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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It does not make any difference how beautiful your guess is if it disagrees with experiment it is wrong. That is all there is to it

– Richard Feynman



AFRICAN SAYINGS

“He who thinks he is leading and has no one following him is only taking a walk”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

Compiled by JAMIL H. SALIM

ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
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PRAYERS TIMES

JUMADA AL AKHIR 12, 1444 AH

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DHUHR	12:40	12:41	12:41	12:36	12:40	12:58	12:19	12:44	12:48
ASR	3:53	3:54	3:54	3:49	3:53	4:11	3:32	3:57	4:01
MAGHRIB	6:23	6:24	6:21	6:14	6:17	6:42	5:57	6:28	6:28
ISHA	7:28	7:29	7:26	7:19	7:22	7:47	7:02	7:33	7:33

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ General view of fans as the casket of Brazilian soccer legend Pele is transported by the fire department in Santos, Brazil

Photo: REUTERS/Amanda

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IN-DEPTH

How Kano government is addressing security challenges across schools

● Miscreants, drug addicts turn our schools into their den – Principals

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu,
Kano

“For a very long period, thugs have turned this place into their den. Aside from stealing our properties, they also sleep here with their weapons and illicit drugs. In the morning, when students are taking lessons, they will suddenly drop from the ceiling and nobody can dare talk to them. This is as a result of the lack of perimeter fence, to the extent that they even steal away our roofing sheets,” a principal of one of the secondary schools in the Kano metropolis has cried out.

This is the situation of the many secondary schools located in the metropolitan area of Kano State. They are places of living for thugs. After they undergo their daily criminal activities, they turn the schools into their hiding places. Not only that; they also steal almost all the important belongings of the schools, thereby halting the smooth running of learning and threatening students from attending classes.

The deteriorating state of the situation has forced several parents and guardians to withdraw their children from the schools, an incident that left many boys and girls out of school and also affected enrollment of new pupils.

Daily Trust gathered that notable among the schools that face these challenges are Government Secondary School, Stadium, Government Girls Secondary School, Dabo and Government Secondary School, Kwakwachi. Many of the schools were said to have no gatemen as the thugs have chased them away.

However, worried by the situation, the state government recently embarked on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) to renovate the dilapidated schools and proffer a better solution to the security challenges bedeviling them across the state. The project targets many schools that were affected by a series of miscreants' attacks across various parts of the state.

The new model introduced by the state government is towards complementing its efforts of free and compulsory education in the state, and also to ensure that teaching and learning are conducted in a conducive atmosphere.

Piloting the model is the Kano State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) with other relevant stakeholders as overseers of the project which include the State House of Assembly, School Based Management Committee (SBMC), Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and management of the schools.

Experts said the new model will help in addressing challenges associated with dearth of instructional materials in the schools, security threats among others. However, others said the initiative will expose schools to crowds as the shops being constructed in the schools may disrupt learning activities when they start businesses.

Speaking about the project, the



■ One of the structures at GSS Kwakwachi to be renovated through the PPP arrangement



■ A structure at GGSS Dabo, France road, wears a new look through the PPP arrangement

Managing Director of KNUPDA, Arch. Sulaiman Ahmed Abdulwahab, said it involved allocating perimeter fences of the schools to private individuals who will build shops around the perimeter fences.

He said unlike what people said in town that the state government was selling the school fences to individuals, the government is rather engaging the investors to build the shops and that the developed properties will eventually return to the schools. He said the system will help in improving education and enable the schools to maintain themselves.

“The renovation being carried out across the selected schools is a public private partnership (PPP) with the construction of shops by the perimeter fence of the schools, which will be providing funds to the schools' management. The ownership of the shops will eventually belong to the schools after a period.

“Similarly, the security threat of miscreants hibernating around the schools posing dangers to the teachers and students would be addressed with the security that would be provided by the shop owners,” he said.

He explained further that under the programme, 21 public schools have been selected as pilots within the metropolis as a measure to address insecurity facing most of the schools due to activities of miscreants and also to serve as a source of income for the schools' management for maintenance.

He said they didn't just commence the project without the consent of the schools as also being peddled around the state by people who do not have full knowledge of the project, adding that the State House of Assembly was also involved through its

education committee.

“As part of the mandate of the agency and collaboration with the state ministry of education, the state assembly was approached for amendment of law guiding activities around schools to give room for the renovation and remodeling. With the support of the lawmakers and the state governor, the law was amended and this gave the opportunity to fashion out ways in which the schools will be secured and generate maintenance funds,” the MD added.

During the most recent inspection visit to some of the schools, the MD revealed that more than 85% of the renovations have been completed under the first phase, in eight secondary schools and one primary school which include G.S.S Stadium, G.G.S.S Dabo, G.S.S Kwakwachi, G.S.S Bachirawa, G.S.S Kofar Nasarawa, G.G.S.S Dukawuya, G.S.S Goron Dutse, G.G.S.S Chiranchi and Chiranchi Primary School.

We requested for shops' construction – SBMC, PTA

Chairman of SBMC at G.S.S Stadium, Alhaji Muhammad Lawal, said for over six years they have written several letters of complaints to the state government over stressed infrastructure and insecurity with activities of miscreants who have been stealing and vandalising property of the school and dangers of their activities.

“Succor came our way with the initiative of the public private partnership that has led to construction of one block of seven classrooms, construction of perimeter fence, construction of one block of 15 toilets, renovation of laboratory and repair of leaking roof in some classrooms,” Muhammad said.

He noted that all these have been completed except for the renovation of the laboratory which is ongoing.

Also, Principal Director, G.G.S.S. Dabo (France Road), Hajiya Binta AbdulHamid, said the major challenges facing the school is security threat by drug addicts and miscreants from the Sabongari area of the metropolis where the school is situated.

“Honestly, since the school does not have a fence, it makes it easy for the miscreants to walk into the school to steal and destroy our property. At times they break into offices through the ceiling. Hence in 2015 we had a joint meeting of PTAs of schools in Sabon Gari and laid our complaints to the governor.

“We suggested the construction of shops by the fence of the schools which will provide security for us as shop owners will engage security personnel which will check activities of thieves and miscreants due to our proximity to Sabon Gari market.

“The initiative of the public private partnership is of much benefit to us as it has led to construction of perimeter fence, two blocks of 10 toilets, renovation of classroom blocks and renovation and conversion of our admin block to entrepreneur centre and examination hall,” she said.

Similarly, the principal, G.S.S Kwakwachi, Malam Auwalu Ado, said the school that was established in 1983 has never witnessed any renovation that led to dilapidated classroom structures and roofs. He said the fence of the school gave way long ago due to a very large pond beside the premises that led to flooding and the place was also turned to refuse dump.

“The collapse of the perimeter fence exposed us to serious security threats from miscreants who mostly invade the school to steal the roofing sheets, windows and doors with several other properties,” he said.

Ado said the school SBMC, PTA and management have been writing letters of complaints since 2007 and calling for this renovation. He said they later approached KNUPDA on the renovation and surprisingly the authority is presently carrying out renovation of classroom blocks and construction of perimeter fence.

Similarly, SBMC chairman, G.S.S Kofar Nasarawa, Malam Habibu Dauda Yakasai, while appreciating the initiative said KNUPDA has renovated five blocks of six classrooms, constructed six student toilets and two staff toilets to address the issue of open defecation.

On his part, KNUPDA's director of architecture, who doubles as the chairman, Schools Renovation Committee, Arch. Salisu Bello, said the first phase of the renovation is almost 90 per cent completed and the second phase with 12 other schools as beneficiaries, will commence soon.

Salisu said the renovations are implemented with the consent of the schools' authorities so as to ensure that work done is in line with approved specification.

States, FCT to spend over N11.5tr in 2023

By Faruk Shuaibu

The 36 state governments and the Federal Capital Territory have proposed to spend over N11.5trn in the 2023 financial year, an analysis by the *Daily Trust* has shown. The breakdown indicated that N6.482trn will be spent on capital projects while N4.989trn is for recurrent expenditure.

Daily Trust reports that 20 states have already passed their budgets while the remaining 16 are yet to.

Those that passed their appropriations include; Lagos, Ogun, Akwa Ibom, Benue, Bauchi, Taraba, Delta, Katsina, Adamawa, Kaduna, Gombe, Osun, Ondo, Kogi, Yobe, Anambra, Kano, Jigawa and Nasarawa. The states have passed their 2023 budget into law as such money to be spent might increase.

But experts who spoke to *Daily Trust* described state budgets as yearly rituals because significant parts of the projections were hardly actualised.

In the budgets they presented, *Daily Trust* reports that only a few of the states explained how they would generate the monies to fund them.

Besides relying on federal allocations and their internally generated revenue to fund their projects, many of them rely on loans (internal and external) to finance their activities.

And in the event they are unable to get such loans, the projections suffer.

At present, many of the states are already heavily indebted even as experts have called for caution on the grounds that being election year, governors, especially those rounding off their tenures must not procure loans for political purposes only to leave the liability for those taking over from them.

Umar Mohammed, a public expenditure expert, said 2023 is a defining moment and urged governors to do the right thing in terms of income generation and spending.

"It is a tempting period, especially for those serving out their tenures. The budget will just be midway by the time they would hand over. Therefore, they should be mindful of the conceptualisation of their projects; they must not undertake while elephant projects.

"Banks and other financial institutions must also be mindful of how they give loans to states because some of these people would divert the funds for campaigns," he said.

What the states are working on

Analysis showed that Lagos has the highest budget with N1.768trn. It is followed by Akwa Ibom State, N700bn and the FCT with N607.9bn.

On the other hand, the state with the least budget allocation is Ekiti with N113.5bn. It is followed by Ebonyi State with a proposal of N139bn and Osun with N138bn.

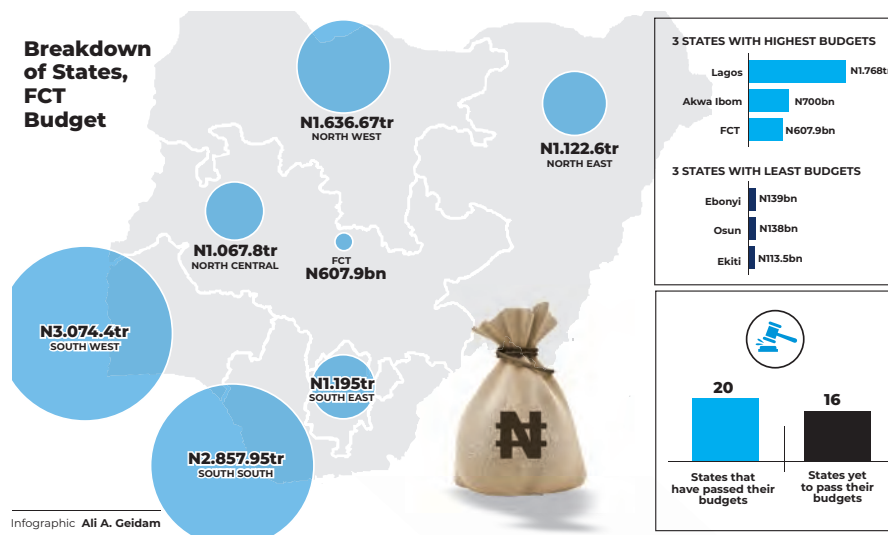
Analysis by region showed that the South West has the highest budget with N3.074.4trn. It is followed by the South South with N2.857.95trn, North West N1.636.67trn, South East N1.195trn, North East N1.122.6trn and North Central N1.067.8trn.

Brief details of states

Lagos, whose budget can encompass the budgets of many states, plans to spend N748bn on recurrent expenditure and N1trn on capital expenditure.

The sectoral allocations also showed that N3.2 billion was approved as the new overhead cost of the office of civic engagement for drug abuse advocacy.

N802.9bn was approved as the new capital expenditure of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, while N1,200bn was approved as the new overhead cost



(Social Intervention and Humanitarian Programme) in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.

For Akwa Ibom, it budgeted N700bn, out of which N344bn will be spent on recurrent expenditure and N356bn on capital expenditure.

It said the budget would be funded through recurrent revenue of N390.8bn which includes internal revenue of N47.8bn, N51bn statutory revenue, N200bn derivation revenue and N10bn from Excess Crude among others.

For FCT's N607.9bn budget, N214.6bn will be spent on recurrent expenditure while N393bn will be on capital expenditure.

Delta State has approved N571.6bn of which N235.5bn is for recurrent expenditure and N336.1bn as capital expenditure.

The governor of the state, Ifeanyi Okowa, said it would be funded with Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), N95 billion; statutory allocation, N357.9bn; and other capital receipts of N80.3bn.

Rivers State has proposed to spend N550.6bn from which N175.2bn will be on recurrent expenditure and N350.9bn on capital expenditure.

According to the document, the state will spend N114.2bn on infrastructure; N36.9bn on education and N31.5 on health among others.

Imo State is planning to spend N474.4bn with N150.4bn going into recurrent and N373.5bn going to capital expenditure. It said the budget would be funded through Internally Generated Revenue, N79.8bn; statutory allocation of N35bn, and Value Added Tax of N15.7bn among others.

Ogun State has proposed N472.2bn, with N202.6bn for recurrent expenditure and N269.6bn for capital expenditure. It plans to give the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure the largest share of N129.3bn, representing 27 per cent of the total budget.

Bayelsa State is to spend N385.2bn in the 2023 fiscal year. It earmarks N158.8bn for recurrent expenditure and N167bn for capital expenditure. Also, public and debt service are expected to gulp N33.7 billion and contributory pension N4.7 billion.

In the breakdown of funds allocated to ministries in the state, works and infrastructure was allocated N77.9bn; education N40.4bn, and agriculture N14.1bn.

Kaduna State has approved spending N376.45bn out of which N127bn will be on recurrent expenditure and N248bn on capital expenditure.

The governor of the state, Nasir El-Rufai, said the allocations are 29 per cent of the budget to the education sector and 16.05 per cent to health as part of the government's commitment to human capital development.

For Cross River, it will spend N330bn this year, with N130bn for recurrent expenditure

and N200bn capital expenditure.

Edo plans to spend N320.35bn from which N192bn will go to capital expenditure and N127.5bn for recurrent expenditure. The state's projected revenue for 2023 is N300bn, consisting of N144.26bn statutory allocation, made up of Value Added Tax (VAT) of N41.2bn; capital receipts of N46.1bn; IGR N60.4bn and N4bn from grants, among others.

Oyo State said it would spend N310bn. From the amount, recurrent expenditure will get N155.6bn while N154.3bn will go to capital expenditure.

Katsina State plans to spend N289.6bn with N105.5bn on recurrent expenditure and N184.05bn on capital expenditure.

Ondo State has earmarked N272.7bn for 2023 with N129.2bn on recurrent expenditure and N143.5 on capital expenditure.

Anambra State is to spend N258bn from which N95bn is for recurrent and N164bn capital expenditure.

For Kano, N268bn is budgeted from which N100bn will go into recurrent expenditure and N168bn capital expenditure.

Niger State budgeted N243bn with N91bn for recurrent expenditure and N152bn for capital expenditure.

Borno State is to spend N234.8bn out of which N90.6bn is for recurrent while N144.1bn will go to capital expenditure.

Bauchi State plans to spend N202bn in 2023 with N87bn for recurrent expenditure and N114bn for capital expenditure.

Sokoto State has proposed N198.5bn budget for the year with N83.8bn for recurrent expenditure and N111.4bn for capital expenditure.

N189bn is to be spent by Kwara State in 2023 with N94bn earmarked for recurrent expenditure and N95bn for capital expenditure.

Zamfara State said it will spend N188.8bn in 2023 with N102.5bn going to infrastructure and N86.3bn to capital expenditure.

Benue State announced a budget of N179.7bn and plans to spend N106.1 on recurrent expenditure while N73.5bn will go into capital expenditure.

For Jigawa State, N178.5bn will be spent with N81.9bn going to recurrent expenditure and N89.4bn capital expenditure.

Adamawa State is set to spend N175bn with N105bn going to recurrent expenditure and N70bn capital expenditure.

Gombe State budgeted N176bn for 2023 with N71.8bn to be spent on recurrent expenditure while N101.8bn will be for capital expenditure.

In Taraba State, a budget of N173.2bn has been approved with N74bn to be spent on recurrent expenditure while N98.6bn is for capital expenditure.

Kogi State budgeted N172bn earmarking

N101.3bn for recurrent expenditure and N70.7bn for capital expenditure.

Kebbi State says it is spending N166.9bn in 2023 out of which N60.4bn will be on recurrent expenditure and N106.5bn capital expenditure.

The proposal for Enugu State is N166.6bn with N81bn to go to recurrent expenditure and N84bn for capital expenditure.

Yobe State proposes to spend N163bn with N87.8bn for recurrent expenditure and N75.1bn for capital expenditure.

Abia State plans to spend N157bn from which N75bn will go into recurrent expenditure and N82bn is capital expenditure.

Nasarawa State also budgeted N149.3bn for 2023 and allocates N90.5bn to recurrent expenditure and N58.3bn capital expenditure.

Plateau State is to spend N139.3bn and from this, N77.6bn is for recurrent expenditure and N61.7bn for capital expenditure.

The Ebonyi State budget is N139bn for the year with N58.3bn going to recurrent expenditure and N81.03 capital expenditure.

Osun State will spend N138bn, with N99.2bn going to recurrent expenditure and N39.05bn for capital expenditure.

Ekiti State has the least budget for 2023 as it plans to spend N113.5bn with a huge chunk of N80.3bn going into recurrent expenditure while N34.06bn will be spent on capital expenditure.

State budgets are mere rituals - Expert

Speaking on the findings of the analysis, a financial expert and CEO of Cowry Asset Management, Johnson Chukwu, said the challenge with state government budgets is that there is no science in it.

"You have a state budget that is not adhered to but is a mere ritual. It is a difficult thing to use the state budget as a basis for projection for macroeconomic analysis.

"A lot of states do not have fiscal discipline and do not follow through the budget process for anything. We had a state which makes budget of trillions but actual revenue is less than 10 per cent of what was budgeted and gives it high sounding names," he said.

He added that for states to make a determined approach to the budgeting process, there is the need for the federal government to introduce fiscal federalism.

"Once that is introduced, state governments will be compelled to seek ways to generate revenue to sustain their operations.

"As long as we continue with this sharing formula where a state government will not do anything to grow its revenue but be sure that at the end of every month, the governor will have enough which he does not know how it was generated, that for me, does not build responsibility on the path of building these sub-nationals," he stated.

He maintained that this has contributed to why Nigeria is underdeveloped, as there is no system that would develop by building on handouts "which is the fiscal system we have."

"The federating states in other jurisdictions actually contribute to the centre and live on their income. Unless they have difficult challenges when the centre will go in to support them.

"But it is not a norm for you to wait for Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) meeting to collect money and use it however you like," he said.

He, therefore, said there is a need to change the extant law and push for fiscal federalism where state governments generate their revenue; spend from what they generate and contribute to the centre.

Asset: Court stops DSS, police, CCB from arresting INEC chairman

By John C. Azu

A Federal Capital Territory High Court has stopped an application seeking to remove the chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, from office over alleged false asset declaration.

Justice M. A. Hassan on Wednesday refused the application alongside the 14 reliefs brought by the claimants.

The judge held that Yakubu's asset declaration was lawful, valid and in compliance with the law.

He barred the Department of State Services (DSS), the police, and the Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB) from arresting or harassing him.

The ruling followed an originating summons marked FCT/HC/GAR/CV/47/2022 by Somadina Uzoabaka, who sued as a tax-paying Nigerian against the Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami (SAN) and Yakubu, seeking among other things, an order of mandatory injunction directing and compelling the INEC chairman to recuse, excuse and exclude himself and or step down as the chairman of INEC pending

the investigation and consideration of the various allegations against him by the various law enforcement agencies.

The plaintiff also sought an order of court stopping the INEC chairman from holding or assuming any public office for a period of 10 years.

But, Yakubu, in his response to the allegations, presented details of his filings before the court with exhibits showing the sources of money for the purchase of the property which the plaintiff alleged were illegally acquired, and insisted that his assets declarations were valid.

20 rice farmers feared dead in Kebbi boat mishap

More than 20 farmers were feared dead as a boat carrying about 100 farmers capsized in Koko/Besse Local Government Area of Kebbi on Tuesday.

The police spokesman in Kebbi State, DSP Nafu Abubakar, confirmed the accident and promised to release details later.

Speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday, the Chairman of Koko/Besse Local Government Council, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, also confirmed the accident.

He said it occurred on Tuesday night when a rickety boat carried more than 100 rice farmers to Samanaji, a riverine community in the area.

He said 80 of the boat passengers had been rescued, while 10 were found dead and others still missing.

He assured that the rescue

operation was still ongoing with a view to saving those still missing.

"Almost all the passengers are youths; boys and girls. We have found four female and six male corpses.

"We have rescued more than 80 passengers and we are still searching for the missing others.

"Prior to the incident, we had called an emergency meeting with the district head of Dutsin Mari and other traditional rulers and leaders of boat operators in the area.

"The meeting was to enlighten them and warn them against the use of rickety, old boats, over-loading and traveling in the night," the council chairman added.

Bello recalled that the council distributed 20 new boats in 2022 in an effort to forestall boat mishaps in the area. (NAN)

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DSS nabs ISWAP kingpin behind Ohinoyi palace, Kuje prison attacks

● Suspect behind abduction of expatriates in Ajaokuta, others

By Dalhatu Liman

The Department of State Services (DSS) yesterday said it had arrested a high commander of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), Abdulmumin Ibrahim Otaru (aka Abu Mikdad), behind the deadly bombing near the palace of the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland in Okene, Kogi State.

The bombing occurred a few hours before the arrival of President Muhammadu Buhari to inaugurate some projects at the place.

Four persons were reportedly killed in the incident that occurred last Thursday a few hours before the arrival of President Muhammadu Buhari to inaugurate some projects at the place.

The DSS spokesman, Dr Peter Afunanya, in a statement yesterday said Otaru was arrested alongside one of his associates, Saidu Suleiman, on Tuesday, and was

wounded on his leg as he was trying to escape.

The statement read in part, "The DSS wishes to inform the public that it has arrested the mastermind of the Vehicle-Borne Explosive Device (VBIED) attack which occurred on 29th December, 2022, near the palace of the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland in Okene, Kogi State during the visit of the president to commission some projects.

"The service arrested Abdulmumin Ibrahim OTARU (aka Abu Mikdad) and one of his associates, Saidu SULEIMAN on 3rd January, 2023. OTARU sustained a gunshot injury on his left foot while attempting to escape. He is currently receiving treatment at a health facility.

"During investigations, it was ascertained that Otaru was a high commander of Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and either coordinated or was involved in the following dastardly operations:

"The 24th June, 2022 attack on Nigeria

Police Area Command, Eika-Ohizenyi, Okehi LGA of Kogi State.

"A police inspector, Idris MUSA was killed and two (2) AK-47 rifles carted away in that attack;

"The 5th July, 2022 attack on Kuje Medium Security Custodial Centre in Kuje Area Council of the FCT; and August 5, 2022 attack on West African Ceramics Ltd (WACL) in Ajaokuta LGA, Kogi in which three (3) Indian expatriates were kidnapped.

"It will be recalled that five persons including one Indian, two policemen and two drivers of the company were also killed in the attack. The kidnapped expatriates were released on August 31, 2022.

"OTARU operated terrorist cells in and around Kogi State. Similarly, he and his gang had staged several kidnap operations in Kogi and Ondo states. Meanwhile, the suspects are in custody and will be prosecuted accordingly."

Bandits kill 2, abduct many in Katsina, Zamfara

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

Bandits armed with AK-47 rifles blocked Kankara-Ruwangodiya-Sheme Road in broad daylight on Tuesday, killing two persons and abducting eight others.

The bandits who rode on motorcycles blocked the road and dispossessed passengers of all their belongings before whisking them away.

Residents of the nearby villages confirmed the incident in a telephone chat with Trust TV's correspondent in Katsina saying the passengers were from Zamfara heading to Kano.

The terrorists were also said to have shot two passengers who resisted being kidnapped and had been rushed to a hospital.

As of the time of filing this report, about four of the abducted eight occupants of the vehicle were said to have escaped unhurt.

It was learnt that things became worse when some residents mobilised and chased the bandits. The bandits in return opened fire on the villagers, killing two of them while others escaped with various degrees of injury.

An eyewitness said some of the bandits also escaped with bullet wounds.

Kankara-Ruwangodiya-Sheme Road has been a death trap over time and was among some major highways in which the Katsina State government banned vehicular movement following the frequency of attacks by terrorists.

Bandits in another attack abducted dozens of passengers along the Gusau-Funtua Highway, the latest in the series of abductions along the 100km road.

Daily Trust gathered that they blocked the road at a stretch between Magazu and Kucheri communities in Tsafe Local Government Area of the state.

One of the travellers who had to stop over at Magazu community told our correspondent that he saw vehicles make U-turns and was warned to halt the journey.

"I was warned to stay until the road is cleared. Several travellers were stranded. It was around 3pm that time," he said.

The spokesman of the police in Zamfara, SP Muhammad Shehu, did not answer calls from our correspondent or reply text message sent to him.

Police arrest 5 bandits, informant

However, Shehu in a statement announced the arrest of two bandits for kidnapping and cattle rustling perpetrated in Zamfara, Katsina, and Niger states.

The suspects are Umaru Buba 'M' 21, and Babuga Manu 'M' 20, who are residents of Baburasa Village in Kainji LGA of Niger State.

Police said the suspects had confessed to belonging to the gang of a banditry kingpin, Bello Turji, and had taken part in the kidnapping of an unspecified number of victims in which millions of naira were collected as ransom.

He said the police also arrested one Musbahu Aminu, 30, who has

confessed to being a member of bandit kingpin, Halilu Kachalla, and had participated in several kidnappings and cattle rustling where millions of naira were paid by victims' relations as ransom.

He added that one Isah Ayuba was also arrested for supplying information to bandits while another suspect, Abu Umaru, was arrested on a motorcycle coming out of the forest.

Shehu said in the course of the investigation, the suspect confessed to belonging to a gang of bandits operating in Mada, Wonaka, Yandoto and Tsafe under their gang commander, Malam Tukur.

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Air Force redeploys branch chiefs, AOCs, spokesman

The Nigerian Air Force (NAF) on Wednesday in Abuja approved the appointment and redeployment of new branch chiefs, Air Officers Commanding (AOCs), Commandants of Tri-Service and NAF institutions.

It also approved the appointment of a new spokesman and other senior officers.

Group Capt. Joel Abioye of the Directorate of Public Relations and Information, NAF, stated that the new postings and the redeployment were part of a routine aimed at ensuring operational efficiency and effective service delivery.

Abioye added that the appointments were approved by the Chief Air of Staff, Air Marshal Oladayo Amao.

Former Chief of Policy and Plans, AVM Jackson Yusuf, was appointed as Chief of Defence Policy and Plans (CDPP), while the erstwhile Commandant, Armed Forces Resettlement

Centre, Lagos, AVM Idi Lubo, took over as Chief of Policy and Plans.

AVM Mohammed Yakubu, the immediate past Commandant of the Air Force Institute of Technology is now Chief of Aircraft Engineering, while AVM Ayoola Jolasinmi, former CDPP, Defence Headquarters (DHQ), is now the Chief of Defence Space Administration.

He said: "The erstwhile Commandant, Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji, AVM Anthony Tuwase, is now the Chief of Defence Transformation and Innovation (CDTI), DHQ.

"In the same vein, AVM Paul Masiyer is now the Chief of Logistics, HQ NAF; AVM Ibikunle Daramola, the erstwhile Air Officer Commanding (AOC), Ground Training Command, Enugu is appointed the Chief of Communications Information Systems.

"AVM Samuel Chinda now takes over as Chief of

Air Intelligence, NAF, while AVM Anthony Ndace is now the Air Secretary, NAF.

Abioye added that the former Director of Public Relations and Information, Air Commodore Edward Gabkwet, was appointed Commander 551 NAF Station, Jos, while Air Commodore Wapkerem Maigida is now the new NAF spokesman.

"Air Commodore Olayinka Oyesola takes over as the Air Component Commander (Joint Task Force North East) 'Operation Hadin Kai'.

"Air Marshal Amao charged the officers to bring their professional experiences to bear and to continually explore new methods of proffering workable solutions and renewed strategies to resolving the security challenges in the country.

"The newly appointed and redeployed senior officers are expected to assume their offices on or before Friday, Jan. 6," Abioye added. (NAN)

COVID-19 variants surging in other countries not in Nigeria – NCDC

By Ojoma Akor

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) says the sub-lineages of the COVID-19 omicron variant causing a surge in cases in China and other countries have not been detected in Nigeria.

The NCDC Director General, Ifedayo Adetifa, disclosed this yesterday in a statement.

He said, "The sub-lineages partly responsible for the current increase in COVID-19 cases in other countries that is XBB.1.5 and BF.7 have not yet been detected in the country but B.5.2.1 has been seen here since July 2022 and the others are most likely here already. BF.7 and XBB have also been circulating in

South Africa since October 2022 but without any accompanying increase in cases, severe illness, or deaths."

Adetifa said before the recent case increase in China, the United States of America (USA), the United Kingdom (UK) and other countries, genomic surveillance had shown that the Omicron SARS-CoV-2 variant and its lineages had continued to dominate in recorded infections worldwide.

He said however, the rise in the new Omicron sub-lineages XBB.1.5 in the UK and the US, and BF.7 in China raises concern as it might spread faster than older Omicron sub-lineages (e.g., XBB or BQ) and that they were responsible in part

for current increases in cases, hospitalisations, and deaths.

He said the NCDC-led COVID-19 Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was monitoring COVID-19 trends in China, USA, UK, South Africa, India, and other countries with a high volume of traffic to and from Nigeria.

The director general said the NCDC had continued to strengthen genomic surveillance of the COVID-19 virus in Nigeria. He said the most important action for Nigerians to take was to get vaccinated against COVID-19, as the vaccine was the most important intervention for preventing severe disease, hospitalisation, and death.

EFCC secures 3, 785 convictions in 2022

By Dalhatu Liman

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) yesterday announced that it secured 3, 785 convictions across all its commands in 2022.

The EFCC in a statement made available to Daily Trust by its Head, Media and Publicity, Wilson Uwujaren, announced that the figure, which emerged from a review of the commission's

performance in the outgone year, showed a 70.5 per cent improvement over its record for 2021(2220).

He said it also represents a 98.93 per cent success rate in prosecution given that the commission lost only 41 cases, representing 1.07 per cent within the period.

The statement said, "As it was in 2021, the Lagos Command of the agency recorded the most convictions-765,

closely followed by the Ibadan Command with 573 convictions and the Port Harcourt Zonal Command- 567, while the headquarters recorded 314 convictions.

"The conviction secured by the commission in 2022 is the highest by the EFCC since inception and sustains an upward trajectory which began shortly after the emergence of the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari."

1 dead as Fulani, Hausa communities clash in Ondo

At least one person has been reported killed in a bloody clash between Hausa and Fulani settler communities in Ogbese, Ondo State, according to a report by Premium Times.

The clash began Tuesday evening and continued until Wednesday morning when security operatives arrived to intervene.

Sources said many on both of the warring sides sustained varying degrees of injuries in the clash.

The two communities are largely made up of traders dealing in grains, fish, onions, tomatoes and other products usually brought from the northern part of the country to the popular Ogbese Market.

The report said members of the communities largely live in makeshift structures around and within the market.

The clash, it was gathered, was ignited by a fight between a Fulani and a Hausa at the market.

Shops were also lit during the fight destroying valuable goods.

The police said they were yet to ascertain the cause of the conflict, but calm had returned to the area.

The police spokesperson, Funmi Odunlami, said the command was investigating the matter.

But residents and traders, who could be seen in numbers lamenting the incident, said the two communities had always cohabited peacefully.

NAFDAC targets WHO maturity level four for local vaccines highest level

By Ojoma Akor

The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) is working towards attaining the World Health Organisation (WHO) Maturity level four (ML4) status for local vaccine manufacturing between this year and 2028.

The Director General of NAFDAC, Prof. Mojisola Adeyeye, stated this yesterday while briefing newsmen in Abuja.

Maturity level four (ML4) is the highest level

in WHO's classification of regulatory authorities for medical products.


Adeyeye, who was recently reappointed by President Muhammadu Buhari for a second term, said attaining WHO ML4 and World Listed Authority (WLA) status would enable global trade of Nigerian-made pharmaceuticals through collaborative registration with other regulatory agencies.

She said it would also ensure good manufacturing practices of Nigeria Vaccine Company, and assure

quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines manufactured in Nigeria or export.

Adeyeye said the agency also targeted increasing internally generated revenue (IGR) and user fees by 20 per cent from the current levels based on the availability of more infrastructure and tools.

While saying the agency would create a women's health office, she added that it would ensure continual vigilance to reduce substandard, falsified and counterfeit medicines and narcotics.



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CORRECTION OF INFORMATION: SALE OF FORFEITED ASSETS

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) refers the general public to the publications made on Saturday, 24th December, 2022 and Wednesday, 28th December, 2022 in respect of sale of forfeited assets and hereby makes the following corrections:

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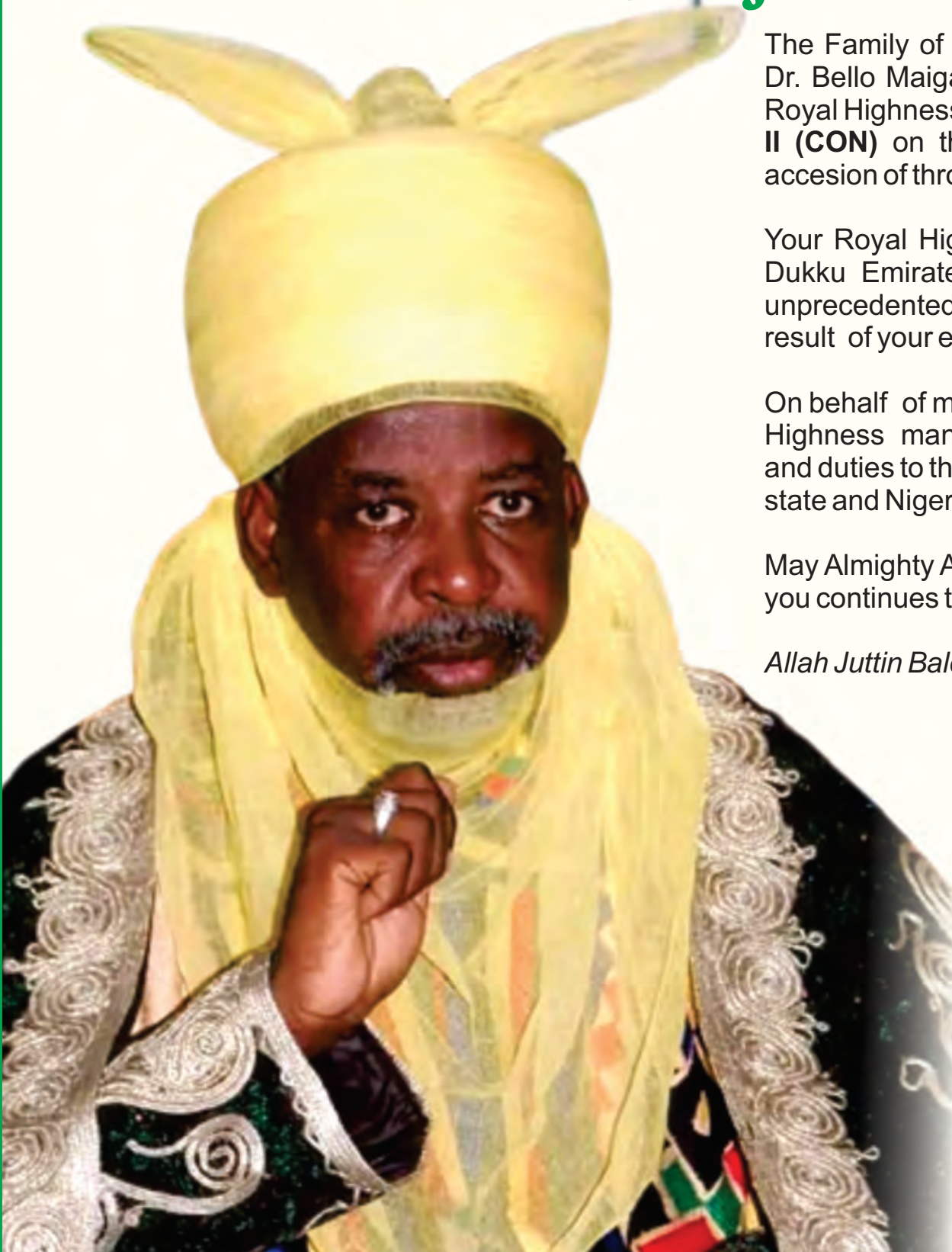
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“ For me, let the Nigerian people vote right. Let Nigerians look at them and their manifestos and vote according to what is right for the country — Minister of Labour and Employment, Chris Ngige

Don't vote along ethnic, religious lines, Kwankwaso tells voters

● Seeks royal blessings in Delta ● Gombe PDP chieftains join NNPP

From Usman A. Bello (Benin),
Meluwa Kelvin (Asaba) & Haruna
Gimba Yaya (Gombe)

A former governor of Kano State and presidential candidate of the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP), Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso, has cautioned Nigerians against voting along ethnic and religious lines in the forthcoming general elections.

Kwankwaso spoke yesterday when he visited Edo State governor, Godwin Obaseki, to seek the support of the electorate in the state ahead of the February 25 poll.

He said, “Nigerians should not play politics of ethnicity and religion, vote only credible and competent leaders.

“Some people don't even understand the realities on the ground today. Every Nigerian is looking for a way out. Nobody is waiting for a neighbour or any leader to say this is the way.

“Any party or candidate that comes out in the face of ethnicity or with the issue of religion, that party or candidate at the national level has failed in the election even before it starts.

“What Nigerians are saying is who can save this country in terms of insecurity, economy and dilapidated infrastructure that we see. Nigerians



■ From left; Chairman NNPP Delta State, Efe Tobor; Presidential Candidate, Dr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso and NNPP Delta State governorship Candidate, Dr. Goodnews Agbi during the commissioning of the party's campaign office in Ogwashi-Uku, Delta State yesterday

Photo: Meluwa Kelvin

are not waiting for any person but will take decisions on their own.

Senator Kwankwaso also stormed Asaba, the Delta State capital, yesterday for his campaign where he met with the Asagba of Asaba, HRM Obi (Prof.) Chike Edozie, at his palace and solicited the blessings and support of the revered monarch.

HRM Obi (Prof.) Edozie, who welcomed Kwankwaso to his palace, also prayed for him and members of his entourage.

He, however, advised him to go on with his campaign like other parties in a peaceful manner.

He also commissioned the campaign office of Hon. Onochie Anthony Ochie

in Ogwashi-Uku, where he urged the people to reject the PDP and APC and vote for NNPP candidates across board.

Meanwhile, a gale of defections has hit the Gombe State chapter of PDP as some of its chieftains leave the party for the NNPP.

The auditor of the PDP in Gombe Local Government of the state, Mahmud Mohammed Wafa, has defected to the NNPP.

Wafa defected alongside a former chairman of the party in Funakaye LGA, Abubakar Kari Bajoga, and the financial secretary of Dukku LGA, Bakari Umaru Bawa.

The trio announced their defection after meeting with the governorship candidate of the NNPP in the state, Khamisu Ahmed Mailantarki, at his residence.

Similarly, three political allies of former PDP stalwart in the state, Jamilu Isyaku Gwamna, have announced their defection to the NNPP.

The trio of Ibrahim Adamu, Sani Garba Anaruwa and Auwal Chiburos, who were former political aides to both Gwamna and former Governor Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo, have ditched the PDP after meeting the NNPP's governorship candidate, Mailantarki.

PDP flags-off gov'ship campaign in Katsina

From Tijjani Ibrahim &
Mahmoud Idris, Katsina

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday flagged off its governorship campaign in Katsina State.

In his speech at the occasion, the governorship candidate, Senator Yakubu Lado, enjoined the electorate to pray fervently for the restoration of peace in the state and the country in

general.

“We all know the situation we are in, therefore, we should first commit ourselves to God for the restoration of peace in our dear state and the country in general. Secondly, we should all vote PDP candidates in the state to facilitate the desired change,” he said.

Senator Lado also promised to do everything necessary if elected, to end the

insecurity in the state within the shortest possible time and revamp the economy to enable businesses to thrive across the 34 LGAs.

He urged the electorate for their support, saying “The PDP has ruled for 16 years and made its mark in governance through the numerous achievements attained in the state, if elected the state would benefit more.”

You're politicising insecurity, APC hits back at Tambuwal

From Abubakar Auwal,
Sokoto

The Sokoto State chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has accused Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of playing politics with the lives of his people.

Addressing a press conference in Sokoto, the state capital yesterday, the state chairman of the APC,

Isa Sadiq Achida, alleged that the PDP-led government was comfortable with the security situation and wants to use it as a campaign tool.

Recall that while reacting to the attack on his convoy recently, Governor Tambuwal accused APC leaders of not doing anything to help in tackling the security challenges in the state.

But the APC chairman

said, “Aminu Waziri has been shifting the blame on the federal government, while in other states, governors have taken leading roles in curbing banditry.

“The Sokoto State governor has maintained the back seat and deliberately allowed the situation to deteriorate so that it could provide him with an excuse for political mischief.”

Ex-Ambassador to Jordan, Yabo, dumps APC, joins PDP

From Abubakar Auwal,
Sokoto

A former Nigerian Ambassador to Jordan, Faruk Malami Yabo has joined the People Democratic Party (PDP).

Yabo, who aspired for the governorship ticket of the All

Progressives Congress (APC) last year, announced his defection at a PDP rally in Yabo LGA on Wednesday. He described his defection as a “homecoming”

According to him, he has always been a member of the ruling party in the state.

“The defection is like someone

returning home. I thank everyone who is part of this movement and I promise to help the party win the forthcoming elections in the state,” he said

Receiving Yabo, Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal commended the former Ambassador for joining the PDP.

Only God can cause true change in Nigeria – Okowa

From Meluwa Kelvin, Asaba

The Delta State governor and vice presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Sen Ifeanyi Okowa, has said only God can cause true change in Nigeria.

He spoke yesterday in Ughelli during a Prayer Convocation and Silver Jubilee celebration organised by the Anglican Diocese of Ughelli with the theme, “You are my Battle Axe.”

He said Nigerians were disillusioned that things were going wrong for the nation and urged the people to seek the help of God in turning things around for the country.

The governor said, “As a country, we

are crying that things have gone so bad, but the prayer of the people can move God to cause a true change to happen in our nation.

“We know that with the situation in Nigeria today, only the living God can redeem us and He is the one that will lay the path and no man can change it.

“I know that I am on the ticket of the PDP as vice presidential candidate but I am not going to talk politics here. All I can say is ‘let the will of God be done.’

“It is only God that sees the hearts of men and I know that His will be done for this nation because a true change cometh for this country and it cometh from God and not the type promised by the APC,” he said.

OBJ's endorsement won't take Obi anywhere – Reps forum

By Baba Martins

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) House of Representatives Aspirants Forum has described the endorsement of the Labour Party (LP) presidential candidate, Mr Peter Obi, by former president Olusegun Obasanjo as a ruse, saying it will not take Obi anywhere.

The forum, in a statement yesterday jointly signed by its national chairman, Hon. Danjuma Mohammed, and national publicity secretary, Hon. Jibrin Keana, told the leadership of the party

not to lose sleep over the endorsement, but to focus on the conduct of the election.

They said the facts and figures on ground have shown that the PDP presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar, would win the election if it is conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner.

“Atiku Abubakar has done well as the vice president under a performing government of Chief Olusegun Obasanjo and he has done well for himself as a liberal democrat, an employer of labour,” they said.

Real reasons elder statesman, Bello Kirfi, was sacked as Wazirin Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

● Daughter resigns as Bauchi commissioner

Fresh facts have emerged as to why the Bauchi Emirate Council sacked an elder statesman, Alhaji Muhammadu Bello Kirfi, as a council member and Wazirin Bauchi.

The council hinged his sack on what it described as disloyalty and disrespect toward the state governor.

However, sources told our correspondent that the sack was politically motivated.

Daily Trust reports that this is the second time that Kirfi would be sacked as Wazirin Bauchi. He was suspended in 2017. However, on August 5, 2020, he was reinstated. It was gathered that the Bauchi governor, Bala Mohammed, facilitated his reinstatement.

Bello Kirfi, who served as minister of state for Foreign Affairs in the late President Shehu Shagari's government and also minister of Civil Service Matters during the regime of former President Olusegun Obasanjo, is a staunch supporter of the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

It was gathered that Kirfi had last week held a stakeholders' meeting at his residence in Bauchi, where he directed his lieutenants, drawn from across the state, to come out and mobilize for Atiku only.

The sack letter:

The sack letter, signed by the secretary of the emirate council, Alhaji



■ Gov. Bala



■ Kirfi

Shehu Mudi Muhammad, reads: "I am directed to refer to a letter received from the Ministry of Local Government Affairs with reference No: MLG/LG/S/72/T dated 30th December, 2022. The content of the said letter indicated your disloyalty and disrespect to the Executive Governor of the state and the government. It is therefore directed for your removal with immediate effect."

"In view of the above, you are hereby removed from office as Wazirin Bauchi and also as a council member of Bauchi Emirate. I wish you the best in all your future endeavours."

But a source in Kirfi's family, who did not want to be named, told *Daily Trust* that the crisis started last year when the governor indicated interest in contesting the presidential election under the PDP and consulted Kirfi.

It was gathered that Kirfi advised him to shelve his ambition and allow Atiku to contest for the PDP ticket.

The source said the

governor was not happy with the advice, hence, a frosty relationship ensued.

He added that during Kirfi's meeting with stakeholders from the 20 LGAs of the state last month, he told them he had not made up his mind on who to support for the governorship election in the state.

"He asked the stakeholders to vote for Atiku in the presidency and he was asked to give direction on the governorship election, he said he has not decided," the source said.

Bello Kirfi is one of the major gladiators in the PDP in Bauchi State and is said to have played a key role in the election of the state governor in 2019.

Because of his contribution to his victory, it was gathered that Bala Mohammed rewarded Kirfi by appointing his son, Barrister Yakubu Bello Kirfi, as commissioner of Justice and Attorney General of the state.

When Yakubu was dropped from the cabinet, the governor appointed Kirfi's

daughter, Saadatu Bello Kirfi, as commissioner of Cooperatives, Small and Medium Enterprises Development.

Following the sack of her father, Saadatu resigned from the cabinet. Her resignation was contained in a letter addressed to the governor yesterday.

Efforts to get the reaction of Kirfi were not successful as he was said to be abroad.

Also, efforts made to get the reaction of the governor through his spokesman, Mukhtari Gidado, yielded no results as he did not pick up his calls or reply to a text message sent to him.

Also, yesterday, the senior special assistant to the governor on Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hassanu Yunusa Guyaba, resigned from his appointment.

The Deputy State Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Bala Hadith, also resigned from his appointment. None of them has given reasons for their resignation yet.

Ogun deserves better governance – PDP gov'ship candidate

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ogun State, Ladi Adebute, has said the state deserves better governance than what the Governor Dapo Abiodun's administration currently offers.

He accused the Abiodun-led government of taking "gargantuan loans" without any justification and having meaningful impacts on the lives of the citizens.

Adebute flanked by his running mate, Adekunle Akinlade, the party's state chairman, Sikirullahi Ogundele

and other party leaders, spoke at Iperu in Ikenne LGA while distributing campaign vehicles and other materials, as part of his mobilisation across the state.

He asked the people to hold the Abiodun-led administration accountable for every penny spent in the last four years.

"Let me assure you, an account must be given for every expense in the last four years. It is our lot as leaders to work hard and unearth this decadence and free ourselves from this toga."

"Ogun State deserves better. We will offer you the opportunity to be ruled by great men again like Awolowo," he said.

Why Kebbi South will not vote APC – PDP senatorial candidate

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

The Peoples Democratic Party's senatorial candidate for Kebbi South, Alhaji Garba Musa Maidoki, has said the electorate in the senatorial district will not vote for APC in the coming elections because of neglect and insecurity in the area.

He also said the people of Zuru and Yauri emirates, which make up the senatorial district, have demonstrated a

high level of patriotism in the struggle to liberate their senatorial district from the current state of underdevelopment and bandits' attacks by deciding to vote for the PDP in the coming elections.

Maidoki, while addressing newsmen in the Zuru area of the state, said the people of Kebbi South have resolved to support PDP to put an end to the unbelievable level of insecurity, hunger and neglect they are passing through.

54m people must elect next president – Coalition

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A coalition of civil society organisations under the aegis of Coalition for Credible Elections 2023, yesterday, demanded that at least 54 million Nigerians must participate in the presidential election in the February 25 election.

It tasked the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to make this happen by allowing all those who have registered to participate in the election, whether they have their permanent voter's card or not.

The coordinator of the coalition, Hon. Emmanuel Mok, while addressing a press conference on "The 2023

Elections: INEC's many unanswered questions," said the coalition had sued INEC, demanding an interpretation on the legality of denying voters from participating in the election for not having PVC.

He decried the persistently low voter turnout in previous elections, recalling that in 2019, only 19 per cent of voters participated in the election which brought in President Muhammadu Buhari for a second term.

According to him, Buhari only emerged the winner by a meagre six per cent which is very poor.

He stated that there was the need to ensure that the percentage of the winner must be representative of the population.

Crowd as APC holds rally in Kano, Tinubu pledges "to serve"

● Credentials of Tinubu, Gawuna will win for APC – Ganduje

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

The presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has promised to "serve" Nigerians and ensure peace and harmony in all homes.

He made the promise yesterday during his rally in Kano, at the Sani Abacha Stadium, where the party's flag was also presented to the party's gubernatorial candidate for Kano State, Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna and his running mate, Murtala Sule-Garo.

Daily Trust reports that the former Lagos State governor, upon sighting the massive crowd that thronged the road and filled the venue of the rally with people dancing with fervour, declared to the crowd that "all I want to do is dance. I want music," and subsequently joined in the dancing.

Afterwards, Tinubu told the crowd that he would keep his promises to Nigerians and that one of them is "to give your families peace and harmony. I will serve you (and) serve Nigeria."

Speaking earlier, the governor of Kebbi State, Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, who is also the chairman of the Progressives Governor's Forum, allayed fears of supporters of the party on the reports making the rounds that some of the governors of the party have been meeting with the presidential candidate of PDP, Atiku Abubakar.

He said contrary to the reports, all the APC governors are standing by Tinubu as they have been doing even before he emerged as the presidential candidate.

He said all APC governors and past governors of the party are the

leaders of the campaign for Tinubu to emerge president and this is evident by their presence in Kano.

On his part, Kano State governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, said Tinubu and Gawuna have the credentials of credibility, capacity, character and ability to lead Nigeria and Kano State to the next levels and these attributes, he noted, have placed them in a vantage position for victory.

The vice presidential candidate of the party, Kashim Shettima, who also told the crowd he has never seen a large crowd gathered at any political gathering in the country before, promised to ensure the completion and proper utilization of the Kano Economic City as well as other projects initiated by Ganduje for the betterment and the continued commercial viability of the state.

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The common denominator

Make no mistake, I am the common denominator among my people. That is the identity I am built of, and I could not have qualified to use the tense, “my people” if I did not embody the sum total of what identifies them. They are everything I am and I am everything they are.

If anyone that shares any of the identities I profess is ever guilty of any excess, in the demographic partition the offence took place, I also stand likewise convicted. I do this sometimes, but the fact that I pontificate on matters is a product of the kind of holier-than-thou/wiser-than-thou sanctimony that disqualifies me as a hypocrite – but because that is the image I want to see myself take, what I want for myself and thus want you to help me become just that. Do you know what? If you are that or become just that, then you would have enabled and encouraged me... and if that is the case for me it is also likely the case for others. Eventually, a critical mass that will obligate me to be that will be flipped and it will not only be a matter of principle for me to be that but will be an actual necessity.

What I ask for is your suffrage, for I know that I cannot do it without you as easily, thus the self-serving sanctimony. I want to be rational about this... so with apologies to Ghandi, I must declare that I cannot be the change I want to see in this world. Well, I can, but only to the extent that others come with me on that journey. Human beings have a consciousness is much more easily programmed collectively... so it takes great discipline of spirit for one to go it alone. I have no illusions that I have what it takes.

You see, everyone is such a great good person until you got to know them, until you get a good look up close. That is why they admonish you against getting close to even that human that is no less your hero. Because you will be massacred by a rude reality check – and that compromises the last flame of innocence in your humanity.

My go-to solace in the Qur’an, where I go to hide from that dark void of human helplessness, that frightful darkness of the human condition, whenever I contemplate the hair tingling dungeon I must survive to be able to go home to my mother is the last part of the last passage of “The House of Imran”. Here is how I read it: My Lord, do hold me not liable when I err by omission or by commission. Do not hold against me the strictures you held those long before me up to. My Lord, do not hold against me that which you have not provisioned me against. And suffer me. And forgive. And have mercy on because you are my solacer, my existential benefactor. Then redeem me from the darkness of my kind.

For me, that is an escape as potent as death must be to an exile of Eden called back home. When I recite it in my head, and then hum it and live in it over and over until it is alive – I am overwhelmed by cathartic absolution. Cleansed of bitter mire, the sins that assail my conscience and deny me joy, I am home.

This is where it gets dicey. Do you know what? A part of me reckons that my Lord made His vicegerent, His right hand on earth and the supplicative deference of the last part of the last passage of the House of Imran is by deductive implication addressed to me. A lost soul at my window, weeping for my kindness, and my forgiveness and my mercy. But unlike my infallible Master, the Almighty King I represent on earth, I know what that feels like – I know why this caged bird sings.

The soul of a human being is caged from transcendence, and it is shamed over and over and over again everyday by the smallness of the human heart, its hatred, its fears, its innate carnal perversions as exiled specimen of a paradise lost. I know what that is, and I know that shame because I have felt it and will almost certainly be on its receiving end again today, tomorrow or before the light of my days fizzles out.

But did I not accept the embassy of God for being born? Well I did. In full command of my faculties, without or let any duress. I did that even though the mountains cowered before the gravity of this embassy. I stepped up, now I must walk that talk. My Mallam told me this, but I taught myself the auxiliaries. And now, I think I see what that means. What my responsibilities are, Who’s will I have indentured my to. But I stand to be corrected. Because I am just human.

Add that to the spirit of solidarity and obligation that catches fire in the presence of that fuel, it becomes a mere instinct extending the hand of unconditional fellowship you feel when accosted and reminded of this existential handicap in a fellow man, that of being in the same boat. There is no length I will not go. To forgive. To heal both myself and he who wronged me.

If I am not guilty of the crime I charge you for, it is because I have not been caught. My humanity will one day be caught so long as I remain this human. If something can go wrong, it will. If you are human, a whole mess of crap can go so wrong – and just by the singular virtue of this humanity. So it will.

If I am the convict when I convict you, I am also an ambassador of the Ultimate Master. But so are you. THAT now becomes our common denominator. So, take pity on and be kind to me, be kind to me in lenience, and be kind to me in clemency. Be my strength, and be my help in this war for my soul.

OPINION

My life or his publicity? When Zulum made a call

By Isa Gusau

Our boss, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum, my family and closest friends wouldn’t like what I am about to publicly reveal. I deeply apologise.

Last week, I had a surgery at Max Multi Speciality Hospital in New Delhi, India. The surgery, which doctors categorised as a ‘high risk’ was around my chest wall and lungs. It lasted some hours. It was very successful. Alhamdulillah!

Some readers, especially close friends, may now have mixed feelings: happy that the surgery went well, but disappointed that I kept them in the dark. I am sorry.

If you (reading this) also feel that way, you certainly have the right to be angry, that is, if you translate my decision to impliedly measure your importance to me.

Well, I even kept the surgery away from my children. I made sure they did not know what I was going through. I also kept it away from my brothers and sisters.

Sometimes, the best way to protect your loved ones and friends is by making them think everything is okay. You may torture and potentially harm some if they know precisely what you might be passing through.

Unless it happens beyond your control, what is really the point of deliberately making your loved ones and friends suffer from the pains of extreme imagination and mental bereavement, whereas putting them in that state would not quite change your condition?

As a journalist 12 years ago, I had surgery for appendix and a complication from the mistake of a surgeon in Abuja, kept me hospitalised for two weeks. From my hospital bed, I saw how my children – 12 years younger then, were often traumatised. I saw how my sisters, in particular, brothers and close friends were sleeplessly worried.

So, this time, I decided to free them from those pains.

I must say, however, that keeping people in the dark has its own downside. You potentially lose deliberate offer of prayers and well wishes. You also have to deal with people engaging you since they do not know.

From my hospital bed, I attended to office work and private issues, including financial requests.

Someone even sent me a strong message, almost calling me a wicked man for not sending him money the day he made his request. Funny enough, his request came the night before my surgery. At that time, I was undergoing a final round of mandatory tests: kidney, liver and respiratory function, Hepatitis B and C, and HIV 1 and 2, which are conducted on all patients undergoing surgery, for the safety of surgeons who endlessly make contact with blood in theatre.

I had about 100 tests, but negative for all dangerous diseases. Again, Alhamdulillah.

But I must admit that anticipating results from cancer tests (and this happened a number of times), was traumatising.

From the onset, I was sent for a whole-body PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scan. This is a nuclear diagnostic procedure that evaluates the functioning of all body organs and tissues from head to toe. It is one of the highest diagnostic machines for cancer, heart and lung diseases, gastrointestinal, endocrine,

neurological disorders, and other serious conditions.

All the tests reconfirmed what I already knew before arriving in India – that I had a chronic ulcer and some fluid between my chest wall near my lungs.

The Indian doctors investigated me intensively, to rule out any dangerous cause of the fluid. This was why I had to undergo numerous investigations for all killer diseases.

From both sides of my chest, the fluid was extracted and cultured to detect any link to all kinds of dangerous diseases. All negative.

At the end, the Indian doctors concluded I needed to have a thoracic surgery which involved penetrating my chest wall to evaluate my lungs, drain the fluid and extract some tissue for biopsy. Again, the biopsy reconfirmed no link with any dangerous disease. Alhamdulillah! The fluid was from a blockage.

But how did I even find myself in India?

One evening, in the second week of November 2022, I went to Governor Zulum with a communication plan we had produced at the Press Unit of the Government House.

Governor Zulum looked at it and said, “This is an excellent plan. Please see me tomorrow, inshaAllah to discuss it”

The following day when I came, Zulum said something I did not expect.

‘Gusau,’ he began. ‘I am seriously worried about how you are losing weight. What is happening?’ he asked.

I said, ‘I have ulcer but I was also having some chest pain. I saw a medical doctor in Abuja and after a chest CT scan, they found some fluid around my chest. The doctor said from my test results, he did not think it was anything serious. He gave me some ‘water pill’ to drain the fluid.’

Zulum said: ‘Look, I really like your plan for our media campaign but honestly, your health is far more important to me. I want you to immediately go to India and do an intensive check-up. I will issue a diplomatic letter to speed up your visa issuance. Leave this media thing till you return.’

Zulum’s decision was thoughtfully wise because the ‘water pill’ did not work.

Zulum provided all the support I needed. I departed on December 13, 2022 and he kept monitoring my journey.

The governor came to India for some engagements on December 25, 2022, and on arrival, he immediately invited me.

Later same day, I was admitted ahead of my surgery, scheduled for December 26.

Early on surgery day, Zulum called just as he did later at night to know how it went. This was despite assigning someone to monitor me and update him.

The next day, Zulum was by my bedside. We spent an hour together. I saw from him love, compassion, brotherhood and fatherliness.

I am eternally grateful to an extraordinary boss and to everyone who supported me.

Although I lost weight, I am recovering and from the look of things, I might soon be strong enough to challenge Omos, that big and ruthless wrestler, to show him I am stronger.

Until that ‘fight,’ I wish you the best of health, faith and prosperity.

Namaste!

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As the Lagos Rail Mass Transit kicks off

Last week, Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, accompanied by several top officials of the state government, went on a test ride on the Lagos Blue Rail Mass Transit from the National Arts Theatre to Marina. The test run, coming only a few months before the 2023 general elections in which Governor Sanwo-Olu is a candidate for a second term, is supposedly the fulfillment of the governor's promise in 2021 that by the end of 2022, Lagos "will have two rail lines operational".

The Lagos Blue Rail Mass Transit (LRMT) is a major part of the Strategic Mass Transit Plan (STMP) for Lagos, developed by the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA) to ease commuting in Lagos and strengthen its position as Nigeria's commercial and industrial hub.

The project comprises seven colour-coded lines, including the Blue Line (Mile 2 to Marina); Red Line (Agbado to Marina via Iddo and Murtala Mohammed International Airport); Purple Line (Redeemed to Ojo); Yellow Line (Otta to Iddo); Brown Line (Mile 12 to Marina); Orange Line (Redeemed to Marina) and Green Line (Marina to Lekki). The Blue line alone will be 27km long, connecting Okokomaiko to Marina. When all phases are completed, the rails will run throughout the metropolitan city and also connect it to the neighbouring states of Ogun and Oyo.

While *Daily Trust* cannot wait for the full commencement of the project, we note that the Lagos rail project epitomizes all that is wrong with governance in Nigeria as a story of failed promises and great policy ideas never fully implemented, if at all.

First conceived by the Lateef Jakande administration in July 1983, the project was cancelled by the military administration of then General Muhammadu Buhari, which toppled the democratically elected civilian administration of the Second Republic in 1983, thus putting the project in abeyance in the intervening years until the return to democracy in 1999.

In December 2003, the then Bola Tinubu administration in the state announced plans to reopen work on the first two lines of the project at an estimated cost of \$1.4 billion with a completion date of 2007. But in 2008, following another review of the project, the Fashola administration commenced work on it which was scheduled to be completed in 2011. It was duly kicked off in 2009 by the China Civil Engineering Construction Corp (CCECC). But funding and technical challenges, the government claimed, again prevented the project from going further. The next governor of the state, Akinwunmi Ambode, promised to deliver the project by 2016, but also failed to do so, leaving the current governor, Sanwo-Olu, to get the project to last week's test run.

If President Buhari, who cancelled the project in 1983 as military Head of State, ironically commissions it later this month as proposed, he will be commissioning a project that has been in the making for four decades. It is therefore a sad commentary on both the state government, which is often rated as the richest in Nigeria, and the federal government that such an important project was left to wallow in the doldrums for over four decades after it was first conceived.

By contrast, the Cairo Metro in Egypt, which commenced around the same time as the Lagos Rail project in 1982, commenced operations in 1987. Today, more than four million people commute on its three lines daily.

Still, it is better late than never, for the Lagos Rail Mass Transit. Lagos is undoubtedly one of the largest cities in Africa by population, with an estimated 15.4 million people, according to Statista, an online database. Yet, the city has long lacked an effective and adequate mass transit system, with an unenviable reputation of having perhaps the world's most congested and chaotic traffic that makes nonsense of the city's tag as Nigeria's "Centre of Excellence".

Therefore, that the project will serve about 250 thousand commuters daily will be a huge step in the right direction for Lagos and its residents.

While the total cost of the project has since ballooned to over \$2 billion, the state government has said the project is being completed through a private-public partnership initiative which combines private-sector participation and government intervention. The private sector concessioner will run the rail equipment, electric power, signals, rolling stock and fare collection for a reported 25 years, while LAMATA will be responsible for policy direction, regulation and infrastructure for the network.

Daily Trust calls on the Lagos State government to embark on a serious mass public enlightenment to educate the public on safety measures and unauthorised access to restricted areas of the network, as well as to guard against theft, tampering and vandalism of the network's equipment.

We also urge the state government to put in place mechanisms for transparency and accountability in the management of the project as all too often, such projects are killed off by a lack of transparency, even where they manage to come on stream. Above all, we hope that full commencement of the Lagos Rail project will serve as a model for other cities like Abuja, Kano, Kaduna, Port Harcourt, Enugu, and Ibadan to copy.

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What resolutions are you making this year?

It is 2023 already and as usual, I am certain folks are making resolutions up and down. Exercise more. Read more. Drink less. Relax more. Make more time for family and friends, etc. etc. We are enthusiastic about making these vows to ourselves that we intend to keep for an entire year.

The idea is that our resolutions help make us better versions of ourselves. So, biko whatever your resolutions are, can I beg you to please add this to it: to always consider context.

Context is everything. For instance, some random person calling a grown woman 'baby' isn't the same as that grown woman's partner calling them 'baby.' Same word, different context and therefore different reactions to it, right? Or a mother calling their child "my little monkey," and some stranger calling that same child "monkey." While the latter can cause quarrel, the former is affectionate. Easy to understand that it isn't the word itself that is problematic but the setting in which it is used.

Setting isn't just place and time but can also include the 'who.' In the words of the neuroscientist and writer, Abhijit Naskar, "Words are never good or bad on their own, context makes them so."

In this world of growing polarizations, where empathy often is lacking and people are 'cancelled' after less thought than we'd give to cancelling our magazine or TV subscriptions, being intentional about taking context (place, time, who, to whom etc.) into consideration when dealing with others is imperative. I had to have a conversation a couple of years ago with my teenage son who no longer wanted to play songs by an artiste he used to like because when

this musician who was in her early 20s then was a teenager herself, she said something offensive.

It didn't matter to him that she'd apologised or that whatever it was she said back then she'd never repeated in public. I was shocked by his inability to consider that her offence was in the past, and that she'd given no one – not in her interviews or her social media posts – any cause to believe that she was the foolish teenager she had once been. Where did forgiveness come in, I asked. I reminded him that he (and his like-minded friends) had to take the context into consideration before deciding that this musician was no longer worth their time. Our conversation yielded fruit.

I was reminded of the importance of context a few days ago when some Northern Nigerian doctor in the US tweeted about an elderly white patient of his who asked him where he was from, a question that on the surface could be considered loaded, especially here in the US.

However, this patient hadn't given the doctor any reason to think that her question was motivated by anything other than curiosity, and so he answered as politely as he'd been asked. The patient's face lit up and she greeted him in Hausa. Apparently, she'd lived in Zaria in the 50s. She'd suspected from his name that he was Hausa but didn't want to presume. If this doctor didn't believe that a patient in his clinic could possibly have no ulterior motive in asking this question, he might have reacted in a more antagonistic manner.

Considering context means that your world isn't black and white. It means that you understand nuance, that you are willing to give people the benefit of the doubt; that you understand that sometimes people's actions are motivated by ignorance and not always by hate. The end product is that you live a life that is fuller and brighter than those of those folks (on social media and in real life) whose *raison d'être* seems to be taking offence.

Devoid of context, even 'good morning' can be considered offensive. And that's no way to live abeg. That is not to say that there are no malicious people with whom one ought to take offence, or that one should pretend that everyone has good intentions. People are not always all sweetness and light. It would be delusional to think so. What I am simply appealing to is to treat people as individuals, and to treat each encounter with people on its own merit.

Which is why I hope that no matter how many of your resolutions you break, (if you're like me, you're bound to break some of your resolutions as easily as you made them) let considering context be the one you stick to in 2023 and beyond. It is for your own good ooo. Happy New Year!

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RE-DISCLAIMER

It has come to the notice of the board of Trustees and members of the Caretaker Committee of National Freight Haulers Association (NFHA) National Headquarters located at No. 34 Shettima Ali Monguno Crescent, Behind Julius Berger Main Yard, Utako District Abuja.

On a disclaimer published by Leadership Newspaper page 20 of Tuesday 20th December, 2022 notifying the general public, Federal Ministry of Transport and Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) that one Pastor Ebere Nwaokocha the Vice President has ceased to be a member of the Association since 12th November, 2017.

The Board of Trustees (ROT) and Caretaker Committee of National Freight Haulers Association (NFHA) hereby put the record straight, that Pastor Ebere Nwaokocha remains the Vice President Operations and other members of the Association.

We further draw the attention of the general public that SA Adukwu, Esq. fmc, cmc, Attorney and Notary public claiming legal adviser of NFHA Abuja chapter is not known to the Association and does not have the power to sign a disclaimer against any legitimate member of NFHA, so we hereby urge the general public to disregard any claims made by the so called barrister and advise the general public to carry out transactions with Pastor Ebere Nwaokocha on behalf of NFHA.

Take note that Mr. Jackson M. Bent, Oputu Sherick, Timothy Tor, Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf & their cohorts are facing cases of forgery, fraud and tenor elongation at Louis Edet House, Police Force HQ under IGP monitoring Unit.

On this regard we advise the general public, JOINT TAX BOARD (JTB), FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, SHIPPERS COUNCIL and COUNCIL FOR THE REGULATION OF FREIGHT FOWARDERS OF NIGERIA (CRFFN) that hence forth NFHA disassociates with the aforementioned names until their case is been determined by a competent Court of jurisdiction ascertaining their innocence.

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Trustee 1 - Elder Isaac Chukwu

Caretaker Committee Chairman - Chief Chika Eze JP.

VP Operations - Pastor Ebere Nwaokocha

Chairman of All Chairmen - Prince Sunny Ovie Ejumedia

(Signatures)

Tribute

IN MEMORY OF A GREAT PATRIOT

Distinguished SENATOR USMAN SANI SAMI, Ciroman Zuru

(9th January, 1945-5th January 2007)



LATE SENATOR USMAN SANI SAMI,
Ciroman Zuru

*O Allah, forgive our beloved brother,
Father, illustrious son and patriot
Elevate his station among those who are guided.
Send him along the path of those who came before.
Forgive and have mercy upon him and us.
Admit him into the garden and shed of light upon him.*

Surely we belong to Allah and to him is our return! It is my honour and privilege to use this medium, on behalf of the entire family, to pay tribute to a very special person, my brother, elder statesman and patriot, late Senator Usman Sani Sami, who returned to his maker on the 5th January, 2007. His demise was a big blow to the family, friends and loved ones. The sweet memories of his life and times keep our hopes alive, this enchants us, and will ever remain fresh for longer periods.

The late Distinguished Senator Usman Sani Sami was an embodiment of everything that is good and bright in this world. He was simply amazing! The best brother I could ever have had. There were many ways he touched the lives of his siblings, wives, children, friends, relations, and all those that were privileged to come in contact with him.

He loved his family profoundly, and will be remembered as a wonderful brother, great friend, dependable prince, philanthropist, and a devout Muslim. In all these ways and more, he made lives richer and fuller for many of us. To Allah we give thanks!

May Allah, Rahmanir Rahim expand his grave and light it with his blessings. Amen!

Late Senator Usman Sani Sami (Ciroman Zuru), popularly known as Usman Kwanlanga, was born in Zuru to the Sami family on the 9th of January, 1945. He was the second born of the family and the immediate younger brother of His Royal Highness, Major General (Dr.) Muhammadu Sani Sami, CON mni LLD, Sami Gomo II, the Emir of Zuru.

This prince of Zuru attended the Native Authority Primary School, Zuru from 1952 to 1955. He later went to the Senior Primary School, Zuru between 1956 and 1958. A year later, specifically in 1959, he went to Government Collage, Bida; and after five years he obtained the west African School Certificate in 1965. This gave him a foundation for a good start in life and career as a father, public servant, politician, and philanthropist.

Little wonder, the young prince proceeded to the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he obtained a Diploma in Law in 1974. This indeed, enhanced his chances of making better contributions towards nation building and life in general. Soon after he obtained a National Diploma in Legal Studies, he joined the Nigeria Customs and Excise service, during which he received training, at different times, at the Nigerian Customs, and Excise School, Yaba, Lagos and the Nigerian Police Training Collage, Kaduna. He also went to the Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi where he obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Management.

The young prince of Zuru land served in the Nigerian customs and Excise service for ten years and rose to the rank of a Superintendent of Customs. His reason for leaving the Nigerian custom service in 1978 was to enable him join politics. However, it was only in 1979 that he fully became involved in politics. He contested and won elections under the platform of the defunct National Party of Nigeria (NPN). This saw him as a Member, House of Representatives during the Second Republic. In 1982, after he had served as a member of

parliament, he was appointed Commissioner, Ministry for Housing and Environment and Chairman, Sokoto Urban Development Authority in the then Sokoto State.

Thereafter, when the former President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari reshuffled his cabinet, Alhaji Usman Sami was appointed as Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Agriculture. Unfortunately, this was short-lived following the military coup d'etat led by General Muhammadu Buhari in 1984.

In order to prove himself as one born with blue blood, he gave in to the entreaties of his people in 2003 to present them at the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Thus, he contested and won elections as Senator, representing Kebbi South Senatorial District. His victory at the polls, among other reasons, was due to the confidence he enjoyed across the spectrum of politics in Kebbi State and the goodwill of his people, who believed that he would be an effective representative of their interest in the upper Legislative House. As expected, he did not fail the people; rather, he delivered quality Legislative services for the people of Kebbi South Senatorial District.

It is an understatement to say that the Late Senator Usman Sani Sami had lofty dreams for the growth and development of Zuru Emirate and Kebbi State at large. Unfortunately his creator took him away from us. Since then, Zuru Land and indeed Kebbi State have not found an exact replacement of such a refined gentleman, loving father, dependable brother, illustrious son and patriot of immeasurable value.

It is with deep sense of gratitude to Allah, the entire Sami family, friends and well-wishers do sincerely remember and pay tribute to our beloved brother, elder statesman and patriot, the Late Senator Usman Sani Sami, who passed on the 5th of January, 2007.

May Allah grant him *Aljanna Firdausi*. Amin!

REMEMBERED BY: His Royal Highness and His family:

- I. Maj Gen (Dr.) Muhammadu Sani Sami
CON mni FICEN, Sami Gomo II, Emir of Zuru**
- ii. Hajjiya Fatima Sani Sami - Wife
 - iii. Hajjiya Hannatu Sani Sami - Wife
 - iv. Hajjiya Maryam Sani Sami - Wife
 - v. Hajjiya Hauwa'u Sani Sami - Wife
 - vi. Sadiq Sani Sami - Son
 - i. Shehu Sani Sami - Son
 - vii. Hafsat Sani Sami - Daughter
 - viii. Hadiza Sani Sami - Daughter
 - ix. Samira Sani Sami - Daughter
 - x. Shamsuddeen Sani Sami - Son
 - xi. Abba Sani Sami - Son

The Late Senator Usman Sami's Family:

- i. Mohammed Sagir Usman Sami - Son
- ii. Sadiq Usman Sami - Son
- iii. Jummai Usman Sami - Daughter
- iv. Kabir Usman Sami - Son
- v. Bashir Usman Sami - Son
- vi. Nasir Usman Sami - Son
- vii. Kamal Usman Sami - Son
- viii. Nura Usman Sami - Son
- ix. Shehu Usman Sami - Son
- x. Zaliha Usman Sami - Daughter
- xi. Jamila Usman Sami - Daughter

Late Senator Usman Sami's Wives

- i. Hajjiya Asabe Usman Sami - Wife
- ii. Hajjiya Ramatu Usman Sami - Wife
- iii. Hajjiya Farida Yuwa Usman Sami - Wife
- iv. Hajjiya Jamila Usman Sami - Wife

Courtesy
**His Royal Highness
Maj Gen (Dr.) Muhammadu Sani Sami
CON mni FICEN, Sami Gomo II,
Emir of Zuru**



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CITY & CRIME

Ex-boyfriend caught at married woman's house, pretending to be a relative

A Shari'a Court sitting in Kano on Wednesday, ordered the remand of two brothers, Saifullahi Hamisu, Mujahid Hamisu and one Hassana Surajo, in a correctional centre for allegedly enticing a married woman.

The defendants, who live at Bachirawa Quarters, Kano, are facing a three-count charge of

aiding, abetting and enticing a married woman.

The prosecutor, Mr Aliyu Abideen, told the court that one Abubakar Ahmad of Fagge Quarters, Kano, reported the matter at the SCID Bompai Kano on Dec. 22, 2022.

Abideen alleged that on the same date, at about 4pm, the defendant criminally conspired and trespassed into the house

of the complainant situated at Dorayi Quarters, Kano.

"The defendants pretended to be relatives of the complainant's wife (Fatima Alhassan).

"As a result, the complainant discovered that the first defendant, Saifullahi, was enticing his wife and that they were chatting on WhatsApp.

"The said Saifullahi was the ex-boyfriend of the complainant's wife."

Saifullahi pleaded not guilty, while the second and third defendants pleaded guilty to the charge.

He said the offence contravened the Kano State Shari'a Law.

Malam Nura Yusuf-Ahmad ordered that the defendants be remanded in a correctional centre.

He adjourned the matter until Feb. 17 for hearing. (NAN)



■ A man scouting for passengers in Nyanya area of Abuja yesterday

Photo
Ikechukwu Ibe

New Year carnival turns violent in Ikare-Akoko

Sporadic gunshots rent the air at Ikare-Akoko, headquarters of Akoko North-East LGA of Ondo State, for the second consecutive day on Wednesday, sending residents scurrying for safety.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) gathered that the firing of guns began on Tuesday when youths from a part of the town staged a New Year carnival.

A resident claimed that two lives had been lost, houses and shops had been razed, and properties worth millions of naira destroyed.

"Youths of Okojo area of the town organised a New Year carnival on Tuesday at the area's market square.

"Some people went to disrupt the carnival, however, claiming that the organisers did not obtain

• 'Houses, shops razed'

approval from the traditional ruler, the Owa-Ale of Ikare.

"They burnt the house of the Olokoja, a high chief of the quarters, and that of another chief, while many shops were razed.

"I have been informed that they are going to my house to burn it and I don't know what we people of Okojo quarters did to deserve this," he said.

Speaking with NAN, the Owa-Ale of Ikare, Oba Adeleke Adedoyin-Adegbite, said there were no casualties and they had informed security operatives in the town to ensure peace.

"When the crisis started on Tuesday and I was informed, I called the attention of the

Nigeria Police and commander of the Nigerian Army in the town for peace to reign, which was achieved immediately.

"Unfortunately, on Wednesday, some gun-toting people emerged from only God knows where and started shooting sporadically in the direction of a popular junction close to my palace.

"I have called the Nigerian Army and the police for their intervention. I am appealing to our people, especially our youths, to shun whatever is capable of disturbing the peace in the town," he said.

NAN reports that Ikare had been embroiled in a supremacy battle between the Owa-Ale and the Olukare of Ikare, the two

traditional rulers in the town over the years.

In August 2022, the state government elevated the Owa-Ale to the status of a first-class traditional ruler, giving the town two first-class obas.

SP Olufunmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, the police spokesperson in Ondo State, confirmed the latest two-day fracas to NAN, and also said no casualties were recorded.

"No casualty whatsoever had been recorded to the best of my knowledge.

"The warring parties have been warned to maintain peace, policemen and soldiers are patrolling the town to ensure law and order within the area," Odunlami-Omisanya said. (NAN)

Again, 18 injured after truck rams into accident victims in Kwara

From Mumini
Abdulkareem, Ilorin

No fewer than 18 people have been injured in multiple accidents involving over 30 people in Kwara State.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) checkpoint after Pasa bridge in Eyenkorin after a brake failure.

City & Crime observed that the checkpoint had witnessed a similar accident that left one officer killed and another seriously injured on Tuesday.

A resident, Alfa Salaudeen, commenting on the latest incident, told our correspondent on Wednesday that "The NAF officers had stopped various oncoming vehicles at their checkpoint after the first accident.

"But unfortunately a trailer rammmed into them after a brake failure. Many of the victims sustained head injuries and several fractures.

"The problem is that the spot is sloppy and that is why the residents have called for the relocation or outright removal of the checkpoint,"

Salaudeen added. Salaudeen, with other residents, who witnessed the mishaps, claimed four people died.

He added that the casualties would have been more as another oncoming trailer which also lost its brakes veered off into the bush.

The Kwara State Commandant of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Frederick Ade Ogidan, who confirmed the incident, said no lives were lost but "many sustained serious injuries".

"The first accident involved

a green-coloured Peugeot 406 with registration number KNT08JF and a white Toyota Corolla (PTG962AA), which left five people injured out of the six involved.

"But the second accident involved four vehicles - a silver Mazda Premacy (APP665GX), a blue Toyota Camry (GGE279HU), a grey Honda Accord and a white Mack trailer involving 30 persons."

He attributed the crashes to overspeeding and brake failure, adding that the victims have been taken to the Ilorin General Hospital.

FCTA introduces emergency marshals to curb hazards

By Hussein Yahaya

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) says it has perfected plans to introduce emergency marshals to work in different communities in the six area councils to curb hazards.

The administration said the measure was to help manage the adverse effects of the rapidly growing population in the nation's capital.

The director general, FCT Emergency Management (FEMA), Alhaji Abbas Iddris, noted that the agency had carried out hazard mapping in Abuja, identifying areas where urgent attention was required.

He noted that the decision to introduce emergency marshals was based on the need to increase life-saving interventions and also mitigate hazards.

The DG said the marshals would complement the efforts of other volunteers who have played key roles in the agency's activities.

"We intend to introduce emergency marshals this year. These are volunteers who assist students, hospital workers and PWDs, and other public servants during emergencies.

"They also assist in facility services, risk management and safety services by reporting conditions in a building that could present a hazard during an emergency.

"They also maintain an orderly evacuation; conduct a sweep of an area to ensure that evacuation is complete.

"The marshals are also to participate in debriefings resulting from evacuations and complete a monthly checklist for fire safety in their areas," he said.



■ FCT Minister, Muhammad Musa Bello

3 dead, many injured in week-long cult war in Lagos

From Eugene Agha Lagos

No fewer than three members of two rival secret cult gangs, Aiye and Eiye, were said to have been hacked to death in a bloody war that erupted between the two at Shibir, Igbede and Imude areas of Ajamgbd, in Ojo LGA of Lagos State.

Many others were also injured in the one-week fracas between the two rival groups.

The battle of who controls the area was said to have started on December 27, 2022 and lasted till Tuesday, January 3, 2023 as members of the two gangs went after each other with guns and cutlasses.

It was gathered that the fracas started from the waterfront at Igbede when a member of Aiye was traced and hacked down by suspected Eiye members.

Toyin Oduwayo, a food seller at Igbede said the first person was shot dead at close range before his assailants butchered his corpse.

"The deceased was about 23 years old. He was first sighted along the waterfront by rival gang members.

"He took to his heels immediately he knew that he was going to be ambushed. He was pursued from the water to a street corner where he was shot.

"Not satisfied, his killers went further to machete him like mince-meat before they left him by the roadside for his gang members to see," she added.

Another witness said the news of the killing, sparked off reprisal attack from rival gang members

The witness, a vulcanizer in the area, identified the second victim as Akeem, a henchman of one of the gangs.

"Akeem was traced to his girlfriend's house at Igbede. On noticing that he was being trailed, he scaled the fence but he was gunned down before he could escape.

"His killers went round the streets dragging his corpse before it was abandoned at a street junction. The killing created tension in the area."

Calls and text messages to the state police public relations officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, were not answered nor returned at press time.

After collecting ransom, kidnappers kill 1 of abducted Abuja wedding guests

• We paid heavily – Victims' relatives

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Kidnappers have shot dead one of the 16 abducted wedding guests in their captivity after collecting foodstuffs, drugs and wines worth N437, 000 from the families of the victims.

City & Crime reported that kidnappers abducted the victims, including women, who were returning to Gwombe village in Kuja Area Council of the FCT after attending a wedding in Abaji town on Saturday, November 11, 2022.

A family member of one of the victims, Shuaibu, who confirmed the release of the victims through phone to our reporter on Wednesday, said the



■ Late Maikasuwu Madara

victims were freed on Tuesday afternoon at a bush in Kogi State.

He said the abductors killed one of the victims, whose name he gave as Maikasuwu Madara.

He said the kidnappers claimed that the deceased did not co-operate with them at their camp.

He said family members

and relatives struggled to raise the sum of N437,000 to purchase foodstuffs comprising rice, spaghetti, beans, drugs and wines for the kidnappers.

He said a substantial amount of money was also raised by family members and relatives as ransom before the victims were freed.

"I cannot disclose the amount for security reasons, but it is a very big amount of money," he added.

The Agabe of Ugbada-Gwargwada, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Hussaini Agabi Mam, also confirmed the release of the victims after ransom was paid and foodstuff worth N437,000.

He said the victims' families have decided to keep the ransom close to

their chests for security reasons, even as he confirmed that one of the victims was killed by the abductors.

"In fact, I am still mourning over the killing of one of those abducted by the kidnappers. A very young boy and master's degree holder was just killed like that despite collecting foodstuffs and a huge ransom," he said.

Our reporter reliably learned that the deceased, Maikasuwu Madara, worked with the quality assurance department of LEA Kuje Area Council of the FCT.

The spokeswoman of the FCT Police Command, DSP Akeh Josephine, was yet to confirm the release of the victims and the killing of one by the kidnappers.

Niger civil servant jailed 1 year for diverting intending pilgrims' money

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

A senior magistrate court in Minna, Niger State, has sentenced a staff of the Niger State Pilgrims Welfare Board, Abdullahi Mohammed, to one year in prison for diverting pilgrims' funds amounting to N8, 130, 000.

Mohammed was convicted, having admitted to collecting the amount from four intending pilgrims in the state and diverting the money into his personal use.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Jibril Ahmed, earlier

told the court that Mohammed collected the said amount from four intending pilgrims for the 2022 Hajj but refused to pay the money.

He said the offences, bordering on criminal breach of trust and cheating, contravened sections 312 and 323 of the Panel Code.

Delivering the judgement, the senior magistrate, Ibrahim Musa Zago, sentenced Mohammed to 12 months' imprisonment with an option of N50,000 fine.

He was also ordered to refund the sum of N8,130, 000 to the plaintiffs.



■ Man arrested with parcels of hemp along the Jebba-Mokwa road in Niger State recently

QUICK READ

Oba of Benin sacks traditional ruler
From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Oba of Benin, Oba Ewuare II, has terminated the appointment of the Enogie of Egbaen Siluko, Edomwonyi Iduozee Ogiegbaen.

Until his sack, Ogiegbaen was the chief coordinator to the palace on Enigies matter.

The monarch, in a release by his chief press secretary, Mr Iguobaro Osaigbovo, said the Enogie's "removal takes immediate effect."

"This is to inform the general public that His Royal Highness Edomwonyi Iduozee Ogiegbaen has been removed as Chief Coordinator to the Palace on Enigie matters in the Benin Kingdom."

Though the monarch did not disclose the reason for his removal, it was learnt that some Enigies have been punished over sharp practices in their domain.

NDLEA chief urges youths to stay off substance abuse

The Ogun State commander of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Mrs Ibinabo Archie-Abia, has advised youths to stay away from drug abuse in the New Year.

This, she said, would help them take back Nigeria and place it in its rightful place among the comity of nations.

Archie-Abia gave the advice in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday in Ota, Ogun State.

The NDLEA chief implored Nigerian youths to speak up against substance abuse and drug trafficking in order to curb the menace. (NAN)

AOIYEO presents 'charter of demands' document to Ona of Abaji

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The executive director of the Abuja Original Inhabitants Youth Empowerment Organisation (AOIYEO), Commandant Isaac David, has presented a 'charter of demands' to the Ona of Abaji and chairman of the FCT Council of Chiefs, His Royal Majesty Alhaji Adamu Baba Yunusa.

David, while presenting the document to the monarch at his palace on Wednesday, said it contained demands of people of the FCT, which he said are the major challenges facing them.

He said all the FCT stakeholders made their contributions to the document, including the 885 communities in the territory.

The Madaki of Abaji, Alhaji Ibrahim Aguye, who received the document on behalf of the Ona of Abaji, commended AOIYEO for compiling it.



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PRESS RELEASE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELEASES N13.89 BILLION FOR PAYMENT OF ACCRUED RIGHTS FOR CONTRIBUTORY PENSION SCHEME (CPS) RETIREES WHO RETIRED IN THE YEAR 2022

The National Pension Commission (PenCom) is pleased to inform all its stakeholders, particularly retirees of Treasury-Funded Ministries, Departments and Agencies who retired in the year 2022, that the Federal Government has released the sum of N13.89 billion for the payment of their Accrued Pension Rights. The Accrued Pension Rights represent an employee's benefits for the past years of service up to June 2004, when the CPS came into effect.

Accordingly, PenCom is processing remittances into the various Retirement Savings Accounts of the affected retirees, and their Pension Fund Administrators will notify them in due course.

Finally, PenCom appreciates the efforts of His Excellency Mr. President for his untiring support and commitment to the implementation of the CPS and ensuring the welfare of retirees.

Signed

MANAGEMENT

05 January 2023

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	446.13	540.04	473.34	63.94	118.5	0.70
Central NGN	446.63	540.64	473.87	64.01	118.7	0.71
Selling NGN	447.13	541.25	473.40	65.08	118.8	0.72

COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$82.15/bbl
GOLD	\$1,799.07/ounce
SILVER	\$19.39/ounce
NATURAL GAS	\$4.63/MMBtu

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N733	N745	N915
SELLING	N743	N760	N930

FG insists on N23tr securitisation of ways and means

By Philip Shimnom Clement

• Petrol subsidy ends June

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Mrs Zainab Ahmed, has said the federal government will go ahead with the securitisation of N23.7 trillion ways and means advances issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The minister disclosed this during the public presentation of the 2023 federal government's budget at the ministry's headquarters in Abuja yesterday.

Recall that in December last year, President Muhammadu Buhari sent to the Senate a request for approval of the restructuring of N23.7tr Ways and Means advances given to the government by the CBN.

Speaking during the public presentation, Mrs Ahmed said: "The President has approved the securitisation of the ways and means balances with the amount being N23.7 trillion and a 40 years moratorium tenure on principal repayment, three years and pricing interest rate 9 per cent."

She said, "The CBN ways and means has built up over eight years from 2014-2022 to the current amount and we are hopeful that the National Assembly will pass it as requested by Mr President."

"The National Assembly has set up a special committee for this purpose and we are ready to interface with them to provide the necessary explanations needed to pass the budget."

"If passed, it will bring significant fiscal relief to the federal government considering a moratorium of 40 years and interest rate of nine per cent."



■ President Muhammadu Buhari signed the 2023 Budget Appropriation Act on 3rd January 2023

President Buhari has urged the National Assembly to pass it and we are hopeful they will," Ahmed stated.

Speaking further, the minister said Nigeria can no longer be described as a mono-economy as the non-oil sector is now the mainstay of the economy.

"Nigeria cannot be referred to as a mono-economy any longer as the non-oil sector is now becoming the major sustenance for the economy, contributing about 70 per cent of revenues."

"In the past, oil revenues were 70 per cent while non-oil revenues were 30% but that story has changed now the situation is now vice-versa."

"The latest Gross Domestic Product figures from the National Bureau of Statistics show that agriculture

contributed over 20 per cent of GDP while sectors like ICT, financial services, trade, and transport also contributed significantly to the growth," she further said.

Speaking on fuel subsidy, Mrs Ahmed disclosed that in the 2023 fiscal period, the government only made a provision of N3.36tr for fuel subsidy payment to cover the first six months of 2023 in line with the 18-month extension announced in early 2022.

"In this regard, only N3.36tr has been provided for the PMS subsidy. There will be tighter enforcement of the performance management framework for government-owned enterprises that will significantly increase operating surplus/dividend remittances in 2023."

On the federal government's revenue, Mrs Ahmed said as

of November 2022, the sum of N6.50trn was generated. This, she said, is about 87% of the prorated target of N7.48tr.

She put the share of the federal government's oil revenues at N586.71bn representing 35.7% performance, while non-oil tax revenues totalled N2.09tr – a performance of 123.3%.

She stated that the Company's Income Tax and Value Added Tax collections were N1.08tr and N295.2 billion, representing 158.6% and 124.3% of their respective targets.

Ahmed added that Customs collections, comprising import duties, excise, fees and special levies, exceeded the target by N15.42bn.

On actual spending from the 2022 budget, she said as of November 30, it was N12.87tr.

Of this amount, N5.24tr was for debt service; N3.94tr for personnel costs including pensions; statutory transfers, overhead and service-wide votes.

Meanwhile, the Director General of the Budget Office of the Federation, Mr Ben Akabueze, said the federal government is constrained in reducing personnel costs when preparing budgets.

"Government cannot do much to bring down personnel costs. I hear people shouting that N5.2 trillion personnel cost is too much, but if you consider the fact that the amount will be divided among 1.5 million employees of the federal government including security agencies, you will see the amount just averages N200,000."

"As such, I don't think the workforce of the federal government is over bloated compared to other countries of the world," Akabueze stated.

NPA adjudges APM terminals best port operator

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Nigeria's largest container terminal, APM Terminals Apapa, has received the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) Platinum Merit Award for its excellent performance in Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) issues.

The HSE award came a few days after APM Terminals was presented with the award of Terminal Operator of the Year by the Maritime Reporters Association of Nigeria (MARAN) in December.

The HSE Awards is an annual event to acknowledge and honour port operators within the Lagos Ports complex that have distinguished themselves in the area of health, safety and environment compliance.

APM Terminals Apapa received the highest award, Platinum Merit Award, for its continuous excellent performance at the port.

Terminal Manager, Steen Knudsen, thanked NPA for recognising the terminal's efforts, saying, "The NPA HSE Merit Award is a testament to this transformation."

"Ensuring that everyone goes home safe after work is paramount for us. Furthermore, it enables us to be more efficient and give our customers a better experience, while adding more value to the Nigerian economy."

APM Terminals Apapa has received several commendations and honours not just for its efficiency but also for its sterling safety records.

Last year, the terminal set a new safety record at the port, as it logged 500 days without Lost Time Injury (LTI). No Lost Time Injury (LTI) means no injury was sustained on the job by an employee or contractor that resulted in the person being away from work due to his or her injury.

NUPENG threatens strike over burning of 2 HPFO-laden tankers

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Petroleum Tanker Drivers branch of the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (PTD- NUPENG) has threatened to embark on strike over what it described as illegal burning by security operatives of two fuel-laden tankers mistaken for crude oil in Rivers State.

The National Chairman of PTD-NUPENG, Comrade Lucky Osesua, stated this in Abuja yesterday that men of the Military Task Force burnt the two

trucks conveying High Pour Fuel Oil (HPFO) also called black oil on Tuesday night, accusing the drivers of transporting crude oil.

Osesua said the trucks, with numbers EFR770XA and AFZ351ZY, lifted the black oil from Walter Smith Refinery and Petrochemical Ibigwe, Imo State and were intercepted between Ahoada and Elele in Rivers State.

He said each was conveying 40,000 litres of the product from the modular refinery to Bob & Sea Depot in Koko Delta State.

The PTD-National chairman

presented the product's documents including waybills, NUPENG receipts and a quality control document signed by the refinery manager, Charles Okon.

He said: "The drivers presented waybills, NUPENG receipts, and quality control documents. But the military men still insisted that they carried crude oil. They drove the two trucks away and burnt them between Ahoada and Elele in Rivers State, on Tuesday night."

"Without investigation, without reaching out to the

refinery, where the drivers mentioned that they lifted the Black Oil, the soldiers burnt down the trucks, in less than five hours."

The PTD- NUPENG national chairman said the union has taken a decision to stop lifting products at its Port Harcourt zone.

He said the same decision to stop loading nationwide would be taken by Monday except damages incurred as a result of the military action were addressed.

31 of 72 world economies to hit recession in 2023, Nigeria safe – IMF

By Vincent Nwanma, Simon Echowofun Sunday, Chris Agabi & Abiodun Alade (Lagos)

At least 31 of the 72 world economies forming a third of the global community, excluding Nigeria, may hit recession this year due rising inflation and energy crisis, warns the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its World Economic Outlook.

The Managing Director of IMF, Kristalina Georgieva, also repeated this warning at the weekend while speaking on the CBS Sunday morning news programme, Face the Nation, in the United States.

Speaking on the 2023 IMF prediction, Georgieva said: “We expect one-third of the world economy to be in recession.

“2023 will be a difficult year for the world. The silver lining is we can use it to transform economies & accelerate change that’s good for our climate, good for growth. At the IMF, we recognize our responsibility to be a force for good,” she noted, adding that a strong U.S. labour market might help the world get through a difficult year.

Explaining further, the IMF chief said: “For much of the global economy, 2023 is going to be a tough year as the main engines of global growth – the US, Europe and China – all experience weakening activity.

“The new year is going to be tougher than the year we leave behind. Why? Because the three

How Nigeria can avoid crisis – Experts



big economies – the US, EU and China – are all slowing down simultaneously. We expect one-third of the world economy to be in recession. Even countries that are not in recession, it would feel like a recession for hundreds of millions of people,” she added.

Nigeria safe as recession likely in 31 countries

The IMF said a decline in global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or in global GDP per capita—which often happens when there is a global recession—is not currently in the baseline forecast.

However, a contraction in real GDP lasting for at least two consecutive quarters (which some economists refer to as a “technical recession”) is seen at

some point during 2022–23 in about 43 per cent of economies with quarterly data forecasts (31 out of 72 economies), amounting to more than one-third of world GDP,” the global fiscal regulator predicted.

Top of the 31 countries that could fall into recession this year are Germany as its economic growth is expected to plunge from 1.5% in 2022 to -0.3. Italy will crash from 3.2% to -0.2%. It projected that Russia’s economic growth was already in recession at -3.4% in 2022 but will improve to -2.3% in 2023.

In Africa, Nigeria is on the safe side as its economic growth which was at 3.6% in 2021 was estimated to have dropped to 3.2% last year and will further

drop by 0.2% to remain at 3.0% in 2023, but still on a positive growth trajectory. This is far ahead of South Africa whose economic growth will drop from 2.1% in 2022 to 1.1% this year.

How Nigeria can avoid recession – Experts

Experts have also spoken about how Nigeria can sustain the projected growth rate without plunging into recession. A professor of Energy Economics and past President, Nigeria Association of Energy Economics, Prof. Omowumi Iledare, who harped on stopping subsidy said Nigerians cannot afford to burn public funds on the tail pipe of cars.

He said, “Subsidy will collapse the Nigerian economy

and it is already doing it. When you are spending one trillion naira a year over 10 years to subsidize petrol consumption, not for economic sustainability, then you cannot survive it.

“There is no country in West Africa that is paying less than N200/litre, except Nigeria,” he explained.

Prof. Iledare also linked subsidy to the forex crisis. “That’s one of the reasons the exchange is going higher because there is so much pressure; because of the amount of dollars we spend to import petrol.

“And as a result, inflation is high even though you are paying so high for petroleum products. What it does is to create black market,” he noted.

The current exchange rate between the naira and the United States dollar is N440/\$1 on the official market and N735/\$1 on the black.

Experts believe that the huge gap between the official forex price and the parallel market is hurting the naira and slowing economic growth.

Speaking to this, a lecturer at UNN Nsukka, Mr David Akwu, said Nigeria’s forex crisis will definitely impact economic performance as businesses wouldn’t be able to grow exponentially.

He said what’s critical for the government is that the economy must be diversified and the oil revenue projections in the 2023 fiscal appropriation must be met for the economy to perform optimally.

Fresh hurdles over new safety bureau

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

There is a fresh hurdle over the recent transformation of the Accident Investigation Bureau (AIB) into the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (NSIB).

This follows the provision of the Act establishing the bureau stipulating that appointment of Directors in the bureau must reflect federal character.

The development is causing uneasy calm as the agency continues its activities under a new nomenclature.

AIB was the aviation agency in charge of investigation of air accidents and incidents.

Following the passage of the Civil Aviation Act 2022, a new investigating body covering other modes of transportation was approved giving effect to the NSIB and expanding the responsibilities of the bureau to cover railway, marine and road

transportation modes.

However, going by the provision of the new Act, the appointment of Directors must reflect the federal character principle.

Section 13 Subsection 2 of the Act states thus: “The composition of the directors of the Bureau appointed under subsection (1) shall reflect equity and fairness as enshrined in section 14 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999.”

Section 14 (3) of the 1999 constitution as amended read: “The composition of the Government of the Federation or any of its agencies and the conduct of its affairs shall be carried out in such a manner as to reflect the federal character of Nigeria and the need to promote national unity, and also to command national loyalty, thereby ensuring that there shall be no predominance

of persons from a few State or from a few ethnic or other sectional groups in that Government or in any of its agencies.”

Currently the NSIB formerly AIB has four Directors who are all from the same North-West geopolitical zone which runs contrary to the provision of the Act establishing the bureau.

A source said, “Yes, the law was recently passed and signed into law by President Muhammadu Buhari and the Act was gazetted just in November 2022. I am sure the bureau is still at its formative stage and the Ministry will work towards meeting the provisions of the law establishing it including the appointment of Directors which is the responsibility of the Minister as clearly stated in section 13 (1).”

Already the bureau has set up an in-house committee for the implementation of the new Act

and seamless transition from AIB-N to NSIB.

But sources say there are agitations for the correction of the anomaly as the bureau begins the process of full transition into a new multimodal agency.

Director-General of NSIB, Engr. Akin Olateru recently said the Bureau would require more hands in its new role of investigating accidents and serious incidents in all modes of Transportation, saying already some investigators with the bureau are undergoing training on multimodal accident investigation.

Aviation analyst, Group Capt. John Ojikutu said the failure to comply with federal character is not only applicable in AIB now NSIB but other Aviation agencies.

He said, “Does the law book of Nigeria, Constitution not say that appointments to the government agencies must be

based on Federal Character? How has the government been complying with this provision? Who has challenged the government for the negligence of this provision?”

“There are many abuses of our various laws but unfortunately, everyone is too quiet about them all and therefore my question always is: who will save us from ourselves?”

Minister to comply with Act – Aide

When contacted, the Special Assistant on Public Affairs to the Minister of Aviation, Dr James Odaudu, said the Minister will comply fully with the provisions of the Act, saying the Ministry is still studying the new Act.

He said, “Even though I have not read the NSIB Act, I can assure you that whatever the Ministry or the Minister will do will be in line with the Act. We are all studying the Act to understand the specifics.”

GOLDEN HARVEST

COMMODITY INDEX

Commodity	Kano (Dawanau mkt)	M/Biyu Mkt, Taraba	Dandam Mkt (Katsi)	Idah, Mkt, Kaduna	Bwari. Mkt, Abuja	Kumo Hatti Mkt (Gombe)
Maize (100kg)	₦23,000	₦18,000	₦21,500	₦18,000	₦22,500	₦22,600
Beans (100kg)	₦38,000	₦45,000	₦40,000	₦41,000	₦45,000	₦39,500
Sorghum (100kg)	₦19,500	₦20,000	₦19,000	₦22,000	₦25,500	₦20,500
Rice Paddy (100kg)	₦25,000	₦19,000	₦24,000	₦21,000	₦22,000	₦23,500
Millet (100kg)	₦23,500	₦20,000	₦24,000	₦25,000	₦27,000	₦25,000
Wheat (100kg)	₦44,000	=	₦44,500	₦44,000	₦48,000	₦45,000
Soybeans (100kg)	₦44,000	₦29,000	₦44,000	₦40,000	=	₦44,000

Quote

"If we are going to upscale production and produce quality yams, we can bring in mechanisation and we will be able to produce yam in the size and shape required for export. It is not every yam tuber that is exportable"

— Prof. Simon Irtwange, President, Yam Farmers

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How new farmers can venture into pineapple farming

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Edo State is notable for the production of pineapple, and the farmers in the state say it is lucrative, but the production is limited because of some challenges.

One of the farmers in the state, Henry Osemwenghogo, identified lack of storage facilities as one of the major challenges affecting pineapple farming in the state.

"Pineapples, on reaching maturity, ripen almost at the same time, and due to lack of storage facilities for preservation, many are lost."

Other challenges, according to him, are lack of finance, access roads to convey farm produce to markets, lack of consistent workers, and fluctuating prices, among others.

He said there is market for pineapple in the state while production is good because of the fertile land, adding that there are prospects for pineapple farming in the state.

"The market is not just in Edo. We take the produce to Borno, Kaduna, Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Rivers, Enugu and other states of the country where there is a huge market for pineapple."

"Pineapple farming doesn't really have a season to start; majorly, we start planting by February up to April but if farmers are not able to plant all the hectares within the



■ The pineapple farmer, Henry Osemwenghogo

period, they can continue by December," he explained.

For a new farmer in pineapple production, he said

he should, first of all, acquire land, either through buying or lease.

"You then clear and burn

the debris when it is dried and start planting the pineapple suckers.

"But everything involves money; to get the land and employ workers to clear it and start planting.

According to him, getting the seedlings for planting is easy in Edo because farmers have enough suckers, but that too involves money.

"Before now, a sucker used to cost between N10 to N20 but it is now between N50 and N100 depending on size.

He lamented that they have not received any form of assistance from the government, adding that even when they applied for loans, financial institutions did not take them seriously.

"I applied once, but when I discovered that they were not taking me seriously, I opted out and fell back on my savings. Any farmer here is either doing it through his savings or with support from siblings," he lamented.

He said pineapple is of great economic value to farmers because they get daily income from it, adding that it is a very lucrative venture.

"There are many buyers on ground, who come to buy and transport them to Lagos, Abuja, Kaduna, Sokoto, Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River and the southeastern states."

According to him, marketing pineapple is very easy because you have buyers waiting for the produce to mature, adding that the only period farmers experience glut is when they have surplus

from bumper harvest.

"I have about 30 acres of pineapple farm located in Ovia South East and if the government can locate a factory for us, it would go a long way to assist us in curbing wastages occasioned by lack of storage facilities.

He added that government should create access roads for farmers to convey their produce to the market as well as help them secure loans to expand their farms.

On his part, another farmer, Osayi A., described fire as a major challenge confronting pineapple farming, as other challenges could be overcome with time.

"Most farmers have lost hectares to fire and it is the most serious one among the numerous challenges. Also, harsh weather also affects pineapple," he said.

He said pineapple farming is very profitable, but one has to maintain it until production time through constant weeding, adding that once it starts producing, the farmer would get his investment back and profit.

"Pineapple takes one to three years to produce, as the case may be, as the size of sucker planted, maintenance, and planting time affect the duration of production.

"If you plant in the early part of the year and weed the farm, it will produce fast, so planting early is best for pineapple farming," he said.

Kano to expand hibiscus farming, export

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

The Kano State commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dr Yusuf Jibrin Rurum, has revealed that the state government has committed a lot of efforts to ensure the expansion of hibiscus flower farming in the state.

It is also set to encourage

massive exportation of the flower to earn foreign exchange for individual investors and the state.

The commissioner made this known during an official visit to the largest hibiscus fumigation centre in Africa, situated in the state and owned by Mumin Foods and Drugs Limited.

He said the state is happy to see indigenous investors

doing well in the exportation of hibiscus flowers, adding that the state government will assist in ensuring that a huge expansion in the business is achieved soon.

"It is interesting to see such a huge investment being coordinated and owned by indigenes. We have seen the new technologies being introduced as well as the processes involved.

"This is what we want to

see our indigenous business community doing, and we will ensure a sustainable expansion of the business as a state," he said.

Earlier, the chief executive officer of Mumin Foods, Alhaji Abdullahi Usman, stated that the company began operations in 2019 and had been exporting the commodity, adding that the commissioner's visit was an encouragement to the company.

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FB TO RECHARGE SHRINKING LAKE CHAD - AGRIC MINISTER



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

SUIT NO: FHC/ABJ/CS/2073/2022

BETWEEN:
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE - APPLICANT

AND

1. IDRIS MOHAMMED
2. ABUBAKAR ADAM ABDULLAHI } RESPONDENTS

ORDER

UPON THIS MOTION EXPARTE dated the 15th day of November, 2022 and filed on the 16th day of November, 2022 praying this Honourable Court for the following Orders:

1. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria a Blue Man Diesel Open Bodied Trailer with Registration Number PKN 39 XA intercepted and arrested by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering for conveying Petroleum Products reasonably suspected to be illegally refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) which the said truck was in facilitating unlawful Activity.

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2. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Two Thousand, four Hundred (2,400) Liters of illegally refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) contained in a Blue Man Diesel Open Bodied Trailer with Registration Number PKN 39 XA intercepted and arrested by the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering reasonably suspected to form part of the Respondents illegal Activity.
3. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Three Hundred Bags (Approximately Thirty Metric Tons) of fertilizer contained in a Blue Man Diesel Open Bodied Trailer with Registration Number PKN 39 XA intercepted and arrested by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering which the said fertilizer was used in facilitating unlawful activity.
4. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court directing the Applicant to notify the Respondents or any interested party in whose possession the properties sought to be forfeited are found to appear before this Honourable Court and show cause within 14 days why the properties should not be finally forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering for conveying Petroleum Products reasonably suspected to be illegally refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) which the said truck was in facilitating unlawful Activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

2. The Two Thousand four Hundred (2,400) Liters of illegally refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) contained in a Blue Man Diesel Open Bodied Trailer with Registration Number PKN 39 XA intercepted and arrested by the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering reasonably suspected to form part of the Respondents illegal Activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.
3. That the Three Hundred Bags (Approximately Thirty Metric Tons) of fertilizer contained in a Blue Man Diesel Open Bodied Trailer with Registration Number PKN 39 XA intercepted and arrested by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering which the said fertilizer was used in facilitating unlawful activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT ABUJA**

SUIT NO: FHC/ABJ/CS/2071/2022

BETWEEN:
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE - APPLICANT

AND

1. UMAR ABUBAKAR
2. ADEPOJU QUADRI
3. SAMCHARIS GLOBAL INVESTMENT LIMITED } RESPONDENTS

ORDER

UPON THIS MOTION EXPARTE dated the 15th day of November, 2022 and filed on the 16th day of November, 2022 praying this Honourable Court for the following Orders:

1. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria a Mark Truck with Registration Number SEY 15 ZY intercepted and arrested at Sagbama Junction, East West Road, Bayelsa State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering conveying Twenty-Eight (28) Sacks of Petroleum Products reasonably suspected to be illegally Refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) which the said

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truck was used in facilitating Unlawful Activity.

2. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Twenty-Eight (28) Sacks of Petroleum Products reasonably suspected to be illegally Refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) loaded in a Mark Truck with Registration Number SEY 15 ZY intercepted and arrested at Sagbama Junction, East West Road, Bayelsa State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering which the said illegally Refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) was source from illegal Oil Bunkering and same is reasonably suspected to be proceeds of the Respondents Unlawful Activity.
3. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court directing the Applicant to notify the Respondents in whose possession the properties sought to be forfeited are found to appear before this Honourable Court and show cause within 14 days why the properties should not be finally forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.
4. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court directing the publication in any National Newspaper of the interim order under reliefs 1 and 2 above for the Respondents or anyone who is interested in the properties sought to be forfeited to appear before this Honourable Court to show cause within 14 days why the final order of forfeiture of the properties mentioned in reliefs 1, and 2 herein should not be made final in favour of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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Sacks of Petroleum Products reasonably suspected to be illegally Refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) which the said truck was used in facilitating Unlawful Activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

2. The Twenty-Eight (28) Sacks of Petroleum Products reasonably suspected to be illegally Refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) loaded in a Mark Truck with Registration Number SEY 15 ZY intercepted and arrested at Sagbama Junction, East West Road, Bayelsa State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering which the said illegally Refined and Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) was source from illegal Oil Bunkering and same is reasonably suspected to be proceeds of the Respondents Unlawful Activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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Why Nigeria won't get credible leaders at 2023 polls – Afe Babalola

From Raphael Ogbonnaie, Ado-Ekiti

The founder and chancellor, Afe Babalola University, ABUAD, Chief Afe Babalola, SAN, has said any election conducted under the 1999 Constitution cannot produce leaders with new ideas.

He spoke yesterday at a press conference held in the university in Ado-Ekiti on the topic: "Nigeria's Huge External Debt and the 1999 Constitution - 2023 in Perspective".

Babalola said it would rather "merely" result

in recycling the same people who had brought Nigeria to grinding poverty, unemployment, underfunded education, insecurity and huge external debt.

He added that "A new constitution is imperative. Our bitter experience since 1999 has taught us that we are in urgent need of a new constitution which should provide for stringent conditions in respect of age, academic qualifications, character and personality, contribution to community at local, state and federal levels as well

as family background of candidates for president and national assemblies.

"Unless a new constitution similar to the 1960 and 1963 constitutions with necessary amendments is put in place, none of the aspirants and indeed no angel can save the country from total collapse."

Babalola said any Nigerian aspiring to rule Nigeria in any form ought to be concerned the country owes such a huge debt.

"I believe that apart from the new constitution, the huge debt should be an urgent issue to be addressed," he added.

1,533 cases pending in Kwara – Chief Judge

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

Retiring Chief Judge of Kwara State, Justice Durosinlorun Kawu, has said about 1,533 civil and

criminal cases are still pending in Kwara State High Court.

Kawu said this on Wednesday in Ilorin at a special session to mark the commencement of the

2022/2023 legal year and his retirement as the chief judge of the state.

He said, "2,648 criminal and civil cases were filed before the state High Court in the 2021/2022 legal year."

Kano Air Force Commander honoured

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A security advocacy group, WAZOBIA Conflict Resolution and Peace Advocacy Initiative (WACORPAI), has

honoured the commandant of the Nigerian Air Force Command in Kano, Amb. Air Commander Luther Idris Kamat for his contributions to peaceful coexistence in the state.

Speaking about the award,

the National President and Convener of WACORPAI, Comrade Amb. Garba Sulaiman Marafa said the gesture was to recognise his efforts in peace building and contributions to humanity in the state.

Poly workers protest non-payment of salary, pension arrears

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Workers of the Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, MAPOLY, Abeokuta, Ogun State, on Wednesday, protested the non-payment of three months' salary, non-implementation of minimum wage, no promotion since 2019 and unpaid 55 months pension arrears.

The protesters singing solidarity songs had earlier made their way to the administrative block, and later blocked the entrance to the school.

Speaking with

journalists during the protest, the chairman of Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Polytechnics, SSANIP, MAPOLY chapter, Dada Olalekan, called on the state government to take over the running of the school, following the failure of the management of the school to meet up with its mandate.

He said the workers have no future with MAPOLY with the manner with which it is being administered.

Olalekan said the state government should borrow a leaf from the Oyo, Lagos and Osun state

governments by taking over the account of the school and pay directly from the government coffers.

On his part, the chairman of Non-Academic Staff Union, NASU, MAPOLY branch, Kolawole Sopade, said MAPOLY "is being run like a private institution where the only source of revenue is school fees."

Sopade lamented that MAPOLY has no means of survival apart from the inadequate school fees, adding that payment of salaries remains the duty of the government.

NIS rescues 6 trafficked victims in Jigawa

From Ali Rabiu Ali, Dutse

The state Comptroller of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Jigawa State Command, Ahmed Dauda Bagari, has said six victims of human trafficking were rescued recently in Babura town along Nigeria/Niger Republic borders.

Briefing reporters at the command headquarters in Dutse, DCI Muhammad

Idris on behalf of the state comptroller paraded the suspected victims and handed them to NAPTIP for further investigation.

He said the victims were rescued on January 1st, 2023 in an uncompleted building in Babura town on their way to Niger Republic en route Libya.

He said the victims were made up of five females and one male. "The five were from Oyo State and

the only one among them was from Nasarawa State.

"The victims are youths aged between 20 and 35 years old and none of them was in possession of any travel document," he explained.

DCI Idris said there were no incriminating items/drugs found in their possession upon their interrogation when they were rescued by the NIS men.

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 IN THE ABUJA JUDICIAL DIVISION
 HOLDEN AT ABUJA**

SUIT NO: FHC/ABJ/CS/2057/2022

BETWEEN:
 INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE - - APPLICANT

AND

1. MOSES OKON
 2. SUNDAY OKECHUKWU UFOEGBENA } RESPONDENTS

ORDER

UPON THIS MOTION EXPARTE dated the 15th day of November, 2022 and filed on the 16th day of November, 2022 praying this Honourable Court for the following Orders:

1. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Short Iveco Truck with Registration Number JJJ 634 XW intercepted and arrested at Mountain of Fire Junction, Sapele/Koko Road, Delta State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering for Conveying and transporting Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Liters of Petroleum Products Reasonably suspected to be Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O)

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which the said truck was used by the Respondents in facilitating Unlawful Activity.

2. An Interim Order of this Honourable Court forfeiting to the Federal Government of Nigeria Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Liters of Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) loaded in a Short Iveco Truck with Registration Number JJJ 634 XW intercepted and arrested at Mountain of Fire Junction, Sapele/Koko Road, Delta State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering which the Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) was source illegally and same is reasonably suspected to form part of the Respondents Unlawful Activity.

3. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court directing the Applicant to notify the Respondents in whose possession the properties sought to be forfeited are found to appear before this Honourable Court and show cause within 14 days why the properties should not be finally forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

4. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court directing the publication in any National Newspaper of the interim order under reliefs 1 and 2 above for the Respondents or anyone who is interested in the properties sought to be forfeited to appear before this Honourable Court to show cause.

within 14 days why the final order of forfeiture of the properties mentioned in reliefs 1 and 2 herein should not be made in favour of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

ii. AND for such orders or further Orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances of this case.

UPON READING the Affidavit in support of the Motion Exparte sworn to by Inspector Dorothy Aganu, Female, Christian, Nigeria and Investigating Officer attached to the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering, Del-Del, Abuja with Written Address filed in the Court's Registry.

AND AFTER HEARING I. A. Mohammed, Esq. Counsel for the Applicant move in terms of the motion paper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Short Iveco Truck with Registration Number JJJ 634 XW intercepted and arrested at Mountain of Fire Junction, Sapele/Koko Road, Delta State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering for Conveying and transporting Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Liters of Petroleum Products Reasonably suspected to be Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O)

HON. JUSTICE Z. B. ABUBAKAR
 JUDGE

which the said truck was used by the Respondents in facilitating Unlawful Activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

2. The Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Liters of Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) loaded in a Short Iveco Truck with Registration Number JJJ 634 XW intercepted and arrested at Mountain of Fire Junction, Sapele/Koko Road, Delta State by the Operatives of the Inspector General of Police Special Task Force on Petroleum and Illegal Bunkering which the Adulterated Automotive Gas Oil (A.G.O) was source illegally and same is reasonably suspected to form part of the Respondents Unlawful Activity is forfeited in the interim to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

3. That the Applicant is directed to notify the Respondents in whose possession the properties sought to be forfeited are found to appear before this Honourable Court and show cause within 14 days why the properties should not be finally forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

4. That an Order is made directing the publication in any National Newspaper of the interim order under reliefs 1 and 2 above for the Respondents or anyone who is interested in the properties sought to be forfeited to appear before this Honourable Court to show cause within 14 days why the

final order of forfeiture of the properties mentioned in reliefs 1 and 2 herein should not be made in favour of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

5. That this matter is adjourned to 23rd of January, 2023 for hearing.

ISSUED AT ABUJA under the seal of the Court and the hand of the Presiding Judge this 24th day of November, 2022.

HON. JUSTICE Z. B. ABUBAKAR
 JUDGE

Samuel Ekpart
 (Registrar)



IMO STATE GOVERNMENT

APC Rally : Uzodimma salutes Ganduje for a successful outing



His Excellency,
Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR
Executive Governor, Kano State

The Executive Governor of Imo State, Senator Hope Uzodimma on behalf of the government and people of the state warmly congratulate His Excellency, Gov Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State on the successful hosting of APC presidential rally in the ancient town on Wednesday January 4th, 2023 .

The mammoth crowd that attended the rally testifies to the popularity of the governor and a pointer to the fact that Kano State is indeed a done deal for APC.

CONGRATULATIONS, Your Excellency.

You have once again proved that you are the grassroot political guru of the ancient city of Kano.

Keep it up



Signed
Hope Uzodimma
Executive Governor, Imo State

China's COVID-19 surge: IATA warns against 'knee-jerk' travel restrictions

From **Abdullateef Aliyu,**
Lagos

Amid the growing list of countries imposing travel restrictions on China over COVID-19 surge, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) representing airlines globally has cautioned against what it called "knee-jerk

reinstatement" of restrictions which it said have proved "ineffective" since the virus started.

IATA director general, Willie Walsh, stated this amid the growing concerns over the surge even as authorities in Nigeria have put Nigerians on the alert.

Daily Trust reports that several countries in Europe have

imposed travel restrictions on China.

Morocco and Ghana from Africa have also joined in imposing restrictions even though Nigeria is yet to decide whether to impose the restriction.

But IATA DG advised the government to work with experts and avoid taking

irrational decisions like travel restrictions which would not curb the spread.

According to IATA in an electronic mail, research undertaken around the arrival of the Omicron variant concluded that putting barriers in the way of travel made no difference to the peak spread of infections.

At most, restrictions delayed

that peak by a few days. If a new variant emerges in any part of the world, the same situation would be expected.

President of Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, Capt. Alex Nwuba, in a chat with Daily Trust said Nigeria should not rush in imposing any restriction except there are fresh cases linked to China.

Flights disrupted as handling equipment rams into Air Peace's aircraft

From **Abdullateef Aliyu,**
Lagos

There was a disruption to flight operations yesterday when equipment belonging to the Nigerian Aviation Handling Company (NAHCO) Plc. rammmed into an aircraft belonging to Air Peace at the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos, Daily Trust can report.

This is just as the airline is suspecting sabotage as this would be the third time in one month that equipment belonging to the ground handling firm would be destroying its aircraft.

Usually when an incident like that happens, the aircraft is grounded until a check is conducted and recertified safe for flights.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident affected many routes which the aircraft had been positioned to serve yesterday.

The damaged aircraft, it was learnt, was an Airbus A320-232 with registration number: A320 ES-SAZ.

A source stated that the aircraft's elevator was destroyed by the NAHCO stairs equipment.

The aircraft was scheduled to operate Lagos to Owerri for a 7a.m flight, while the same airplane was positioned for about 10 flights on the day of the incident.

When contacted, the spokesman of Air Peace, Mr Stanley Olisa, confirmed the incident suspecting the airline's operations were being sabotaged. He called on the authorities to investigate the incident.

Group Executive Director (GED), Business and Corporate Services, NAHCO, Dr Sola Obabori, who confirmed the incident however ruled out any form of sabotage from any staff of the handling company. He said Air Peace is its prime client.

Obabori insisted that its entire staff, including those in the airside, were well-trained and certified by both local and international bodies.



■ Kano state APC gubernatorial candidate, Nasir Yusuf Gawuna (L) and his running mate, Murtala Sule-Garo receive the party's flag during the Kano State Presidential Campaign Rally yesterday

Bashir Tofa rejected traditional tittle I offered him — Sanusi

From **Zahraddeen Yakubu**
Shuaibu & Salim Umar
Ibrahim, Kano

The 14th Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II, has described late Alhaji Bashir Othman Tofa as God-fearing and trustworthy personality who tells the truth to leaders irrespective of their position, stating that failure to have people like him around the leaders is worsening the country's situation.

Sanusi, who is the present Khalifa of Tijjaniyya movement in Africa, was speaking as Special Guest of Honour, at the First Bashir Tofa Memorial Lecture to mark one year of his death which was held on Tuesday evening via zoom.

He said lack of appreciation of people who tell the political leadership the right thing to do for the citizens is one of the problems of Nigerian leaders, stressing that the situation has pushed the country backward.

"Bashir Tofa has lived a good life that should be emulated by our present leaders; telling the truth to anybody without fear of his power or position. What our leaders don't want is telling them the truth and this will not take us anywhere.

"The best prayer we can offer to any leader is for him to have good associates that will guide them to

the right things. It is high time we stopped mocking our leaders indoors. What we need is to tell them the truth to do the right thing," Sanusi said.

He said the late Bashir Tofa rejected a title he offered him when he was the Emir of Kano for his dedication to serving people.

"When I was the Emir of Kano, I decided to turban Bashir Tofa with the title of his late father, which is Zannan Kano. But immediately he got my message, he rushed to the palace and said he didn't want it. He said then that at his age and level, he didn't need any traditional title."

The guest speaker, Professor Tijjani Naniya, who discussed the life and time of the deceased said the whole of his life was dedicated to serving humanity as well as helping the less privileged.

"Late Bashir Tofa has touched almost all aspects of human life. He was a businessman, a writer, a philosopher, a politician and philanthropist. His love for people to emulate him forced him into writing books. He wrote about 14 books and all in Hausa for easier communication," he said.

On her part, the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations General Assembly, Amina J. Muhammed, described Bashir Tofa as a patriotic leader who believed in God to be his judge, hence never feared anyone

but Allah.

She urged women and youth, including the present leaders, to read through his life and emulate his good characters, values, humility and good faith.

Earlier in their remarks, the chairman of the occasion and the chief host, Alhaji Shehu Muhammad, Sarkin Shanu of Kano, and A.B. Mahoud said the event was organised to remember the deceased, offer prayers for him, and reflect on his life for people to emulate him.

Speaking on behalf of the entire late Tofa family, his son, Musaddiq Bashir Tofa, thanked the organisers for extolling the good virtues of their father while calling on them to keep it up as an annual event.

He expressed the family's willingness to live on the righteous paths set by their father while calling on Professor Naniya to publish the history of the family, saying the immediate family got to know many things for the first time when he was speaking.

Daily Trust reports that among the dignitaries that graced the occasion were members of his family, close friends including Retired General Abdussalami Abubakar, representative of Alhaji Aliko Dangote, Brig. General Halliru Akilu, among others.

Couple found dead in Kano after inhaling charcoal smoke

From **Zahraddeen Yakubu**
Shuaibu, Kano

A husband and wife identified as Sulaiman Idris, 28, and Maimuna Halliru, 20, have been found dead in their matrimonial bed after a smoke suspected to be from charcoal suffocated them while they were sleeping in Kano State.

The incident happened on Tuesday in Kwa village of Dawakin Tofa Local Government Area of the state after the couple were noticed not to have come out of their room around 11:00am.

Confirming the incident, the state police command said they were later found dead after the grandmother of the husband forced the door of their room open, and discovered the couple motionless on their bed, with smoke odour in the room.

Spokesman of the command, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, said, "On receipt of the report, the Commissioner of Police, Kano State Command, CP Mamman Dauda, directed a team of detectives led by CSP Ahmed Hamza, Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Dawakin Tofa Division, to proceed to the scene.

"Victims were removed from the scene and rushed to Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital Kano where a medical doctor confirmed them dead," he said.

He said on preliminary investigation, it was discovered that, "The deceased couple lit a charcoal fire to warm their room due to cold weather, locked up and got suffocated by the smoke which emanated from the charcoal burning while they were asleep. However, an investigation is in process."

Kiyawa added that the Commissioner of Police advised the good people of Kano State on the need to be careful while using fire, electricity and take safety measures as the harmattan season is associated with risk of fire outbreaks.



LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA

THREE ARMS ZONE, SUPREME COURT COMPLEX, P.M.B, 308, ABUJA – NIGERIA

2023 AWARD OF THE RANK OF SENIOR ADVOCATE OF NIGERIA CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

1. By the combined provisions of Section 5 (2) of the Legal Practitioners Act, Cap L11 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and Regulation 10 (1)-(4) of the Guidelines for the Conferment of the Rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria 2022 ("the Guidelines"), the Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee ("the LPPC" or "the Committee") hereby makes a formal call for applications preparatory to the award of the rank for the year 2023. Commencing with this year's exercise, applications shall only be made online and prospective applicants are directed to visit www.lppconline.com to make their applications.

2. DIRECTIVES TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS ON SUBMISSION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE APPLICATIONS

2.1 The application portal, www.lppconline.com will be open to the general public at **12:00 am on January 1st 2023.**

2.2 An applicant must pay a non-refundable processing fee of One Million Naira (N1,000,000.00) only to any of the following accounts held in the name of the "Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee (SAN)":
Account Number: 1014103141,
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2.3 Upon conclusion of payment, an applicant should upload a copy of the evidence of payment on the application portal. The applicant will receive an email notification from the LPPC Secretariat confirming the applicant's payment and clearing the applicant to proceed with the application process online.

2.4 All applicants (whether Advocates or Academics) must upload **clear** and **legible** copies of all mandatory or supporting documents that are

required by the Guidelines for the purpose of their application on the application portal. Only clear copies of materials presented shall be considered/acceptable by the Secretariat in compliance with Regulation 9(2) of the Guidelines. In the case of Academic applicants who may wish to submit publications that are too voluminous to be conveniently scanned and uploaded, it shall be sufficient to scan and upload the title page of such publications, whilst submitting the hard copies along with the flash drives referred to in clause 2.5 below.

2.5 After uploading copies of all mandatory or supporting documents online, applicants shall also submit five flash drives containing a copy of their completed application form (*to be downloaded from the online portal*) as well as copies of all the mandatory and supporting documents uploaded on the online platform to the LPPC Secretariat.

2.6 Any application together with supporting documents submitted in a manner contrary to the directives of the LPPC as enumerated above will be rejected by the Secretariat.

2.7 All applications together with their mandatory or supporting documents must be submitted online at www.lppconline.com before **12:00 noon** on the **31st March, 2023** whilst the flash drives referred to in clause 2.5 above must be delivered to the LPPC Secretariat before 4:00pm on the **3rd April, 2023.**

2.8 Any submission made after the deadlines stipulated in clause 2.7 above shall be treated as a **non-submission.**

For any enquires /information, applicants should send an electronic mail to The Secretary, Legal Practitioners' Privileges Committee via: enquirieslppcsecretariat.ng@gmail.com

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- AHMED:** I, formerly known as **ABU TANKO AHMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AHMED ABU-NIDAL TANKO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: I, formerly known as **JAMES ADIDI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADIDI JAMES**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADAMU: I, formerly known as **ADAMU HAFSATU LAMI** and **ADAMU HAFSAT LAMI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU HAFSAT ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARTHA: I, formerly known as **MARTHA LAMICH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARTHA LAMECH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OCHUKO: I, formerly known as **OCHICO FESTUS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OTUAGOMA OCHUKO FAISAL**. My correct date of birth is **11/12/1981**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

NAFISA: I formerly known and called **NAFISA ABUBAKAR SHAFIU** now wish to be name and call **NAFISA RAMADAN MUSTAPHA**. All my former documents remain valid authority and general public should take note please.

PRAISE: I formerly known as **PRAISE OKOH-ACHEGBULU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **PRAISE OWOFU OKOH-ACHEGBULU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as **SULEIMAN MUHAMMAD SANI** With date of birth **24 May 1992** and wish to be addressed as **MUHAMMAD SANI SULEIMAN** with the date of birth **24 May 1992** from Jigawa State. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as **HAUWA UMAR** wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA UMAR NDANUSA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

LAMI: I formerly known as **LAMI ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LAMI ABUBAKAR GWANDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UJAH: I formerly known as **MISS EBIEGA ETEMA REGINA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS UJAH ETEMA REGINA**. All other documents remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

UGODU: I formerly known as **MISS UGODU DOROTHY PATIENCE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ANI-UGODU DOROTHY PATIENCE**. All other documents remain valid. University of Agriculture Makurdi and the general public should take note.

ANYAGH: I formerly known as **MISS UDEMAM SEDOO SUSAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ANYAGH SEDOO SUSAN**. All other documents remain valid. The authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I, formerly known and called **TAWAKALTU BOLANLE AYILARA**. That Henceforth wish to be known and called **TAWAKALTU AYILARA SALAUDEEN**. All former document remain valid and the general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **SIRAJA SHU/AIBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SIRAJO SHU/AIBU** and that my correct date of birth is **11th JULY, 1998** not **01-01-1991**. All my former documents to remain valid general public and all authorities concern should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ZAINAB MAGAJI MUSA** but now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB MUSA**. All my former documents to remain valid general public and all authorities concern should please take note.

I, formerly known as **FATI ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ABDULLAHI**, date of birth is **1/1/1975**. All former documents remain valid. relevant authority and general public should please take note.

YARO: I, formerly known as **YUSUF YARO ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and address as **YARO ABUBAKAR YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SUFYANU: I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM KARE SUFYANU** now wish to be known and address as **SUFYANU IBRAHIM DOB 01/01/1991**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MURTALA: I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR**. now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALA IDRIS**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned **ECO BANK** and general in public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ISMAIL IDRIS**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ISMAIL IDRIS ABDULLAHI**. All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

PADA: I formerly known as **SHEGERI SHEDRACH YOHANA**, now I wish to be known and addressed as **PADA SHEDRACH YOHANA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as **Aliyu Abdul-azeez**, now wish to be know as **Aliyu Abdul-azeez Jibril**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **Musa God's power** with Date of Birth: **11/11/2003**, now wish to be known as **Musa Dominic** with Date of Birth **11/11/2005**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

IBRAHIM: My names are **IBRAHIM ISHAKA AHMAD**. I was wrongly captured on my **BNV** with Date of Birth **07/08/2002** and my correct Date of Birth is **01/01/2000**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned **KEYSTONE BANK** and general public should please take note.

AJUS: I formerly known as **AJUS MUHAMMED SALEH** now wish to be known and addressed as **AJUS MUHAMMAD ALI**. All former documents remain valid. **WAEC** and Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

GODWIN: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **UDEKWU THERESA OBIANUJU** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **GODWIN THERESA OBIANUJU**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME: ABIODUN: MY NAME WAS MISTAKENLY ARRANGED IN MY BANK VERIFICATION NUMBER (BVN) AS **ABIODUN ADENJI ABRAHAM** INSTEAD OF **ADENJI ABRAHAM ABIODUN**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

MZUNGWEVE: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **MONICA DOOKPEN** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **MZUNGWEVE DOOKPEN**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SEUN: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **ODOGWU JUSTINA AWELE** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **SEUN JUSTINA AWELE**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

Ruth: I formerly known as **Ruth Nguwasen lenge** now wish to be known and addressed as **Ruth Nguwasen anthonly**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **IBRAHIM ABUBAKAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ILIYASU** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

I, formerly known as **ADAMU NASIR USMAN** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU NASIR UTHMAN** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

ABE: I formerly known as **OLANREWAJU MULIKAT FUNMILAYO**, now wish to be known as **ABE MULIKAT FUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

MODIFICATION OF NAMES AND DATE OF BIRTH: (formerly known as **PETER PRECIOUS SEWESU** with Date of birth: **14/11/1990**, now wish to be known as **ZUNGEN SEWESU SALOME** with Date of birth **14/11/1993**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

MODIFICATION OF NAMES : I formerly known as **ADA UGWUOMA VIRGINIA**, now wish to be known as **OGWUCHE VIRGINIA ENE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

ABBAS: I formerly known as **ABBAS MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known as **ABBAS MUHAMMAD LIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known as **SULE HAYATU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **HAYATU RABIU SULEIMAN**. All former documents remains valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **VERONICA PAOWEI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS VERONICA IFEANYI EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HASSANA HUSSAINI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINA HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid, general public to take note.

THAT I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **ONIKA MUHAMMAD** THAT I NOW WANT TO BE KNOWN AND CALLED AS **MUHAMMED MIKALU MY D O.B. WAS WRONGLY WRITTEN AS 31-08-1992 MY REAL D.O.B OF IS 01-01-1997 ALL MY FORMER DOCUMENTS BEARING MY NAME REMAIN VALID. THE MANAGEMENT OF U B A BANK PLC AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THIS DEPOSITION.**

This is to inform the general public that **YUNUS FARIDA LAWAN** and **FARIDA LAWAN**, refers to one and the same person. now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM FARIDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HYCENT: I formerly known and addressed as **WISDOM HYCENT AJOBO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AJOBOH INNOCENT HYCENT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

GODSWILL: I formerly known and addressed as **TOKUNBO RAMESEY N**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AILENUBHI, GODSWILL UWARIOMIEN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

IZUAGIE: This us to notified the general public that my name was wrongly capture as **IZUAGIA MARY OCHUMA** Instead of **IZUAGIE MARY OSHEMAH**. Now wish to be known as **IZUAGIE MARY OSHEMAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and public to take note.

HARUNA: This is to notified the general public that my name was wrongly capture as **ARUNA BRAIHAM** Instead of **HARUNA IBRAHIM**. Now wish to be known as **HARUNA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and public to take note.

KEBIRU: I formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMED ABDULGANIYU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KEBIRU ABDULGANIYU**. All former documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

TOUHEED: I formerly known and addressed as **ISAH SHEHU INAIDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **TOUHEED ABDULWAHAB**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public take note.

MOSES: This is to notified the general public that **MOSES OSHORIAMHE JOY** and **BRAIMAH OSHOLIAMHE JOY**. Belong to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MOSES OSHORIAMHE JOY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and public to take note

I, formerly known and addressed as **JIBRIN ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **JIBRIN MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **MISS BUSARI ZAINAB ABIMBOLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS HAMMED ZAINAB ABIMBOLA**. All documents bearing former name remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABOLUWARIN OLUFUNKE TOMI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ESAN OLUFUNKE TOMI**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME: My names were wrongly written as **NYIEKAA DOO-RUN BLESSING, NYIEKAA DOOORUN BLESSING** and **NYIEKAA, DOORUN**. I now wish to correct my name to read as: **NYIEKAA DOO-ORUN BLESSING**, and All former documents remain valid, banks and general public should take note of this development.

I formerly known and addressed as **HADIZA SULAIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA MOHAMMED SULAIMAN** former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ONOJA MARY RUTH** now wish to be known and addressed as **ONOJA MARY** All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ENEOMELU OGECHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ENEOMELU FAVOUR OGECHI** All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

The public is hereby notified that **UMAR ABDUSSALAM ABUBAKAR** and **ABDUSALAM UMAR ABUBAKAR** refer to one and same person and that I now wish to be known as **UMAR ABDUSSALAM ABUBAKAR**. And that my date of birth is **29/10/1988** not **29/10/1980**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

YUNUSA: I formerly known as **YUNUSA ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUSA ABUBAKAR IDRIS** All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OBOYI: I formerly known as **MUSA SHAIBU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA MUSTEPHA OBOYI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DORCAS: I formerly known as **DORCAS KAWENG DALYOP** now wish to be known and addressed as **DORCAS KAWENG PETER** All former document remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SAMUEL: I formerly known as **IMOISILI NOSAZENA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IMOISILI NOSAZENA SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ISA: I formerly known as **ISAH IDRIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISA GOJE WITH DATE OF BIRTH OF 17/07/1976 TO 20/01/1983**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SARAH: I formerly known as **SERIFAT JUMOKE YEKINNI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MORINSOLA SARAH OBAFEMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as **ALIYU ABDULLAHI UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR ALI ABDULLAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAMUE: I formerly known as **SAMUEL SILVERLYNE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ETUK SAMUEL SAMSON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUGIE: I formerly known and called **NURADEEN MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA SALIHU AUGIE**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.

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AUGIE : I formerly known and called **SUFYANU DANDARE** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUFYANU DANDARE AUGIE** . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known as Fatima Abdullahi Ibrahim now wish to be called and addressed as Fatima Ibrahim Abdulbaki . All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **USMAN ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known as **USMAN ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD**.All formal documents remain valid. All banks and General public should take note.

MARIYA: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED MARIAM BARDE** now wish to be called and addressed **MARIYA MUHAMMAD BARDE** with new. **DOB 17 01 1980** all former document remain valid and authority concern to take note

MURTALA: I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MURTALA BANKANU** now to be addressed as **MURTALA ABUBAKAR BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. General Public take note.

RUFAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKINNUBI KIKELOMO ADEJOKE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **RUFAL KIKELOMO ADEJOKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

AUWAL, I formerly known as **AUWAL BELLO SHEHU** and **27/11/2000** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL MUHAMMAD** and **25/09/2000**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **BABANGIDA CHIBADO** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED NJIDDA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as Habibu Suleiman Mahmud now wish to be known as Mahmud Sulaiman Habib.All formal documents remain valid. All banks and General public should take note.

HUSSAINI: I formerly known as **HASSAN HUSSAINI** now wish to be known as **HUSSAINI MAGAJI** **8/3/1991** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned about and general public should please take note

UMOGBAI : I formerly known as **UMOGBAI MONARCH** Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **UMOGBAI MONARCH JULIUS**. Former documents remain valid. Public note

FALOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **FALOLA FRANCIS ISE-OLUWA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **FALOLA FRANCIS AKANJI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **ADIGUN TIRIMISIYU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI TIRIMISIYU**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note

I formerly known as **HAUWA YAKUBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAUWA ANAS**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **ZAHARADDEEN MAMUDA** wish to be known and addressed as **ZAHARADDEEN IBRAHIM** former documents remain valid general public should take note

SALE: I formerly known as **SHALE DANLADI** now wish to be known as **SALE DANLADI** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should **TAKE NOTE**

BUHARI: I, formerly known as **GARUBA DAUDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BUHARI GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. Wrong **DOB 01/01/1978**, Correct **DOB 01/01/1996**. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

AWONUBI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEDAYO ADEBUSOLA** . Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AWONUBI ADEBUSOLA OLUWATOYIN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **ABDULSALAM BELLO** with **D.O.B 20-09-1998** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULSALAM BELLO HAMMAALI** with **D.O.B 01-01-1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **IBRAHIM ALIYU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIYU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **RUKAYYA MUSTAPHA AMMANI** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS RUKAYYA MUSTAPHA ABDULHAKIM** former documents remain valid general public should take note

USMAN: I formerly known as **USMAN MUHAMMED** now wish to be known as **USMAN SALEH MUHAMMAD** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned about and general public should please take note

ADENUSI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADENUSI GRACE FAVOUR**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ADENUSI GRACE EKATE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

AYEYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss FOLAWEWO YEMISI OLUWADAMILOLA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs AYEYEMI YEMISI OLUWADAMILOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **SIMON TUMBA LUWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SIMON LUWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as Musa Ibrahim Owolabi now wish to be called and addressed as Musa Ibrahim Garba. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **BAKARE ABIDEEN ADEBAYO OLADAPO** wish to be known and addressed as **BAKARE ABDEEN ADEBAYO** former documents remain valid general public should take note

UMAR: I formerly known as **UMAR YAKUBU** now wish to be known as **UMAR A YAKUBU** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned about and general public should please take note

AHMED: I, formerly known and addressed as **BABAFEMI TAMILORE EMMANUELLA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AHMED OLUWATAMILORE EMMANUELLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

EBENEZER: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADENIJI MUIBAT BOLAJI**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs EBENEZER MUIBAT BOLAJI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **ALHAJI MUHAMMAD BIRNIN KEBBI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMADU DANBAGUDO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **IDRIS YAKUBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR SAMINU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known and addressed as **JAMILA SANI MUHAMMAD** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS JAMILA SANI SADA** former documents remain valid general public should take note

NASIRU: I formerly known as **NASIRU DODO** now wish to be known as **NASIRU ADAMU DODO** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

QUADRI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ILORI OMOWUNMI TITILAYO** on my **BNV**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **QUADRI OLUWANTIMILEYIN OMOWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OLADIMEJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **ELUFADEJIN TIMILEYIN OYINDA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **OLADIMEJI OLUWATIMILEYIN OYINDAMOLAMI**. My date of birth was mistakenly written as 25th day of December, 1997 instead of 25th day of December, 1996. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **OLADIPUPO DUNKE** with **D.O.B 24-04-1988** now wish to be known and addressed as **OLADIPUPO DUNKE IYABO** with **D.O.B 24-04-1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **AISHA IDRIS** now wish to be called and addresses **AISHA ABBAS IDRIS** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

I formerly known and addressed as **RABI IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **RABI IBRAHIM AWAISU** . All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

LYDIA: I, formerly known as **LYDIA ENDURANCE NDUKA**, Old **DOB: 26/12/1994**, now wish to be known and addressed as **LYDIA NDUKA AREMU**, New **DOB: 28/8/1994**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OFULUE: I, formerly known and addressed as **NWAKA HELEN ANAZIA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **OFULUE HELEN ANAZIA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

LEBLE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEBAYO ADEDAYO DORCAS**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **LEBLE ADEDAYO DORCAS**. My date of birth was mistakenly written as 11th day of August, 1994 instead of 11th day of August, 1997. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **UWAISSU ABDULHAMEED** now wish to be known and addressed as **UWAISSU ABDULHAMID**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **MOHAMMED USMAN MUBARAK** now wish to be called and addresses **MUBARAK USMAN** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

I formerly known and addressed as **NEGGE SARA KANI SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **NEGGE SANI**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

SANUSI: I, formerly known as **SANUSI BALA KANKARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANUSI BALA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME AND CORRECTION OF NAME/ DATE OF BIRTH I, **MUSA SULEMAN ZABO**. That I wish to add **ZABO** to my name on my **BNV**. That on Bank Verification Number my name was wrongly written as **MUSA SULEMAN ZABO** instead of **MUSA SULEMAN ZABO**. That my correct name is **MUSA SULEMAN ZABO**. That on my Bank Verification Number my date of birth was wrongly written as 10th day of February, 1998 and not 10th day of October, 2000. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ONAOLOPO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss FAGBOHUN ADEBIMPE JANET**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs ONAOLOPO ADEBIMPE JANET**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **ABDULSALAM KABIRU ABIODUN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AJIBOLA KABIRU ABIODUN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **Zelani Musa** now wish to be called and addressed as **Zelani Musa Adamu**. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

SAMIRA: I, formerly known as **SAMIRA DAHIRU ABUBAKAR** , now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMIRA DAHIRU AMBURSA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AISHAT: I, Formerly known as **AISHAT CHEONE AUDU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHAT CHEONE ABDULZELILU** all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

That I was formerly called, known and addressed as **NICHOLAS AIZENORIA**. That I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **NICHOLAS ESEGBORIA AIZE**. That all my former documents remain valid. General public take note.

SAKA-SOBODU: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss SOBODU MODUPE TIMILEYIN**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs SAKA-SOBODU MODUPE TIMILEYIN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **UMAR ALFA RUGA** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMARU ALFA RUGGA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I was formerly known and called **YUSUF HASSAN MUSA** that I now wish to be known and called **YUSUF HASSAN MOHAMMAD MUSA**. All formal documents remain valid. All banks and General public should take note.

SADIK: I formerly known as **SADIK SULEMAN** now wish to be known as **SADIK SULEMAN ALAWO** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public should please take note

BULUKU: I, formerly called and addressed as **BURUKU TIMOTHY TERNGU** now wish to be addressed as **BULUKU TERNGU TIMOTHY**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities, Banks and general public should take note

AGHAEBE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADESANYA, JOY ABOSEDE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AGHAEBE, JOY ABOSEDE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

FUJAH: I, formerly known and addressed as **JUBA ADEBOKOLA ADEKEMI**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS FUJAH ADEBOKOLA ADEKEMI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **BINTA MUJITABA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BINTA MUHAMMED** with **D.O.B 01-01-1994**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM KATSINA** wish to be known and addressed as **KABIR IBRAHIM** former documents remain valid general public should take note

WASILU: I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI BELLO WASILU** **01/01/1996** now wish to be known as **WASILU SABO BELLO** **01/01/2000** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note

OBI: I, formerly known as **OBI AUGUSTINE EMEKA** ,Old **DOB: 16/1/1996**, now wish to be known and called **OBI AUGUSTINE EMEKA**, Old **DOB: 16/1/1998**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OJO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss EMERUWA AKUDO JENNIFER**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs OJO AKUDO JENNIFER**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ISHOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as **YINUSA MOSUNMOLA MONSURAT**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ISHOLA MOSUNMOLA MONSURAT**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **FATIMA MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA T HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ABIDATUR-RAHAMAN ALIYU SANI DARMA, ABIDA ALIYU BASHIR, ABIDA BASHIR BABANGIDA** wish to be known and addressed as **ABODA ALIYU** former documents remain valid general public should take note

KARIBULLAHI: I formerly known as **KARIBULLAHI ALI** now wish to be known as **KARIBULLAHI ALI AMIRU** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public should please take note

LAWAL: I formerly known as **LAWAL LAURI** now wish to be called and addressed as **LAWAL RAMLATU** all former documents remain valid. any authority concern and general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **Mrs MOBOLAJI OLAITAN DEYEMI ADEYOYE**. Now wants to be addressed as **Miss MOBOLAJI OLAITAN LADELE**. All former documents remain valid. Public and Private institutions take note.

That I **LAWAL MUTIU AJANI, LAWAL KHALED TOLUPE** is my son. He was formerly known and addressed as **ADESINA KHALED TOLUPE**. Now I wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL KHALED TOLUPE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **NURA ABUBAKAR MUHAMMADU** now wish to be known and addressed as **NURA ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **HAUWAWU ALHAJI MUHAMMED** wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA ALHAJI MOHAMMED** former documents remain valid general public should take note

YUSUF: I formerly known as **BELLO GARBA** now wish to be known as **YUSUF GARBA** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public should please take note

ISUWA: I Formerly known as **BEGE JACOB** Now wish to be called and addressed as **ISUWA JACOB** All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

AZEEZ: I, formerly known and addressed as **AZEEZ BALIQEES AJIKE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AZEEZ BALIQEES OLAWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public take note.

LAWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADESINA OLAIDE MUJEDAT**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs LAWAL OLAIDE MUJEDAT**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **UMAR MUHAMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

HASSAN, I formerly known as **GARBA HASSAN UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN FAROUK**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AUGUSTINE: I formerly known as **KEFAS AUGUSTINE TABATH** now wish to be called as **AUGUSTINE KEFAS TABATH** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

SALAMA: I Formerly known as **PEACE CHUKWUNONSO** Now wish to be called and addressed as **SALAMA VICTOR** All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

EGUNJOBI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OJEKUNLE MARIAM OLATOMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs EGUNJOBI MARIAM OLATOMI**. All former documents remain valid, general public please note.

SULAIMAN-OROBIBI: I, formerly known and addressed as **SULAIMAN YUSUPH ADEMOLA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **SULAIMAN-OROBIBI YUSUPH ADEMOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **GARBA SUFIYANU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUFYANU GARBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI MUJITAPHA MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED MUJI**. All former documents remain valid. All banks and General public should take note.

AMINU: I formerly known as **AMINU SARKIN TASHA** now wish to be called as **AMINU MOHAMMED S/ TASHA** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

OBADIAH: I Formerly known as **OBADIAH ZARIA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **OBADIAH MADAKI**. I want to bear My real Name **OBADIAH MADAKI** All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

ARRANGEMENT OF NAME/CORRECTION OF BIRTH DATE That my name was wrongly arranged/written as **OJI OPANWA EMILIA** instead of **OPANWA EMILIA OJI**. That I confirm my correct name is **OPANWA EMILIA OJI**. That my correct date of birth is 15th day of July, 1977 and not 15th day of January, 1977. That all my document remain valid. General public take note.

SOBOWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss AKIYODE ESTHER OLUWAKEMI**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs SOBOWALE ESTHER OLUWAKEMI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **SABIU ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SABIU ADAMU BENA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **AHMED RABIU** now wish to be known as **UBALE SAFIYANU**. All formal documents remain valid. All banks and General public should take note.

USAINA: I formerly known as **USANA ISA** **1/5/1986** now wish to be known as **USAINA ISAH** **1/5/1985** All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public should please take note

MURTALA: I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD MURTALA BANKANU** and now wish to be addressed as **MURTALA MUHAMMAD BELLO**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

RUFAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OLANIYAN OMOLARA OLAIDE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs RUFAL OMOLARA OLAIDE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ADU: I, formerly known as **MISS OGUNBUSUYI OLUWAKEMI TEMITOPE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADU OLUWAKEMI TEMITOPE**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and general public should take note.

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LOSS OF DOCUMENTS COMPANY REGISTRATION CHANGE OF NAME LEGAL NOTICE

CONFIRMATION OF NAME
I, **ABDULKAREEM HALIMAT SADIAT** and **HALIMAT AISHA ABDULKARIM** refers to one and same person, now wish to be addressed as **ABDULKAREEM HALIMAT SADIAT**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

SOLADOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **TEKKI DORCAS ISHAYA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **SOLADOYE DORCAS KUVU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ADAMU I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU MUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU SA.ADU** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note

ADAMU I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU MOHAMMED ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. With correct **DOB 01/03/2000 NOT 01/03/1995**. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, USMAN ABUBAKAR do solemnly declare that: the name **USMAN SHEHU** and **USMAN ABUBAKAR** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **USMAN ABUBAKAR** with **20/07/1979** as D.O.B. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

PATIENCE: I formerly known as **PATIENCE USMAN**, now wish to be known as **PATIENCE USMAN MOSES**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

CONFIRMATION/CHANGE OF NAME
My name was written as **ADAH RACHEL** on my Access Bank account. **ADAH RACHEL**, **ADAH RACHEL OLUWABUNMI** and **OHEM RACHEL OLUWABUNMI** are one and same person. Henceforth, I want to be addressed as **OHEM RACHEL OLUWABUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **ALI ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known as addressed as **ABUBAKAR ALI FACHWAY**. All Former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

FALMATA I formerly known and addressed as **LAWAN BUKAR FALMATA MUKTAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA MUKTAR LAWAN** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SAMAILA I formerly known and addressed as **SAMAILA MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMAILA MUSA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

WAJIGAGA. I formerly known as **WAJIGAGA WILLIAM KOLLOMI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **WAJIGAGA KOLLOMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MADU: I formerly known as **MODU IDI** now wish to be known as **MADU IDI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

AHMED: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALIMO BALARABA AMODU**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AHMED HALIMA BALARABA**. That I was born on 14th day of December, 1975 not 1st day of January, 1972. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **ALI MOHAMMED AJI** now wish to be known as **ALI MUHAMMAD AJI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public should take note.

KAKA: I formerly known as **KAKA BUSHE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **KAKA BUSHE ZANNA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

SABO I formerly known and addressed as **ABBA YAKUBU SABO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULSALAM YAKUBU SABO** All former documents remain valid. With correct **DOB 15/01/2001**. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

BENSON: I formally know **PERPETUAL BENSON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **PERPETUAL BENSON OFFOR**, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OSUNGBADE= I, formerly known as **MUHEEB, SAHEED OPEYEMI** and **DOB as 04/03/1984** now wish to be known as **OSUNGBADE, SAHEED OPEYEMI** and **DOB as 04/03/1983** General public should take note

EDLEY: I, formerly known and addressed as **EVARISTUS CHUIJOKE UGWU-CHUKWUMA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **EDLEY AKUUDO UGWUORA**. My correct date of birth is 6th day of October, 1995. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I FORMALLY KNOW AS JUWAIRIYATU AHMAD NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS JUWAIRIYATU AHMAD LIMANCI ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE

GARBA: I formally know **ABDULJALAL GARBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULJALAL GARBA HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

YAHAYA I formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I, MUSTAPHA AJI BUKAR do solemnly declare that: the name **AJI BUKAR MUSTAPHA** and **MUSTAPHA AJI BUKAR** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **MUSTAPHA AJI BUKAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

SATURDAY: I, formerly known and addressed as **EFFIONG GLORY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SATURDAY, EFFIONG GLORY**. My correct date of birth is **09/10/2002**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

HAMEED: I, formerly known and addressed as **HAMEED HUSSAIN ADEREMI**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **HAMEED HUSSAIN OLADAPO**. That I was born on 1st day of February, 1995 not 1st day of February, 1993. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and general public take note.

MOHAMMED I formerly known and addressed as **ALHAJI MOHAMMED ALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED ALHAJI ALI** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SIDDIKU I formally known as **SIDDIKU USMAN** now wish to be known and Addressed as **NASIRU ABUBAKAR** All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MARY: I formerly known as **MARY TAR MAIBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARY TAR MAIVA** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as SURAYYA ARABI now wish to be known and addressed as **SURAYYA ABUBAKAR ARABI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

UKWUOMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **NWUNEWUIHE HYGINUS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWUNEWUIHE UKWUOMA HYGINUS**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note

ADEGBITE: I, formerly known and addressed as **GANTIN ABOSEDE VERONICA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ADEGBITE ABOSEDE VERONICA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ADAMU I formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU GARBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU GARBA SULEIMAN** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SARATU I formerly known and addressed as **SARATU MOHAMMED GARBA JAJERE** now wish to be known and addressed as **SARATU SABO** All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABBA: I formally known as **ABBA SADAUKI ABUBAKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABBA SADAUKI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

AISHA: I Formerly known as **SIYONA YASORE** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA MUSA** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

RAPHAEL: I, formerly known and addressed as **AGBARAKWE OLIVER CHIMEKA** and **AGBARAKWU OLIVER CHIMEKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RAPHAEL OLIVER CHIMEKA**. All documents bearing my former names still remain valid. General public take note

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

I, AISHA BABA ASKIRA 'F' of Gombale Road, Giwa Barrack, Maiduguri. Wish to inform the general public of the lost of Grand Right of Occupancy of Plot Land No. 209 with file Number BO/24107 On BOTP/122 Bearing the name of HON. HUSSAINI GAMBO. That sometime in the year 2000 I discovered the said original grand right of occupancy of the said plot was misplaced at my resident and I have ransacked all the possible place to trace the said documents proof abortive. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT

This is to inform the general public of the LOSS of ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT of Plot with File No. LKN/COM/RC/82/330 situated at IBRAHIM TAIWO Road of Fagge Local Government of Kano City belonging to Adamu Tijjani Nababa Badamasai of Goron Dutse Quarters of Kano City issued to his Grand father Alhaji Nababa Badamasai by Kano State Ministry of Land and Physical Planning is hereby declared missing. All efforts were made to trace the said document proved abortive. Kano State Bureau for Land Management and All Authorities concerned should please take note

PUBLIC NOTICE

We wish to inform the general public and other stakeholders that following the approvals of the shareholders of **Na-Kowa Microfinance Bank Limited** and the Central Bank of Nigeria, **Na-Kowa Microfinance Bank Limited** has been acquired by **InvestIN Limited**. Following this acquisition and further to receiving the requisite regulatory approvals, kindly be informed that the company's name has been changed from **Na-Kowa Microfinance Bank Limited** to **InvestIN Microfinance Bank Limited**. Kindly take note and refer all further communications to info@investinltd.com

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, SOKOTO STATE PROBATE DIVISION OF SOKOTO STATE

WHERE AS the person whose name is set out in the first column here under died intestate on the date and place stated in the said column.

AND WHERE AS the person(s) whose address and claim relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Sokoto for the grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" of the personal properties of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" will be granted to such person unless a notice of prohibit the grant thereof is filed in the Probate Registry High Court of Justice Sokoto State within **TWENTY-ONE DAYS (21 DAYS)** from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
MRS. NKECHI JANE ONU OF OLD AIRPORT AREA, SOKOTO WHO DIED ON 04-09-2022 AT USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL.	ANASTASIA UGONNA ONUCHUKWU OF OLD AIRPORT AREA, SOKOTO THE DAUGHTER TO THE DECEASED.
MISS AMURATU YAKUBU OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE STAFF SCHOOL, SOKOTO WHO DIED ON 14-02-2022 AT UDUTH SOKOTO	UMMU KALTUMI YAKUBU OF SALAME AREA. THE SISTER TO THE DECEASED.

DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023
BASHAR IBRAHIM CHIEF REGISTRAR

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF DECEASED	NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT
DAVID UMUKORO OF ROADS NIGERIAN PLC WHO DIED ON 30-01-2022 AT UDUTH SOKOTO.	MATTHEW DAVID OF TAMAJE AREA, SOKOTO THE SON TO THE DECEASED.
ESTHER JAMES OF KWANNAWA AREA DANGE SHUNI SOKOTO WHO DIED ON 01-12-2022 AT HER RESIDENCE	AHMED HARUNA OF KWANNAWA AREA DANGE SHUNI, SOKOTO THE SON OF THE DECEASED.
ERAMEH JUDE ALUGBELI OF UNIVERSITY OF BENIN CITY WHO DIED ON 29-08-2021 BAMBAY HOSPITAL USELU BENIN CITY IN EGOR L/G AREA EDO STATE	PATIENCE OSHORENA AMAGBOR ERAMAH OF NO. 42 OMOREGIE STREET OFF SABBATH ROAD UWELU BENIN CITY, EDO STATE THE WIFE TO THE DECEASED.

DATED AT SOKOTO THIS 3rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2023
BASHAR IBRAHIM CHIEF REGISTRAR

I, FANTA KACHALLA do solemnly declare that: the name **YA FANTA KACHALLA** and **FANTA KACHALLA** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **FANTA KACHALLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

YAGA: I formerly known as **YAGA KANA**, now wish to be known as **YAGA MALLUM KANA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

HAUWA I, formerly known as **HAUWA ALI** now wish to be known and called **HAUWA INUSA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ISA: I formerly known as **ISA BULAMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISA BULAMA MUSTAPHA**. All former document remain valid. With Correct D.O.B. 7/January/1991 General public should please take note

AL-KAFAF CHARITY FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja for Registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Ubeydallah Abdallah Usman - Chairman
- Abubakar Sadiq Danladi - Secretary
- Ibrahim Bala Imam - Member

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To engage in charitable acts and contribute towards eradicating hunger and alleviating poverty in the society through providing adequate support to the less privileged.
- To provide empowerment socially, economically and education to women, children, youths, and the most vulnerable people.
- To protect and safeguard the rights and dignity of women, children, youth, and the elderly through collective volunteer efforts and contributing selflessly towards uplifting the downtrodden and supporting the vulnerable within the society and beyond.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigns Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:
Ubeydallah Abdallah Usman - Chairman

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

SPORT



■ From left: Chief of Staff to Minister of Sports, Abba Yola, Chairman of NPFL IMC, Hon. Gbenga Elegbeleye and NFF Director of Communications, Ademola Olajire at the 2022/2023 NPFL season draws which held recently in Abuja

Gara-Gombe says he's committed to athletics in Gombe

By David Ngobua

The Chairman of Gombe State Amateur Athletics Association, Ahmed Shuaibu-Gara Gombe, has reiterated his commitment to the development of the sport in the state.

Represented by the association's Technical Adviser, Prince Simon Ayuba, Gombe made the pledge when distributing clothing materials to athletes who represented Gombe state at the 2022 National Sports Festival in Asaba, Delta State.

The gifts came in bundles of wrappers and brocade materials in what the state's athletics boss described as a token of appreciation for the athletes' effort at the bi-annual festival.

Gombe said the athletes should resume camping after the New Year break to commence preparations for the next sports festival to be held in Abeokuta in Ogun State in 2024.

"I am proud of you. Even though your overall performance at the sports festival was not encouraging enough, I see prospects in all of you and I am willing to help us achieve success in subsequent competitions.

"Considering the time we were inaugurated, I wouldn't want to take full responsibility for how Team Gombe athletics fared in Asaba but I will lay a solid foundation for podium finishes in future.

"I am fully committed to my words and very soon, I will unfold my comprehensive programme for athletics development in Gombe state," he said.

NPFL clubs to receive IMC's N200m take-off grant today

By Jide Olusola

The 20 clubs in the Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL), will receive N10m each today in Abuja as take-off grants from the Interim Management Committee (IMC), ahead of the 2022/23 season billed to kickoff on January 8.

The president of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, will be present at the presenting ceremony, which will also feature the leadership of the Nigeria Referees Association (NRA).

In a statement, the Chairman of the IMC, Hon. Gbenga Elegbeleye said "The presentation ceremony will have in attendance, the NFF President, Ibrahim Gusau, who wants to address all stakeholders ahead of the start of the season to assure them that the Football House will support every move to upgrade our league in terms of transparency, level playing ground and improved performance.

"It is also a platform for the IMC to make a public presentation of the takeoff grant to our participating clubs to put them on a good pedestal to start

the season."

MatchDay 1 of the NPFL 2022/23 season will be held on Sunday, January 8 in Groups A and B of the Abridged League format which the IMC arrived at to ensure that the season is concluded in May to align with the international calendar.

The Akwa United versus Bendel Insurance fixture in Uyo will mark the official kick-off of the season.

Meanwhile, there are indications that 2017 NPFL champions, Plateau United may boycott the league.

According to a statement from the club dated December 30, 2022, the club embarked on a two-week break to resume on January 14th, a week after the abridged league must have started.

And considering the unfriendly disposition of most of the clubs towards the abridged league format as introduced by the IMC, it is left to be seen how many of the clubs would turn up today to receive the N10m largesse from the league organizers.

Before now, only four out of the 20 NPFL clubs had accepted to compete in the abridged league.

Anambra sports boss hails first Aguata marathon race

The Chairman, Anambra Sports Development Commission, Patrick-Estate Onyedum, has hailed the organisers of the first Aguata 21-km marathon race.

Onyedum made the commendation in a speech at the event, held yesterday at Ekwulobia in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra.

He described the idea of organising a marathon, which is a uniting event in the council, as unique.

He further commended the Chairman of the Council, Mr Chibueze Ofobuike, for his ingenuity in organising the event.

He urged him to continue to promote sports at that level.

"Usually, what we are used to during this period is football, football and football.

"But today, we are witnessing a marathon," Onyedum said.

He expressed delight with the turnout of persons for the competition.



"The turnout is impressive, both young and old.

"But, I am more impressed by the presence of women, mothers who came around to run.

"I thank them for their effort," he said.

Onyedum called on other local government councils "to borrow a leaf from Aguata".

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the race kicked off at Ekwulobia Roundabout through Ekwulobia -Ezinifite - Uga - Nkpologwu communities back to the takeoff point.

The first, second and third place winners got N1 million, N500,000 and N300,000, respectively.

The women got N150,000 consolation prize for participating.

In a brief remark, the Council Chairman thanked partners, participants and dignitaries, who attended the event "for keying into the programme". (NAN)

Lobi Stars intensify preparations for 2023 NPFL season

By David Ngobua

Lobi Stars Vice-Chairman, Doimonic Iorfa, has said the former Nigerian champions are intensifying preparations for the 2022/2023 Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) season.

The former Nigerian international who spoke from the United Kingdom where he is on vacation said Lobi Stars have beefed up their squad with quality signings and would give opponents a run for their money.

"To avoid a repeat of what happened last season before I was called upon to come and rescue the club, we have recruited some experienced players to strengthen the squad in key areas.

"The technical crew too has been up and doing in ensuring that the players are in top shape, mentally and physically. So, I can say we are fully set for the new



season," said Iorfa.

While commending the Governor of Benue State, Samuel Ortom and his deputy, Engineer Benson Abounu who doubles as the Chairman of the club for their unflinching support, he reiterated his commitment to

the welfare of players and officials of Lobi Stars.

"The boys are also aware of what is at stake. On the side of the management, we have done our best to create a conducive environment for them to perform optimally when the NPFL kicks off.

"Their welfare remains a top priority as evidenced in prompt payment of salaries and other allowances".

Although Lobi Stars will be playing their home matches away from home at the New Jos Township stadium, Iorfa urged Lobi Stars teeming fans to support and pray for the success of the club.

LINE OF SIGHT

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New Year, same *wahala* and an old man's letter to young Nigerians

Imagine this scene, dear reader. Imagine a road cutting through the rainforest. Imagine a high-speed chase, a convoy with a high-value target relentlessly pursued by a blue BMW with fire-spitting rifle muzzles sticking out of the rolled-down windows. Imagine bombs going off, taking out four armed mobile policemen in the VIP protection unit of the convoy. It is not a movie, trust me. It is the attack this Monday on the former governor of Imo State, Ikedi Ohakim, as described by the man himself. In the end, Ohakim thanked God, his bullet-proof car and their run-flat tyres for surviving the attack.

While attacks like these are not new and have become common place in the South East, if this one had been successful, it would have been one of the higher profile ones. Fortunately, the former governor escaped even if his security details were not so lucky.

What this incident demonstrates is the painful reality that the act of flipping the calendar page did not magically wish away the troubles of Nigeria from the last year. The South East especially has experienced a significant spike in insecurity from killings to massacres, with dozens of bodies being found in all sorts of places.

New year, same old *wahala*, and some more. Government workers are still being owed salaries from last year and the year before. In Benue, school teachers have not been paid for a year, and some of these affected employees say they are being owed as much as 15 months in wages.

With the current inflation and the astronomical cost of living, it is hard to imagine how these employed persons are surviving the country's harsh realities. It is even harder to imagine them having the full capacity and focus to discharge their duties effectively. The effect of this will also be felt in the kind of education the next generation of Nigerians is receiving at the moment.

Yet Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue is running his political campaign to, as one newspaper claimed, 'retire to the Senate, completely unaffected by this situation. He has been travelling across the country and beyond to influence the outcome of the general elections and tell people who to vote for.

Discounting the fact that people are quite capable of deciding for themselves who to vote for, and most have decided already, the governor seems to forget that a hungry electorate is more amenable to financial inducements and vote-selling during elections, especially for underpaid/unpaid teachers who don't get to be

pensioned off to the glamorous retirement home for poorly-performing governors that the Senate is turning out to be.

But this is all part of the political telenovela that has been years in the making and will dominate the next few months of the nation's agenda. This drama in which people with questions to answer sit on high thrones and prescribe to Nigerians what to do.

New year. Same *wahala*. A new year that got off to another missive from the most famous letter writer in the country, President Olusegun Obasanjo picked his time to drop a discomfiting bomb on his former vice president, Atiku Abubakar, with whom he has always had a tension-fraught relationship since 2003 and the APC's Bola Tinubu with whom he has never had any good relations. Neither of them liked the letter, judging by the reaction of their media teams and that of the presidency as well, but his endorsement of Peter Obi, as Obasanjo himself intended, resonated with the youth.

But did these youth, the most famous victims of SARS brutality, university closures and endless promises of employment opportunities, need Obasanjo to tell them who they should vote for?

Obasanjo addressed his letter to a generation of Nigerians his generation has failed repeatedly; the generation that should not be struggling to take back Nigeria from anyone because we can't and shouldn't be in a perpetual struggle to take back Nigeria—first from prissy colonialists, and then from the post-independence leaders, the generation Franz Fanon branded as the 'national bourgeoisies', who supplanted the European colonists and made the country work for them, not for the people. This generation includes the likes of this Obasanjo who was keener on throwing billions in our commonwealth down the drain in pursuit of a failed third term in office, instead of investing in the education of the generation that he is now asking to go to the trenches for Nigeria. The same Obasanjo who has governed Nigeria for 11 out of its 62 years of independence and left a gaping hole where a nation should be.

I have written before in more detail how I witnessed Obasanjo speaking at an event in South Africa where he dispensed wisdom about how Africa can progress and how African leaders, not including himself, have failed. It was such a convincing performance, one that left many in the audience, many who did not know the kind of Nigeria Obasanjo left behind, applauding.

Needless to say, Obasanjo did not

stay to take questions, fleeing the stage immediately after he was done, leaving me to a horde of white South Africans turning to the other Nigerian in the gathering, to acknowledge how lucky we must have been to have him. I told them they should have had him take questions.

In any case, the Nigerian youth Obasanjo is so generously prescribing to have a complicated relationship with their abusers—a weird kind of bond redolent with the Stockholm Syndrome Vibe. Days ago, thousands gathered at a concert of the famous artistes Burna Boy, who kept them waiting for seven hours, and instead of offering an apology when he turned up, berated these Nigerians and concluded with, "if you like, no love me, na God go punish you." Minutes later, they were dancing to his song.

This is the same artiste that has not quite been cleared from an incident in June in which his police security detail allegedly shot and injured the husband of a woman the artiste aggressively tried to seduce at a club in Lagos.

The victims of the shooting spoke, the woman recounted her story in the press, and the police confirmed their officers attached to the artiste were being investigated over the incident. The artiste's reaction to the allegation was a short Twitter outburst in which he said Nigerians could blame him for starting Boko Haram and he won't be shocked. No accountability, no clarification, nothing. Just like Obasanjo. He could pontificate about everything and anything with sanctimonious abundance, and fail to account for his attempt to truncate democracy, leaving the country with the most fraudulent elections in its history and Nigerians will love him all the same.

To be fair to Obasanjo, in this letter, he is right on many counts. Nigeria is worse off than it was when he was sworn-in in 1999 and all the indices of good governance have plummeted in the last seven years. His criteria for candidates to be considered worthy or what he called TVCP: or "Track record of ability and performance; Vision that is authentic, honest and realistic; Character and attributes of a lady and a gentleman who are children of God and obedient to God; and Physical and mental capability with the soundness of mind" can only be expanded upon.

In the end, it is a welcome endorsement for Peter Obi's camp and rubbish drivel from an old man if one is inclined to the other camps.

But the youth he is counting on to retake Nigeria need to perform a fundamental task first. They first need to retake their minds from the Stockholm Syndrome void they have been confined to, and free themselves from the shackles of the ethnic, religious and extractive politics Obasanjo's generations have profited from and sustained. That is the priority. But the elections are at hand and must be had, and greater youth participation in the democratic process is a start. Nigerian youths must take back this country but they must also be deliberate about it. New year. Same *wahala*.

SPORT REPORT

World Cup winner Messi returns to club duty with PSG



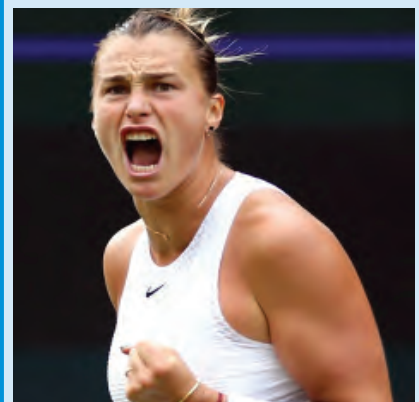
■ Lionel Messi

Seventeen days after guiding Argentina to an epic World Cup final victory over France, Lionel Messi reported back to work on Wednesday, his French club Paris Saint-Germain announced.

The 35-year-old seven-time Ballon d'Or winner reported back to the club's training ground as they prepare for Saturday's French Cup tie at third-tier side Chateauroux.

Messi scored twice as Argentina drew 3-3 with France in the Qatar final, before prevailing in the penalty shootout. Since then he has been celebrating in Argentina and spending time with his family.

Sabalenka survives scare to reach Adelaide quarters



■ Aryna Sabalenka

World No 5 Aryna Sabalenka was made to toil by Liudmila Samsonova before the Belarusian sealed a 7-6(8) 7-6(3) victory that secured her place in the quarterfinals of the Adelaide International 1 WTA 500 tournament on Wednesday.

Having received a bye into the second round, second seed Sabalenka started sluggishly to find herself in trouble trailing by five games to one but the 24-year-old roared back to save six set points and claim the opening set in the tie-break.

After the pair traded breaks other early in the next set, Sabalenka showed her mental toughness again in the tie-break to seal her first win of the season in two hours and 15 minutes.