCT. Interested individuals, MSMEs, or businesses, are hereby requested to apply by Expression of Interest (EOI) for partnership with Satellite Towns Development Department (STDD) in the following limited opportunities.

CATEGORY OF APPLICANTS

The category of applicants includes but is not limited to MSMEs operating the under listed businesses:

- Grain Milling (Rice, Corn, Millet, Sorghum, etc.)
- Automobile Repairs/ Servicing (Mechanics, Panel beater, Auto Electrician, Auto Service centers, Auto A/C, etc.)
- Hair and Beauty Saloon (Plaiting, Barbing, Gele Tying, Makeup Artists, Nails' Art, etc.)
- Textiles Manufacturing & Production (Tie & Dye, Tailoring, etc.)
- Soap Making, Arts, Crafts & Culture Works (Crafts, Pottery, Sculpting, Painting, etc.)
- Metal Work Production (Welders, Goldsmiths)
- Shoemaking & Repairs and leather bags
- Construction: precast products, Krebs, interlock, concrete poles, Rings, culverts, Aluminum Doors & Window, Carpentry and furniture (Chairs, Tables, upholstery, Beds, Fitting and fixtures, Windows, Doors, and frames)
- Electronics and Telecommunication Services (GSM) and Repair Shops
- Water Production and Farming (Poultry, Aquaculture (edible), Snail farming, Grass Cutter farming, etc.)
- Catering Bakery and Confectionery services (Food services, Water & Drinks Production Ice Block Making, Rental Services, Event Management/Decoration, etc.)

All interested individuals or companies are required to apply via the attached online application form. <https://tinyurl.com/y98bvh93> or scan qr-code below to apply.

Please note, in compliance with COVID-19 protocol, no hard copy will be accepted. Submission of expression of interest shall be within two weeks from the date of this publication.

For further enquiries please contact

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Signed:
Arc Usman Isyaku Bala (FNIA)
Director Housing (STDD)
For: Honorable Minister of state (FCT)



DRUGS & MEDICAL CONSUMABLES SUPPLY AGENCY (DMCSA), KANO, KANO STATE

INVITATION TO BID

TENDER FOR FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF HEALTH COMMODITIES

Tender No. DMCSA- 07-2021

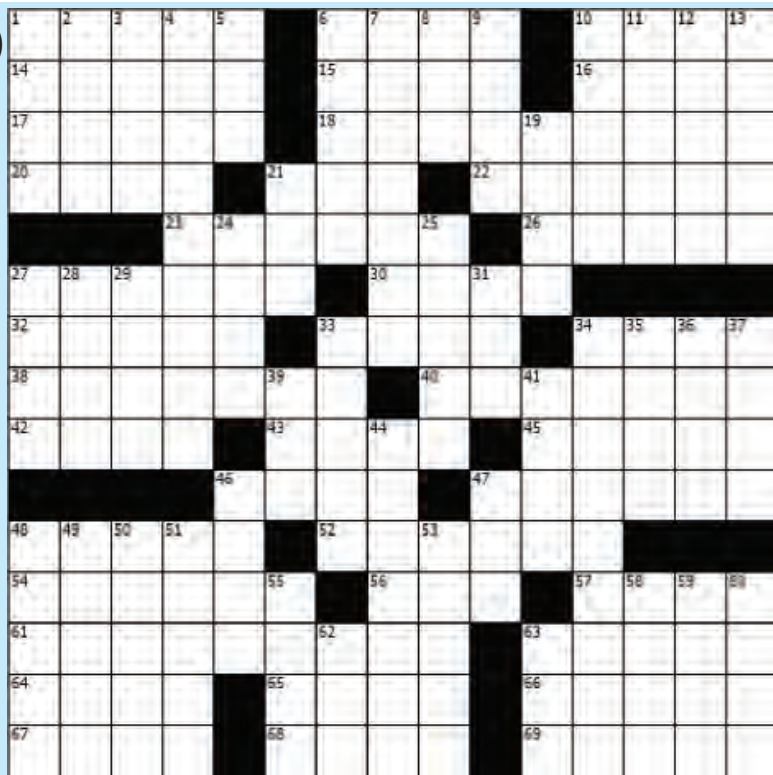
- The DRUGS & MEDICAL CONSUMABLES SUPPLY AGENCY (DMCSA), KANO has responsibility to procure, store and distribute Medicines, Medical and Laboratory Supplies and other Medical consumables in Kano State. The DMCSA was established on 23rd. June 2009, as per Kano State Drugs and Medical Consumables Supply Agency Law 2009 (1430A.H.)
- The DMCSA invites sealed bids from interested suppliers for the supply and delivery of health commodities (pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical raw materials and medical supplies).
- The quantities specified are estimated quantities only. Any supplies to be provided under the contract to be agreed shall be ordered by the issue of table of award under a framework contract for one year with the following features:
 - One full year fixed price starting from contract signing date.
 - Delivery shall be affected on partial instalment as shall be specified in the schedule of delivery.
 - Quantities delivered shall be ± 25% (Fixed range variation) of quantities in the schedule of requirements depending on the actual need of DMCSA.
- Bidding will be conducted through the open competitive bidding procedures as described in the DMCSA Procurement Procedures Manual.
- Interested eligible bidders or their representatives may obtain the bidding documents from the procurement office / DMCSA. Further information may be obtained at the address given below from 0830 to 1330 hours local time (Monday to Friday, except national public holidays).
- In order to bid**, a complete set of the bidding documents has to be purchased by interested bidders up to 1300 hours (local time) before the closing date upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Forty Thousand Naira only (N 40,000.00)** paid in bank draft payable in the name of: **UNIFIED DRUG REVOLVING FUND EXPENDITURE. OR pay directly to Account number :1012837642, Bank: Zenith Bank Acct name: UDRF EXPENDITURE**
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 28/01/21 at 12:30 hours local time. **Electronic bidding will not be permitted.** Late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below at **12:30** hours local time on **28/01/21**. All suppliers' bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than **Two percent (2%)** of the bid amount. The Bid Security must be in form of a Bank Certified Cheque or Bank Guarantee issued by a reputable bank agreeable to the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall not be liable for any bid not deposited in the tender box.
- For purchase of bid document, submission and any other information, please contact:

DRUGS & MEDICAL CONSUMABLES SUPPLY AGENCY (DMCSA);
NO. 2, IBRAHIM TAIWO ROAD, KANO.

Tel: 09094666521 | 08067139138 | 08023098376

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



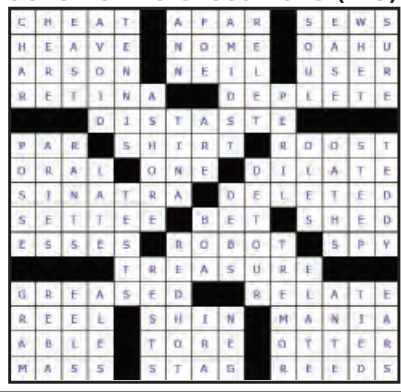
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- 1. Nun's garment
- 6. So-so
- 10. Cut wood
- 14. Hockey venue
- 15. English princess
- 16. Easy gait
- 17. Respond
- 18. Plotted
- 20. Escort
- 21. Soggy
- 22. Frozen wasteland
- 23. Comfort
- 26. Swipe
- 27. California city
- 30. Apiece
- 32. Flowering bush
- 33. Impel
- 34. Bestowed
- 38. Sickness
- 40. Figured out
- 42. Bog fuel
- 43. Slipper
- 45. Actress ___ Davis
- 46. At no time, in verse
- 47. Motive
- 48. Forbidden
- 52. Fight back
- 54. Former students
- 56. Musician's job
- 57. Aria singer
- 61. Trolley

Down

- 1. Difficult
- 2. Locality
- 3. Defeat
- 4. Continual
- 5. Make lace
- 6. Phase
- 7. One more
- 8. Wayside hotel
- 9. Remainder
- 10. Actor/Director ___ Eastwood
- 11. Multitude
- 12. Verdi work
- 13. Bicycle part
- 19. Shove
- 21. Court
- 24. Fairy tale starter
- 25. U.S. symbol
- 27. Turn over
- 28. Stir up
- 29. She, in Madrid
- 31. Passing grade
- 33. Theater attendant
- 34. Large dog (2 wds.)
- 35. Colony insects
- 36. Kill a bill
- 37. Genesis site
- 39. Compass dir.
- 41. Lincoln and Vigoda
- 44. Italian herb
- 46. Zero
- 47. 18-wheeler
- 48. Savor
- 49. Modify
- 50. Pack animal
- 51. Prophetic signs
- 53. Fathered
- 55. Restless desire
- 58. OPEC member
- 59. Air duct
- 60. Citrus drinks
- 62. Talk amorously
- 63. Olive center

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (175)



SIGN LANGUAGE >>

Hilarious bumper stickers



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 175

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SNAPSHOT >>

Customs agents seize mystery 'bushmeat' at NJ airport



U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey have seized nearly nine pounds of bushmeat, the agency announced Tuesday. Bushmeat is "raw or minimally processed meat" from parts of animals, including bats, monkeys, rats and antelope, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is usually either smoked, dried or salted. The meat, which comes from parts of Africa, is illegal to bring into the U.S. because it can spread diseases, according to the CDC. A U.S. citizen brought the bushmeat on a flight from Ghana, customs officials said. The passenger declared the meat to a CBP agriculture specialist, who determined it was illegal bushmeat. Officials then seized and destroyed the meat. "CBP agriculture specialists made critical interceptions of these prohibited animal products and stopped them from entering the United States before they could potentially cause grave damage to our agricultural and economic vitality," Troy Miller, CBP's New York field office director of field operations, said in a written statement. An animal disease outbreak associated with foods like bushmeat could affect public health, the economy and the food supply, according to CBP. Even Ebola, which isn't usually spread by food, has been associated with bushmeat, the CDC said. Anyone caught trying to sneak bushmeat into the U.S. can face fines of \$250,000.

By James Leggate



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat Phase III, Abuja, Nigeria

LIST OF VISITATION PANELS TO FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES AND INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRES

LIST OF PANEL CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

The President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, **Muhammadu Buhari**, GCFR has approved the constitution of Visitation Panels to 38 Federal Universities and Inter-University Centres

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

TOR 1: Examine the relationship between the institution and the various statutory bodies it interacts with, according to its law, for the purposes of supervision, planning, finance, discipline, guidance etc. Such bodies include the Governing Council, the supervising Agency and the Federal Ministry of Education as well as the Visitor

TOR 2: Examine the quality of the leadership of the institution in terms of the role of the Governing Council, the Head of institution and other Principal Officers

TOR 3: Examine the financial management of the institution over the recommended period and determine whether it was in compliance with appropriate regulations

TOR 4: Investigate the application of funds, particularly the special grants and loans meant for particular projects, in order to determine the status of such projects and their relevance for further funding.

TOR 5: Examine all academic programmes, policies and practices as well as the total academic and physical development, performance and direction of the institution and advise as to whether the desired targets have been met and how modifications may be made to achieve maximum academic productivity, excellence and service to the nation.

TOR 6: Study the general atmosphere of the institution over the period in question. In particular the general conduct and comportment of all personnel of the institution especially staff, students and managers and advise as to whether the correct training is being given and how necessary corrections may be made. This should include the relationship between the institution and the host community over the period.

TOR 7: Study in detail the management structure and performance of the institution including fiscal, administrative, personnel and welfare policies and advise on ways to cut costs, reduce waste and continue to develop, if necessary by adaptation, rather than expansion in the face of attenuated resources.

TOR 8: Examine the "Law" establishing the institution and consider in what ways the law has been observed in all ramifications by the competent authorities and suggest any necessary modifications to the law in order to enable the institution achieve its objectives better.

TOR 9: Advise on any and all other aspects of the institution that you may consider should be of interest to both the Visitor and the public; and to the attainment of the objectives for which the institution was set up

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6.	DR. BASUYI MEKUSE	MEMBER	ONDO
7.	MRS OBIANLUJI ANIGBOGU	SECRETARY	FME

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2.	PROF BAGORI ALH BUKAR	MEMBER	BORNO
3.	MR. EDMUND ATTAFIRU	MEMBER	PLATEAU
4.	MR JOHNSON OGBEDIE (CNA)	MEMBER	CROSS RIVERS
5.	PROF. UMAR DAHIBU BAUCHI	MEMBER	BAUCHI
6.	PROF ABDUL FATAH OLAYIWOLA	MEMBER	OYO
7.	MAL ALIYU MUHAMMAD SALIU	SECRETARY	FME

The date for the commencement of the exercise will be announced.

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Federal Ministry of Education

My battle with coronavirus – Babafemi Ojudu

By Muideen Olaniyi

Special Adviser to the President on Political Matters Senator Babafemi Ojudu, on Saturday, opened up on his successful battle with the coronavirus.

Ojudu, in a piece titled 'My Journey To COVIDOM' posted on his Facebook wall, said his travail with the virus started after he travelled to Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital, to attend the funeral of the late father of a close friend in December last year.

The presidential aide, who said he took the COVID-19 test on a monthly basis with negative results, revealed that he received the news of a positive result as if a sledgehammer had struck his head.

He advised those still doubting the existence of the disease to beware and cautioned against parties and large gatherings in view of the vicious nature of the second wave of the coronavirus.

Ojudu said: "It took a lot of self-persuasion to decide on a trip to Ado Ekiti on December 18 to attend the funeral of my friend's dad. Kay, as we call Kayode Afolabi, has been my pal since primary school. I, therefore, considered it an obligation to join in the traditional obsequies for his dad. His parents are like mine.

"It took a friend like Kay to take me out of my home to office routine since the outbreak of the pandemic almost a year ago.

I am finicky about my health. Sometimes my insistence on being healthy borders on hypochondria. I took the COVID-19 seriously from the onset. I read up every literature I could lay my hands on about the virus and other pandemics in history. In fact, one of the books I read before I took ill was 'The Great Influenza' by George M. Barry.

"I took the test monthly. Each time I waited anxiously to be told via a text message from Dr Audiferen that simply read, 'Distinguished, you are negative'. On Wednesday, December 23, the text message was different. 'Distinguished where are you?', the message read. 'Home', I replied. 'Stay there and await further instructions. You have tested

positive to COVID'.

"It was like a sledgehammer struck my head. I felt numb. Further instructions later tumbled out of his mouth like a military instructor on a drill. 'Don't come to work from now. Make sure you have no contact with anyone. Will send you your medications and keep me briefed of developments,' he added.

"My journey to COVID-hell started on December 18th. The day before, my driver and aide left for Ekiti so they can pick me up at the airport the following day because I had a lot of work that needed urgent attention. The next morning, I took a cab to the airport to catch an 11.00 am Overland Airline flight to Akure where my driver will pick me up and drive up to Ado Ekiti. But the flight didn't leave until 5.45 pm, keeping me in the airport for over seven hours. It was the holiday period and a weekend with Nigerians flying in from all over the world into Abuja airport from where they boarded local flights to their respective destinations. The airport was jammed. A super-duper spreader it promised to be.

"The day after, I left home with my nose mask securely strapped across my face and a bottle of sanitiser in my pocket. I went to the funeral to honour my friend. As a public official, I mingled – greeting people and sanitizing my hand right away. I was so busy socializing I didn't even eat or drink.

"Then, people started coming to take photographs and selfies with me. A public servant has no hiding place in Nigeria. You must oblige your constituents. I obliged the people by taking off my mask for some of the pictures.

"I was at the party for less than 60 minutes. But I was never at ease. This was a party that didn't feel right. I had come to honour my friend but I didn't walk into a friendly air.

"A few days before, I was warned by a source that some political opponents and foes were planning to harm me at the party. A relation called my wife from London to inform her of the intelligence she picked up from a close friend in Ekiti. As a compulsive political hornet nest's stirrer,

I get these kinds of warnings often. I don't want rumour to imprison me. So, I often dismiss them but take security precautions. True to the information provided, by my informant, I witnessed a few strange things there. A story for another day.

"I returned to Abuja on Monday after another long delay at the airport by the Overland Airlines flight. Two days later, I started feeling uncomfortable. My body didn't feel right. Dr Audiferren quickly arranged a test. Gbam! The jarring news came. Between the airports, the flights and the party, the virus found its way into my body.

"And so began my days and nights of nightmares. My wife and children had left for Lagos for the Christmas holiday. I was to join them on the 23rd. Now, I was home alone with COVID! Ade Ipaye offered a special facility at the National Hospital, I declined. Wracking headache, insomnia, loneliness, restlessness, hallucinations, lack of appetite, sore mouth and throat, difficulty breathing, aches and pains in my joints became my lot as I ingested

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"Twice within three years, I knocked at the gate of death. In 2009 it was a helicopter crash I survived from. These are pointers that I still have more years in Mother Earth and appreciation to my creator. I am therefore rededicating myself to serving humanity.

"I was lucky, many others were not, as I was daily confronted with stories of the dead both known and unknown to me. My prayer for our people who still believe COVID does not exist is, may you never be admitted into COVIDOM.



■ Babafemi Ojudu

the prescribed drugs....

"The moment I received my positive diagnosis I handed over my debit card to my aide and hoped I would see him at the end of this nightmare....

"My wife and children, panic-gripped, returned from Lagos and took abode in an Abuja hotel, monitoring me via phone.

"The few colleagues who got the hint were fantastic. Hajiya Maryam Uwais, herself a survivor, sent crystals for steaming and exotic teas 'to awaken your senses'.

Lara Owoeye Wise, my colleague in The News one night sent a message to inform me of her COVID condition and frustrations with the symptoms. She didn't know we were both in the same storm. She got well before me and has been very supportive. Many others got in touch. My anguish unknown to them. They could not buy COVID medications or pay for tests. I kept sending messages to Ahmed Lawal to transfer from the little I had in my account."

He added: "COVID got me but God and science brought me back. My friends and family made sure I may be isolated but I wasn't alone. The doctors performed miracles.

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were not, as I was daily confronted with stories of the dead both known and unknown to me. My prayer for our people who still believe COVID does not exist is, may you never be admitted into COVIDOM.

If you don't even care about your life, care about your neighbour's and family.

Stay away from large gatherings. Postpone that wedding or funeral. What, for God's sake, is the value of all these parties we waste time and money on? What point are we trying to prove?

"The great John Jerry Rawlings of Ghana died two weeks after the funeral party of his mum. A Nigerian Army general died too shortly after his mother's funeral. Several colleagues got infected who attended a conference with him shortly before his death. Such ceremonies are super spreaders. These were men whose talents and genius are still needed here.

"I have just read about an accomplished Texas-based surgeon who visited home for Christmas, hosted a party and returned to base to die. Brides, grooms and relatives have died shortly after parties. I learnt of four professors who attended a wedding in Lagos. Two are dead and the others are still in intensive care.

"Be reasonable, don't endanger your life and that of others. Wear your mask, wash and watch your hands, keep a reasonable distance, stay alive and healthy, submit yourself for the vaccine when available.

"The road ahead is rough, let's have a truly happy New Year by taking the utmost care. COVID IS REAL."

Osinbajo: Nigeria stronger together than apart

By Muideen Olaniyi

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo says the nation is stronger together than apart despite differences in religion, ethnicity, political affiliations, or other diversities.

He said this at the National Christian Centre, Abuja, yesterday at the Interdenominational Church Service for the 2021 Armed

Forces Remembrance Day Celebration.

Osinbajo, represented by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, said Nigerians of all generations and from all walks of life must endeavour to commit to ensuring Nigeria's unity.

He said Nigerians "must at every opportunity insist that every great multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation has,

through thick and thin, fought to realize the great dividends of diversity and pluralism."

He restated the need for Nigerians to, as a mark of honour for the sacrifices of the men and women of the Armed Forces, show more commitment to the unity of the nation and the task of building a better society.

He said: "the struggle to ensure a more perfect federation is a lifelong enterprise to which

each generation must resolutely commit."

Osinbajo, who paid tribute to the departed men and women of the nation's Armed Forces, observed that their sacrifices embody ultimate patriotism as they laid down their lives in the line of duty.

He recalled the heroism of the Late Tolulope Arotile, who made history in October 2019, when she was winged as Nigeria's first

female combat helicopter pilot in the 55 years of existence of the Nigerian Air Force.

Osinbajo, while also praising the members of the Armed Forces, added that they "laid down their lives in peacekeeping operations on the continent and elsewhere, paid the ultimate price in the fight against the mindless terrorism in the North East, and in defending this land from other threats to security."

Stop protesting new appointment at NDDC, N/Delta leaders urged

By Faruk Shuaibu

Prominent leaders of nine states in the Niger-Delta region have been urged to stop sponsoring protests against the appointment Effiong Akwa as the sole administrator of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

President Muhammadu Buhari had recently appointed Akwa after it dissolved the Interim Management Committee of the commission following the alleged financial impropriety that rocked the commission. A series of protests had also greeted the appointment.

Addressing journalists in Abuja weekend, Deputy National Coordinator of the Niger Delta Support Groups for Buhari, Caroline Nagbo, appealed to all political leaders and other leaders in the region to allow peace to reign while awaiting the outcome of forensic audits ordered by the president.

"Akwa is to assist the Auditors to achieve their aim and it is on record that his tenure will end once the auditors conclude their assignment and a report presented to the Federal Executive Council. This is why what he deserves is more of support to achieve the assignment given to him than condemnations," she said.

HIV/AIDS: FG tasked on antiretroviral drugs, test kits

By Olayemi John-Mensah

The Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN) has urged the Federal Government to procure adequate antiretroviral drugs and test kits in order to achieve the UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals.

NEPWHAN National Coordinator, Abdulkadir Ibrahim, in a statement yesterday, said Nigeria had failed to attain the goals by the end of 2020.

He said the goals could not be achieved without government's commitment to procuring adequate test kits from domestic resources so that more Nigerians could be tested and positive placed on life-saving treatment.

He said the network was currently talking to the Federal Ministry of Health to fast track release of available resources to procure HIV drugs and test kits to keep Nigerians living with HIV alive.

"We hope that by the end of the second week of January, approval and release would have been granted by the Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire and his team to redeem Nigeria's commitment and respect in the eyes of the international community, and to also demonstrate the importance of global solidarity and shared responsibility to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat.

"Failure to meet this commitment within the stipulated time will surely propel the people living with HIV in Nigeria to advise themselves for their voices to be heard by the world," he said.

He urged the National Agency for the Control of AIDS to update the NEPWHAN and the HIV partners on the status of the procurement of antiretroviral drugs into the national HIV commodity pool.



■ From left: Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha; Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Gabriel Olonisakin and Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Adm. Ibok-Ete Ibas, during the 2021-Armed Forces Remembrance Day Inter-Denominational Church Service in Abuja yesterday.

Photo: NAN.

Troops kill over 50 bandits, recover rustled livestock in Zamfara

Troops of Operation Hadarin Daji, on Saturday, eliminated no fewer than 50 bandits at Kuriya village in Kaura Namoda Local Government Area of Zamfara, Defence Headquarters says.

The coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche, said in a statement on Sunday that the troops also recovered 334 rustled livestock from the bandits during the encounter.

Enenche said the operation was carried out by the gallant troops with close air support by the air

component.

The operation followed actionable intelligence on the activities of the bandits in the location.

He said that four soldiers were wounded in the encounter.

According to him, human intelligence confirms that no fewer than 50 armed bandits were killed in the encounter.

"Equally, troops recovered 272 livestock from the bandits.

"In another development, troops deployed at Dunya village of Danmusa Local Government

Area of Katsina also recovered 62 livestock from bandits who fled into the bush on sighting troops on patrol.

"Currently, the gallant troops have continued to dominate the theatre of operation with aggressive patrols to deny criminals freedom of action.

"The Military High Command commends the gallant troops for the feats recorded and encourages them not rest on their oars until normalcy is restored to all troubled zones of the country," he said. (NAN)

Biafra war: Obasanjo, Kukah, others to speak at conference

By Saawua Terzungwe

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo; the Bishop of Sokoto Catholic Diocese, Rev. Matthew Kukah and others will this week speak at a conference on the Nigerian-Biafra Civil War.

The conference, titled 'Never Again Conference: 51 Years after the Nigerian-Biafra Civil War', which will hold virtually, will examine the issues and circumstances that led to the civil war and discuss ways of uniting the nation.

Addressing a virtual press conference yesterday, Chairman,

Conference Planning Committee, Prof. Pat Utomi, said a First Republic Minister, Chief Mbazulike Amaechi; Alhaji Tanko Yakasai; Mr Peter Obi; Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed; Senator Shehu Sani; Lady Onyeka Onwenu; Amb. Godknows Igali; Alhaji Ahmed Joda, Prof. Ladi Hammalai and Mrs. Charity Shekari would be part of the conference.

Utomi said the forum would initiate a roadmap for national development by dissecting the challenge of nation building 51 years after the civil war as well as the much canvassed restructuring, marginalization, equity, fairness

and justice in the country.

"The conference is also aimed to underscore the lessons of the civil war and more especially to promote nation building, forgiveness, healing, reintegration, stability, and national cohesion. We also want to use the occasion to call for national reflection and encourage bridge building among Nigeria's racial groups.

"We believe that the time has come for a robust interrogation of the causes of the Nigerian-Biafran War in order to identify the fault lines that have retarded national cohesion and growth," he said.



PUBLIC NOTICE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED PHASE 13 CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR (254) BASE TRANSCIEVER STATIONS (BTS) IN THE NORTH WEST ZONE BY ATC NIGERIA LIMITED.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act Cap E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces a twenty-one (21) working days public notice for information and comments on the draft EIA report submitted by ATC Nigeria Limited.

Brief Project Description: - The proposed project involves the Design, Construction, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) and other ancillary facilities across States in the North West Zone, as listed below.

S/N	N. LAT N	N. LONG E	NEW ADDRESS	STATE
1	12.40271	9.89927	A Piece of Land in Askandu Jigawa State	Jigawa
2	12.65695	8.50962	Goje Ba'auzini Kazaure local govt. Jigawa	Jigawa
3	12.79409	10.00109	A Piece of Land in Diginsa Jigawa State	Jigawa
4	11.14230	10.00662	A piece a land belonging to Abdu Yusif, Yarf. Farin Dutse, Gwaram, Jigawa State	Jigawa
5	12.09050	9.97406	A piece a land belonging to Muhammad Maizabi, Kurubo. Gafaka, Kafin Hausa, Jigawa State	Jigawa
6	12.05970	9.69140	A piece a land belonging to Umar Abdu, Dagarawa, Jahun, Jigawa State	Jigawa
7	11.56736	9.43336	A piece a land belonging to Suleiman Adamu, Bakin jeji waza, Birnin kudu, Jigawa State	Jigawa
8	11.61729	9.28208	Tsangaya Albasu, kudau ward, Jigawa state.	Jigawa
9	12.31580	9.05558	Gidan Ari village, Sankara Ward Jigawa state	Jigawa
10	12.51936	10.50427	Garin mallam town Guri local government jigawa state	Jigawa
11	11.73142	9.48358	A plot of land located at sosawa village kiyawa LGA jigawa state	Jigawa
12	12.71491	8.17793	Gimi, Gwiwa L.G.A., Jigawa State.	Jigawa
13	12.61431	9.27939	Sabon Gari, Dan Yarda, Sule Tankarkar L.G.A., Jigawa State.	Jigawa
14	11.88408	9.26858	Ruwan kawoni village Dutse LGA jigawa	Jigawa
15	11.99637	9.70501	A plot of farmland located at kibawa village jahun LGA jigawa	Jigawa
16	12.39476	9.46688	A piece a land belonging to ALHASSAN YAHAYA, Kore sabuwa, Gagarawa, Jigawa State	Jigawa
17	12.38153	9.19089	Jaya Town, Garki LGA, Jigawa State	Jigawa
18	12.37475	8.82378	Chakinawa, Garki L.G.A., Jigawa State.	Jigawa
19	12.12786	9.64603	Zagau makera town jahun local government jigawa state	Jigawa
20	11.49470	9.49080	A plot of land at kangire Arewa B/Kudu	Jigawa
21	12.74959	9.51887	Dan Sambo, Mai Gatari L.G.A., Jigawa State.	Jigawa
22	12.35533	10.11846	Sabongida Town Auyo local government jigawa state	Jigawa
23	12.43584	9.07095	A piece a land belonging to Ibrahim Hamisu, Jangari, Garki, Jigawa State	Jigawa
24	12.26960	9.14520	A piece a land belonging to Usaini, Badage, Ringim, Jigawa State	Jigawa
25	12.56690	9.19562	A piece a land belonging to Jigawa state government, Shabaru, Sule Tankarkar, Jigawa State	Jigawa
26	12.71265	9.27351	Kukule, Sule Tankarkar L.G.A., Jigawa state.	Jigawa
27	12.50350	9.31062	A piece a land belonging to Jigawa state government, Sule tankarkar, Sule tankarkar, Jigawa State	Jigawa
28	11.42283	9.30481	A plot of land located along Birnin kudu -tsamiya rd Gaza village birnin kudu LGA jigawa state	Jigawa
29	11.19551	9.90909	A plot of land located along gwaram -fagam road farin Dutse gwaram LGA Jigawa	Jigawa
30	12.21345	9.68260	Plot of land in Gwari Community, via Miga, Jigawa State	Jigawa
31	12.21574	10.14780	Zawayo Town kaffin hausa local government jigawa state	Jigawa
32	12.21399	9.41141	Plot of land in Maje Community, via Gilima, Jigawa state	Jigawa
33	12.69777	8.58133	Ungo Kargo, Yankwashi L.G.A., Jigawa State.	Jigawa

34	12.44771	9.82243	Shayya town mallam Madori local government jigawa state	Jigawa
35	11.53522	9.68631	A plot of farmland located 1.5km off the road of Buji- Gantsa Rd Buji LGA jigawa	Jigawa
36	12.70759	8.97053	A piece a land belonging to Saidu sale, Rubunji, Babura, Jigawa State	Jigawa
37	12.55694	9.72952	Rangyana town kaugama local government jigawa state	Jigawa
38	12.57551	8.82169	Zuru village,kaute Guru ward Babura LGA. jigawa state.	Jigawa
39	12.05413	10.03130	Site located in Zago Kura zago Jigawa State	Jigawa
40	12.74766	10.08145	Site Located at the farmland Fagi Hado Buba Jigawa State	Jigawa
41	11.61427	9.80427	Shuwari auto, buji lga, jigawa	Jigawa
42	11.37286	9.47431	Kuwo village lafa, Birnin kudu LGA	Jigawa
43	12.21872	9.23471	Takai Rugar fulani, Abakura ward, Taura LGA, jigawa state.	Jigawa
44	11.10950	9.94087	Girajeni village, Fagam ward, Gwaram LGA	Jigawa
45	11.87120	9.53990	Tsirna Town kiyawa Local Government Jigawa state	Jigawa
46	12.87586	10.27416	Haushin Dole village, matamu ward, Birni LGA jigawa state	Jigawa
47	12.65001	9.90047	Kanya Babba village, kachallari ward, Birniwa LGA, jigawa state.	Jigawa
48	12.38837	8.98728	A piece of land in Doo community Musa Jigawa State	Jigawa
49	12.48333	8.98728	Farmland Located at Rafin Marke Nabanawa Jigawa State	Jigawa
50	12.81337	9.11473	Maifaru village, Jeke ward, Sule Tankar kar LGA Jigawa state.	Jigawa
51	12.60417	9.81337	A piece of land off Gumei Madana Malam Maduri Hadeji Road Arbus Jigawa State	Jigawa
52	11.21319	10.03279	Farmland Located at Dingaya Yayari Jigawa State	Jigawa
53	12.69715	9.99151	Shadawanka village, kazura ward, birniwa LGA, jigawa state.	Jigawa
54	12.61782	9.10595	Dangoho, village Maitsamiya ward, sule Tankar kar LGA, jigawa state.	Jigawa
55	12.80197	9.25109	Site located off Maizuo Maigataru Road Dangwanki Chikia Jigawa State	Jigawa
56	11.78889	9.45666	Andaza Gabashi, kiyawa LGA, Jigawa state.	Jigawa
57	12.20977	8.97931	Nisan Marke village Kyarma ward Ringim Jigawa LGA	Jigawa
58	12.16778	9.84793	Girewa Kununu village kafin Hausa ward. Jigawa	Jigawa
59	12.36786	9.76526	Musara ta kanawa village, Dubuwaran ward kaugama LGA	Jigawa
60	12.76003	9.35733	Sabin garin Ladin kane village Dankumbo ward, Maigatari LGA	Jigawa
61	12.33636	8.89653	Tafin Boyi village, Sugungum ward Jigawa	Jigawa
62	12.72520	9.12666	Karkarar Daudu village Gizo Yandamo. Jigawa	Jigawa
63	12.10106	9.32853	Kale town kale Ward, jahun LGA	Jigawa
64	10.37695	8.75883	Sheni village, saminaka, Jere LGA	Kaduna
65	10.65922	7.40237	A Piece of Land in Afaka, Alaka-Bahamuhu Road Kaduna State	Kaduna
66	9.96181	7.69975	A Piece of Land in Ankwa, Kaduna State	Kaduna
67	9.35984	8.14168	A piece of land at Kitti Village	Kaduna
68	9.63759	7.35942	A Piece of Land in Bishini Kaduna State	Kaduna
69	11.31904	7.85917	A piece of land at Feleke Village	Kaduna
70	9.95407	7.41504	Nasarawan Doka village of kachia LGA. Kaduna state	Kaduna

71	11.02044	7.59306	A Piece of Land in Dutsen Abba, Kaduna State	Kaduna
72	10.77466	7.97788	A piece of land at Liman Ibada Town	Kaduna
73	10.70938	6.56263	Mando birnin gwari dandume road Kaduna	Kaduna
74	9.57645	7.43254	A piece of land at Unguwar Makera, Jere Town,	Kaduna
75	9.47278	8.10041	A piece of land at Fori Village, Jemaa LGA, Kaduna	Kaduna
76	10.53374	8.62938	A piece of land at Kakun- Kurama Village Lere LGA, Saminaka, Kaduna State	Kaduna
77	11.01979	7.21287	A Piece of Land in Kidandan, Kaduna State	Kaduna
78	10.45907	8.31698	A Piece of Land in Kwassam, Kaduna State	Kaduna
79	10.34788	8.62001	Jurawa Village, Lere LGA, Kaduna State	Kaduna
80	11.35471	8.10507	Gidan tabo saulawa ikara L.g.a kaduna state	Kaduna
81	11.16281	7.40609	Nasarawa u/makeri yakawada giwa LGA	Kaduna
82	9.37111	8.65756	Antor Aboro ward sanga LGA	Kaduna
83	10.03829	7.59457	Along Dawodu -Idon Road, Kachia, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
84	9.19728	8.24675	Along, Lalle road arak, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
85	9.86011	7.63887	Ankwa, off Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria Express Way, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
86	9.22333	8.39098	Tsauni magindadi Sanga LGA	Kaduna
87	10.24586	7.03939	Chikun community, Kaduna State	Kaduna
88	10.15125	6.94052	Chikun community, Kaduna State	Kaduna
89	10.59527	8.65034	A piece of land at Dokan - Danbala Village	Kaduna
90	10.08523	7.42809	Dokwa, off Abuja-Lokoja road/kaduna lokoja, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
91	10.88395	8.24741	A piece a land belonging to Nura Abdul, Mai yashi village,, Town, Kaduna State	Kaduna
92	10.71049	7.74037	Plot at Gadan Gayan, Kaduna State	Kaduna
93	11.07897	7.28573	A piece of land at Tumburuks Maje village, Adjacent the primary school	Kaduna
94	10.83564	6.70651	Gayam, off Dandume-Birnin Gwari road, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
95	11.43053	7.93022	Angwan goje, makarfi lga, kaduna	Kaduna
96	10.24863	7.56878	Ikulu, off Fadan kamantan-dutsin bako-kurmin biri station road Kaduna state.	Kaduna
97	9.98229	8.14762	Ikulu, off Fadan kamantan-dutsin bako-kurmin biri station road Kaduna state.	Kaduna
98	9.67876	7.51659	Katambi Village, Kacha LGA, Kaduna State	Kaduna
99	11.05005	6.99307	A piece of land at Damari village Kaduna State	Kaduna
100	10.03683	7.73850	Kajuru community, Kaduna State	Kaduna
101	10.77708	6.18149	A piece of land at Kakakaki village	Kaduna
102	10.73486	8.30265	A piece of land at Pallanki Amawa village	Kaduna
103	9.41484	8.53774	Sabon Gida community, sanga LGA Kaduna state	Kaduna
104	10.09273	8.28582	Kauru community, Kaduna State	Kaduna
105	10.95325	7.19634	Kidandan, off Malam Mudi-Zaria road, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
106	11.45773	8.08550	A piece a land belonging to Yahaya Audu, Kukoki kuya, Town, Kaduna State	Kaduna
107	10.88457	6.60556	Magagin Gari, off Birnin Gwari-unguwar Madaki-sofo Birni Gwari road, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
108	10.72357	6.47252	Plot beside old Islamic School, Bugai Village, Birni Gwari, Kaduna State	Kaduna
109	10.62099	7.99667	Makami, off kaduna-Jos road, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
110	10.16543	7.73092	Maro, Kajuru, Kaduna State	Kaduna

111	10.10841	7.66020	Maro, Kajuru, Kaduna State	Kaduna
112	10.74668	8.06801	Plot at Sabon Kudi Village, Sabon Kudi, Kaduna State	Kaduna
113	10.83995	8.03437	Plot at Sabon Garu Village, Soba LGA, Kaduna State	Kaduna
114	10.47653	7.06536	Tundun Quardo Kadua Kaduna State	Kaduna
115	10.92638	6.75611	Tundun Raha, off dandume-Birnin Gwari road, Kaduna state.	Kaduna
116	10.49934	8.14327	Site Located at Jkauru Wesr Kware Kaduna State	Kaduna
117	10.34948	8.47569	Site Icoated at Jingr Community Jingr Kaduna State	Kaduna
118	10.93916	7.95627	Site located at Garu Fagachi Kaduna State	Kaduna
119	9.40814	7.67711	Site located off Kuchin Pwere Gidan Gagaru Road Kagarko Kaduna State	Kaduna
120	11.03324	8.27907	Site located at Mah Kuraye Kaduna State	Kaduna
121	9.11790	8.49877	A piece of land with Rando Community Rando Kaduna State	Kaduna
122	9.73352	7.75743	Located at Anturu, through Kachia/Awon Road kachia L.G.A Kaduna state	Kaduna
123	11.15396	6.98778	Located At kwahu, Hayin Mali Along Kaya Birini Gwari, Birin Gwari LGA, Kaduna state	Kaduna
124	11.03937	7.48729	A piece of land at Wazata Murai Kaduna State	Kaduna
125	10.19480	7.66942	Site Located at Tantattu Kutura Station Kaduna State	Kaduna
126	10.70078	6.80348	A piece of land within Kuriga Community Rafingyeda Kaduna State	Kaduna
127	9.71520	7.58022	A piece of land at Katari Shigbolu Kaduna State	Kaduna
128	10.10492	7.81124	A piece of land at Idon Iri Arna Kaduna State	Kaduna
129	10.21954	8.38597	A piece a land belonging to Zakariya dogo, Fadan kono, Kaduna State	Kaduna
130	10.07759	7.53530	A piece of land located at Dokwa Gidan Dutsi Kaduna State	Kaduna
131	9.45475	7.52867	A piece of land at Kagarko South Gidan Yusufu Kaduna State	Kaduna
132	9.30803	8.47596	A piece of land Located at Nandu Gwantu Kaduna State	Kaduna
133	9.26945	8.16466	A piece a land belonging to Gajere Kyaune, Gajere Farmland,, Asso, Kaduna State	Kaduna
134	11.28236	7.96600	A piece a land belonging to Yahaya Wada, John Farmland, Gidan Yuusufa, Mai Gadi, Kaduna State	Kaduna
135	11.28835	7.55928	Engineer Farmland, Opposite Dikko Inde Farmland, Maraban Guga - Hunkuyi road	Kaduna
136	11.27386	8.21747	Muawiya Farmland Furana Kurmin Kogi Ikara Kaduna	Kaduna
137	9.93045	8.59177	Site located at Damakasuwa Baduru Kaduna State	Kaduna
138	10.09636	8.55369	Musa Compound Maje Bakwai Garun Kurama Lere Kaduna	Kaduna
139	10.51255	8.01987	A piece a land belonging to Garba Abubakar, Ungwan Haruna,, Wugama, Kaduna State	Kaduna
140	10.72337	7.58031	Musa Farmland, Ungwan Serikin,Kangimi Village Kangimi Village Kwarau Kaduna	Kaduna
141	10.90678	8.34343	A piece a land belonging to Sabitu Abdu, Ungwa Kugawa, Anchau, Kaduna State	Kaduna
142	9.81445	7.52966	A piece of land located at Dokwa Shigbolu Kaduna state	Kaduna
143	9.13844	8.21957	A piece a land belonging to David Ango, David Farmland, Wasa, Kaduna State	Kaduna
144	11.13441	7.81503	A piece a land belonging to Bello Wada, Alhaji Bello Farmland,, Richifa, Kaduna State	Kaduna
145	10.49967	6.27715	A piece a land belonging to Lawal Muhammed, Lawal Compound, Randeggi, Kaduna State	Kaduna
146	9.42803	7.40225	Apiece of land by Tasha Bwari road Iddah Community Ida Kaduna State	Kaduna
147	10.21496	8.65259	A piece a land belonging to Ishaya Akawu, Tudun Wada, Lassuru, Kaduna State	Kaduna
148	9.87812	7.32104	Site located at Dokwa Rishi Kaduna State	Kaduna
149	9.89804	8.18136	Ungwa Anva, St John's Catholic Church Agyaragu Nasarawa Kamuru Kaduna	Kaduna
150	10.60556	8.30935	A piece a land belonging to Abubakar Musa, Ungwa Tudu, Dan Maliki, Pambegeva, Kaduna State	Kaduna
151	9.56807	7.43593	Jere Kagarko LGA Kaduna State	Kaduna
152	10.45564	7.39060	Kaduna Zaria express way,kaduna South LGA, Kaduna State	Kaduna
153	10.59675	8.66017	No. 64/65 Sokoto Road Samaru, Dokan Danbala Kano Road, Kaduna Kaduna State	Kaduna
154	11.13980	7.68509	1. Rock Road, Paladan by Samaru Road, Zaria. Opposite Nigerian Aviation Staff Quarters, Zaria Kaduna	Kaduna
155	9.82200	8.53330	KULU PARI COMMUNITY, ZANGO KATAF LGA, KADUNA STATE	Kaduna
156	9.93490	8.28570	St. Simon Cathoic Church, Fafin Gwara Gora LGA, Zangon Katatf, Kaduna State	Kaduna
157	11.15009	7.65105	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	Kaduna

158	11.05310	6.95660	A parcel of land along saulawa-murai-kundum-zaria road Kaduna	Kaduna
159	12.05000	8.58280	Off Tudun Murtala Road, Ungogo, Kano State	Kano
160	11.94362	8.47536	CHACOAL SITE , LAYIN MAJ UNGWA SULE, JAEN B GWALE L.G.A KANO STATE	Kano
161	12.00130	8.53010	GIDAN HABIBU, GUNTU, Kofor Mata, Kano	Kano
162	12.00900	8.51289	7 Ibrahim Taiwo Rd, Kofar Mata, Kano	Kano
163	12.01295	8.57316	BEHIND CBN QUATERS JIGIRYA, KAWAJI VILLAGE , NASARAA L.G.A KANO STATE	Kano
164	12.01040	8.53512	Bello Dandago Rd, Fagge, Kano	Kano
165	12.03364	8.54561	PLOT AT RAFIN SALEH STREET , NASARAWA L.G.A KANO STATE	Kano
166	12.43464	8.57591	CHEDIYA , MAIGANJI-DANBATTA , DANBATTAL L.G.A KANO STATE	Kano
167	11.56465	8.71513	Durba Town kibiya local government Kano state	Kano
168	11.40450	7.22443	A piece of land at Kadawa Magaji Aska Village	Katsina
169	11.38068	7.03246	A Piece of Land in Dugu Muazu, Off Dan Dume - brinin Gwari Road, Katsina, Katsina State	Katsina
170	12.79921	8.03804	A piece of land at Kofawa Village, Katsina state	Katsina
171	12.23718	7.84205	A piece of land at Sabon Garin-Garu Village, Katsina state	Katsina
172	12.80646	7.87129	A piece of land at Tare Da Galma Village, Katsina state	Katsina
173	12.44907	7.37840	A Piece of Land in Tsakiya Katsina State	Katsina
174	11.95612	7.33090	A piece of land at Danbirgima Village, Katsina State	Katsina
175	10.25949	4.70500	Ntade community, Ngaski LGA KEBBI STATE	Kebbi
176	11.66965	3.69871	Kunidi buma community ,kamba LGA KEBBI STATE	Kebbi
177	11.41166	5.95109	Plot of land at Dan Umaru/Mairairai Ward, Wasagu/Danko LGA, Kebbi State	Kebbi
178	12.30019	4.09545	Ubandawaki village, kalgo LGA Kebbi state	Kebbi
179	11.39101	4.37349	Saka-nassarawa, Koko-Besse LGA, Kebbi State	Kebbi
180	11.65964	4.25932	Jadadi-Gabas, Koko-Besse LGA, Kebbi State.	Kebbi
181	12.77562	4.15671	Maje Tudu village Yeldu ward,Arewa LGA	Kebbi
182	12.61128	4.29103	Tunga Amada village,Sauwa ward,Argungu LGA	Kebbi
183	11.92131	4.27313	Shiya-Gabas, Katu, Suru LGA, Kebbi State.	Kebbi
184	12.05895	3.87555	Beli maifama,Geza ward,Kamba LGA	Kebbi
185	11.17228	4.36768	Site lcoated ta Kawara Guru Kebbi State	Kebbi
186	11.29588	3.55331	Site lcoated at Bani Tsamiya community Saniniji Kebbi State	Kebbi
187	11.48061	3.55891	Site located at Samba community Samba Kebbi state	Kebbi
188	12.06843	3.68457	Marina village,kingikwai village Kamba LGA Kebbi State	Kebbi
189	12.36565	3.68320	Garin manomi,Gumunde Ward,Arewa LGA Kebbi State	Kebbi
190	12.15944	3.73312	DUMBUGAJE town, Arewa kangwa LGA	Kebbi
191	11.41893	5.78623	Farmland Located at Wasagu community Wasagu Kebbi State	Kebbi
192	10.79316	4.81165	Binin Yauri, Ngaski LGA KEBBI STATE	Kebbi
193	12.13722	4.51677	A piece a land belonging to Abubakar Garba, Danige Compound, Jandutsi, Kebbi State	Kebbi
194	11.55813	4.03846	Hakimi Compound,Tungan Tijjani Zagga Kebbi State	Kebbi
195	11.65606	5.11657	A piece a land belonging to Muhammed Hussein Garu, Hussein Farmland, Danko, Kebbi State	Kebbi
196	12.09619	4.21969	Haruna Compound opposite Primary Health Centre	Kebbi
197	11.72477	4.11186	Site lcoated at Bandan Bendu Kebbi State	Kebbi
198	12.52317	3.90923	A piece a land belonging to Yahaya Lauwali, Lauwali Farmland, Kangiwa, Kebbi State	Kebbi
199	12.67868	4.53962	Site lcoated at Felande Argungu Kebbi State	Kebbi
200	12.43846	3.95673	A piece a land belonging to Garba Abubakar, Abubakar Farmland, Kangiwa, Kebbi State	Kebbi
201	13.20161	5.15780	Gidan Karo gumburawa district wamako LGA	Sokoto
202	13.33091	5.43776	Site Located at Huchi Wurno sokoto State	Sokoto
203	13.50335	5.77261	Site located within Takakume community Mallamawa Sokoto State	Sokoto
204	13.44048	5.36739	Tunga sarki, salame district, gwadabawa LGA	Sokoto
205	13.49740	6.38619	Site Located Within Gagere community Kurawa Sokoto State	Sokoto
206	12.66837	5.02670	A piece of land at Gangan community Gangan sokoto state	Sokoto
207	13.22115	5.38339	Site located by Lahodu community Alkamu Skoto state	Sokoto
208	13.33882	5.79312	Site located at Sabon Gari Dole Gadon Mata Sokoto state	Sokoto

209	13.15589	5.64574	Sabaru Raba District Raba LGA Sokoto State	Sokoto
210	12.14196	4.81919	A piece of land at Girkau community Rungan Gazo Sokoto State	Sokoto
211	13.12175	4.88145	Ungwan Jauda, Binji LGA	Sokoto
212	13.55528	5.86184	Site located at Takakume Keta Sokoto state	Sokoto
213	12.44450	4.95945	Kosaya Hiliya, Tambuwa LGA, Sokoto state	Sokoto
214	12.66245	5.57370	LAMBA TURETA, TURETA LGA sokoto state	Sokoto
215	13.52510	5.60788	Site lcoated by Gidan Barau Market Kwakwazo community Kwakwazo Sokoto State	Sokoto
216	13.25227	5.73244	Mararaba junction gau dole district wurno LGA sokoto state	Sokoto
217	11.81892	6.02917	KAWAYE MAKARANTA, ANKA LGA ZAMFARA STATE	Zamfara
218	12.56835	6.97278	A Piece of Land in Danfani, Sabon Birni, Zamfara State	Zamfara
219	12.65732	5.89101	Gamji town,Gamji ward,Bakura LGA,Zamfara state	Zamfara
220	11.38718	6.46479	A Piece of Land in Dansadau, Zamfara State	Zamfara
221	12.28543	6.15721	Tashar kaiwa village, Gwaram ward,Talata Mafara LGA.Zamfara state.	Zamfara
222	11.75340	5.81682	A Piece of Land in Gwashi, Zamfara State	Zamfara
223	12.18954	6.05724	A Piece of Land in Jangebe Zamfara State	Zamfara
224	11.82576	6.77658	Maidagalua Keta-Kizara, isafe L.G.A Zamfara state	Zamfara
225	12.16090	6.87487	Getto Area,of Tunfafi village,Gullubba District,Bungudu LGA,Zamfara state.	Zamfara
226	13.02117	6.55670	Kurkasa area,badarwa district shinkafi LGA	Zamfara
227	11.96568	6.75708	Bawa gan ga Town, Tsafe L.G.A Zamfara state	Zamfara
228	12.60331	6.32390	A Piece of Land in Maradun North Zamfara State	Zamfara
229	12.06105	5.87053	Kwana maje village, Matseri ward, Anka LGA	Zamfara
230	12.05641	5.68457	A Piece of Land in Nasarawa, Zamfara state	Zamfara
231	12.24136	5.94330	A Piece of Land in Ruwan Gizo, Zamfara State	Zamfara
232	12.94284	6.39861	Kanwuri Area,Tsibiri,Maradun LGA Zamfara state.	Zamfara
233	12.06300	6.04945	A Piece of Land in Wuya, Zamfara State	Zamfara
234	12.49600	6.55350	Site Located at Kuriya Community Kuriya of Kastina Gusau Road Zamfara State	Zamfara
235	13.00522	6.31505	Site lcoated within Kaya Community Sububu Zamfara State	Zamfara
236	11.18540	6.37891	Site lcoate at Kuyanbana Baba Gigiyar Zamfara State	Zamfara
237	12.42662	6.99504	Site located at Nassarawa Godel East Aija Zamfara State	Zamfara
238	12.85332	6.09066	Site lcoated at Faru Magami Ruan Badu Zamfara State	Zamfara
239	11.00354	6.24794	Site located at Kuyanbana Zamfara State	Zamfara
240	12.99894	6.14931	Site Located at Faru Magami community Ruduno Zamfara State	Zamfara
241	11.99781	6.30250	Site lcoated ta Bingi Gabyer Zamfar State	Zamfara
242	12.93454	6.04414	Site Located at Faru Magami community Zamfara State	Zamfara
243	11.88547	6.34053	Site located at Bingi Matseri Zamfara State	Zamfara
244	12.44147	6.17846	Site Located at Dosara Birin Kaya Sado Zamfara State	Zamfara
245	12.72452	6.72760	Anatawa area,Dauran ward,zurmi LGA.	Zamfara
246	12.37605	6.66171	Tudun wada Rahazawa village,kagara ward, Kaura Namoda LGA	Zamfara
247	12.06097	4.98541	Site located at Bardoki community Gwandi Zamfara State	Zamfara
248	11.69008	6.54111	A piece of land at Bingi South Tundun Wada Zamfara State	Zamfara
249	11.32962	6.34099	Site located at Dansadau community Ruwan Tofa Zamfara State	Zamfara
250	12.29741	6.01012	Site Located at Sauna Ruwan Gora Community Yango Zamfara State	Zamfara
251	11.71790	5.87450	Site Located at Gwashi community Banaga Zamfara State	Zamfara
252	12.19820	6.47498	Site Located at Gada Karakai Damaguli Zamfara State	Zamfara
253	12.65512	6.54418	Site Located at Yankaba Kaura Namoda Zamfara State	Zamfara
254	12.61554	6.66416	Gabake community Magami Zamfara State	Zamfara

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AROUND THE WORLD

UNITED STATES

Trump must 'go away as soon as possible' - Senator

Pat Toomey is second Republican senator to say US President Donald Trump should resign after deadly riot at the Capitol. A second Republican senator in the United States has called on Donald Trump to step down after some of the president's supporters overran the Capitol building in Washington, DC this week in a deadly riot.

In an interview with NBC's Meet the Press news programme on Sunday, Pennsylvania Senator Pat Toomey said

Trump should resign for the good of the country.

"I think the best way for our country is for the president to resign and go away as soon as possible," he said.

Toomey said president's resignation is the "best path forward, the best way to get this person in the rear-view mirror for us", but added that he did not believe Trump would step down before his term ends on January 20.

He also said the president's role encouraging the riot

was an "impeachable offence".

Momentum has been building among Democratic lawmakers to impeach Trump for inciting the Capitol rioters on January 6. Five people, including one Washington, DC police officer, died during the incident, and dozens of alleged participants have been charged. Democrats said they plan to introduce an article of impeachment in the US House of Representatives on Monday about the riot.

...Capitol siege a 'wake-up call' for democracies - EU diplomat

The European Union's top diplomat said on Sunday that last week's siege of the U.S. Capitol exposed the dangers of allowing the degradation of democratic values to go unchecked and disinformation to spread on social media.

"What we saw on Wednesday was only the climax of very worrying developments happening globally in recent years. It must be a wake-up call for all democracy advocates," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in a blog post.

"Everybody needs to

understand that if we accept setbacks after setbacks, even if they seem minor, democracy and its values and institutions can eventually and irreversibly perish," said Borrell, who speaks on behalf of the 27 EU member states.

President Donald Trump is facing a renewed drive by Democrats to remove him from office after he incited supporters to storm the U.S. Capitol, based on the unsubstantiated claim that he lost the Nov. 3 election due to widespread voter fraud.

The resulting assault by rioters left five people dead. "In case anyone had any doubts, the events in Washington also show that disinformation constitutes a real threat for democracies," Borrell said. "If some people believe that an election was fraudulent, because their leader has been once and again telling them, they will behave accordingly."

Borrell called for better regulation on social networks, and said this could not be carried out by the companies themselves.

PALESTINIAN

Expect jobs in March, accuse Israel of shirking duty

Palestinian Authority accuses Israel of ignoring the responsibility to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available in occupied territory.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) has said it expects to receive its first COVID-19 vaccine doses in March under a deal with British drug giant AstraZeneca, and accused Israel of ignoring its responsibilities to ensure vaccines are available in occupied territory.

While Israel has already

become the world leader in vaccinations per capita, Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip have yet to secure their first supplies.

Yasser Bozyeh, the Palestinian general director of public health, told Reuters news agency that in addition to reaching an agreement in principle with AstraZeneca, the PA had also sought supplies from Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and Russia, which has developed the Sputnik

V vaccine. Supplies would also come through a World Health Organization vaccine programme for poor and middle-income countries. There was no immediate comment from AstraZeneca.

The Palestinian foreign ministry said in a statement Israel had been "ignoring its duties as an occupation power and committing racial discrimination against the Palestinian people, depriving them of their right to healthcare".

ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt talks on mega-dam break down, again

A new round of negotiations between Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt aimed at resolving a long-running dispute about a giant dam Addis Ababa is building on the Blue Nile has broken down once again. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) has been a source of tension in the Nile River basin ever since Ethiopia broke ground on it in 2011, with downstream countries

Egypt and Sudan worried it will restrict vital water supplies.

The prolonged dispute has continued even after the vast reservoir behind the 145-metre-tall (475-foot) dam began filling in July.

Last week, the three countries had agreed to hold further talks to agree upon the filling and operation of the reservoir. But the latest virtual meetings between foreign and water ministers "failed

to reach an acceptable agreement to resume negotiations", Sudan's state-run SUNA news agency said on Sunday.

Khartoum objected to what it said was a January 8 letter from Ethiopia to the African Union stating that Ethiopia was determined to fill the reservoir for the second year in July with 13.5 million cubic metres of water, whether an agreement is reached or not.

INDONESIA

Air Boeing 737 'black boxes' located

"Black boxes" from a passenger plane that crashed into the sea soon after take-off in Indonesia on Saturday have been located, officials say.

Navy divers are confident that they will be able to retrieve the two flight recorders when the search operation resumes on Monday.

Aircraft parts and human remains have been found. The Sriwijaya Air Boeing 737 was carrying 62 people when

it vanished from radar on its journey to Borneo.

"We have located the position of the black boxes, both of them," said Soerjanto Tjahjono, head of Indonesia's transport safety committee, quoted by AFP earlier on Sunday.

"Divers will start looking for them now and hopefully it won't be long before we get them."

The flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder, or black boxes as they are often called, store data about

planes. They can provide vital information in air accident investigations.

Investigators are analysing items which they believe to be a wheel and part of the plane's fuselage. A turbine from one of its engines is also among the debris that has been recovered.

The search operation has been suspended for the night but is due to resume on Monday morning. However, there appears to be no hope of finding any survivors.



Health workers spray disinfectant over body bags containing human remains recovered from the crash site of Sriwijaya Air flight SJ182 at the port in Jakarta, following the January 9 crash of the airline's Boeing 737-500 aircraft into the Java Sea minutes after takeoff

Photo: AFP

...as Families, friends of Indonesia plane crash await news

Families and friends of the passengers on Sriwijaya Air flight SJ 182 which crashed into the Java Sea soon after takeoff on Saturday have spoken about the deadly incident, saying they still have hope despite the plane's flight recorders, which record cockpit voice and flight data, being located.

Five members of Yudi Qurdani's family were among the 62 people on board the plane - according to the

flight's manifest - which lost contact with air traffic control just four minutes after taking off from Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta. The plane's destination was Pontianak, the capital of West Kalimantan province on Indonesia's Borneo island, about 740km (460 miles) away.

Qurdani's uncle Toni Ismail, aunt Rahmawati, and cousin Ratih Windania were flying back to Pontianak from

a family holiday in Bandung in Java, along with Ratih's daughter, four-year-old Yumna Fani Syatuzahr. Qurdani's eight-year-old nephew Athar Rizki Riawan was also travelling with them, although his parents had stayed back in Pontianak. They were not even supposed to be on the plane.

"They bought tickets to fly back to Pontianak on [Saturday] at 7am on NAM Air," Qurdani told Al Jazeera.

DR CONGO

Six rangers killed in Virunga National Park

Six park rangers have been killed after an attack at the famous Virunga National Park in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Officials have blamed the attack on a militia group known as Mai-Mai, one of many that operate in the region.

The rangers were ambushed while on foot patrol inside the park, a spokesperson told the BBC.

Staff working in the

park, which is home to endangered mountain gorillas, have often come under attack.

In April last year 13 rangers were killed in a rebel ambush.

Several armed groups operate in the restive eastern region of DR Congo where Virunga National Park - a Unesco World Heritage site - is based.

A statement from the park said preliminary investigations suggested

the rangers "were taken by surprise and had no opportunity to defend themselves" during the Sunday morning attack.

It said another ranger who was seriously injured in the attack was receiving treatment and expected to make a full recovery.

A local government delegate Alphonse Kambale told AFP news agency that two Mai-Mai militants had also been killed.

INSIDE POLITICS

PoliQuote

There is nothing like democracy where there is no storm. The most important thing is whether you have institutions that can weather that storm and institutions in America have risen to the occasion – Prof. Sylvester Odion

Why Bafarawa's visit to Wamakko is raising dust

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

Tongues have continued to wag over the condolence visit of former governor of Sokoto State, Attahiru Dalhatu Bafarawa, to his successor and staunch political rival, Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, who lost a nephew recently.

That was the first time Bafarawa was visiting Wamakko since their fallout about 15 years ago. The two were jointly elected as governor and deputy governor in 1999. Their relationship remained cordial until towards the end of their second tenure when they parted ways.

Since then, the two have never met in any official function but for their dramatic encounter at the Sultan Abubakar III International Airport, Sokoto, months ago when they were reported to have traded words.

Some political analysts opined that the recent condolence visit by Bafarawa



■ Wamakko carried a lot of political undertones because Wamakko had lost many relations, including his daughter and younger brother who was the district head of Wamakko but Bafarawa did not visit to condole him until this time



■ Bafarawa around. "There could be a hidden agenda to this visit, considering how their bitter feud had lingered since 2007," one analyst who sought anonymity said. There was also speculation of possible

decamping of Bafarawa from PDP to the Wamakko-led APC to pool resources and maintain relevance in the political scheme of things in the state.

The spokesman of the ruling PDP in the state, Abdullahi Yusuf Hausawa said: "We know Bafarawa, as a leader and former governor of the state, has every right to relate with anybody irrespective of political affiliation and we as a party cannot stop that."

"But the visit has raised a lot of questions to which only his spokesman can provide answers," he said.

Contacted, the spokesman of Bafarawa, Yusuf Dingyadi, said he could not comment on the matter because he was away from the state.

However, a Wamakko's political associate, who sought for anonymity denied any political undertones to the visit, saying as a "Muslim, one can condole his fellow brother who is bereaved."

Let's work together to beat our opponents, Ogun APC tells members

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ogun State has charged the newly inaugurated local government chairmen of the party to carry everybody on board to strengthen the party in their areas.

The caretaker chairman of the party, Yemi Sanusi, gave

the charge in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital during the inauguration of the local government party chairmen.

Sanusi who noted that the congress of the party will take place in the first half of the year, said "It is therefore important that we work together as one to be able to confront our political opponents in the future."

"I charge you to move round your leaders and bring everyone on board. Remember we are starting soon, our party's membership revalidation and registration.

"All those who present themselves for registration must be registered regardless of whether they have left the party in the past or not," Sanusi said.

2023: Uba Sani, speaker's feud will affect APC's fortunes - Shagali

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

A former speaker of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Aminu Shagali, has said the ongoing face-off between Senator Uba Sani (APC, Kaduna Central) and the speaker of the state House of Assembly, Yusuf Zailani, will affect the party in 2023.

Shagali who represents Sabon Gari Constituency at the assembly,

while urging the duo to reconcile, explained that as party members, they should come together, reason together and stand by the governor, Malam Nasir el-Rufai.

According to him, the governor has raised the bar of leadership in the state, hence the ongoing transformation in it.

"There is no need for the senator and the speaker to quarrel over any issue at all. What Uba

Sani has achieved in office so far is unprecedented in the history of Kaduna Central senatorial zone.

"The Speaker, Yusuf Zailani, should understand that leadership is all about cohesion. They don't need to quarrel," he said

He urged both of them to work hand in hand for the progress of the party and the state, and not cause confusion.

Weak institutions responsible for Nigeria's woes - Awe

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A former chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ekiti State, High Chief Olajide Awe, has identified weak institutions as responsible for the various socio-economic and political woes bedeviling Nigeria.

Awe is therefore urging the APC-led federal government to use the power at its disposal and listen to the cries of various sections of the country for restructuring to strengthen the nation's democracy.

He made the remarks while speaking at Ikere-Ekiti, at the weekend, where he also called for a return to regionalism to reduce powers and patronage at the federal level.

According to him, regionalism will make the presidency less attractive and reduce the tension that accompanied the struggle for power at the centre which distracts elected officials who are yet to reach the midterm of their mandate.

He expressed dismay that restructuring has not seen the

light of the day under the Buhari administration because the core loyalists surrounding the president don't believe in it.

The APC stalwart called for the implementation of the report of the APC Committee on Restructuring led by Kaduna State Governor Nasir el-Rufai.

He also expressed regrets that the report of the National Constitutional Conference and similar bodies set up in the past to rejig the polity had been abandoned despite huge resources spent to organise them.

APC will sack PDP from Adamawa in 2023 - Prof Mamman

By Amina Abdullahi, Yola

The All Progressives Congress (APC), Adamawa State Chapter, says it will send the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) out of Adamawa, come 2023.

A member of the national caretaker committee of the party, Professor Tahir Mamman, stated this during a final reunion between the ADC leadership which merged with APC in the state.

The merger, which was sealed in December 2020,

was to strengthen the capacity and base of the APC ahead of 2023.

Tahir added that they are celebrating the return of PDP supporters across the state to their party.

Senator Abdulazeez Murtala Nyako, who led his party supporters, reiterated that his defection was, "homecoming" as he was among the founders of the party.

He urged the stakeholders to take advantage of the reunion in producing credible candidates to contest in the 2023 election.

Lalong tasks Sen Dadu'ut on constituents

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

Plateau State Governor Simon Lalong has tasked Senator Nora Dadu'ut on the enhancement of the standard of living of her constituents, especially women and youth.

Speaking during a thanksgiving mass for Sen Dadu'ut at St. Brendan Catholic Church in Qua'an-Pan LGA, Lalong said Dadu'ut's victory at the recently conducted by-election for Plateau South senatorial district was the will of God.

The governor said the state will give her every support to ensure she succeeds at the

Senate.

He called for unity among the constituents and the elected representatives of the state to work together for the interest of the people.

In his remarks, the Catholic Bishop of Bauchi Diocese, Hilary Dachelem, said the emergence of Senator Dadu'ut was for the benefit of all the people of the zone irrespective of their backgrounds, hence the need to support her.

Dadu'ut, on her part, appreciated Lalong and the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state for making her election victory possible and promised to work for the interest of all.

NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP ▶ N20,978,066TR (-1.16%) ↓ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 40,120.22POINTS (-1.16%) ↓ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 333,311,416BN SHARES

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COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	321,684.29	9.05	2.84	296	35,111,458
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	302,664.88	8.85	2.91	189	11,504,917
ZENITH BANK PLC	805,320.07	25.65	1.38	362	23,692,399
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	267,419.93	7.45	1.36	225	9,975,312
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,362,565.56	165.20	-	76	133,843
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,834,114.17	225.00	-8.13	121	744,511
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	359,203.84	22.30	-0.45	210	12,305,584
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,130.20	7.35	-	12	21,786
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,709,148.32	80.00	-	60	221,038
CAP PLC	14,000.00	20.00	-	50	464,660
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	0	0
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	1,935.93	2.44	-	6	15,380
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	291,927.35	496.10	10.00	64	244,107
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	1	3
AGRICULTURE					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,584.00	0.72	9.09	84	7,241,393
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	88,236.68	92.50	2.78	18	2,513,796
PRESCO PLC	71,000.00	71.00	-	13	60,028
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	5,100.00	1.70	3.03	74	3,106,959
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	198.47	0.51	-	3	30,600
S O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	39,835.03	0.98	2.08	120	25,055,733
U A C N PLC	21,609.72	7.50	5.63	53	3,234,875
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	28,353.60	17.90	1.99	40	837,699
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	15,775.97	0.85	1.18	34	2,750,171
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	7,986.09	1.02	9.68	4	1,586,835
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	39,536.41	18.05	2.27	135	5,807,506
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	185,348.27	6.90	2.99	64	930,823
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	463,820.32	58.00	-	62	798,377
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	232,612.72	19.15	0.79	123	2,720,620
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	109,480.14	26.70	-	41	344,082
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,674.84	1.22	-0.81	44	1,925,571
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,201.07	6.74	-	7	16,420
NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	38,416.86	14.50	-	15	208,944
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	16,903.82	9.00	-	23	45,524
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	69	83,616
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFODAM NIG PLC	11,195.05	8.95	-0.56	68	4,341,530
P Z CLISSONS NIGERIA PLC	20,646.48	5.20	-	44	501,583
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	75,834.07	13.20	1.54	109	2,563,243
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	121,107.04	6.60	3.13	60	2,451,478
FIDELITY BANK PLC	75,913.97	2.62	1.95	138	15,898,576
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	971,228.91	33.00	-0.15	306	24,888,369
JAIZ BANK PLC	20,624.97	0.70	1.45	33	615,551
STERLING BANK PLC	58,156.64	2.02	3.06	38	1,491,072
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	154,339.99	5.30	0.95	47	774,687
UNITY BANK PLC	8,182.54	0.70	-	80	2,341,895
WEMA BANK PLC	28,545.10	0.74	-	26	244,809
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	2	5,001
AICO INSURANCE PLC	23,154.06	1.12	5.36	38	3,546,265
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	42,840.00	1.19	-0.83	70	7,392,839
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,425.44	0.32	-	6	110,433
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	11,263.16	0.62	-1.59	13	3,645,009
EDORINATION INSURANCE PLC	10,076.51	0.42	2.44	88	10,907,081
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-	0	0
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	2,709.67	0.37	5.71	33	5,112,013
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,400.00	0.64	8.47	9	2,387,845
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	3,128.37	0.28	-3.57	26	13,900,385
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,075.80	2.30	-0.43	14	4,351,892
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	1,547.90	0.20	-	3	520,001
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,096.18	0.46	-	5	62,235
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	1,667.19	0.25	8.70	7	515,777
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	2,272.89	0.20	-	8	424,900
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCES NIGERIA PLC	2,800.00	1.00	-	0	0
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,200.00	0.20	-	0	0
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	2,773.33	0.20	-	0	0
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NPF MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	3,955.88	1.73	0.58	9	188,999
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	3,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	13,960.00	6.98	2.35	6	1,897,206
CUSTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	34,408.91	5.85	-	18	287,719
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	330.00	0.22	-4.35	7	943,012
FOMB GROUP PLC	64,358.81	3.25	4.84	112	14,849,361
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,183.44	0.23	-4.17	7	931,002
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	18	46,413
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	30,000.00	5.00	0.20	126	4,971,430
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKOICORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,137.00	0.32	3.23	5	1,085,200
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	484.69	0.49	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	966.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,388.62	4.50	-	10	126,790
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,371.14	7.00	-	27	733,504
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	5,641.52	3.27	-	5	46,057
NEIMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	4,178.15	2.20	2.80	20	361,377
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	781.44	0.22	4.76	8	573,028
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	3	91,902
IT SERVICES					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	211.68	1.96	-	3	17,319
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	326.67	0.66	-	2	17,398
CHAMS PLC	1,127.05	0.24	4.35	41	5,731,795
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	0	0
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
ARTEL AFRICA PLC	3,201,193.45	851.80	-	27	14,040
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0
CUTIX PLC	4,227.17	2.40	-	10	137,569

COMMODITIES PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
CRUDE OIL (BRENT)				
CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	\$50.87	-	-	-
NATURAL GAS				
NATURAL GAS	\$2.63	-	-	-
COPPER				
COPPER	\$7,764.50	-	-	-
GOLD				
GOLD	\$1,877.59	-	-	-
SILVER				
SILVER	\$25.77	-	-	-
SUGAR				
SUGAR	\$0.15	-	-	-
LIVE CATTLE				
LIVE CATTLE	\$1.12	-	-	-
COTTON				
COTTON	\$0.76	-	-	-
PACKAGING/CONTAINERS				
BEIR GLASS PLC	27,698.45	55.40	-	14
GREIF NIGERIA PLC	349.65	8.20	-	0
AGRO-ALLIED & CHEMICALS				
NOTORE CHEMICAL IND PLC	100,754.14	62.50	-	0
B.O.C. GASES PLC	5,265.50	12.65	10.00	36
PAPER/FOREST PRODUCTS				
THOMAS WYATT NIG. PLC	77.00	0.35	-	0
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTORS				
11 PLC	82,215.72	228.00	-	18
ARDOVA PLC	21,295.57	16.35	9.73	174
CONROL PLC	14,468.90	20.85	-	16
ETEBINA PLC	6,885.88	5.28	-	12
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	4,190.81	13.75	-	12
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	48,551.62	143.00	10.00	47
CAPITAL OIL PLC	1,171.51	0.20	-	0
RAK UNITY PET. COMP. PLC	16.99	0.30	-	0
ADVERTISING				
AFROMEDIA PLC	887.81	0.20	-	0
AIRLINES				
MEDEVIA AIRLINE PLC	15,796.05	1.62	-	0
AUTOMOBILE/AUTO PART RETAILERS				
R T BRISCOE PLC	235.27	0.20	-	0
COURIER/FREIGHT/DELIVERY				
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	3,149.60	3.40	-0.87	7
TRANS-NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	337.57	0.72	-	2
HOSPITALITY				
TANTALIZERS PLC	642.33	0.20	-	0
HOTELS/LODGING				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	3,407.32	2.20	-	0
MEJA HOTEL PLC	2,494.56	1.20	-	5
TOURIST COMPANY OF NIGERIA PLC	7,076.28	3.15	-	0
TRANSCORP HOTELS PLC	27,361.45	3.60	-	0
MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT				
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,600.00	0.30	-	0
PRINTING/PUBLISHING				
ACADEMY PRESS PLC	181.44	0.30	-	6
LEARN AFRICA PLC	771.45	1.00	-	32
STUDIO PRESS (NIG) PLC	1,064.85	1.79	-	0
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	539.26	1.25	-2.34	14
ROAD TRANSPORTATION				
ASSOCIATED BUS COMPANY PLC	580.20	0.35	-	13
SPECIALTY				
INTERLINKED TECHNOLOGIES PLC	688.80	2.91	-	0
SECURE ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLC	1,126.31	0.20	-	0
TRANSPORT-RELATED SERVICES				
GLOBAL SPECTRUM ENERGY SERVICES PLC	3,352.00	4.19	-	0
NIGERIAN AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	3,686.98	2.27	3.18	34
SKYWAY AVIATION HANDLING COMPANY PLC	4,331.46	3.20	-	0
SUPPORT AND LOGISTICS				
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Venue: RCCG, Garden of Peace, 78/80 Falolu Road, Surulere. **Time:** 5pm-7pm

CHRISTIAN WAKE KEEP & TRIBUTES

Wednesday, 13th Jan, 2021

Venue: RCCG, Christ Church Parish Block A, Plot 6, Redemption Crescent Gbagada, Oworonsoki Express (By UPS). **Tributes Time** 3.00-4.30pm

Wake Keep Time: 5pm-7pm.

 Zoom Meeting ID: 762 006 6292. Passcode: 5780718

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday 14th Jan, 2021

Venue: RCCG, Christ Church Block A, Plot 6, Redemption Crescent Gbagada, Oworonsoki Express.

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Time: 9am-11am

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Signed Children: Bola, Bayo, Jide, Femi Ogunsanwo

PHOTO NEWS



■ Some physically challenged persons hitch a ride with a tricyclist along the busy Ali Akilu road in Kaduna. Photo: Maryam Ahmadu-Suka



■ Governor Hope Uzodimma of Imo State with his deputy, Prof. Placid Njoku and other delegates from Imo State queuing behind Ambassador George Obiozor during the Ohanaeze Ndigbo general election in Owerri yesterday.



■ A pickup truck at building material market Mararaba recently.

Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe



■ People on the frozen pond in Inverleith Park Edinburgh, Scotland. Photo: Jane Barlow/PA



■ From left: Chairman, Senate Committee on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Senator Kabiru Gaya; Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on INEC, Aishatu Dukku and former Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Ike Ekweremadu during a retreat on the Electoral Act in Abuja weekend.

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I, formerly known as MUHAMMED SANI BUZU Now wish to be called and addressed as ALHAJI SANI BUZU. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

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ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR USMAN SALEH. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

SULE: I, formerly known as SULEIMAN YUGUDA, now wish to be known and addressed as SULE YUGUDA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: My name was wrongly captured on my First Bank account as ALEX NGUZAN while my correct names on other documents including my BVN are captured as NGUZAN ALEX TERWASE. I wish to be known and addressed as NGUZAN ALEX TERWASE. All former documents remain valid. First Bank Plc and the general public to note.

I formerly known as ASMA'U SHAFI'U WURMA now wish to be known as ASAMA'U SHAFI'U DIKKO. All documents remain valid. General public please take note

KABIRU: I formerly known as KABIRU MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as KABIRU MUHAMMAD SARKIN FAWA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMADU: I formerly known as MUHAMMADU HARUNA now wish to be called as YUSUF AUDU BOJUDE. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI AUDU BOJUDE. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as Isiyaku Mohammed now wish to be known and addressed as Isiyaku Muhammad Yakubu. All former documents remain valid. The general public and all authorities concern to take note please.

UKWU: I, formerly known and addressed as REUBEN MARTINS as it appeared on my bank account and BVN with Zenith Bank PLC. now wish to be known and addressed as UKWU C. OJOKPE. All former documents remain valid. THE MANAGER OF ZENITH BANK and the general public to take note.

I formerly known as LAILA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as LEYLA MOHAMMED AMBURSA All former documents remain valid general public to take note

RUKAYYA: I formerly known as MARYAM RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as RUKAYYA HARUNA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINU: I formerly known as AMINU AHMED now wish to be called and addressed as SAFIYANU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as SALAMATU MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as SALAMATU AUDU. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: This is to notify the general public that Creative Helping Needy Foundation has moved from No. 27 Kabobo Avenue Fagge D1 to Plot No. 17/18 Rimin Auzunawa, Ungogo Local Government Area. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

NAMI: I formerly known as MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED NAMI ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADEWUSI: I, formerly known as AREO STEPHEN ADEWUSI, now wish to be called and addressed as AMOS OLUWASEUN STEPHEN. All former documents remain valid. UMCA Theological College, Ilorin, and the general public to take note.

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as SULEIMAN IBRAHIM 03-03-1994 now wish to be called and addressed as SULEIMAN MUAZU 03-03-1996. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR ISAH ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as MALI UMARU now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM UMAR USMAN. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as MISS ESTHER JOSHUA wish to be addressed as MRS AJIJOLA ESTHER MODUPE. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

HUSSAIN: I formerly known as HARUNA ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as HARUNA ABUBAKAR HUSSAIN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OLANIYI: I, formerly known as OLANIYI BOSEDE, now wish to be called and addressed as AMOS ABOSEDE CHRISTIANA. All former documents remain valid. Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin, and the general public to take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as BABAWURO BAPPAH now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI USMAN. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as UMMI BABAYO now wish to be called and addressed as AISHATU MUHAMMAD SANI. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

DANIEL: I' formerly known as AGHOTOR DANIEL MUDIAGA, now wish to be called and addressed as DANIEL JEHOVAH-NISSI. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

ALHASSAN: I, formerly known and addressed as NASIRU HALIDU now wish to be known and addressed as NASIRU HALIDU ALHASSAN. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

OLANIYI: I, formerly known as Oseni Damilola Temiloluwa, now wish to be called and addressed as Oseni Rukayat Damilola. All former documents remain valid. VAEC, kwara polytechnic, and the general public to take note.

USMAN: I formerly known as ABDUL USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN ABDULLALAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I formerly known as MUSA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD HAMZA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

HAUWA'U: I formerly known as HAUWA'U ZUBAIRU now wish to be called and addressed as MAIJIDDA ZUBAIRU. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: SHAKU: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED SHAKU SIMON MHIR NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS SHAKU MHIR SIMON. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SAAD: I, formerly known and addressed as ZAYYAD MUSA MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as ZAYYAD MUSA SAAD. All former documents remain valid. NIMC Management and the general public to take note.

SHAFIU: I formerly known as SHAFIU GARUN JIBRIN now wish to be called and addressed as SHAFIU JIBRIN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

Change of Name: I formerly known as HASSAN ABDULKARIM and DOB Mistakenly used 10/6/1998 now wish to be called and addressed as RABIU ABDULKARIM the correct DOB is 01/01/2000. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

YAKUBU: I formerly known as BLESSING YAKUBU now wish to be called and addressed as VICTORY MUSA GARBA. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as NANA IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as RAKIYA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

AJIRZUA: I formerly known as AJIRZUA ROBERT, now wish to be known as AJIRZUA TERSOO ROBERT with correct Date of Birth 24 April,1992. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

MUSA: My names was wrongly captured on my National Identity Card as HAUWA MUSA instead of HAUWA SA'AD MUSA as it appears on my BVN I wish to be known and addressed as HAUWA SA'AD MUSA. All former documents remain valid. NIMC, GT Bank and the general public to take note.

MAS'UD: I formerly known as MAS'UD KABIRU now wish to be called and addressed as MAS'UD KABIRU ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SHAMSIYYA: I formerly known as HADIZA USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as SHAMSIYYA ADAM SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as ISAH IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as SHUA'IBU SALISU. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

AHMED: I formerly known as HUSSAINA HASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAINA AHMED ADAMU. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

RABI: I, formerly known as MAIMUNA IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and addressed as RABI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Access bank, Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: My name is ABUBAKAR ISA YERIMA but was wrongly captured as YERIMA ISA by NYSC now my correct name is ABUBAKAR ISA YERIMA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, Authorities and General Public should take note.

SABITU: I formerly known as SABITU ABDURAHMAN 20-01-1992 now wish to be called and addressed as SABIU DAHIRU USMAN 22-06-1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AWAISU AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ISYAKA AWAISU AHMAD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as HADIZA ILIYA now wish to be called and addressed as KHADIJA ILIYASU MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as GARBA DAHIRU now wish to be called and addressed as SULEIMAN USMAN UMAR. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

I Formally known as MISS DIRISU MAYA MERIAMU wish to be known and address as MRS MERIAMU MAYA ABDURAMANU DANZUMI All former document remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ODUNOWO: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OKE OLAWUMI MARGRET, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ODUNOWO OLAWUMI MARGRET. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

HILLARY: I, HILLARY OSHIOBUGHIE JAMES was born 14th August 1993 and not 14th August 1983. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as YUSIF MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as YUSIF MUHAMMAD GARBA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

ABDULLAHI: I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABDULLAHI MANGA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS MUSA YAU. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

MUSA: I formerly known as RUKAYYA MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as RUKAYYA MUSA SALIHU. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

SA'ADATU: I formerly know and addressed as ISA SA'ADATU TABAWA, now wish to be known and addressed as SA'ADATU MOHAMMED. The correct date of birth is 15th June 1977 not 12th Oct. 1959. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

BELLO: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS ODOFIN ABIOLA JOY, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS BELLO ABIOLA JOY. All former documents remains valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as *AISHA MOMOH*, now wish to be known and addressed as *AISHA AYINDE ITOPA*. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I Formally known as Abdullahi Mohd now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD MOHD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as NASIR UMAR. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

AHMADU: I formerly known as ABUBAKAR AHMADU now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU AHMADU. All former documents remain valid. authority concern and general public to take note.

Bank Details

Pay into any of our Accounts:
Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD,
Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc
Account No: 0000913253
Sort Code: 221081552

Bank: First Bank Plc
Account No: 2002911690
Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc
Account No: 1007117397
Sort Code: 033080013

Bank: GTBank Plc
Account No: 0024570856
Sort Code: 058083231

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Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

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Classifieds made easy
Booking is Simple and Quick
YOU CAN BOOK ONLINE



E-booking/E-payment
Make payment into Media Trust Account,
type the material by using our already
existing format below, attach marriage
Certificate/Court Affidavits and send with
evidence of payment to: dailytrustadvert@gmail.com

ENQUIRIES: TEL:

Abuja: 07030054108	Maiduguri: 08060473379
Sokoto: 08035039527	Lagos: 08038600327
Port Harcourt: 07038283572	Kano: 08068077562
Jos: 08033745735	Kaduna: 08063479316

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Loss of Documents - N9,450	
Registration of Trustees - N15,500	
Product & Services (B & W) (Colour)	
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2x 1 col	N9,000 N15,000
2 x 2 col	N18,000 N27,000
3 x 2 col	N 28,000 N 42,000

CHANGE OF NAME

MUHAMMAD I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD ADAMU BAGE. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

AMODU : I formerly known as AMODU DANIEL Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as JOHN OSIKHWEME DANIEL. Former documents remain valid. Public note

ABIODUN-BALOGUN: I, formerly known and addressed as ASHADE DAMILOLA MICHAEL. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABIODUN-BALOGUN DAMILOLA MIKAEHEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AWOSANMI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEKUNLE IYINLOLA ABOSEDE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AWOSANMI IYINLOLA ABOSEDE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SUNUSI, I formerly known as SUNUSI SULAIMAN DALLATU and now wish to be known as addressed as SUNUSI SULAIMAN ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

FALMATA : I formerly known as FANTA ALHAJI TIJJANI now wish to be known as FALMATA ALHAJI TIJJANI. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

ADAMU I formerly known as ABUBAKAR BELLO now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU SABO ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

SAIFULLAHI: I formerly called as SAIFULLAHI IDRIS MUSTAPHA now wish to be called and addressed as SAIFULLAHI SHUAIBU all former documents remain valid. my correct date of birth is 12/02/1995 Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AZONDEDJROHOUN: I, formerly known and addressed as GODSON AZONDE ISIDORE BELLO. Now wish to be known and addressed as AZONDEDJROHOUN ISIDORE. That I was born on 1st day of January, 1984 not 6th day of June, 1980. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HADIZA, I Formally known and Address as HADIZA ABDULLAHI now wish to be call and Address as HADIZA SAMINU All former Document remained valid Authority Concern and general public Should take note.

That I was formally known as BUKAR GWANI MUSA now wish to be called and address as BUKAR GONI MUSA and my correct date of birth as 20/06/1993 general public to take note

OSUJI, - I, formerly known as OSUJI, AUGUSTINE ODINAKA. Now wish to be known as OSUJI, BLESSED ODINAKA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADAM I formerly known as MUSLIHU ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as MUSLIHU ADAM ALHASSAN. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

MURHI: I, formerly known as OGUNWALE WALIYAT OYESOLA, now wish to be known and addressed as MURHI WALIYAT OYESOLA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

AMUDA: I, formerly known and addressed as SOLIU ABIODUN. Now wish to be known and addressed as AMUDA SOLIU ABIODUN. That my correct date of birth is 20th day of May, 1982. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

ABDULLAHI : I formerly known as ABDULLAHI M. MOHAMMED now wish to be known as ABDULLAHI MALLAM MOHAMMED. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

That I was formally known as FATI JUDDA now wish to be called and address as FATIMA JUDDA and general public to take note

MRS. EDWIN -JOHNSON = I, formerly known as MISS. WAGBARA MAUREEN AHURUCHI. Now wish to be known as MRS. EDWIN -JOHNSON AZUTA MAUREEN AHURUCHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD I formerly known as HAFIZ MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as HAFIZ ADO MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

LUKMAN: I, formerly known as LUKMAN ADEYEMI, now wish to be known and called LUKMAN HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

LADE: I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNLADE AMOS BAYONLE. Now wish to be known and addressed as LADE AMOS BAYONLE. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

MUHAMMAD : I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MUHAMMED MUHAMMED now wish to be known as MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD. All former document remain valid. General public should take note

SADE I formally known as HUSSAINI ABDULLAHI Now wish to be called and address as HUSSAINA ABDULLAHI SADE all former documents remain valid general public and authority concern should take note

OKOKO: I was formerly known as JOSEPH CHIMA OBI OKORIE. That I now wish to be known as OKOKO JOSEPH JOHNSON. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

BABAYO I formerly known as BABAYO YANGA SHAMBRI now wish to be called and addressed as BABAYO YANGA SHAMBRION -23-9-1987. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

EVELYNE: I Formerly known as EVELINY YOHANA Now wish to be Called and addressed as EVELYNE MONDAY Correct DOB is 01-Jan-1985 not 03- Aug 1978 All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

NZEGWU: I, formerly known and addressed as AGWULONU MARIA NKECHI. Now wish to be known and addressed as NZEGWU MARIA NKECHI. That I was born on 6th day of July, 1976 not 20th day of April, 1980. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

USMAN I, formerly known as MOHAMMED USMAN now wish to be known and called MOHAMMED USMAN MANU. All former documents remained valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

CORRECTION OF NAME : I Formerly known as REWAS GWALIBA JESSU Now wish to be known and addressed as RAYWAS GWALIBA JESSU All former documents remain valid General public to please take note

CHIOMA: I was formerly known as MRS. CHIOMA ANURI ONWUKA. That I now wish to be known as MISS. CHIOMA ANURI ELEZIEANYA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

LAMI I formerly known as LAMI EZEKIEL SARKINSHANU now wish to be called and addressed as LAMI EZEKIEL. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

JOSEPH: I Formerly known as TUTA ISAAC GBORICK Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH KASSEI TUTA All Former documents remain valid ZENITH BANK PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

ABENI: I formerly known and addressed as. sholabi muinatun abeni and sholabi muinatun abeni now wish to be known and addressed as sholabi muinat. abeni. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ALI : I formerly known as ALI MUSA MUHAMMED now wish to be known as ALI MUSA MAMMAN. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

SUNUSI: I formerly known and addressed as SANUSI ZAHARADEEN now wish to be called and addressed as SANUSI MUHAMMAD. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

I, formerly known as HAJARA SAMBO SAKABA Now wish to be known and addressed as HAJARA SAMBO All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI I formerly known as MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI now wish to be called as ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concern and the general public should please take note.

FRANCIS: I Formerly known as FRANCIS AUGUSTINE Now wish to be called and addressed as FRANCIS AUGUSTINE JADAK All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

OLANREWAJU: I, formerly known and addressed as ODULANA AYOBAMI OLAJUWON. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLANREWAJU AYOBAMI OLAJUWON. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMAR : I formerly known as UMAR BABA now wish to be known as UMAR MALLAM BABA. All former document remain valid. General public should take note

AGUIGA: I Formerly Known As YAWE KOFI now wish to be known and addresses as AGUIGA FRIDAY KOFI all former Documents remain valid general public should take note

I, formerly known as ALIYU UMAR MAGAJI Now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU UMAR WITH D.O.B 02-07-1995 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as MUSA ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD KABIRU USMAN. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to note.

BETTY: I, formerly known as BETTY SIM GAMAH, now wish to be known and addressed as BETTY SIM AMANA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

NANCY: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss NANCY OGECHI EZEH. Now wish to be known and addressed as NANCY OGECHI OGBURIE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIMI wrongly addressed as IBRAHIM AUWAL and D.O.B: 23/07/1991 now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM AUWAL with correct D.O.B: 15/05/1991. All previous documents remain valid and concerned authorities to please take note.

ARAWA: I formally known as AISHATU ARAWA, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA BELLO ARAWA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MARYAM YUSUF GANDA Now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM BELLO AJIR All former documents remain valid. Zenith bank and General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED : I formerly known as SHUAIBU ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and address as SHURABIL MOHAMMED AUWAL All former documents remain valid authority concern general public to take note.

ADDITION OF NAME OLATUNJI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLATUNJI OLAWALE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLATUNJI OLAWALE MICHAEL. That I was born on 11th day of May, 1992 not 11th day of May, 1982. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NGOZI: I, formerly known and addressed as NGOZI JULIA EZE. Now wish to be known and addressed as NGOZI JULIA PEDRO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

GONI I formerly known as MUHAMMED GONI LAWAN KADAI, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD GONI LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 14/06/2000 general public should please take note

MALAH I formerly known and addressed USMAN YAKUBU now wish to be known and addressed as MAIGANA FANTAMI MALAH?. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public to note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

MOHAMMED : I formerly known as UMAR SAMAILA now wish to be called and addressed as SAIDU MOHAMMED YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note

OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ONIPEDE ADIJAT TOYIN. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OJO ADIJAT TOYIN. All former documents remain valid. Bank Authority and General public please take note.

JUSTUS: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs NJOKUBA CHINYERE GIFT. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs JUSTUS CHINYERE DEBORAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ISMAIL. I formerly known as SAMAILA ALHAJI HABU, now wish to be known and addressed as ISMAIL ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

NASIR I formerly known as Bashir Nasiru. Now wish to be known and addressed as Bashir Nasir. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

ABDULLAHI : I formerly known as IBRAHIM GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

NNEKA: I, formerly known and addressed as NNEKA OGO QUEEN OZOANA. Now wish to be known and addressed as NNEKA OGO QUEEN AMADI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MRS. OHUNOLUWA : I, formerly known and addressed as MRS. OYENUGA FALOHUN ABIMBOLA ABIOLA PRECIOUS, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. OHUNOLUWA ABIMBOLA ABIOLA PRECIOUS. All former document remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

BIDI I formerly known and addressed as ADAMU BIDI now wish to be known and addressed as ALHAJI ADAMU BIDI All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HALIMA: I Formerly known as SADIYA ALIYU ALKALI, now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMA ALIYU ALKALI. All former documents remain valid. General public should pls take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

ABDULMUMINI I formerly known as ABDULMUMINI HABIBA now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBA BASHIR. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

RUTH: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss RUTH FAVOUR WILLIAMS. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs RUTH FAVOUR OMUETI. All former documents remain valid. Lagos State Polytechnic, GTBank, First Bank and General public please take note.

JEARIOGBE : I, formerly known and addressed as OGUNWO SADIAT IYABODE, now wish to be known and addressed as JEARIOGBE HALIMAH IYABODE. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

JALAM I formerly known and addressed as SAKINA ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as SAKINA ADAMU JALAM All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HALIMA: I Formerly known as SADIYA ALIYU ALKALI, now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMA ALIYU ALKALI. All former documents remain valid. General public should pls take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

ADAMU: I, formerly known as ADAMU B. MAGAJI, now wish to be known and called ADAMU MAGAJI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

MUHAMMED: I, formerly known and addressed as MOHAMMED RABIU. Now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMED SANI NAJIB. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADESINA : I formerly known and addressed as OKEDIJI OMOLOLA RACHAEL now wish to be known and addressed as ADESINA OMOLOLA RACHAEL Due to change in marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known and addressed as YUSUF ABUBAKAR UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as YUSUF GARBA. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

HALIMA: I Formerly known as SADIYA ALIYU ALKALI, now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMA ALIYU ALKALI. All former documents remain valid. General public should pls take note.

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THE NIGERIAN ARMY

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR NIGERIAN ARMY SHORT SERVICE COMBATANT COURSE 47/2021 AND DIRECT SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION 26/2021

This is to inform the general public that candidates who were successful at the **SSC 47/2021 and DSSC 26/2021** pre-selection examination conducted across the country on 14 November 2020 have been shortlisted and published on the Nigerian Army Recruitment Portal. The portal can be accessed on <https://.recruitment.army.mil.ng/.ms/shortlisted> from **12.00am on 10 January 2021**. Candidates who sat for the pre-selection examination are strongly advised to confirm their names and other details from the portal and ensure they are shortlisted before reporting for the Selection Board. Details of items to be carried and other instructions for candidates are contained on the portal.

Shortlisted candidates for **SSC 47/2021** are to report for the Selection Board on **16 January 2021** at Nigerian Army Training Area Falgore, in Kano state. The direction to Falgore is included in the General Instructions to candidates on the portal.

Shortlisted candidates for **DSSC 26/2021** are to report for the Selection Board on **1 February 2021** also at the Nigerian Army Training Area in Falgore Kano State.

Candidates are to beware of internet fraudsters that may operate other websites to publish names and defraud unsuspecting candidates. Accordingly candidates are to make sure they only confirm their names from the authentic Nigerian Army Recruitment Portal using <https://.recruitment.army.mil.ng/.ms/shortlisted>

Signed
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Major General
Military Secretary (Army)
for Chief of Army Staff

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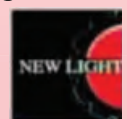
We write for two reasons; one, to thank you for being a thoughtful and wise leader that we respect and admire. And two, to wish you a happy 55th birthday in your new age!

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Gunmen kill Saudi-based oil expert in Kogi

From Adama John, Lokoja

A Saudi-based oil expert, Ogacheko Atanu has been killed by unknown gunmen at his residence in Idah, Kogi State.

It was gathered that Atanu

was killed on Saturday night at about 11 pm when he was about to retire to bed.

A reliable source said the deceased was shot repeatedly after the assailants asked him to say his last prayers.

“When they (gunmen)

entered his compound at about 11 pm on Saturday, they told him to say his last prayers before they killed him, having rejected the amount of money he offered them,” the source said.

His elder brother, Mr Ukubile Atanu, who is a

lecturer at the Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, confirmed the incident.

Mr Ukubile, who could not hold his tears while speaking to our correspondent, charged security agencies to bring the killers to book.

The Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP William Aya confirmed the incident.

He said his body had been moved to the mortuary for autopsy and effort was being intensified to get the perpetrators of this evil act.



■ Fire fighters testing the modern firefighting truck delivered by the Controller-General of Federal Fire Service, Dr Ibrahim Liman to Kebbi State, during the inauguration in Birnin-Kebbi.

2 nabbed for robbing passengers in Lagos

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Operatives of the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested a 52-year-old man, Dada Owolabi and one Kolawoke Olawoye for allegedly robbing passengers in traffic at Ogudu/Alapere expressway.

It was learnt that the duo are members of a

larger syndicate, who attacks occupants of vehicles in the area.

The suspects, along with other fleeing members of their gang, were said to have robbed people of cash and valuables at gunpoint.

Lagos State Police Spokesman, Muyiwa Adejobi, said the arrest amplified the zeal of the command to curtail

traffic robbery in the state.

Adejobi said the suspects were nabbed by a decoy team of policemen from RRS detailed to monitor the area during peak traffic period.

He said the suspects were arrested at about 10 pm and that they were assisting the police to apprehend other fleeing members of their gang.

Kidnapped Ondo couple regains freedom

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

A couple kidnapped last week along Akure-Uso-Owo road in Ondo State have regained their freedom.

The couple were said to be travelling from Ebonyi State to Akure, Ondo when they ran into the kidnapers between Uso and Owo.

The kidnapers had demanded N10m ransom to free the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gbenga Ibikunle.

The state police command said a

combined team of security operatives including military personnel, Civil Defence Corps and Amotekun Corps were mobilised to comb the forest and rescue the victims.

The command's spokesman, ASP Tee-Leo Ikoro, said: “We heard they were asking for N20 million ransom, but we are not interested in that. We rescued the couple and we are going to get the perpetrators.”

In a related development, a traveller

who was abducted last week in the state has been released.

The man, who was abducted along Ise-Isua-Akoko road, was identified as a Pastor from Ekiti State.

He was said to be travelling from Abuja with his driver when they ran into the kidnapers. They killed the driver.

Sources said following his release, he was dropped off at Ikkumo in Akoko-Edo area of Edo state before he was handed over to the police in Ikare-Akoko.

Insecurity: Edo launches vigilante network

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Edo State Government has launched a vigilante network as part of efforts to strengthen the state's security architecture.

The vigilante network

is a community-led effort to galvanise local communities to partner with government security agencies to provide security and protect lives and property in the state.

A security expert, Mr Yusuf Haruna,

said the new security arrangement was intended to co-opt key actors in local communities to secure their spaces, gather intelligence, build trust and ensure adequate security across the state.

COVID-19: Commissioners urge FG to strengthen responses in states

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

Commissioners for health have charged the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to extend more support to states to enable them to better confront the ravaging the virus.

The national chairman of Health commissioners in Nigeria, Dr Betta Edu made the call in an

interview with newsmen in Calabar.

She noted that a lot still needs to be done to strengthen the response in all the states.

Edu, who is also the Commissioner for Health in Cross River State and chairman of the COVID-19 Response Team, said she had held a meeting with the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss

Mustapha last week in Abuja where she impressed on the need for greater response to Cross River and other states in the Federation, which are experiencing some challenges in the national COVID-19 response.

She said in the face of the second wave of COVID-19, the support required by affected states is an emergency, calling PTF and NCDC to intervene immediately.

Fire razes motorcycle spare parts factory in Anambra

From Titus Eleweke, Awka

A midnight fire at the weekend razed a motorcycle spare parts factory in Akaboukwu Uruagu Nnewi, Anambra State.

It was gathered that the fire outbreak started by 10:00 pm and raged for six hours despite the intervention of the men

of the fire service.

The General Manager of the company, Mr Ndubisi Okoli, alleged that the fire was caused by high tension cable that sparked off the fire to the section of the factory.

He said raw materials and machines worth over N500 million were completely razed.

The owner of the

factory, Chief Louis Onwugbenu said though no life was lost in the inferno but expressed deep worry over the number of people that would be rendered jobless due to the fire outbreak.

He, however, appealed to Governor Willie Obiano of Anambra State to come to his aid.

Abia records 350 fire incidents in 2020

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

The Comptroller of Abia State Fire Service, Victor Gbaruko, has said that the state recorded 350 fire outbreaks in 2020 and five incidents as of January 7, 2021.

Gbaruko disclosed this yesterday in Aba, Abia State while reviewing the activities of the fire

service last year and the plans to combat fire outbreaks in 2021.

He said the 350 fire outbreak in 2020 was less than 390 recorded in 2019.

He blamed the fire outbreaks to the activities of animal hunters, who, he said, set bushes on fire when chasing animals.

Gbaruko, however,

warned filling station owners not to discharge liquefied gas from tankers when petrol motor spirit (PMS) dispensers are on.

He also cautioned residents against keeping gas cylinders inside kitchens, noting that most fire incidents at homes were caused by gas explosions.

Support fight against insurgency with useful information - Abiodun

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta & Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

Ogun State Governor, Dapo Abiodun, yesterday urged Nigerians to support the fight against insurgency by providing useful and accurate information to the armed forces and other security agencies.

Abiodun stated this at a Special Church Service to commemorate this year's Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration, held at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Ake, Abeokuta, the state

capital.

The governor who was represented by the Speaker of the state's House of Assembly, Olakunle Oluomo, noted that the insurgency being waged by the Boko Haram and other insurgent forces would come to an end when accurate intelligence gets to the military high command.

According to him, the war being waged by the insurgent groups was quite different from conventional warfare, urging Nigerians to give

the armed forces the needed support to win the war.

At a similar event in Port Harcourt, Rivers State Governor, Nyesom Wike, urged the federal government to initiate a special programme that will cater for the complete welfare of families of fallen heroes.

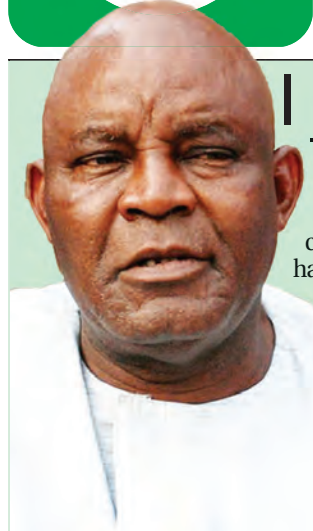
He said: “They laid down their lives to protect us. While some of us will be sleeping, they are busy, fighting to defend the country, the sovereignty of this country.”



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■ Christian Chukwu

I am alive, hale and hearty, says Christian Chukwu

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Former Super Eagles coach, Christian Chukwu has debunked media reports making rounds that he is dead.

In a chat with the former Green Eagles captain, Chukwu who recently clocked 70 said he was shocked and disappointed when he saw the news saying he had died.

Daily Trust had erroneously reported his death on the Sunday Edition of the paper.

The story of his death was also published by many online Media Platforms but later pulled down.

"You people didn't investigate the story. I don't know why you people are doing this to me. I was surprised when I saw the paper and I asked myself, how come it was not investigated before being published.

"It's not that you don't have my number that you can't reach me. You people should retract the story so that

people will stop disturbing me. Help me amend it so I can rest," he said.

He further thanked everyone who has either called or sent messages to confirm if he was indeed dead.

"I am telling them that I am alive and God is protecting me and I pray that those calling me and sending me messages, God will bless everyone," he concluded.

Christian Chukwu is the first Nigerian captain to hand the Super Eagles their first African Cup of Nations trophy in 1980 after defeating Angola 3-0 in the final.

He served as an assistant to coach Sebastian Brodericks-Imasuen and helped the West African country to win their first U-17 World Cup trophy in China in 1985.

Chukwu was also an assistant to Clemens Westerhof when Nigeria won their second Afcon title in 1994, and qualified for their maiden appearance at the World Cup.

He guided the Super Eagles to a third-place finish at the 2004 Africa Cup of Nations and made a major contribution to Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) side, Rangers.

Plateau Utd secure first league victory over winless Heartland

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

... Lobi shines over Wolves

Plateau United have defeated Heartland FC 3-0 to secure their first league victory in the ongoing 2020/21 Nigeria Professional Football League season.

Desirous of ending the winless streak, Mohammed Zulkifisu scored his side's first goal of the season in all competitions in the 18th minute. This goal is the first goal in 378 minutes of action for the Jos-based side.

In the 26th minute, Heartland had their first real attack but the shot from Chidera Eze was blocked.

In the 40th minute, Zulkifisu nearly doubled the lead but Heartland goalkeeper, Chijioke Ejiogu, popularly known as Arugo Monkey was at hand to stop the left-footed ferocious long-range shot.

At the restart of the second half, the hosts appeared hungry for more goals and were duly rewarded for their efforts when in the 55th minute, Amos Gyang from the spot sent Arugo Monkey to pick the ball again from his net.

In the 60th minute, Plateau United put the game to bed as



■ Enugu Rangers Chinonso Ezekwe battle Akwa United's Sampson Gbadebo during the Match Day 2 clash of the ongoing 2020/21 NPFL in Enugu last weekend

Akila Jesse went on a solo run to score the third goal of the game. He was however carded by the referee for taking off his jersey in celebration.

With the three points in

the bag and the confidence coming back, the hosts began to play the champagne football they are known with and again almost scored more goals when Wasiu Jimoh and

Uche Onoasanyo both missed gilt-edged chances as the game ended 3-0.

In the same vein, Lobi Stars scored what looks at the moment the fastest goal of

the season when Ossy Martins scored with his first touch in the very first minute of the game against Warri Wolves.

As the game wore on, Lobi search for that all-important goal but it was elusive in the first half. However, the Benue based side got their second goal of the game from a well-taken free-kick by Mathias Samuel, which went straight into the top corner for the second goal of the evening.

In the dying minutes of the game, Lobi's Chinonso Okonkwo got the third goal to condemn Warri Wolves to their second loss of the season.

Meanwhile, in other matches played, Katsina Utd defeated Adamawa Utd 2-0 while Nasarawa Utd and Kano Pillars played out a 1-1 draw.

Enyimba defeated Wikki Tourist by a lone goal while Rivers Utd took the maximum points from Kwara Utd with a 3-0 victory to top the table with 9 points.

Jigawa Golden Stars lost 1-0 at home to visiting Enugu Rangers while MFM and Dakkada FC defeated Sunshine Stars and IfeanyiUbah FC respectively by the same goal margin.

LaMelo Ball becomes youngest NBA player to score triple-double

LaMelo Ball became the youngest player in NBA history to score a triple-double as Charlotte Hornets beat the Atlanta Hawks 113-105.

At 19 years and 140 days old, Ball surpassed Markelle Fultz (19 years and 317 days) to claim the record with his 22 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists.

Ball is only the fifth rookie in NBA history to record a triple-double and the first player to come off the bench to score a triple-double for the Hornets, who recorded their third straight win.

Elsewhere, Eastern Conference leaders the Philadelphia 76ers fell to a 115-103 defeat by the Denver Nuggets, ending their 20-

game winning streak at home. Last season's finalists Miami Heat ran out 128-124 winners at the Washington Wizards as Tyler Herro scored a season and game-high 31 points.

In what was the Spurs' third straight win on the road, they outlasted the Timberwolves in overtime to edge the game 125-122.

Tim Hardaway Jr. and Trey Burke also scored season-bests of 36 and 29 respectively as the Dallas Mavericks overcame Orlando Magic 112-98 for their third straight win.

The Milwaukee Bucks were without two-time NBA most valuable player (MVP) Giannis Antetokounmpo due to back spasms for their home

game against the Cleveland Cavaliers but still wrapped up a 100-90 win.

The Sacramento Kings lost for the second consecutive night with a 125-99 defeat by the Portland Trail Blazers, while the Phoenix Suns avenged their loss at the hands of the Detroit Pistons the previous night by beating the Indiana Pacers 125-117.

THE MONDAY COLUMN

with Mahmud Jega
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Poor copy cats, Yankees are

President Donald Trump's many supporters in Nigeria were all highly disappointed that he allowed himself to be defeated in an election, then went about overturning the results in a very incompetent manner. Why didn't the White House hire a Nigerian Political Adviser, with concurrent responsibility for reelection matters, then simply sat back and watched? Joseph Biden would never smell the White House from a distance if Trump's so-called White House strategists had hired a Nigerian consultant.

The American corporation Xerox once claimed that it invented photocopying. One of its best known ads in the 1970s was, "We taught the world to copy." It is a lie; Xerox's own compatriots are yet to learn to copy from the masters of the game, Nigerians. For example, where is the American Orubebe? Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, who stood at last Wednesday's joint session of the US Congress and argued against ratifying the electoral college votes of Arizona State, was a poor copy of Orubebe. Why didn't he smoke imported Warri weed, sit on the stage in front of Vice President Mike Pence and bellow, "Pence is tribalistic! Pence is selective! Pence is partial!"?

It was because the Trump White House had no Orubebe that it sent a mob to storm the Capitol in order to stop the electoral college votes ratification process. The mob was unprofessional; they couldn't push through a simple police barricade. Look, in Nigeria here, is it not the policemen themselves who will prevent every member of Congress from entering the premises for the joint session? Remember in late 2014 when the FCT Police Command stopped House Speaker Aminu Waziri Tambuwal and all the members from entering the premises. We saw on television how several members tucked their flowing gowns and scaled the fence.

In fact, there is an even better Nigerian example to copy from, if only the White House had hired a Nigerian consultant. As we saw in 2018, the DSS boss sent his armed men to seal off the National Assembly complex and prevent members from gaining access. The White House has powerful security outfits under its control, including Secret Service, FBI, CIA, National Security Agency, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Coast Guard, US Marshals, National Park Service and the US armed forces, including Marine Corps, Navy Seals and 101st Airborne Division. Why didn't it deploy them?

If they didn't want to use state agents because the media will cry foul, there was still another good Nigerian example

to copy from. In November 1995, hard-pressed Nigerian politicians eager to mount a soap box tried to find a way round the Sani Abacha dictatorship by organising an All Politicians Summit in Lagos. Buses full of thugs from Mushin, Agege and Ajegunle suddenly surrounded the venue, overturned chairs and tables in the hall and chased away the politicians. Newspapers alleged at the time that an outspoken Abacha minister hired them. Ok, didn't Donald Trump have an outspoken minister in his cabinet who could have hired thugs from Chicago's South Side?

In fact, things should never even have gotten to that stage if the White House had a Nigerian election adviser. Why did they wait out the whole election night for counties and states to laboriously count the votes and make a declaration, before they scrambled and tried to overturn them? Look, in Nigeria here in 2007 when INEC heard that international election observers had scheduled a press briefing for 2pm on Monday to give their preliminary report, which was going to be damning, it simply declared the election's winner before all the results were in from the states.

There is even a Nigerian way of dealing with pesky reporters and international election observers. In Benin City in 2007 when the vote count stretched into the morning and AC candidate Adams Oshiomhole was leading, INEC's state resident electoral commissioner announced a break of three hours. As the reporters entered an eatery for a quick grub, they heard on the radio that the result had been declared and PDP's Oserheimen Osunbor was the winner. That was why folks in Bauchi mounted an "A kasa, a raka, a tsare" [vote, escort and guard] which prevented ANPP's Malam Isa Yuguda from getting the Oshiomhole treatment.

Even these Nigerian election-thwarting strategies would not have been necessary if White House had been briefed on an older Nigerian tactic. While the voters are queuing in the sun to cast their votes, the results could be written in air-conditioned rooms. That is why a man once won an election in a Nigerian village, according to official results, and everyone in the town swore that they did not vote for him.

Or even, if the White House did not want to fabricate the results, it could amend them slightly, Nigerian style. In 1983, there was a protracted election case in old Ondo State when NPN candidate Akin Omoboriowo defeated incumbent Governor Michael Ajasin of UPN, according to official figures. Supreme Court later found that Ajasin

got 1.2million votes while Omoboriowo got 0.5million, but the returning officer added 1 behind the latter's vote and it became 1.5 million. You mean there was no one in Georgia, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin or Michigan that was smart enough to do that?

State and federal American courts threw out 62 cases filed by President Trump's supporters, saying they lacked merit. Which merit did they lack? Again it was because White House did not hire a Nigerian election case adviser, of which we have many. A judge could be made to write two judgments, one for and another against the declared election result. It is up to the consultant to work out which one is delivered. What was Donald Trump's problem? After all, he finished second to Biden in the election. Here in Nigeria, a man who finished fourth in an election was declared the winner and he is now governing. In fact, a man who did not even contest the election was declared the winner in Rivers State in 2007 and in Kogi State in 2015, so what is the problem?

White House was really sloppy because of lack of Nigerian advisers. From the beginning, if opinion polls suggested that you will not win the election, why allow it to go ahead? Damn the constitution. On June 10, 1993, Justice Bassey Ikpeme of the FCT High Court sat at 10pm and issued an injunction restraining NEC Chairman Prof Humphrey Nwosu, his agents, servants or privies from conducting the June 12 presidential election. When NEC conducted it anyway, FCT Chief Judge Justice Dahiru Saleh quashed the election. Don't they have courageous judges there in America?

Ikpeme stopped the 1993 election based on a prayer from an NGO, Association for Better Nigeria, ABN. Trump's White House, instead of wasting time with their fake Make America Great Again, should have floated an NGO called Association for Better America, ABA. Who was ABN's leader and sponsor? Again they should have borrowed a leaf from Nigeria and got an international arms merchant to bankroll ABA.

Was Arthur Nzeribe such a big arms dealer compared to what they have in America? He only sold weapons to both sides in the Chadian civil war. Where are the directors of Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Rockwell Aerospace, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman and United Technologies? All the weapons they sold with which wars all around the world were fought, can't they spare a few million dollars and sponsor ABA so that no election is held in America?

Why is the US President called "the most powerful man in the world" when he couldn't even adjust a simple election result? He reminds me of Walga, the seven-foot, mentally disturbed giant who used to terrorise our village market in the 1960s. Walga will enter the market and head for the food section. Food vendors will run away and he will eat to his satisfaction. He will be singing a self-deprecatory song, "If you see Walga, (you think) you see a powerful man. If you dare him, you find that he is a weakling."

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Moeen Ali to miss first Sri Lank Test



■ Moeen Ali

England all-rounder Moeen Ali will not be available for the first Test against Sri Lanka, head coach Chris Silverwood has confirmed.

Moeen, 33, tested positive for Covid-19 upon the squad's arrival in Sri Lanka on 4 January and remains in isolation.

Chris Woakes is out of isolation after being deemed a possible close contact but Silverwood said it will be "tight" for him to be ready for the first Test.

The two-Test series starts in Galle on Thursday.

Thomas apologises after homophobic slur



■ Justin Thomas

Justin Thomas apologized following Saturday's third round of the Sentry Tournament for Champions in Hawaii after he was heard uttering a homophobic slur during the television broadcast.

A microphone picked up the slur, which Thomas directed at himself after missing a short par putt on No 4.

He apologised in an interview with Golf Channel after his round.