



# Oshiomhole threatens to arrest Anenih

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

EDO State Governor Adams Oshiomhole has threatened to arrest the former chairman, Board of Trustees of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Tony Anenih if he continues to constitute security risk to the state. The governor made the threat in Fugar, Etsako in Edo State while flagging off a campaign in preparation for

the forthcoming Etsako Central House of Assembly re-run election.

The governor was reacting to the threat issued last Saturday by Chief Anenih that the PDP would return "fire for fire" during the re-run election if the Action Congress comes with armed thugs as they did in the Akoko-Edo re-run last year.

He reminded the people that as the chief security officer of

the state, he had the power to arrest and detain anyone who constitutes a threat to security in the state.

The governor, who was also at Fugar in Etsako Central where he flagged-off the campaign for the Action Congress House of Assembly candidate, Mr. Johnny Oghuma, told the large gathering of people that unless they hold their leaders accountable, the people would always be

deceived.

"The people of Etsako Central will have the opportunity to condemn Tony Anenih who as Minister of Works, truncated the construction of Ekperi-Anegette road contract which was attracted to the area by Admiral Mike Akhigbe (former Chief of General Staff) and to reward Oshiomhole for awarding the contract in less than a year in office", he noted. He said the state

government had also re-awarded the construction of St. John's College which was abandoned for the past 10 years to an Italian company as well as the payment of the hospital bills for women who give birth in the state.

He therefore enjoined the people to come out to cast their votes, stressing that they should not yield to any intimidation from the PDP because every vote would be defended.

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## Police deploy 15,000 for Anambra poll

ABOUT 15,000 policemen are to be deployed into Anambra State for the February 6 gubernatorial election, the state Commissioner of Police Mr Philemon Leha has said.

Leha said at a media forum in Akwa on Saturday that 7,000 of the men would be from the state command while the other 8,000 would be drafted from neighbouring states.

He announced that each of the polling units in the state would be watched by five police officers during the exercise. The police boss stated that security would be very tight during the election and warned politicians bent on perpetrating electoral malpractice to steer clear.

Leha gave the assurance that the police would give a level-playing field to all contestants.

He said that no policeman would be allowed to carry arms near the voting area as that would be against the electoral law.

"In serious democracies, the police have nothing to do with elections but because we are in a society where people have failed to imbibe the tenets of democracy, police men have to be deployed to maintain law and order during elections in Nigeria," Leha remarked.

He appealed to all well-meaning and responsible Nigerians to allow their children to join the force as a way of cleansing the police. (NAN)



KANO State Governor Ibrahim Shekarau with some serving and retired army personnel during the Armed Forces Remembrance Day celebration in Kano.

## Appeal Court hears Wamakko's case today

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THE Court of Appeal in Sokoto will today hear a case filed by the Democratic Peoples Party (DPP) candidate in the governorship re-run election in the state, Alhaji Maigari Dingyadi, against the decision of the Election Petition Tribunal over the qualification of Governor Aliyu Wamakko for contest in the repeated election.

A re-run election was held

in the state following the April 2008 Appeal Court, Kaduna nullification of the election of Wamakko as governor on grounds that he was not a duly nominated candidate of the PDP as at April 14, 2007 when the election was held.

But the fielding of Wamakko by the PDP as its governorship candidate in the re-run election of May 24, 2008 was again challenged in June 2008 by the DPP

and its candidate at the tribunal in Sokoto. The DPP candidate contended that since the Appeal Court nullified the election of Wamakko as governor on the ground that he was not a duly nominated candidate of the PDP as at April 14, 2007, he remained disqualified from participating in the re-run election. But the tribunal in February last year, dismissed the petition. Dissatisfied with the judgement, the

DPP candidate filed a case at the Appeal Court in Sokoto. Speaking with *Daily Trust* yesterday, Barrister Suleiman Usman, Counsel to DPP candidate said, "We are challenging the majority judgement at the lower court that they don't have jurisdiction". He added that once the issue of jurisdiction was resolved and the case resumed, "It is our prayer that the DPP candidate be returned as the duly elected governor of the state".

## Grounded Middle East aircraft released

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

THE passenger aircraft that was grounded by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) for hitting a parked Boeing 747 plane belonging to Kabo Air while landing at the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport in Kano last week has been released. NCAA allowed the plane to fly away

with all passengers on board last Thursday, *Daily Trust* learnt yesterday.

The incident took place last Tuesday night when the landing plane owned by Middle East Air (MEA) bruised the left wing and lower part of the Kabo aircraft. The plane was coming from Ghana on its way to Lebanon.

Sources at the Kano Airport

told *Daily Trust* that the plane was released following conclusion of investigations by NCAA and other relevant aviation experts. The sources also said both parties in dispute had agreed on the terms for repairing the damaged aircraft. Kabo Air had earlier insisted that owners of the MEA aircraft must take full responsibility of the damage and repair the

plane.

NCAA, according to the source, could not ground any international plane because of the Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA). He said the plane was temporarily detained only establish the extent of damage done to the parked aircraft.

The source said the MEA plane was liable to the damage

since the hit plane was parked at the airport with no right prescribed parking lots. The Middle East Air had agreed to repair the aircraft.

"You see, NCAA has no way whatsoever to ground national aircraft because of the Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA). So there was no way MEA plane could be grounded."

## Lawyer wants probe over use of soldiers in Bauchi crisis

By Misbahu Bashir

A lawyer, Sani Garun-Gabas, has written Defence Minister Godwin Abbe asking him to investigate the alleged illegal use of soldiers to quell the religious crisis in Bauchi on December 28, 2009.

In the letter, which was copied to the National Human Right Commission, Garun-Gabas said "It is my candid and sincere belief having regard to all the information at my disposal, that at the time of the crisis, the President who in law is the commander-in-chief of

the Nigerian Armed Forces was not on Nigerian soil as he had been away at Saudi Arabia Hospital for medical treatment.

"Be that as it may, if the claim of the relations of those killed during the crisis is anything to go by, it was the military men that 'allegedly' shot their relations and it was evident that the military were used."

According to the letter, the commandant of the military formation in Bauchi was directed to despatch his men by someone who had no authority to give such directives.



A Bolivian UN peacekeeper hands over a baby to his father during a distribution of water and meals to residents in Cite Soleil after an earthquake measuring 7 plus rocked Port au Prince, Haiti, last weekend.

# New malaria vaccine that treats mosquitoes to be developed

THE PATH Malaria Vaccine Initiative (MVI) has announced a collaboration with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Sabin Vaccine Institute to create a new malaria vaccine.

Called a transmission-blocking vaccine (TBV), it is aimed not at protecting individuals from the disease but at preventing mosquitoes that carry it from spreading it.

But while initiatives to provide insecticide-treated bed nets and other control measures have cut malaria rates in half in some countries, the disease is adapting, and insecticide-resistant and treatment-resistant strains are increasingly problematic while the worldwide recession is reducing the funding available to keep malaria-control initiatives going.

"I think it's very encouraging," says Dr. Lee Hall, chief of the Parasitology and International Programs branch of

the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). "It's a big endorsement by MVI for this general approach."

Traditional vaccines work by introducing a killed or weakened version of a disease into the body, where the immune system spots it and cranks out antibodies against it. Then, if a wild strain of the pathogen comes along later - one that has the power to sicken or kill - the body is ready for it. The new approach is different.

Developed by Rhoel Dinglasan, an entomologist and biologist at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, it would instead work within the mosquito gut.

Dinglasan has found an antigen, called AnAPN1, that causes humans to create antibodies that prevent transmission of malaria by mosquitoes. Get enough of these antibod-

ies into mosquitoes, and you lock the disease up there and prevent it from infecting us.

But there are concerns about its implementation. "You can hardly vaccinate the mosquitoes themselves. Instead, you put the AnAPN1 into their food source: us. A mosquito that bites an inoculated person would pick up the antibodies and then be sidelined from the malaria-transmission game.

The new vaccine is not the first TBV attempted. Previous versions used not AnAPN1 but parts of the malaria parasite to generate human immune responses. Unfortunately, two vaccine candidates using that approach unexpectedly caused some skin disorders when tested in humans in 2008, prompting a need for further research. And even without that side effect, using antigens from the malaria parasite would require multiple vaccines to fight the many different strains of malaria.

## Airport Police arrest 250 suspects in 2 months

THE Airport Police Command on Sunday said that it arrested no fewer than 250 suspects in the past two months at various airports in the country.

The Police Commissioner in-charge of the Command, Mr Danazumi Doma, told newsmen in Lagos that of the number, 40 had been convicted for various offences.

"The offences include touting and faking receipts and stamps of security agencies to clear goods," Doma said.

He said that a South-African based Nigerian, alleged to have been unruly aboard an aircraft was also arrested.

The police chief said that the passenger was charged for misconduct and sentenced to two weeks imprisonment, or an option of N5,000 fine which, he said, the passenger later paid.

Doma stated that security had been beefed up in and

around the airports, while the Command's Strike Force had been deployed to strategic locations to contain criminals.

On the case of the lady arrested while trying to fly out with an alleged stolen five months-old baby, the police boss said the suspect

had been handed over to the Interpol arm for further investigations.

The Commissioner said that the morale of most officers and men of the Command was now high, following the on-going re-organisation in the Command.

He said that officers who distinguished themselves and were ready to deliver would be rewarded, while indolent ones would be shown the way out.

Doma, however, appealed to agencies within the aviation industry to work closely with the command to make the nation's airports safer and secure. (NAN)

## Yar'adua: 'Visa delays Reps' trip to Jeddah'

By Nasidi A. Yahaya

THE House of Representatives yesterday said visa processing and other travelling logistics were delaying the proposed trip to Saudi Arabia by the MPs billed to visit President Umaru Yar'adua who is receiving treatment there.

The House, last week, resolved to constitute a 7-man delegation to visit the president in order to convey the MPs "goodwill message and discuss other issues of national importance with him."

Chairman of the committee on Media and Public Affairs Rep Esemey Eyiboh (PDP, Akwa Ibom State) told Daily Trust

on phone yesterday that visa processing and availability of flight have been responsible for the delay in their trip.

Rep Eyiboh said the list of the MPs that would partake in the trip would be announced during the week, pointing out that Nigerians have to exercise some patience on the issue.

He said: "Travelling to Saudi Arabia is not like going to Lokoja or Jos. We have to apply for visas and wait for the response of the country (in this case Saudi Arabia). Therefore visa processing and other travelling arrangement like flight availability is responsible for the delay of our trip. Nigerians should learn to be patient. This issue affects everybody and the House will do its best. So I think there's no need for any haste."

## Subsidy: 'FG wasting resources on independent marketers'

By Hamisu Muhammad

THE government is wasting resources by paying oil marketers equalisation and bridging claims since most marketers are not selling petrol at the official rate of N65 per litre in their filling stations, a senior the Petroleum Equalisation Fund (PEF) official said yesterday.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* on condition of anonymity, the PEF official lamented that most filling stations owned by the independent oil marketers were still selling petrol above the official pump price in many parts of the country contrary to the conditions for reimbursing their bridging and equalisation claims. "Government is virtually dashing out money to marketers for nothing. This is clearly what is happening right now at the PEF, and this is sad," he said.

Reacting to the allegations, the president of the Independ-

ent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) Alhaji Aminu Abdulkadir said selling of fuel above the official pump price is peculiar to IPMAN members. According to him, marketers cannot sell fuel at the official pump price because they purchase petrol from the private depots owners in Lagos at higher prices and pay transport fares between N300,000 to N500,000 per truck to ferry the fuel to other parts of the country.

The IPMAN president said there was no justification for the government's attempt to stop his members from selling fuel at different prices. "If government wants to address the problem, let them go to the sources where the depots owners are selling above the N58/ Litre."

When contacted, the Head, Government and Public relation, PEF, Goddy Nnadi told *Daily Trust* that that any marketer that sells above the official price would no longer have his claims settled.

# Anambra: INEC meets with stakeholders tomorrow

## ■ Denies seizure of electoral material

By Abbas Jimoh

THE Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) will hold another stakeholders meeting for the forthcoming Anambra governorship election tomorrow at the commission's headquarters with Prof. Maurice Iwu presiding.

While the 25 candidates, political parties and security agencies among others are expected at the

meeting and candidates are likely to be made to swear to a code of conduct that would ensure peaceful polls as suggested at the weekend by the Anambra Election Monitoring Board (AEMB).

The board led by the First Vice President of the Nigeria Bar Association, Barrister Ikeazor Akariwe had told journalists last week that a code of conduct paper must be signed by all the candidates in the presence of

INEC and the Inspector General of Police.

Meanwhile, INEC has debunked allegation that some electoral materials meant for the February 6, governorship election in Anambra State, have been hijacked.

Acting Director of Publicity of the commission Emmanuel Umenger said yesterday in Abuja that what happened was that a truck belonging to INEC which

was conveying collapsible polling cubicles from its headquarters to Port-Harcourt zonal store collided with a pay-loader at Okija in Anambra State.

The commission's explanation followed report that the electoral materials were seized in the bid to rig the governorship election in Anambra State.

"The truck, like the others deployed across the country, was

on routine delivery of non-sensitive electoral materials to its port-Harcourt store. To avoid logistics nightmares usually associated with delivery of electoral materials during elections, the commission created zonal stores in the six geopolitical zones of the country and is at the moment, ferrying non-sensitive electoral materials to each of these stores ahead of 2011 general elections," he said.

PIX: AFOLABI SOTUNDE

## Alkali denies cracks in PDP over Yar'adua

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday dismissed media reports of a sharp division within the leadership of the party over the absence of ailing President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

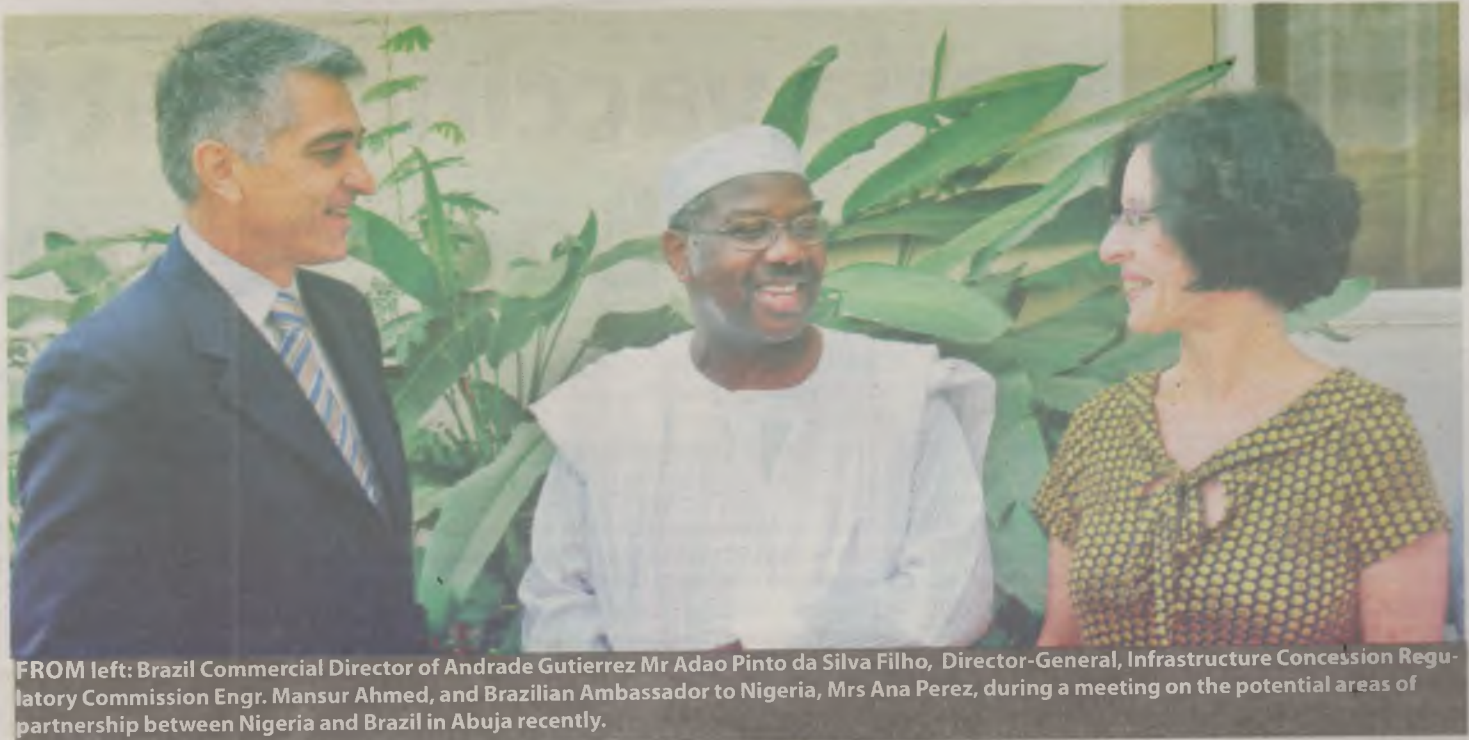
Yar'adua has been away for more than 50 days now, a situation that has fuelled speculations of frantic moves to search for a new Vice President by at least 6 power blocs within the PDP.

A report even suggested that former President Olusegun Obasanjo left Thursday's Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting which he presided over in a sad mood because attempt to rally support for the emergence of Vice President Goodluck Jonathan as 'Acting President' hit a brick wall.

But PDP National Publicity Secretary, Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali, denied the reports accusing desperate opposition politicians of trying to use the media to sow a seed of discord within their ranks.

Alkali said: "We view stories purporting a division within the party on the basis of any succession arguments as unnecessary distractions and also as attempts to break the cohesion that currently prevails in the party."

Alkali said the party would remain united and focused in praying for the quick recovery of the President.



FROM left: Brazil Commercial Director of Andrade Gutierrez Mr Adao Pinto da Silva Filho, Director-General, Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission Engr. Mansur Ahmed, and Brazilian Ambassador to Nigeria, Mrs Ana Perez, during a meeting on the potential areas of partnership between Nigeria and Brazil in Abuja recently.

## Haiti: AC condemns Nigeria's 'tepid' response

by Muideen Olaniyi

THE Action Congress (AC) yesterday condemned what it referred to as 'Nigeria's tepid' response to the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti, leaving deaths and destruction in its wake.

In a statement issued by its National Publicity Secretary Alhaji Lai Mohammed, the party expressed shock and sadness at the fate that has befallen the people of the historic nation of Haiti, and described the

aftermath of the quake 'a devastation of apocalyptic proportion.'

"Nigeria is the most populous black nation on earth, and it has been said that every one in four or five black persons is a Nigerian. We expect, therefore, that whatever touches every black man or woman anywhere in this world should be of great concern to Nigeria.

"Unfortunately, Nigeria's federal government has characteristically shirked its responsibility in this regard, issuing only a weak statement

that shows its detached response," the party said.

It said unlike Nigeria, the small nation of Senegal has stolen the show in Africa by offering voluntary repatriation - to Senegal - to any Haitian willing to return to his or her African origin, in addition to free land on which to settle.

AC said the hollowness of Nigeria's response has been further highlighted by the massive mobilisation of aid and funds by the global community, especially the United States,

where President Barack Obama has been joined by two former Presidents (Bill Clinton and George W. Bush) to spearhead fund raising for Haiti, a black nation.

"It is also noteworthy that US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has already visited Haiti, pushing aside all former commitments," the party said.

AC called on Nigerians themselves to take the lead in showing support to their brothers and sisters in Haiti through donation of funds and relief materials.

## 'Rising cost of food, energy bothers Nigerians'

By Boco Edet

A global poll has revealed that Nigerians treat the rising cost of food and energy more seriously than poverty, climate change or terrorism.

The poll conducted by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) World Service focuses on what the world is worried about. In this year's poll more than 25,000 people were interviewed from several countries including Nigeria.

Other countries sharing the same opinion with Nigeria are Russia, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

Again, Nigeria including countries like Chile, China, and Kenya rated the spread of human diseases in the class of top three global problems. Countries polled which rated poverty as the most serious global issue include the UK, USA, Kenya, Australia, Brazil and Chile.

Although 71% of the respondents listed poverty as the world's most serious problem, when asked which they had discussed recently, the greatest number-30% said they had talked about rising food and energy costs with their friends and family recently, with extreme pov-

erty and the spread of human diseases the second most discussed issues (29%) and the state of the global economy third (28%).

According to the poll the percentages of vote on global problems in descending order include 71% extreme poverty, 64% the environment or pollution, 63% the rising cost of food and energy, 59% the spread of human diseases, 59% terrorism, 58% climate change, 59% human rights abuses, 58% the state of the global economy, 57% war or armed conflict and 48% violation of workers' rights.

GlobeScan Research Director Sam Mountford said, "Even if the global recession has kept economic problems top of people's minds this year, extreme poverty is clearly viewed as the world's most serious global problem. But with many other global problems seen as very serious, this represents a daunting agenda for institutions like the UN and G20 to address.

"Over time, this poll will show us how public concern on global issues is shifting - and which issues are being discussed most often at dinner tables and workplaces around the world."

## Ex-Niger State gov, Musa Inuwa, dies at 60

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

FORMER Governor of Niger State Dr Musa Inuwa died yesterday after a protracted ailment at the age of 60. He died at the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, Shika.

According to a source close to the family, the former governor died around 6pm yesterday evening after battling with an undisclosed ailment for a long period of time.

He was the Niger State governor under the platform of the defunct Nigerian Republican Convention (NRC) between 1991 and 1993 before retiring into active medical service as a surgeon.

His remains are expected today for burial in Kontagora, Niger State. He is survived by a wife and children.

## EFCC seizes 102 properties from Ibru

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erties mostly plazas and executive guest houses.

The larger share of her assets is in Lagos where she owns 38 houses and 3 lands. EFCC listed the properties to include 1 in Ikeja, 16 in Ikoyi, 5 in Victoria Island, 5 in Lekki Peninsula, 3 in Lagos Island, 8 in Lagos Mainland while the three lands are located in Lekki Peninsula.

Her shares in Nigerian companies listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange which were also confiscated include Access Bank, Africa Petroleum, First Bank, Dangote Flour Plc, Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc, Fidelity Bank, First City Monument Bank, Glaxo Smithkline Plc, Japaul Oil Plc, Nestle Nig. Plc, Oando and Transcorp.

Other shares in unlisted Nigerian companies also seized include MTN, Aero Contractors, Africa Lloyd, Cloudy Heights Limited and 19 others.

EFCC has also seized her cars and personal assets at her home on 20 Oyinkan Abayomi Street, Victoria Island.

Last week the commission embarked on an operation to seize assets owned by Ibru's former counterpart Erastus Akingbola of Intercontinental Bank. He forfeited 12 of his homes in Nigeria following an order issued by a Federal High Court in Lagos.

EFCC is prosecuting Mrs. Ibru for alleged abuse of office and mismanagement of depositors' funds while she was chief executive of Oceanic Bank, allegations she denied.

She was earlier sacked by the Central Bank of Nigeria for approving bad loans running into several billions of naira, flouting due process in some instances. But she fought back, suing the CBN and claiming damages in billions of naira.

A Federal High Court in Lagos where she is undergoing trial recently granted her leave to seek medical treatment in the U.S.



FROM left: Fellow of the Ghanaian Institute of Engineers, Mr. Togbi Kporku III, President, Nigerian Institute of Engineers, Chief Olumuyiwa Ajibola and Senate President David Mark, at the investiture of Ajibola in Abuja on Saturday.

## Iwu: Nigeria's democratic structures better than UK's

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

INEC Chairman Prof. Maurice Iwu has sparked controversy in London last week when he claimed that Nigeria's democratic structures were better than those of the United Kingdom.

Speaking at an interactive session with a cross-section of Nigerians in the UK, Prof. Iwu Nigeria argued that Nigeria had one of the best democratic structures in world, but lamented that the absence of democratic culture in the country makes all the difference.

He explained that despite its

long history of democracy, the UK has no national voters register, no central electoral organization, and does not conduct national elections.

Nigeria has solid democratic structures, the UK has simple ones, he said, adding: "the difference is that Nigerians do not have democratic culture, but the British do".

"The Nigerian mindset does not accept democracy", he said, adding that the average Nigerian has an "inbuilt mechanism for mistrust". Prof. Iwu attributed Nigeria's dismal democratic culture and the seemingly fraudulent

electoral process to "inordinate ambitions and greed for money" by the political class.

The chairman, who said Nigeria's long history of military intervention in politics was partly to blame for its dismal democratic culture, contended that for democracy to take firm roots, Nigeria must demilitarize its politics and avoid military mentality. Prof. Iwu said the commission would do its best to conduct free and fair elections in 2011 but lamented that thuggery and media hype were a big burden on the commission to achieve that target.

He said the commission was

doing its best to ensure that Nigerians in Diaspora in certain countries were given the right to vote in presidential and governorship election in Nigeria.

In his remarks, Nigeria's high commissioner to the UK Dr Dalhatu Sarki Tafida said no responsible government would ignore the large number of Nigerians in the UK, whose population is put at about three million.

He described Prof. Iwu as one of the "grossly misunderstood Nigerians", and praised him for his "uncommon courage and zeal to promote peace and stability in Nigeria".

## Many killed in Jos violence

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hospital and at the central mosque, and the agency said there were reports of as many as 20 dead and several houses destroyed.

Resident and local journalist Musa Habibu told AFP news agency: "I was at the Jos University hospital, where I saw nine dead bodies and six people injured with machete cuts on admission."

But state police commissioner Gregory Anyanting, who briefed a news conference in his office alongside officials of the state government at around 4:30 pm, said the crisis was caused by some Muslim youths who without provocation attacked worshippers at the St. Michael Catholic Church in the Nasarawa Gwong area. He said investigations were still on to establish the causes of the violence.

The commissioner said so far the police had arrested 35 persons, five of them in military uniforms, carrying assorted weapons. "I can-

not give casualty figures now until my men complete their full investigation," he said.

Our correspondents, who visited areas affected, saw cloud of smoke from burning houses that were set ablaze by rampaging youths.

There were sounds of gunshots through the afternoon, but by nightfall the guns went silent.

Some of the people interviewed by our correspondents said the crisis started at Dutse Uku when some youths tried to stop one Alhaji (names yet to be confirmed) from rebuilding his house that was burnt during the November 2008 crisis.

The Alhaji was allegedly beaten by the youths. This drew the attention of some rival youths who came over, leading to a fight between Christian and Muslim youths, witnesses said.

Another young man said they were playing football at the St. Michael Church pitch when they noticed a stampede. "We

were playing football when we noticed some people were running towards us, so we asked them what was happening and they told us that some youths were protesting against one Alhaji who was trying to redevelop his house around Dutse Uku," he said.

At the Murna hospital, our reporter saw some casualties receiving treatment, among them seven-year-old Ibrahim Abdulaziz who was wounded in the eye. "I was going home when I saw people running. I was confused and started running too but from nowhere a stoned hit me in my left eye," he said.

A number of corpses were also seen on the ground in the hospital.

State commissioner of information Gregory Yenlong said the 6pm to 6am curfew was to prevent the crisis from escalating and also to prevent hoodlums from taking advantage of it. "Government is assuring the citizens that the situation is being brought under con-

trol, and citizens should go about their normal business but anyone trying to foment trouble will be dealt with," he said.

Meanwhile, the University of Jos has suspended the ongoing examinations and asked all students to remain in their hostels.

In Abuja, Inspector General of Police Ogbonna Onovo ordered deployment of more policemen to Jos to prevent the escalation of the crises.

Deputy Force Public Relations Officer CSP Yemi Ajayi said the policemen in Jos swiftly moved to Jos North, where the crisis erupted, and that additional policemen were sent to Jos on the orders of Onovo. He said more working materials for the policemen were despatched and the situation was under control.

Yesterday's violence came just over a year after similar fighting between Muslims and Christians left hundreds dead in Jos in two-days of clashes triggered by a disputed local government election.

# E-government will create more jobs, initiator says

INITIATOR of the E-Government project in Nigeria Dr Olu Agunloye said contrary to fears expressed in some quarters, e-government programme would generate more jobs and bring efficiency into the system.

Speaking yesterday in Abuja, Agunloye said the programme, when implemented as designed, would be of immense benefits to both the government and the people.

"The problem is not with the programme. You just said that people complained about implementation. The programme is okay. The way at which the programme is implemented is okay.

"Generally, there is what we call change management. Human beings usually don't want to abandon the way they have been doing things, even when they know it is not given the best.

"When especially, it appears

to be a loss of control of artificial power which they seem to wield and fraudulent benefits, they resist change and vehemently too.

Agunloye, a former Minister under Olusegun Obasanjo's regime said "the electronic payment is a very good programme.

"Government for instance since Oct 2006 organised seminars to show civil servants on what it is all about. So they have

enough time to get prepared for this."

He urged stakeholders to be involved in the e-government programme, right from the Presidency to the lawmakers, the civil servants as well as the entire citizens, to ensure its desired success.

"It is really an elaborate thing where everybody is involved and participated in the technology for five years and it has taken shape.

"We submitted a programme to the House of Representatives one half years ago, in which they endorsed the e-parliament and had led to the formation of a committee, headed by the Deputy speaker, to work out the implementation."

He said the nation stands to gain from the use of e-government programme stressing that the savings are in several sectors. (NAN)

## Haiti: FG urged to send relief material

By Abbas Jimoh

THE Federal Government has been advised to immediately send personnel and relief materials to Haiti ravaged by earthquake last week Tuesday.

National chairman of the Citizens Popular Party (CPP), Maxi Okwu, said yesterday in Abuja that the earthquake, deaths and destruction in Haiti is a reminder of what humanity share as members of a global village.

"We are deeply shocked and grief-stricken over the massive earthquake that hit Haiti on Tuesday, leaving thousands of people dead, wounded, trapped in the rubble or missing. Our condolences go to the Haitian President Rene Preval, thousands of Haitian people and foreigners who lost their loved ones in the earthquake said to be the worst to hit the Island in 200 years.

"The people of Haiti count on the humanitarian assistance of the International Community in search-and rescue, and relief materials to victims of this natural disaster. We urge the Federal Government to expedite action in sending relief materials and personnel to Haiti to assist the people in their hour of need. We also urge state governments, corporate bodies and individuals to donate generously to the global Haitian relief package.

"We will continue to pay for all those affected by this devastating earthquake. May God Almighty grant repose to the souls of the dead, quick recovery to the wounded, timely rescue to those trapped in the rubble and strength to the people to re-build their beloved country," Okwu said.

## ...as UN appeals for \$562m to help

By Tina A. Hassan

THE United Nations has launched a \$562 million appeal fund to help three million people affected by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince.

This is coming as the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon arrived in the disaster ravage country yesterday to boost morale of aid workers now working to bring succor to those affected.

According to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), agriculture would seriously be affected if local food production is not sustained to support the rise in food demand that is bound to follow the earthquake.

FAO is also appealing to donors to raise \$23 million, as part of the amount appealed by UN saying that the country had depended on agriculture for the past 20 years with more than 80% of the population dependent on farming but the farmers lack the necessary expertise and equipment.

About half the population of Haiti is malnourished but about two million of the people are now in need of food after the quake based on estimates raised by the World Food Program.



PIC: NAN

FROM left: Deputy Governor of Plateau State Mrs. Pauline Tallen, Governor Babangida Aliyu of Niger State and former Economic Adviser to the President Chief Philip Asiodu, at the first Gamji Memorial Lecture for late Alhaji Shehu Musa, former Secretary to the Government of the Federation, in Minna, Niger State recently.

## NEMA plans disaster management framework

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has called for the support of stakeholders in finding a lasting solution to disaster occurrence in the country.

NEMA's The Director General Muhammad Audu-Bada said there is need for effective collaborative synergy among stakeholders to ensure disaster risk reduction across the country.

He spoke at a conference

held in Jos for coming up with a final draft of National Disaster Management framework expected to be before the Executive Council for its consideration. The conference is the first by the agency in 2010.

"The draft framework is to be presented to the Executive Council later in the year for its consideration and passage into law. This is with a view to evolving a workable legal document for the country and its people," he said.

He said NEMA is already

undertaking a process that will go round the entire country to ensure that all stakeholders in disaster management have the opportunity to make input into the draft document so that it is reflective of the interest of the entire section of the citizenry.

Audu-Bada said the move underscores the desire of the agency to strengthen the capabilities of the Federal, State, Local Government institutions, and communities to mitigate disasters in

the country, be it natural or man-made.

He said disaster management is an all embracing affair that connects all with a wide multi-disciplinary, multi-stake holding, multi-resource, and a multi-jurisdictional imperative issue bringing together the federal, states, local governments, NGO's, Private sector, and the communities with a respective roles and responsibilities to play in the matter of disasters and emergencies.

## NGO wants environmental education in school curriculum

By Lami sadiq

GLOBAL Network on Environmental Awareness and Protection Initiative has advocated for the introduction of environmental education into school curriculum.

The chairperson of the NGO Mrs Tina Thompson,

who made the call at a press conference, said this is necessary in order to teach environmental preservation.

She explained that the organization will also target informal environmental education through mass awareness of environmental preservation and conservation in the grass roots.

According to her, awareness and training play a significant role in encouraging and enhancing people participation in activities aimed at conservation, protection and management of environment, adding that if it is introduced in school it will help to reduce pollution as children will be fully

aware of its effects.

Mrs Thompson added that the organization plans to have coordinators in 36 states of the federation who will work closely with cultural based organizations and community leaders in the grass roots to create awareness of the impact of environmental pollution.

# One dies as police, robbers clash

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

POLICE in Abeokuta killed a suspected armed robber and injured two others as they clashed with rob-

bers during an operation at the weekend. The incident occurred along the popular NEPA Road, Isabo where the robbers attacked a cold room. Our correspondent

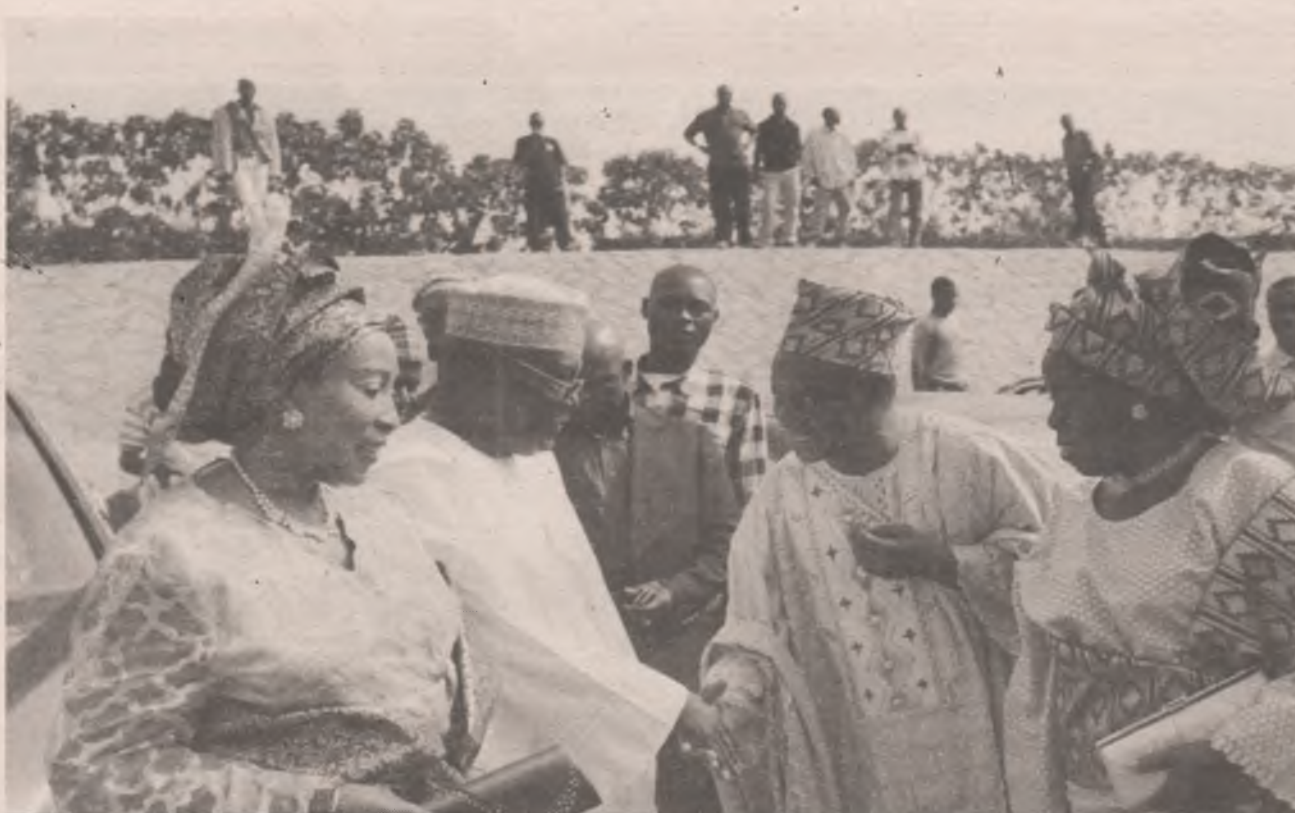
gathered that the same cold room had suffered similar attacks in the past. The robbers who were about five arrived the premises at about 9.00am and began operation but a swift

response from the anti-robbery squad led to a gun battle. The state Police Public Relations Officer Muiywa Adejobi confirmed that one of the robbers was killed and two others

were injured. Meanwhile, security has been beefed up in Abeokuta with special anti robbery teams mounting strategic locations in the town. In another devel-

opment, the state Police Commissioner Hashimu Argungu has been redeployed and a new police commissioner is expected to resume duty in the state Thursday.

Argungun who replaced Dapo Ayeni in March 2009, will be proceeding on a course at the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) in Kuru, Plateau State.



FORMER Vice President Atiku Abubakar (second left) congratulating the father of the bride, Dr Dele Sobowale, while Mrs Titi Abubakar (left) and Mrs Sobowale (right) watch after the wedding reception of the wedding between Yinka Sobowale and Moses Abiola at the City Garden, Wuse II, Abuja... over the weekend

## Fulanis want conflict resolution c'ttee

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE Fulani community in Nasarawa State is calling on the Sultan of Sokoto Saad Abubakar and Governor Gabriel Suswam of Benue State to extend the conflict resolution committee they set up two years ago to Nasarawa State to look into the farmers/cattle rearers crises.

Leader of the Fulani community in the state, Senator Walid Jibrin, told our correspondent at the weekend that he was discussing with elders in Nasarawa and the state government on the need for the Sultan/Suswam led committee to be extended to the state. He said the call became necessary because of the need for

peace to reign between farmers and Fulanis who are always fighting. He said the committee had been efficient in managing misunderstandings between farmers and Fulanis' in Benue State, saying, "We have not heard of any problem between farmers and cattle rearers in Benue State since that committee was set up two years ago. That is why I am calling for the committee. It will help in ensuring peace and harmony among our people". Walid Jibrin last week warned his people against flouting government's directives on peace and security, and thanked Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma for initiating reconciliation moves between the warring communities.

## Gaidam did not build castle - Spokesman

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

YOBE State Governor Ibrahim Gaidam did not build a castle to replace his 20 year old house in Damaturu. He only built "a one-storey structure" and rehabilitated his house, his Director of Press Affairs Abdullahi Bego said in a statement at

the weekend. The spokesman who was reacting to a media report titled, "Gaidam's new castle causes uproar in Damaturu", added that the governor did not acquire and demolish neighbours' houses as stated in the report. "If Gaidam had wanted to build a country home, he

would have gone to his hometown, Bukarti in Yunusari Local Government Area to build one", he said. "It is true that the governor renovated his house which is 20 years old and except for the one-storey structure added to the existing land, no new building was erected. "The governor, con-

trary to the lies being peddled, has no plans to buy the 'Blue House' owned by his neighbour, a police AIG", he said. The spokesman said being a governor did not prevent one from changing the face of his house. He added that the governor should be commended for renovating the house he

lived-in for 20 years instead of moving to a highbrow area. "In addition, it is no secret that many people go out of the country or some other remote locations to build houses. Governor Gaidam decided to remain where he has stayed for 20 years. In other places, this would be seen as a good thing", he added.

## Police arrest Kaduna printer over Aliero's poster

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

POLICEMEN from the Federal Capital Territory at the weekend arrested the proprietor of the Sebal Printing Press Kaduna, Mr. Sefiu Balogun.

The reason for arrest was not given, but our correspondent gathered that it may not be unconnected with certain posters of the Minister. It was learnt that posters of Senator Aliero for president are being displayed at strategic locations in the FCT and some parts of the country, though the minister through

his aides dissociated himself from the posters. Witnesses told our correspondent that the policemen arrived the Lagos street office of Sebal Printing Press around 10: am Saturday with two vehicles, all with Abuja registration numbers. The Secretary of the Sebal Printing press Miss Hannatu Aliyu said no reason was given for the arrest of her boss. "Two persons first came in and pretended that they wanted to give us a printing job. They said they wanted to print posters. Minutes later, they came

back with policemen and asked for our boss. They said they were from Abuja and were here to arrest him," she said. After ransacking the printing press, she said, they arrested her boss and took him to Sabon Gari Police Station. She said the policemen who came with aides of Senator Aliero including his Chief of Staff did not present any arrest warrant. "When they ransacked our office, nothing incriminating was found. They only saw Senator Bodinga's poster plate which

they took to the station. Since his arrest Saturday, they have not allowed us to see him," she added. She said when their lawyer, Barrister Ishaq Oyebanji, went to the police station to see Mr Balogun, the police also denied him access. When our correspondent visited the police station around 8:30 pm Saturday, the workers were seen in groups discussing the arrest. A senior police officer at the station confirmed the arrest and said the order was from "above". He said the Abuja police-

men only brought the printer to the station for safety. The minister's Senior Special Assistant Alhaji Abdullahi Zuru last week at a news conference in Kaduna said some politicians, land racketeers and civil servants in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were not comfortable with the achievements of Senator Adamu Aliero as minister and had mounted a campaign against him. According to Zuru, the aim of the campaigners was to tarnish Aliero's image, distract him and pitch him against the leadership.

### PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN ABUJA / LAGOS

1. A 4-BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED DUPLEX WITH A BAY AT ASSIHO (IJLLA) = N125 MILLION
2. A BLOCK OF 4 UNITS OF 3-BEDROOM FLATS AT ENIGBO, LAGOS = N120 MILLION
3. A PLOT OF LAND AT DAPE DISTRICT (JIFE CAMP EXTENSION) BEHIND TREM MEASURING 1,200M<sup>2</sup> WITH C OF O = N15 MILLION
4. A PLOT OF LAND AT DANGONU, LAGOS MEASURING 1,300M<sup>2</sup> WITH C OF O = N20 MILLION
5. A PLOT OF LAND AT ANOMARA (PUTU BEI II) (NEAR GARDENS) LAGOS STATE MEASURING 676,337M<sup>2</sup> = N15 MILLION
6. 2-BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW AT KARI = N10 MILLION
7. A 3-BEDROOM FLAT AT URCHE CLOSE AREA 2 WITH C OF O = N16 MILLION
8. SPECIALIZED SHOP (UP & DOWN) AT GUDU MARKET BEHIND APO CRTS = N7 MILLION
9. A WAREHOUSE RELOCATION LAND SPACE AT LUGBE MEASURING 48M<sup>2</sup> EACH (UP AND DOWN) = N2 MILLION

### PROPERTIES TO LET IN ABUJA

1. TWO (2) UNITS OF 3-BEDROOM FLAT AT WUSE ZONE 4 = N2.5 MILLION PER ANNUM X 2YRS (WELL FINISHED WITH PCP, etc.)
2. 2ND SHOP AT GARI II ULTRA MODERN MARKET = N600,000 PER ANNUM X 2YRS
3. AN OFFICE SPACE (PENT HOUSE) AT AMAC PLAZA OPPOSITE HERITAGE HOUSE WUSE ZONE 3 = N900,000 PER ANNUM X 2YRS

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# Aliero left N50bn debt in Kebbi - Lawmaker

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

THE immediate past administration in Kebbi State led by the present FCT Minister Alhaji Adamu Aliero incurred a debt of over N50 billion on contracts awarded while in office. Of this

amount, N20 billion has been paid by the state government.

The chairman, committee on Public Finance in the state House of Assembly Ahmed Danjuma Kadanho disclosed this when he led a delegation of politicians from Sakaba Local Government area of

the state on a courtesy visit to Governor Saidu Usman Dakingari at the Government House in Birnin Kebbi at the weekend.

He expressed regret that the immediate past administration wasted enormous resources for the eight years it ran the state. Dan-

juma noted that as a two-term member of the state House of Assembly and now a member of the House for the third term, he was privileged to know the workings of the past and present administrations in the state.

In a reaction, the Special Assis-

ant (Media) to the Minister Abdullahi Idris Zuru said the statement by the committee chairman was not the resolution of the state House of Assembly but his own opinion being an agent of the executive who had turned his committee into a hunting dog against Aliero.

## I've never left PDP - Boni

From Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar, Yola

FORMER Adamawa State Governor Boni Haruna has said that he had never left the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) for another party.

This is the latest indication that the former governor, who had campaigned for the opposition Action Congress (AC) in the last elections in the state, was returning to his former party. Answering questions from journalists after a media award ceremony initiated by his former spokesman but chaired by Adamawa State chairman of the PDP Umaru Kugama, Boni claimed that he had never left the ruling party.

Asked whether his attendance of the ceremony was preparatory to returning to the PDP, Boni said, "Have I ever left PDP? Do you have any evidence that I have ever left the party?" He however declined to give further details on his membership in the party or his future ambition in it.

Earlier, during the award ceremony, the PDP chairman had said that Boni was free to return to the party, if he wished to do so. Boni's spokesman Abdurrazak Namdas had last month said that the former governor had never left PDP, insisting that he had re-registered in 2005 after he was de-registered from the party.

Boni and former Vice President Atiku Abubakar as well as their supporters were de-registered from the PDP by loyalists of former President Olusegun Obasanjo when they opposed Obasanjo's plot to elongate his tenure.

## Asaba women leader for burial January 12

THE remains of a women leader in Delta State, Mrs Nwashi C. Awodu, will be laid to rest on Friday February 12 at the family compound at Umuagu quarters, Asaba, Delta State.

A statement from Chief Emmanuel I. Awodu, a retired Deputy Administrator in the office of Head of Service said Mrs. Awodu who recently died after a brief illness would be buried after a funeral service at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Umuaji quarters, Asaba.



FROM left: John Aba (21), Emmanuel James (21) and Mohammed Shuaibu (21), suspected Nigerian undergraduates arrested over alleged armed robbery at Ojoo, Ibadan, and paraded by Oyo State Police Command at the weekend.

## IFAD to empower 36 Sokoto villages

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THIRTY-SIX villages in Sokoto State are to benefit from the Gender Empowerment Programme of the International Food and Agricultural Development Programme (IFAD) in the state.

Project Coordinator of IFAD in the state Alhaji Aminu Aliyu

Dogon-Daji who disclosed this in Sokoto yesterday said over N6.4million had been earmarked for the programme.

He assured that through various community-based agricultural and rural development projects, the agency would continue to contribute its quota towards improving the living

standard of the people.

The IFAD Coordinator said projects implemented in rural areas were based on the needs of the people.

Dogon-Daji said last year, IFAD assisted some local government areas in the provision of agricultural inputs, healthcare, and gender empowerment.

He said the agency also constructed drainage channels, provided boreholes, and provided over 20,000 seedlings to various local government areas across the state as part of efforts to check desertification. He stressed the need for communities to plant trees towards addressing desertification.

## 100,000 get free medical care in Gombe

From: Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

GOMBE State Commissioner for Health Dr. Isa Umar said over the weekend in Gombe that about 100,000 women and children are benefiting from the Federal Government's free health care service in the state.

The commissioner made the statement while exchanging views with newsmen, saying about 10,000 selected pregnant women and children under the age of five from Akko, Shongom and Nafada had been benefiting from the scheme under the auspices of the National Health Insurance Scheme and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

He added that on the part of the state

government, the programme that caters for pregnant women and under five children was introduced by the state since 2004, explaining that the category of people were accessing free medication in all the state government facilities.

Dr. Umar opined that the introduction of the free medical scheme had assisted in increasing the number of child delivery by about 80 percent, ante-natal care by about 50 percent attendance while maternal mortality was reduced by about 10 percent. The Chief Medical Director of Gombe Specialist Hospital Dr James Mahdi said following the introduction of the scheme in the state's health facilities, ante-natal attendance had increased from about 200 to 400 in his hospital.

## Tarka's biography for launch January 30

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

FORMER President Shehu Shagari is expected to chair the launch of the biography of late Chief Joseph S. Tarka, the chairman of the launch committee retired AIG Lawal Bala has said.

Bala in statement said the launch would take place on January 30 at the Kaduna Trade Fair Complex. He said the chairman of the Northern Union Dr. Abubakar Olusola Saraki would serve as the special guest of honour.

Bala said the 421-page book titled, J.S. Tarka: The Life of a Charismatic Leader, is authored by Comrade Richard Tersoo Mnenga and would be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor of the Taraba State University, Jalingo Professor Ahmadu Usman Jalingo.

# Union wants Namadi to stop speaking for UNTL

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

THE National Union of Textile Garment and Tailoring Workers of Nigeria (NUTGTWN) at the weekend urged Kaduna State Governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo to stop speaking for the United Nigeria Textile Limited (UNTL).

Governor Sambo had while addressing officials of the Minis-

try of Finance led by the Minister of Finance Dr Mansur Mukhtar last week said plans had been completed for the UNTL to be re-opened.

"UNTL is going to commence operation this season. The factory has accessed part of the N100 billion from the BOI. Employment will be created for people again," he said.

Reacting to the governor's

comments at the weekend, the Senior Deputy General Secretary of the union Alhaji Umaru Mohammed said the governor should comment on the defunct Kaduna Textile Limited (KTL) and not the UNTL. "He has no share in UNTL, but he has in KTL, as governor of Kaduna State. KTL is owned by the 19 northern states so he can comment on it," he said.

The union urged the gover-

nor to mobilise his colleagues in the Northern Governors Forum (NGF) to comply with the Industrial Arbitration Panel (IAP) which compelled them to pay the entitlements of KTL workers instead of talking on the UNTL.

"About 1050 workers of the KTL have died due to non-payment of their entitlements. Urgent settlement of their entitlements will go a long way in reducing

their burden and alleviating their sufferings. As a responsive union, we have repeatedly drawn the attention of the Northern Governors Forum to the plight of KTL workers since the closure of the company in 2002 without settlement of their gratuities and other entitlements.

We have made submissions to the governors calling for injection of capital to resuscitate KTL, all to no avail," he said.

## Attitudinal change will ensure Vision 2020 actualisation - Asiodu

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

FOR Nigeria to actualize the Vision 2020, there is need for Nigerian leaders to change their attitudes, Chief Philip Asiodu, a former presidential aspirant and permanent secretary in the second republic has said. Asiodu who spoke at the memorial lecture in honour of late Shehu Musa, the Makaman Nupe at the weekend in Minna said if leaders in the country changed their attitudes, Nigeria would become a better place to live in.

Asiodu said the civil service must also be reformed for the Vision 2020 to be achieved.

## EX-envoy donates transformer to Borno community

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

FORMER Ambassador to Sao Tome and Principe Alhaji Saidu Pindar has donated a transformer worth N300 million to residents of Galdimare ward in Biu Local Government Area of Borno State.

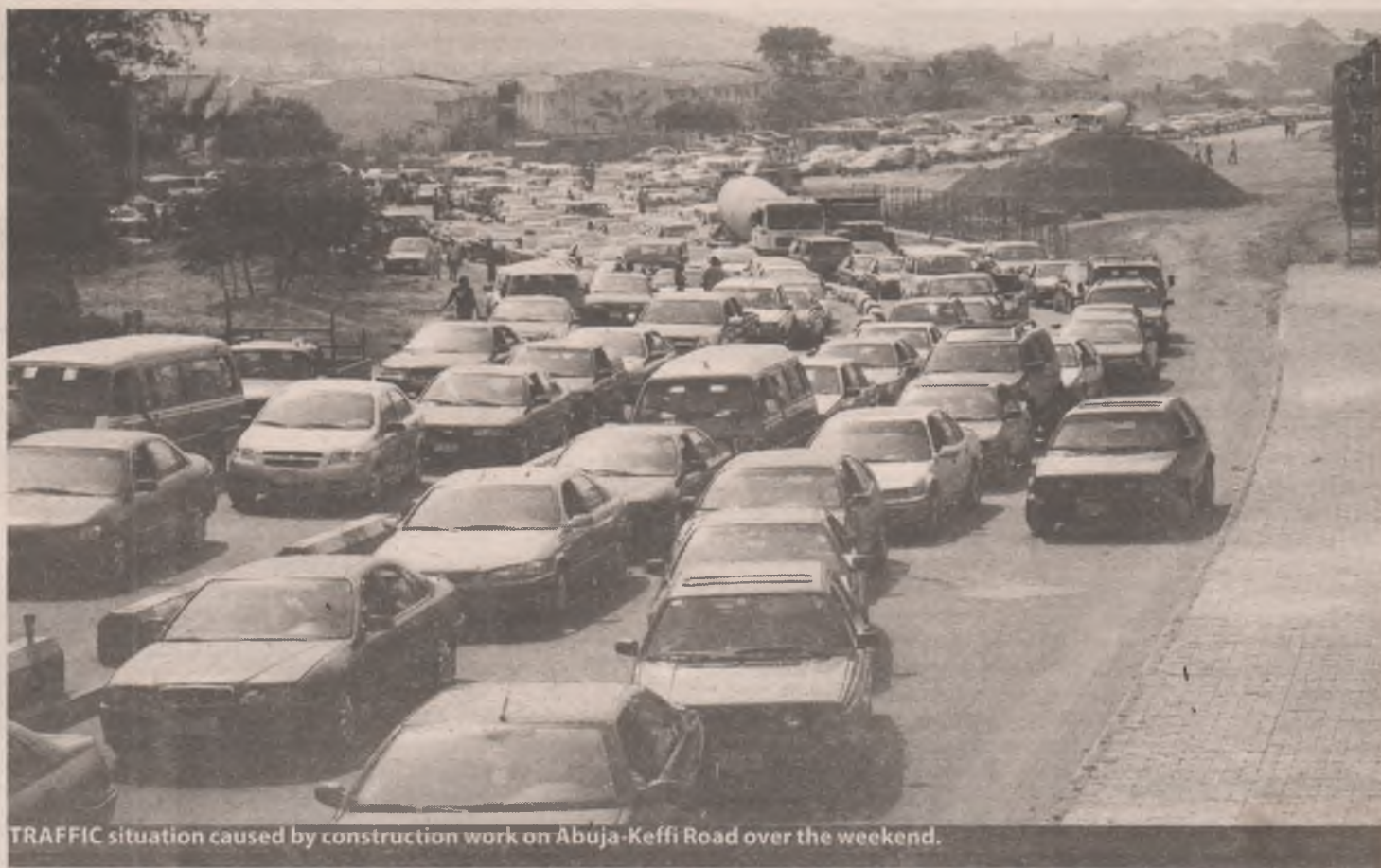
The 500 KVA- 33 KV/415V transformer is to replace that of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria which got burnt about two months ago.

The Chairman of the Biu PDP Elders Committee Alhaji Umar Hema presented the transformer to the Manager of PHCN in the area Engineer Ibrahim Suleiman on behalf of the donor.

Hema urged residents to take care of the transformer.

Receiving the transformer, the PHCN manager said the gesture was commendable.

The district head of Biu-east who spoke on behalf of the residents thanked Ambassador Pindar for the gesture.



TRAFFIC situation caused by construction work on Abuja-Keffi Road over the weekend.

## Two in court over attempt on Lamido's son

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

TWO men, Musa Muhammad and another were Thursday arraigned before a Jigawa State Magistrate Court, Gumel over an alleged attempt to kidnap Governor Sule Lamido's son, Alhaji Mustapha Sule Lamido.

They were arrested by the police and taken to court in December last year over a two count charge of conspiracy and attempted kidnap.

Alhaji Mustapha is the District Head of Bamaina, the governor's home town. The accused persons were earlier granted bail by the

same court, but were rearrested by the police.

At the last hearing, the prosecution officer withdrew the earlier charges and replaced them with new charges of conspiracy, and two others. Corporal Auwal prayed the court to consider the new charges and subsequently

withdrew the previous ones.

The presiding Judge Magistrate Nura Muhammad has fixed January 20, 2010, for ruling on the new charges application filed by the prosecution officer. He also ordered the remand of the accused persons in prison custody.

## FG begins vehicles' census today

From Isa Liman, Zaria

THE Federal Government through the Federal Ministry of Transportation would today begin a census exercise of all vehicles plying the country's roads, including planes and ships coming in and out of the country's airports and ports.

The Director General of the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria, Dr Abdulganiyyu Sumaila said this in Zaria at a press briefing held at the weekend. Dr Sumaila said NITT, being one of the parastatals of the Ministry of Transport, equipped

with the technical capacity to develop manpower and conduct researches in all aspects of the transport system, was commissioned to carry out the exercise on behalf of the ministry.

"This vehicles' census would be conducted under the auspices of the National Transport Survey and Projection (NTSP) which is an ongoing research project of the Federal Ministry of Transport (FOMT), Abuja. The exercise was considered necessary because of lack of reliable and up-to-date data for transport policy formulations and planning in the country. One of the recom-

mendations made in the last NTSP report in 1983 was a periodic review by constantly updating the data base through continuous gathering and review of data. This recommendation was based on the premise that meaningful planning and efficient administration of the transport system cannot be achieved without a comprehensive data base," he said.

He said if the country wanted a national transport data base, there was the need to carry out a detailed national transport survey and projection across the country. The output of the NTSP, Dr Sumaila said, would provide a basis for the establishment of a national

transport data bank. He called on motorists to co-operate with his men.

"At the end of the exercise, the NTSP would help us prepare a comprehensive database for planning, formulation and development of transport policies and programmes. It would also help us to analyse and assess the overall performance of the national transport system. All these would help us to develop a general framework for the multi-modal transport projection, establish a national transport data bank and provide appropriate inputs for effective inter modal transport coordination for the country," he added.

# Online Reactions

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## Yakubu fumes: Eagles lack playmakers

I am really disappointed with the way Amodu selected his first team. How could he play Nwaneri and Taiye Taiwo instead of playing Echejile and

Daniel Shitu in defense? Also, why must he remove Mikel and Uche Kalu instead of taking out Yakubu and maybe Etuhu? Although Etuhu played better

than Yakubu, I need an explanation for why Amodu took Martins who is unfit to the Nations Cup instead of taking Micheal Eneramo? It will appear that

Amodu is favoring some so-called 'big players'.

My advice is for the NFF to go out there and get a good foreign coach who can take us to

the World Cup otherwise the Super Eagles will let us down at the tournament.

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## EFCC investigates missing 90m litres of petrol



EFCC boss Farida Waziri

IS 90m liters 1 gallon that somebody will steal it easily like that? This lackadaisical attitude towards government jobs must really be brought to a halt. When government agencies like NNPC

can't account for issues like this, it is disheartening. These are issues that have continued to pull us back as a nation. No honesty and sincerity in our work; no desire to do away with selfish ambitions

for the benefit of 150 million. Issues like availability of petroleum products and electricity are critical to the development of any nation, yet our leaders are not bent on fixing it once and for all. A country like Malaysia can even provide electricity and water all year long free for her people if one uses them below a certain quantity. Yet we cannot even provide these things when people are ready to pay. This is really a shame when you look at the amount of resources that we have.

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It is only in Nigeria that a ship the size of the National Stadium can get missing. Now it is 90 million litres of petrol.

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90 million litres of petrol missing? Why? When shall we in Nigeria begin to apply ourselves to serious and purposeful service so that the world would accord us our rightful respect? Nothing seems to be working right in our country. God help Nigeria.

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I am happy that those culprits that stole the 90 million litres of fuel are being exposed now and I believe that all Nigerians will also be happy. Please I want the chairman of EFCC not to relent from the investigation. She should make sure that all those involved in this criminal act are brought before the law so that they will serve as a deterrent for others.

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WOMEN Affairs Minister Hajija Salamatu Suleiman

## 4m girls out of school - Minister

YES, agreed Madam Minister. Illiteracy is catastrophic for any child but bad governance is more dangerous than the HIV virus. Advocate good governance, so that our educational sector will be reformed and every child will be educated.

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... Over 4 million girls out of school? Salamatu should be aware nearly 80% are from the North. Islam has nothing to do with this state of affairs. It is the menfolk who are frightened of losing their image and position in the society.

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Madam Minister, how can we get qualitative education when our schools are dilapidated, our teachers are frustrated and parents have been put into abject poverty while other people's sons and daughters are getting education in expensive schools in Nigeria and overseas? Whether we like it or not the Child Rights Act is not the way forward. Good governance is.

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Giving us numbers cannot solve the problem of education in our country. Let there be free education for our girls if the leaders are serious. We can do it if we want.

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## Nigeria to help quake-hit Haiti

THE Federal Government of Nigeria should send to Haiti through the International Red Cross immediately please. Our government is still procrastinating instead of taking action.

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Nigeria needs to help itself first... There was an earthquake in Nigeria's financial sector last year and we are still reeling from the effects of that event.

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## NBA picks holes in VP ruling, 3 other cases stalled

WHY would one man's sickness be a money/name making venture? Almost everybody in this country is trying to blow his/her trumpet on this issue. We all have duties as citizens at our various levels and positions. Have we satisfactorily fulfilled our duties? That is the question and not the presence or absence of Mr President. Well, many have died talking about the sick man and he is still alive. I guess it is a lesson for the living.

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Someone who became incapacitated to the best of my knowledge cannot be able to spoke with BBC for at least a period of one

minute or even seconds. I am also at loss as to why people like the NBA president, have decided to take over the fight of the opposition, thereby degrading the office and chair of that respectful organization.

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Is it that someone cannot fall sick while administering his duties? To fall sick is not a big deal. Nobody can escape falling ill. It is inevitable.

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We've men whose personal ambitions or group's mandates are more than that of the country.



VICE President Goodluck Jonathan

What a precedence the political class are setting for tomorrow... so much for the rule of law. I think this is actually the time the judiciary is supposed to act out their independence

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## 70 % of candidates fail WAEC exams



EDUCATION Minister Dr. Sam Egwu

HOW would you expect a better result when exam mal-practice has been allowed to thrive for too

long in Nigeria? The result is what we are seeing now. Government at state level has not given education its real priority level. Even UBE has become a channel for siphoning the money meant for education; Education must be taking serious especially at the state and local government level.

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From the look of things and over the years, WAEC has been doing more harm to our education than good. For goodness sake, how on earth is it that every

year our wards are failing English and mathematics and the body is not showing any concern over the matter. Rather, they are making huge sums of money from the sale of forms twice in every season. The government should do something urgently to rescue our education system.

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This is amazingly discouraging. **Muhammad Ghazali Fsk**  
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Why won't students fail?

WAEC should please review their marking scheme again. Making students miserable all in the name of strict policies won't help the education standard of the country. WAEC has failed to understand that the educational standard of the country is poor, teachers are on strike everyday and private schools are getting expensive day by day. I am pleading with the Minister of Education to look at the issue of WAEC.

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## Gunmen kidnap director in Abuja

HERE goes the blaming game again. Who reports to who? Foreign governments do not have time to argue on who had received the report or not but on who failed to act. The life of a citizen is the life of all citizens. That is something we have lost sight of. Security is the cement that holds communities and a nation as one unit. Kidnapping is a terrorist act.

**Abdulhakeem Bello**  
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By Lawrence A. Onoja

## Underdevelopment of the Idomanation

The general elections are near again. It is pertinent to address certain concerns that may preoccupy the direction of our decision-making as a nation. As an astute and courageous people, you will agree that no time presents itself for thought-provoking and sober reflections of our socio-political and economic realities as a nation than now.

The entire Idoma nation more than at any time in our history is trapped in near directionless political leadership, adult and youth unemployment of a most unimaginable proportion; a thoroughly beggarly middle class; misdirected legislative pragmatism at almost all levels of representation; complete disrespect for traditional and constituted authority by both our leaders and led due to the exigencies of the accompanying illegitimate recruiting system; and a successful entrenchment of electoral and voting apathy by the vast majority of people because of the painful fact that their votes at all elections do no longer count. This apathy is invigorated by the disturbing presentation of a thug-complex on our polity, where the peoples' radical quest for leadership change is met by centralized authoritarian imposition or sometimes strangulating party dictation. It is this difficult but solvable situation that you and other Idoma leaders, both co-operative and antagonistic, have endured in the last ten years of our fledgling democratic experiment.

Our situation as illustrated above, does not exempt me from the chain of progres-

It is not a question of having high-up personage here or there at the highest level power strata

sive events that have led us to this post, rather as an integral member of our privileged leadership, I share in most of the actions and inactions that have embodied our near collective political paralysis in responsibly arresting our descent to this avoidable position. As I humbly do, I also admit that we are in it together.

As I painfully witness in all my political engagements at home, the army of our educated but unemployed youth in the ranking peak of political rascality, beggarliness, juvenile prostitution and unwanted genuflection for rudderless political leadership; I would wonder that if such situation was the order of our time as youth, then most of us would not have made it to our present stature. The times are difficult, but the agents of change have risen above all orders of difficulties as history has shown.

As a nation in borders and relations with other competing ethnic entities for scarce but available resources, not excluding federal and sub-state preserves of political, economic and other demands, I have watched with disdain in spite of our high political visibility in the perking order of the nation's political structure, our near emasculation and retardation in the equitable allocation of these dividends.

At most, we have been confirmed to the reclusive reserve of the membership of the boards of state agencies without viability and usefulness to our nation. This has happened to the extent that the one or two heads of federal parastatals from our ethnic territory have been at the instance and influence of political protagonists external to our ethnic confine. This extended external patronage is occurring at a time when one of our own is in a position to offer more.

Only recently did we witness the reshuffling and reconstitution of a reinvigorated Federal Executive Council. All states, and particularly some areas where ministers were dropped, had other persons from that state or area replaced. The Idoma people were the only people that didn't have that gesture regained. I was taken aback when the collective of our leaders even at the highest level did not even make public or private protest to the effect of that political oversight, even if it meant suggesting their siblings so long as such a nominee would be of Idoma extraction. It is not the duty of the President and Commander-in-Chief to draw attention to such political neglect but for our leaders to patriotically take up such alienation to the level of national debate.

Let me also state here emphatically to the knowledge of those who will see my position against the limits of reason and the trappings of the haunted, that I stand firmly for the creation of Apa State today as I did almost two decades ago as one of its champions. That position remains unchanged. It is in dedication to its future agitation that we influenced the creation of three additional local governments (namely Agatu, Obi and Ohimini). But let me also put it straight here that Apa State like every other proposed one will not be created as a political patronage for any single Idoma leader in the hierarchy of the nations' power structure. If states are to be created, even those who qualify without having people at the top shall be given. It is not a question of having high-up personage here or there at the highest level power strata.

You may also recall that we narrowly missed the opportunity of Apa State creation under Abacha for two strong reasons: (a) The underpinning criteria for a minimum of 1.2 million population for proposed states. We were a little over Seven Hundred Thousand people according to the 1991 census. Under the leadership of the late indefatigable *Ochi Idoma*, Abraham A. Okpabi, we challenged that figure under the sagacious legal team headed by the late Barr. Joe A. Omakwu and Akpa'Olofu John A. A. Ochoga at the Census Tribunal before the eventual states' creation overtook the event; (b) Difficult as the above reason may have acted against Apa states' realization, a most reproachable interview was granted to the *News-watch Magazine* against the government of the day. Not only did the government consider the publication to be unpardonable, it was unsuitable to the power elite that could have considered us for a state since the interview emanated from a person considered to be one of our own.

To be concluded tomorrow.

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By Aliyu Umaru

## Only Nigerian court can determine whether Farouk Abdul Mutallab is a terrorist (II)

Concl. from last week

The negative aspects of the speculative nature of the American economy manifested themselves in the form of monumental corporate failures. Internationally, the opposition to the American inspired globalization of the world economy is getting stronger. At the political level, other members of the United Nations are becoming increasingly resentful of American stance on any issue it does not support. Examples of these are the UN Treaty on the Environment, the Treaty on Landmines, the Protocols on the establishment of the International Criminal Court; the decision to opt out of the UN prescribed Iraqi weapons inspection regime and the unilateral decision to occupy Iraq contrary to the provisions of the UN Charter. The rest of the countries of the World are finding it increasingly difficult to accept a situation in which every UN decision, without the backing of the USA, is either crippled or killed.

It is a combination of these global economic and political pressures that forced America to start shopping for a new global enemy. In the calculation of every American politician, the efficient management of the military industrial complex, which are intricately linked with other major sectors of the American economy, has to be ensured; and peace time is the most unfriendly and unwelcome period for the grand man-

For instance, is it a mere coincidence that in the same week the following events happened?

agers of such industrial complexes around the world.

Therefore, whereas in this harsh New World, the bulk of humanity is struggling for survival, the American dream of continuing to live beyond the level of comfort has to be sustained; and to succeed in achieving this objective, the commanders of the centres of power in America understand that they have to keep all regions of the world in fear of the new enemy, Islamic fundamentalism, and in need of American military protection and weapons...

Simply put, Al Qaeda merely provided the Americans with a ready culprit of opportunity at a time when America was itching to assert its global power in furtherance of the new religion of the West, secularism and in defence of Western values, economics and technologies. At the time of the attack on America on September 11, 2001, the only globally visible and feared threat to those western interests in the estimation of the Americans was Islamic fundamentalism personified by Al Qaeda with its headquarters

in Afghanistan, which was under the leadership of the western despised government of the Taliban.

At the time America decided to pick this target of opportunity and declare war on Islamic fundamentalism, the Americans were well aware that Islam is Islam. A person is either a Muslim or he is not. In Islam, there is nothing to be moderate about or to be extreme about. This explains why Muslims the world over, particularly in Muslim countries, resent being dictated to by the adherents of the religion of secularism as to how much of Muslims they can be. In the west today, the secularist religion has taken over control of the centres of economic, political and military power.

As we have seen, America chose armed conflict with Islam rather than dialogue, at this point in time, on purpose. As already brought out, the American economy desperately needs a global conflict and America has to invent a global threat, and Islam, a non-Western and non-secular complete way of life, and not willing to compromise its divine principles, fits the description of the new enemy perfectly. Having declared an open war against Islam under a false pretext, it is now difficult to see how America can extricate itself from this monumental error without losing its power and its leadership of the New World.

In the meantime, the Western man is on edge; placed there by his leaders. It looks; he is likely to remain there for a long time; caught in a web spun by his leaders. His leaders have invented fear as the new weapon to control him. This is done by constantly reminding him of the threat of Islamic fundamentalism, his new enemies after the defeat of the communists. For instance, is it a mere coincidence that in the same week the following events happened? One: American, Russian and British intelligence agencies claimed to have successfully concluded a one and a half year joint sting operation to thwart the smuggling of an SM 18 Missile into the USA, which a 65 year old British international arms dealer of Indian descent sympathetic to Al Qaeda was planning to sell to a Somali terrorist organisation for the purpose of shooting down President Bush's official plane, the Air Force One; two: the British Airways announced the suspension of flights to Saudi Arabia on grounds of credible evidence of threats to its planes; three: USA advised its citizens not to travel to Saudi Arabia based threats of terrorist attack; four: The US Department of Homeland Security alerted Americans of the imminent danger of another attack on America; five: the Australian government warned of the danger of terrorist attack in the country.

By any standard, this is evidence of Western paranoia in its extreme form. It looks like those who consider the Westernisation of Man as the primary goal of Western civilization must be having some trepidation as the Western man and his leaders are today afraid of even their own shadows.

To be concluded tomorrow.

Umaru, a legal practitioner, wrote from Kaduna.



By Abdullahi Musa Soba

## Budgeting for equity in education

In the budget season across the country the focus is on promises and intentions as state governments unfold the 2010 development agenda.

The view from the grassroots suggest that the best yardstick for assessing the performance capacity of governments is not by the package of promises contained in annual budgets but rather by looking back at what happened with the previous year's budget in terms of actual implementation. This was my focus as I listened to the 2010 budget presentation by Governor Namadi Sambo of Kaduna State. The review was however not necessitated by any misgivings about the governor's record since assumption of office in 2007 because, with such landmark achievements in the resuscitation of the city and intercity rail services, the phenomenally successful Operation Yaki intervention to beef up the public security strategy and machinery; and various people-oriented initiatives in the health, education and poverty alleviation, the Sambo administration in Kaduna State has carved a niche for itself.

The education sector is arguably best suited to the task of determining the quality of governance in an administration at state level because an appropriate focus of resources on the development of education reflects the sincerity and commitment of the political leadership towards advancing the cause of the common people who wallow in avoidable poverty and ignorance. Last year, the Kaduna State Government sustained its policy of devoting 27% of the entire budget to education in response to the deplorable situation of the sector on assumption of office which justified declaring a state-of-emergency to ensure urgent remedial action. The report card in this year's budget revealed a programme of new construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping of educational institutions at all levels in the state last year. The detailed nature of the report confirmed that the projects made tangible impact on boosting water supply as well as provision of more classrooms, lecture theatres, laboratories, libraries and ICT centres. The distribution of free textbooks and uniforms under the Free Education policy was also sustained.

The common plight of the majority of students whose poor parentage poses formidable obstacles to pursuit of their educational aspirations were addressed with special intervention of government in the provision of critical text books including Questions and Answers booklets to assist the students in the SSCE and NECO examinations.

The Sambo administration also paid up the examination fees for the students as well as for students in tertiary institutions while in some cases it augments tuition fees. These are significant measures which result in attaining greater equity in access to education particularly among the disadvantaged students who otherwise would have to drop out thereby perpetuating the dichotomy between rich and poor families.

Also impressive was the evident determination of the Kaduna State Government to ensure that the Kaduna State University is rapidly transformed from the skeletal level of mere vacated buildings handed over by the Makarfi administration into a viable reality as a university comparable to any other in Nigeria. Thus, the preceding year witnessed the commissioning of several important projects such as 13 laboratories, many lecture halls and theatres, libraries, a faculty of medicine and computer centres. Similar developments saw to the expansion and improvement of facilities in other tertiary institutions in the state like College of Education Gidan-Waya whose new language laboratory is particularly impressive and Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, Zaria.

The 2010 budget presentation did not shy away from embarking on a recollection of its achievements last year as used to happen in the past due to dismal level of budget implementation. With such a line-up of accomplishments in the education sector in 2009, the issue of interest is not the past or the present but the future of the people of Kaduna State in the context of raising their living standards and liberating generations of poverty stricken rural families from what would have been perpetual marginalisation on account of the inaccessibility of education. We can only hope that the tempo of development in the education sector should be maintained if not exceeded in 2010 so that today's children of the poor will grow to be tomorrow's technocrats, effectively breaking the vicious cycle of the poor getting poorer.

Soba wrote in from Soba, Kaduna State.

## Your Letters

### How could Farouk have worn trousers to court?

All the early reports about Farouk Mutallab's alleged terrorist attempt said he was severely burnt on his legs.

Indeed most news media graciously showed pictures of his burnt underwear. Yet this same badly burnt "terrorist" walked into the court on January 8th "wearing a T-shirt, trousers and tennis shoes", according to Weekly Trust of January 9th, 2009. How did he achieve this? What miraculous recovery did he get that he could walk to the courtroom unassisted? And how could he wear trousers over his burnt legs? Frankly, I agree with

all those who say there is more to Farouk's alleged bombing attempt than we are being told. I urge all Nigerians to follow the issues sincerely and ask the right questions. Who knows, we just might find out that the boy was framed after all. We should not keep jumping to conclusions based on what the Americans and their media say.

Aminu Mohammed, Durban Street, Wuse II, Abuja

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### Getting Yar'adua talk to BBC...

...IS not important. What needs must be done honourably and on time is that those leeches on Yar'adua's back should please allow him to go and rest!  
UBALE, Bompai, Rano, 08033246464.

### We want him on NTA

...BECAUSE as someone has pointed out, a good comedian can do more than that.  
NAZIR I Kari, Gombe, 08024699943.

### Armed US agents on our planes?

WHAT is really happening? Are we going back to colonialism? If US does not trust and recognise us as a responsible country with responsible leaders, and with all

assurances and explanation they had been given, then there is no need allowing ourselves be thus subjected to such humiliation.  
08065696262.

### To keep Abuja clean...

THE Taskforce not need to seize hawkers' wares. Moreover, these wares end up in the personal use of the taskforce members. This is robbery by other means.  
YAHUZA Musa, Abuja, 08035590909.

### Rebrand the National Assembly

OUR legislators should take a cue from what is taking place in Afghanistan, where ministerial nominees for cabinet posts were really, really thoroughly screened. Not like in our case where nomi-

nees are simply asked "to take a bow", without background checks and possible disqualification if found wanting.  
ABDULLAHI Abubakar, Badarawa, Kaduna, 08037860915.

### Remember the 'known' soldier too

JANUARY 15 every year is marked as Heroes Day. Wreaths are laid at monuments to the Unknown Soldier by government officials, but many known soldiers, alive are yet to be paid their gratuity and pension arrears many years after serving in many wars.  
MAHMOOD M. Minna, 08059251129.

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## EDITORIAL

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## Responding to Haiti's hour of need

**A** devastating earthquake tore through the Caribbean nation of Haiti on January 13, smashing homes offices and reducing large portions of the capital, Port-Au-Prince to rubble, claiming lives estimated in the tens of thousands. Practically no sector of the Haitian society was spared as the Presidential Villa, the seat of government; schools, hospitals and the United Nations (UN) building were destroyed among others. The catastrophe has thrown the country's leaders and indeed global community, in quandary.

The tremors and aftershocks of the earthquake were felt as far out as Jamaica, Cuba and the neighbouring Dominican Republic. Rescue efforts were hampered by the extensive damage done to the country's fragile infrastructure such as roads, air and sea ports and the grinding poverty which may have compromised the people's ability to prepare for such devastation or to have the equipment required for rescue at such emergencies.

Haiti is described as one of the poorest states of the western hemisphere surviving solely on fishing and sugarcane. An estimated 80 per cent of the Haitian population live well below a dollar a day. The country has not been lucky as it has been plagued by leadership incongruities occasioned by brutal and even cannibalistic dictatorship which has hampered its progress over time.

Haiti's geographical location makes it prone to natural disasters such as annual floods and hurricanes. The last political crisis not only caused social ripples but economic ones for which the country was still trying to grapple with. The country was simply ill-prepared for a crisis of this gargantuan magnitude.

Expectedly, the world has risen to the challenge of helping this long-suffering nation, to nurse its wounds and nurture itself back to its feet. Judging by the enormity of the disaster, this would take awhile, but it is far from a hopeless situation. Haiti stands as a testament to man's inhumanity to man, a powerful reminder, if we ever needed one, of the relics of four centuries of slavery. Africa owes a lot to Haiti and should be among the first to offer help in this time of Haiti's need.

Nigeria has long engaged with Haiti; it has reiterated that engagement in several respects prior to this disaster. It has a contingent of its own police force among the UN peace keeping force in that country; and has assisted it through the Technical Aid Corps (TAC). However, this is not an excuse for the country and indeed other parts of the continent to lag behind in the global call for assistance to this country in its moment of need. Distance may hamper immediate physical help to our brothers and sisters in need but it should not prevent us from sending our widow's mite in cash and kind. We call on the African Union (AU) and other regional bodies to find a coordinated response. A national relief effort, in which willing Nigerians may take part, would be a good idea.

We commend the urgency and the promptness with which world leaders reacted to the unfolding crisis in Haiti. For the dead not to complicate the lives of the lucky survivors there is need for speedy but proper burial. Those in need of urgent medical attention should be attended to. Governments, agencies and organisations that have pledged one thing or the other, need to urgently redeem their pledges. The utter despair in that country is leading to desperation; it is a dangerous condition that should be handled with the utmost delicateness and tact. Many of the survivors have nothing left to lose and may portend grave danger to those still clinging to the flicker of hope; they must be helped to find their bearings and guided to rebuild their lives again.

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## The death penalty debate

By **Adewale Kupoluyi**

**T**he death penalty debate has remained a contending issue for several years because of the various and diverse interest it has generated. It became a very sensitive issue since human life is involved, therefore, it cannot be treated as just one of those social problems. The essence of death penalty as capital punishment in criminal law was for retribution. It is the execution of a person by judicial process as punishment for an offence. Crimes that can result in a death penalty are known as capital crimes or capital offences.

The main argument justifying death sentence is the Mosaic law of 'an eye for an eye', which typifies retribution. The belief of this school of thought is that since a lost life cannot be brought back to life, it is better for an accused to also lose his life.

Arguments in favour of the death penalty has been seen as a retributive measure, that is, the criminal should die for the crime he has committed, allowing him to go free is to make him a threat to others. Just as the individual has the right to safeguard as well as take his life whenever he pleases, the state has the right and duty to take the life of a citizen in order to increase its welfare. Between 1970 and 1999, more than 2,600 death row prisoners were executed, but the crime rate did not reduce in Nigeria. Despite a ranging national debate over capital punishment, at least, 5,000 people are executed every year in China which is more than four times the rest of the world combined.

Over the years, it has been found that death penalty has achieved very little in curbing the offence it was meant to curtail or tame.

According to Amnesty International (AI), one of the bodies leading the debate for its abolition noted that it had not reduced armed robbery, kidnapping or murder in Nigeria. AI describes death penalty as the "ultimate denial of human rights. It is the premeditated and cold-blooded killing of a human being by the state. This cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment is done in the name of justice."

A critical analysis of the continued justification for death penalty showed that the practice is discriminatory and is often used disproportionately against the poor, minorities and members of racial, ethnic and religious communities. In other words, it is imposed and carried out arbitrarily.

**U**nlike imprisonment, it entails the risk of judicial errors which cannot be corrected. There will always be a risk that some prisoners, who are innocent, will be executed and therefore, death penalty will not prevent them from repeating a crime which they did not commit ab initio.

This argument hinges on ethics that evil deserves castigation and wrong doing deserves reparation by adequate deprivation and punishment for the wrong doer. It is also argued that death penalty acts as a deterrent to future crimes.

This is known as Deterrence Theory. It is assumed that if it is

abolished, it may lead to an increase in the number of extra-judicial killings by the Police and survivors of violent crimes. The Sharia Law and the 1999 Constitution support death penalty. Section 35 (1) of the 1999 Constitution states that "every person shall be entitled to his personal liberty and no person shall be deprived of such liberty, saved in the following cases and in accordance with a procedure permitted by law (a) in execution of the sentence or order of a criminal offence, of which he has been found guilty".

Nigeria is a signatory to various international treaties and resolutions. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948, recognizes each person's right to life. It categorically states that "no

Perhaps, a more pathetic case was that of Aliu Bello & Ors. v. Attorney-General of Oyo State (1986) 5NWLR Pt. 45. Two issues were decided in the case: Whether the execution of a convicted criminal by the state when his appeal against his conviction and sentence was still pending also wrongful actionable and whether the wrongful of a person is actionable in Nigeria at the instance of the dependants of the deceased.

An Ibadan High Court, had on October 30, 1980 convicted the deceased of the offence of armed robbery, punishable under Section 1 (2) (a) of the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act 1970 as amended by the Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act 1974 and the court sentenced him to death.

On November 12, 1980 (within the time prescribed by law), he filed

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one shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment".

For ordinary crimes, 10 countries, namely: Chile, Brazil, El Salvador, Fiji, Latvia, Peru, Israel, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan have laws for death penalty only for exceptional cases such as crimes under the military law or crimes committed in exceptional circumstances. Regrettably, Nigeria is among the 58 countries and territories that retain the obnoxious death penalty for ordinary crimes. About 93 countries including South Africa, Angola, Mauritius, Cape Verde, Namibia, United Kingdom and the Holy See have abolished death penalty for any crime.

In the council of Europe, the death penalty has been abolished in the Article 1, Protocol No. 6 to the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning abolition of the death penalty, as amended by Protocol 11 of 1983.

A few landmark cases suffice here. In the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe v. Attorney-General, the Supreme Court stated that the delayed execution of prisoners and the degrading conditions, under which they were held, was unconstitutional.

In the Indian case of Triveniben & Ors v. State of Gujarat and Ors (1989, ISCJ 383), the court held that the inordinate delay in the execution of death sentence entitled a prisoner to come to court to examine whether it is just and fair to still allow execution.

This is so because it is universally agreed that there is mental torment throughout a trial, which is likely to end up with a death sentence, and, is more acute with the final verdict (Madhu Mehta v. Union of India, 1989, SCR 775).

his notice of appeal against the 'conviction' in the Federal Court of Appeal and a copy of the notice of appeal was served on the AG of Oyo State.

**O**n April 21, 1981, a copy of the record of appeal was also served on the AG. While the appeal was pending, the AG recommended to the Governor, the execution of the deceased and this was carried out on September 5, 1981. But when the appeal came for hearing before the Federal Court of Appeal on October 13, 1981, the Solicitor-General of Oyo State informed the court of the inadvertent execution of the deceased.

The case also got to the Supreme Court. The noble court on December 5, 1986 held that "the premature execution of the deceased by the Oyo State Government, while the deceased's appeal against his conviction was still pending was not only unconstitutional, but also illegal and unlawful. By it, the deceased has lost both his right to life and his right to prosecute his appeal".

It should be realized that punishment has the primary aim of redressing the disorder introduced by the offence. When it is willingly accepted by the guilty party, it assumes the value of expiation. Therefore, in addition to defending public order and protecting peoples' safety it must have a medicinal purpose. It must contribute to the correction of the guilty party.

What about the cost of execution? Executions are usually carried out by hanging, electrocution, stoning, gas-chamber poisoning and lethal injection.

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# INTERNATIONAL

## Resettle Haitians in Africa: Senegal president

SENEGAL'S president yesterday called for Africa to make room for victims of Haiti's earthquake to restart their lives on the continent from where their ancestors were snatched as slaves.

"The repeated calamities that befall Haiti prompt me to propose a radical solution -- to take

measures to create somewhere in Africa... the conditions for Haitians to return," President Abdoulaye Wade told France Info radio.

"They did not choose to go to that island," he added, referring to the mass deportation of African slaves to Haiti, then a French

colony, from the 16th century. "It is our duty to recognise their right to come back to the land of their ancestors."

His spokesman Mamadou Bamba Ndiaye gave further details of the proposals.

"If it is just a few people, we will offer them a roof and a patch

of land," he told the radio station. "If they come in large numbers, we will give them a whole region."

A massive earthquake struck Haiti Tuesday, killing tens of thousands of people and leaving more than a million others homeless, according to the Haitian government.

The island is also often hit by deadly hurricanes and floods. "It wouldn't be the first time that former slaves or their descendants were brought back to Africa," said Wade, citing similar measures taken in Liberia. "Now the problem is to know how, and who will bear the cost."



FIGHTERS of the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) sit atop their battlewagon outside Korma village, about 40 kms southeast of the north Darfur town of Kutum.

## Darfur rebels report air, artillery attacks by Sudan forces

SUDANESE warplanes and artillery pounded insurgents in the troubled western region of Darfur at the weekend, said a rebel spokesman whose group has refused to attend upcoming peace talks in Qatar.

"The army attacked our positions," said Ibrahim al-Hillu, a commander and spokesman of a Sudan Liberation Army faction headed by exile rebel leader Abdel Wahid Mohammed Nur. "They have 200 vehicles, Antonov planes and heavy artillery," Hillu

told AFP, adding that the confrontations lasted until sunset.

The reported attacks were in the northwest of Kutum, a sector of north Darfur that is 200 kilometres (125 miles) from the border with Chad and controlled by Hillu's rebel faction.

He said government forces were attacking from three directions -- Kutum, Abdel Shakur and Al-Dor -- and concentrating fire on the village of Frog, which hosts a popular open-air market on Saturdays.

There was no immediate confirmation of the attack from the government, and UN peacekeepers said they were investigating the report.

"We are trying to confirm this information," Nouredin Mezni, spokesman for the UNAMID UN-African Union peacekeepers, told AFP.

Local sources said that clashes last week between the military and the same rebels in Jebel Marra, a fertile plain in central Darfur, forced humanitarian workers to

evacuate.

SLA-Abdel Wahid is one of the most powerful factions within the deeply divided Darfur rebellion. The conflict that erupted in 2003 initially pitted two rebel groups against the government and its Arab militia allies. Both the rebels and the pro-government militias have since splintered into an array of factions, including the also powerful Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), which is attending next week's peace talks in the Qatari capital Doha.

## Guinea seeks new prime minister after crisis deal

GUINEA sought a new interim prime minister, at the weekend after a deal that sidelines the country's junta chief, recently targeted in an assassination bid following a massacre of opposition supporters.

Last week, Guinea's political rivals signed the deal providing for elections in six months and for junta chief Captain Moussa Dadis Camara to remain "in convalescence" following the December 3 bid to kill him. Camara is currently in Burkina Faso.

"The first two people put forward for the role of prime minister, Jean-Marie Dore and Rabiou Serah Diallo, must go to Ouagadougou for talks," said Lieutenant Mohamed Kasse, spokesman for interim junta chief General Sekouba Konate. Dore is spokesman for the Forces Vives coalition of opposition parties, trade unions and civil society, and Rabiou Serah Diallo is general secretary of the National Confederation of Guinean Workers.

But the pair refused to go to the capital of Burkina Faso, whose president Blaise Compaore is mediating between the ruling junta and the Guinean opposition, and insisted Konate return home to name a new premier.

"The prime minister head of government should be named in Conakry and not abroad," said Dore. "The people are awaiting general Konate's return with fervour to congratulate him."

Diallo echoed him saying: "What are we going to Ouagadougou for? We cannot take all our little problems there?" Interim leader Konate's spokesman Kasse said the general would remain president and head of state for a six-month period.

## Tutsi rebel Nkunda ready for trial

FORMER Tutsi rebel Chief Laurent Nkunda is not afraid of trial in the Democratic Republic of Congo or in an international court, his lawyer said at the weekend. Stephane

Bourgon also said the dreaded ex-rebel supremo, whose forces operated in DR Congo's restive Nord Kivu region, was willing to consider "all reasonable solutions," including

exile. "He is not scared of being tried in Kinshasa," which wants to judge him for war crimes, Bourgon said. "He is not scared of being tried by the International Criminal Court in The

Hague although there is no mandate and no charge. "And he is ready to go into exile, he himself has earmarked three countries," the Canadian lawyer said, adding that "not all of them

are in Africa." Rwanda's Supreme Court postponed Wednesday a hearing of a plea seeking his release and Nkunda is under house arrest in a Kigali suburb, Bourgon said.

## International

### Israel, Turkey ministers overcome diplomatic row



ISRAEL'S Defense Minister Ehud Barak met Turkey's foreign and defense ministers yesterday to try to repair ties between the allies that have been further strained this week by a diplomatic row in which Israel was forced to apologize for its treatment of the Turkish ambassador.

Barak is the first Israeli official to visit Turkey since the diplomatic feud that erupted Monday after Israel's deputy foreign minister, Danny Ayalon, summoned Turkish Ambassador Ahmet Oguz Celikkol to complain about a TV show.

The ambassador was forced to sit on a low sofa without a handshake, while Ayalon explained to local TV stations that the humiliation was intentional. Outraged, Turkey threatened to recall the ambassador, forcing Ayalon to apologize.

The quarrel was the latest in a series of disputes between allies who had built strong military and economic ties over the past 15 years.

The visit was scheduled before the row, but is being closely watched for efforts to control the damage to the relationship

that has also been hurt by Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's frequent outbursts of fury over what he considers Israel's aggressive treatment of Palestinians.

Hours before Barak's departure, Ayalon said the Turkish ambassador could be expelled if Turkish TV dramas continue to depict Israeli security forces as brutal.

Ayalon had called in the ambassador to reprimand him over a TV program that showed Israeli agents kidnapping children and shooting old men.

It was the second such program to be aired on Turkish television in recent months.

Turkish newspapers reacted harshly to Ayalon's latest comment. "Ayalon is talking nonsense again," the daily Milliyet and Yeni Safak newspapers said yesterday.

The daily Radikal said in a banner headline: "Second episode in diplomatic shame."

In Israel yesterday, Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman criticized the way Ayalon handled the protest, but defended its substance.

### Iran ex-prosecutor denies role in torture deaths

TEHRAN'S former chief prosecutor yesterday rejected a parliamentary report blaming him in part for the torture and deaths of at least three anti-government protesters during the turmoil after June's disputed presidential election.

Saeed Mortazavi said the parliamentary report contained "mistakes and deficiencies" and let the media implicate him in the case. He also accused lawmakers of showing sympathy for a "bunch of hooligans."

After months of denials, Iran's judiciary acknowledged last month that three detainees swept up in the crackdown on opposition supporters after the election were beaten to death by their jailers.

That confirmed one of the opposition's most devastating claims against authorities and the elite Revolutionary Guard forces that led the crackdown.

Iran's judiciary has charged 12 officials at Kahrizak prison — a facility on Tehran's outskirts where much of the prisoner abuse took place — but has not charged Mortazavi.

As Tehran city prosecutor, Mortazavi was responsible for monitoring Kahrizak prison and reportedly led interrogations of dozens of pro-reform activists arrested and prosecuted after the June vote.

The parliamentary report made public last week said Mortazavi ordered that detained protesters be taken to Kahrizak, which government officials have said was only meant for dangerous criminals and troublemakers.

The parliamentary report found that protesters, including students, also were taken there. The former prosecutor yesterday denied issuing the order, saying other judiciary officials did so. Mortazavi has claimed that the three detainees died from meningitis.

## Iraq's 'Chemical Ali' gets 4th death sentence

SADDAM Hussein's notorious cousin "Chemical Ali" was convicted and sentenced to death by hanging yesterday for ordering the gassing of Kurds in 1988, killing more than 5,000 in the worst such attack ever against civilians.

It was Ali Hassan al-Majid fourth death sentence for crimes against humanity in Iraq. The previous three have not been carried out, in part because survivors of the poison gas attack on the Kurdish town of Halabja wanted to have their case against al-Majid heard.

Relatives of Halabja victims cheered in the courtroom when chief judge Aboud Mustafa handed down the guilty verdict against al-Majid, one of the chief architects of Saddam's repression and among the last to face trial. Nazik Tawfiq, a 45-year-old Kurdish woman who said she lost six relatives in the attack, fell to her knees to pray upon hearing the verdict.

"I am so happy today," she said. "Now the souls of our victims will rest in peace."

In Halabja after the verdict,

residents cheered and songs played from loudspeakers at a monument commemorating victims of the attack. Some in town visited the cemetery to remember loved ones who died in the gassing.

The jubilation demonstrated again the deep-rooted hatred many Iraqis feel toward the former regime.

Another senior figure in Saddam's regime, former Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, suffered a severe stroke over the weekend and cannot speak, his son said yesterday.

Aziz was the international face of Saddam's regime for several years. He was convicted and sentenced to prison for his involvement in the forced displacement of Kurds in northern Iraq and the deaths of Baghdad merchants in the early 1990s.

Al-Majid earned his nickname because of his willingness to use poison gas against the Kurds. The 1988 killings remain a source of deep pain, particularly for Iraq's Kurds. Many in Halabja still suffer physically from the effects of the nerve and mustard gas that were

unleashed on the village at the end of the Iran-Iraq War.

Survivors feel a sense of injustice that Saddam was hanged for the killings of Shiites following a 1982 assassination attempt, but did not live to face justice for the Halabja attack.

The gassing of the town was considered the most extensive use of chemical weapons on civilians in history.

The court also convicted and sentenced other former officials to jail terms yesterday for their roles in the Halabja attack.

## International



HAITIANS pray during mass held outside the city's main Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, yesterday.

### World pledges quake aid, Haitians still waiting

WORLD leaders pledged aid to rebuild a devastated Haiti, but on the streets of its wrecked capital earthquake survivors were still waiting yesterday for the basics: food, water and medicine.

Five days after a 7.0 magnitude

quake killed up to 200,000 people, international rescue teams were still finding people alive under the rubble of collapsed buildings in Port-au-Prince.

Hundreds of thousands of hungry Haitians were desperately

waiting for help, but logistical log-jams kept major relief from reaching most victims, many of them sheltering in makeshift camps on streets strewn with debris and decomposing bodies.

In the widespread absence of

authority, looters swarmed over collapsed stores on the city's shattered main commercial boulevard, carrying off T-shirts, bags, toys and anything else they could find. Fighting broke out between groups of looters carrying knives,

ice-picks, hammers and rocks.

Many Haitians streamed out of the city on foot with suitcases on their heads or jammed in cars to find food and shelter in the countryside, and flee aftershocks and violence.

### Pope affirms great respect between Catholics, Jews

POPE Benedict XVI was welcomed with applause yesterday in a visit to a synagogue that he said would improve relations between Catholics and Jews, many of whom object to his moving World War II pontiff Pius XII toward sainthood.

Some critics contend Pius didn't do enough to save Jews during the Holocaust. The Vatican defends him, maintaining he used behind-the-scenes diplomacy in a bid to save Jewish lives. Several prominent Jews said they would boycott the visit, but applause greeted the pope as he arrived at the temple in the Old Jewish Ghetto, where for hundreds of years Jews were confined under the orders of a 16th century pope.

Benedict warmly shook hands with the synagogue's retired chief rabbi, Elio Toaff, who welcomed John Paul II when the late pontiff visited the synagogue in a groundbreaking event in 1986.

Across the world, relations between Jews and the Vatican have at times been tense over the Vatican's sainthood efforts for Pius, who was pontiff from 1939 to 1958. Those tensions flared again after Benedict last month issued a decree hailing the "heroic virtues" of Pius, an important step before beatification, which is the last formal stage before possible sainthood.

Some Jews also have been angered by Benedict's reaching out to Catholic traditionalists, including his revival of a prayer for the conversion of Jews.

Another sore point is Benedict's decision to revoke the excommunication of a renegade bishop who had denied that millions of Jews died in the Holocaust. The Vatican has said it wasn't aware of the bishop's views when the excommunication was lifted.

### Bitter Ukraine to punish Orange leaders at polls

DISAPPOINTED with the failures of the Orange Revolution, Ukraine was yesterday poised to hand the pro-Russia Viktor Yanukovich a comeback in presidential polls at the expense of his West-leaning rivals.

Opinion polls show Yanukovich with a lead of around 10-15 percent over his nearest challenger, the charismatic Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. But with 18 candidates the election appears certain to

require a second round. The 2004 Orange Revolution swept Ukraine's old order from power and raised hopes of a new era free of Kremlin influence for the country of 46 million that would set a precedent for other former Soviet states. Voting in Kiev, Yanukovich confidently declared that the Ukrainian people "want change, and a new stage in the history of our country will begin very soon."

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# NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INVENTORY OF EXISTING COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEMES AND OTHER SOCIAL SOLIDARITY GROUPINGS & ASSOCIATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

The National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) is an agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria established to promote and regulate the health insurance industry in the country.

With the overall aim of ensuring easy access to quality healthcare services for all Nigerians, the agency is driven by a Presidential mandate to ensure universal health insurance coverage and access to healthcare services for all Nigerians by 2015.

In pursuit of this mandate, significant progress has been made to cover public sector employees and the biggest challenge remains reaching out to the informal sector and the rural communities.

With a Blueprint/Framework for implementing Community Based Health Insurance (CBHI) in the country in place, the NHIS is desirous of extending the benefits of social health insurance to the informal sector (comprising over 70% of the total population). Towards achieving this objective, the NHIS in collaboration with PATHS 2 (DfID funded) Programme is in the process of piloting and subsequently upscaling CBHI schemes for the categories of the population employed in the rural and informal sector. The subsequent scale up of CBHI schemes will be promoted through an incremental process, to cover the entire country.

Preparatory to the initial pilot phase, the NHIS will be developing an Inventory of existing CBHI schemes and other social solidarity groups and associations in the 36 states and the FCT (i.e. national in scope).

Proposals are hereby invited from competent consultancy firms to:

- (i) study, document, analyse and report on all identified community based health prepayment/micro-health insurance schemes in the country. The scope of this study/inventory will cover the socio-economic context of the schemes, their evolution, management and organizational structure, membership and coverage, benefit packages, access to services, provider payment mechanisms, financial management and control, supervision and monitoring, the marketing strategies, challenges faced by the schemes, etc.
- (ii) carry out a comprehensive inventory of major social and economic groups that exist in the country, whose primary objective is to cater in various forms for the economic and social welfare

of their members. Such social and economic groups would include farmers' societies, professional groups such as artisans, women societies, taxi drivers' associations, etc. The inventory will document the names of such organizations, the aims and objectives, the size/geographical spread of the membership, current obligations/benefits (including health related) of members, etc.

### Requirements

Proposals from interested Consultancy firms should be submitted with the following documents:

- i. Evidence of registration or incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Current Tax Clearance Certificate.
- iii. VAT certificate
- iv. Profile of the company including details of its Directors/Management, total staff strength, competences, expertise and experience.
- v. Verifiable evidence of relevant experience in baseline survey and other relevant projects
- vi. Evidence of financial viability and bank reference from a reputable bank
- vii. Evidence of the company's audited accounts for the last three (3) years

### Submission of Proposals

Two hard copies of the proposal should be submitted at the NHIS Corporate Headquarters, in a sealed envelope marked: Inventory of CBHI/Social Solidarity Groups and addressed to:

**The Head, Procurement Division  
National Health Insurance Scheme  
Plot 297, Shehu Yar'Adua Way  
Utako District,  
Abuja.**

Submissions should be made before or on February 25, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

Shortlisted firms would be communicated to make presentation to the NHIS management.

The National health insurance scheme reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.

**Signed  
Head, Procurement Division  
For: Executive Secretary**



## NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA.

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SKILL GAP ANALYSIS OF STAFF OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME (NHIS)

1. The National Health Insurance Scheme is an agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria established for the purpose of enhancing easy access to quality healthcare delivery by all Nigerians.

In the pursuit of this goal and the Presidential mandate to provide universal coverage by 2015, the NHIS undertakes, among others, the following core functions:

- i. Regulating the activities of health insurance operators
- ii. Conducting research and developing interventions to improve health insurance practice
- iii. Building capacity of health insurance operators to deliver quality services effectively and efficiently.
- iv. Undertaking periodic actuarial analysis and determine, after negotiation, capitation and other payments.

2. The Organization has operated the formal sector programme covering Federal Government employees since June 2005. The Community Health, Maternal and Child Health Programme initiative is on-going in 12 states of the Federation. There are plans to fold in employees of more state Governments, commence community based social health insurance programmes and other programmes for the informal sector. The programme for the Organised Private Sector (OPS) and students in tertiary institutions are about to commence.

3. In the light of the above and the increasing profile of activities of the Organization, there is a compelling need to:-

- i. assess the competencies/skills available in the Scheme.
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- iii. determine vacancies in core areas where there are no capacities.
- iv. propose options for filling the observed skill gaps and vacancies
- v. make recommendations on how to optimize the deployment and use of human resources in the Scheme.

#### 4. Eligibility for Consideration

This advert announcement is to request Expressions of Interest from competent and reputable Human Resources Consultancy Firms with national and/or international exposure which possess the following:

- i. Evidence of registration or incorporation with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Current Tax Clearance Certificate of the company for three (3) years
- iii. VAT Certificate
- iv. Profile of the company including details of its Directors/Management, staff strength, their competences, expertise and experience.
- v. Bank reference from reputable bank(s)/evidence of financial viability
- vi. Company's audited accounts for three (3) years
- vii. Payment of non-refundable Expression of Interest fee of N50,000.00 only in Bank draft payable to the NHIS
- viii. Letter of reference from any current client, preferably a government agency
- ix. Demonstrable evidence of having done a skill gap analysis (audit) or similar assignment with reputable organizations in the past and successful track record in multi-dimensional projects.
- x. Proof of alliances/partnerships (if applicable)

#### Submission of Documents

Interested companies should therefore submit their

**Expressions of Interest** in ten (10) copies not later than 12 noon (Nigeria local time) on or before Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010. This should be addressed and delivered to:

The Executive Secretary  
National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)  
Plot 297, Yar'Adua Way  
Utako District  
Abuja.

Only shortlisted consultancy firms will thereafter be contacted and given the Terms of Reference (TOR), which will form the basis of the submission of detailed proposal, including financial implications. The NHIS is not under obligation to enter into any correspondence with firms that did not scale through the selection process.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### UNDUE INTERFERENCE AND MEDDLING IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE NIGERIA UNION OF TEACHERS (NUT) OYO STATE WING.

For over one year now, the National Head Office of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), Abuja, has continued to be inundated with complaints from teachers in Oyo State, and indeed by the Secretariat of the Oyo State Wing of the organization, on the incessant acts of interference and undue meddling in the operations and affairs of the Union by agents and officials of the Oyo State government.

The Union has been at a total loss as to the real motives, intentions, *raison d'être* and the objective of the government's posturing in this regard, as the Union has consistently voiced its determination to partner and cooperate with the Oyo State, and indeed, every other government in carrying forward their policies as far as education delivery is concerned.

Stringent efforts had been made by the Oyo State Government to balkanize and weaken the unity, solidarity and strength of the NUT as a strategy and measure aimed at refusing the teachers the approved and duly negotiated Enhanced Teachers' Allowance of 27.5% which had been agreed upon for implementation since 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2008. Various divisive and arm twisting antics have been deployed to threaten Union officials and members, and break the ranks of the Union, all in a bid to ensure that teachers do not enjoy this allowance.

It is highly shocking that Oyo State, which prides itself as the "Pace Setter" State, and one that has education and the motivation of teachers as very critical and central policy programmes of the administration would turn around to do the exact opposite of what it professes. Indeed, whereas most States have complied with the joint decision reached with all State Governors on the implementation of the 27.5% salary allowance, Oyo State government remains adamant, preferring to shut out the NUT as an organization, so as to kill the continued clamour for the implementation. Unfortunately, the Union has remained resolute and unyielding.

As this tactic was not yielding the desired result, the government went ahead to arrogate to itself, the powers to create an illegal splinter group within the NUT as a Union, in defiance of relevant provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria which place industrial relations matters within the Exclusive List. This act was perpetrated by the government by forcing teachers to fill forms under duress to belong to a non-existing illegal body which it turned around to accord recognition, thereby usurping the statutory functions of the Registrar of Trade Unions.

In the mind of the government, the existence of crisis within the union will be an instrument of conflict and distraction that will create a leeway for the government to continue to be denying the teachers their right to enjoy the Enhanced Allowance, as the division among the members will pre-occupy the Union.

The Union resolved to rise above these various antics of the government and in unison work towards the actualization of their programmes in line with the expectations of the members, in spite of a few black legs who submitted themselves to be used.

The NUT has taken the path of honour, peace and justice by challenging this blatant and bare-faced disregard for, and total abuse of the Constitution, and the violation of extant labour laws in a court of competent jurisdiction. We shall,

therefore, not speak more on this, as we await the outcome of the on-going judicial process on which we repose absolute trust and confidence. It is however clear that in spite of the legal process set in motion, the government is not relenting.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, a State Delegates Conference was held at Ibadan, at which election of new members of the Executive of NUT Oyo State Wing was to take place and this was disrupted by hired thugs and hoodlums under the watchful eyes and active connivance of the members of the Police Force, who, without consulting with the leadership of the Union announced a discontinuation of the Conference and unceremoniously dispersed the delegates.

A new date was taken for 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 for the conference to reconvene, and again for no just reason, the State Governor unilaterally intervened and advised that the date of the election should be shifted further. In giving due respect to the advice by the Oyo State government, the National Head Office of the Union directed that the elections be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. In order to ensure absolute security and give confidence to the delegates and assure them of their safety, the Union secured the use of the John Iriengor Stadium and other facilities such as hostel accommodation of 2 Mechanised Division in Ibadan which, to all intents and purposes was considered a safe and secure environment for the Conference and the delegates.

Unfortunately, on the eve of the Conference, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 2 Mechanised Division withdrew the approval earlier given, and was quoted by the Officer in charge of the Stadium that it was on the orders of the State Governor, who, in his capacity as the Chief Security Officer of the State directed that the GOC should not allow the Conference to hold in his premises. Reasons were not adduced for this order, but it was clear that the State government had, once again, attempted to scuttle the Conference for whatever unknown reasons they had as their motive.

Considering the fact that a lot had been committed into making arrangements and preparation for the quadrennial conference and bearing in mind the constitutional aberration and vacuum which would exist if the conference remained inconclusive, and in the face of the continued disruption and sabotage under the instigation of the State government, the Union resolved to shift the election to Teachers' House, Akure, in Ondo State for the same 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. Contrary to the unfriendly climate in Oyo State, Ondo State turned out to be conducive, receptive and friendly, hence the Conference was successfully held there as was approved by the National Head Office.

The report of the Returning Officers who conducted the Conference and the subsequent elections held has since been turned in and we wish to state most categorically that the Conference and elections conducted in Akure, Ondo State for NUT Oyo State Wing were well attended, free, fair, smooth and hitch-free.

The Union will not wish to join issues with the Special Adviser to the Governor of Oyo State on Communications, who, on the one hand accepted the Governor's interference in the affairs of the NUT which he said was aimed at "mediating", even unsolicitedly, and on the other hand stated that the Oyo State government would "resist any attempt to drag it into the NUT crisis".

It is unfortunate that lacking in advice and proper legal opinion, the Oyo State government has continued to dabble into, and unnecessarily drag itself into the politics of most industrial Unions in the State, with a view to muzzling the Unions, dividing the members so as to weaken them, rule over and dictate to them as they will.

Otherwise, how does one possibly rationalize and fathom a recent directive of the Oyo State government in asking all pay-point officers of teachers in the State to delete all Union dues meant for NUT from all payment vouchers, otherwise, such vouchers should not be processed for salary payment. This directive has been issued and is being complied with, in utter violation of, and total disregard for the Labour Laws (Trade Union Acts) of the land. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trade Union Act CAP 437 LFN (as amended) mandates the employer to deduct Union dues from members of recognized Unions and remit same to the Union.

This is what the law stipulates, and it is clear and unambiguous. For a government which claims to thrive on the rule of law and justice, it is left for the general public to determine to what extent this is kept in practice, against the backdrop of all that the Oyo State government has continued to contrive in this regard.

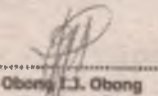
The National Head Office of the NUT can not understand why the State government has chosen to single out the NUT for this exceptionally illegal and absurd treatment and why for over one year, NUT has occupied the centre stage of Oyo State government's negative attention, all in a bid to evade complying with an agreement duly and freely entered into by all State Governors, including Oyo State, with the NUT.

The Union has briefed her legal team on the development in Oyo State and directives have been issued to seek appropriate redress in Courts of competent jurisdiction on all matters bordering on illegality and affront on the laws of the land. As a law-abiding organization, the NUT strongly believes in the rule of law and we shall leave no stone unturned to seek justice and fight for our rights so as to ensure that we protect and maintain the integrity and image of a corporate Nigeria Union of Teachers, as well as the interest and welfare of the entire teachers of Oyo State in particular and the nation at large.

The general public is, therefore, invited to note the happenings in Oyo State and put in clear perspective the ulterior motive of the Oyo State government to undermine and destroy the teachers' Union in the State. The Governor of Oyo State needs to convince the public in fact and in deed of his teacher and worker friendly posture as has continued to be bandied and professed by his officials and agents. He must also be well advised to maintain and respect the sanctity of the agreement reached with the Union and desist from destructive distractions.

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## 'Nigeria must go back to Sardauna's agric policies'

By Jibrin Abubakar

THE current agriculture policy in Nigeria cannot produce desired result unless the country reintroduces the policy of the former premier of the Northern region and the Sardauna of Sokoto Sir Ahmadu Bello, the Executive Director of the Admiral Environmental Care Limited has said.

Mr. Shedrack Madlion said the Sardauna's policy is what advanced nations are currently using to boost farming in their countries.

He said the policy involves subsidizing outputs and not inputs, just as he expressed his opposition to fertilizer subsidy.

According to him, America's output subsidy on agriculture cost tax payers \$1 billion every farming season.

The top farmer said: "Yes America subsidises output and not input as we do. They subsidise output to the tune of \$1 billion in every farming season. The farmers don't sell to the market, government buys from them at a reasonable and encouraging price and then sell to the market. They don't want to discourage the farmers from producing. Here farmers are discouraged. This is the kind of subsidy late Sardauna Ahmadu Bello introduced but was abandoned later in the 1980s."

He said the Sardauna, "Set up the marketing boards. He set up the Wakilin noma and Wakilin dabbobi extension officers. We have what he called the buhu guarantee scheme. We have what he called one community one product. This gave room to every community to produce what it has advantage over. It was never the dream of Sardauna to allow cows to leave life to Lagos. All cows are supposed to be slaughtered here in the North and the skin taken to Italy or Spain. That is why you have the Dakatas and the Bumpais. The entire states of Zamfara, Katsina and Kano were made to produce the cotton we used in running our ginnery in Kaduna. These were the Sardauna programmes which gave birth to Ahmadu Bello University today that has one the best templates in Africa. If some of the people in government say they were too young to remember the Sardauna policies on agriculture, I am sure there are some that are old enough to remember.

"These policies are still there. They only need to be greased. Yes there are no mobile phones during Sardauna and there were no



SIR Ahmadu Bello, former premier of the Northern Region

satellite images data system. Now you can stay in the comfort of your house and give us statistics of your farm but yet we could do better. It was the Sardauna's principle that Murtala Nyako used to build his farms, it was the Sardauna's principle that brought about green revolution that became Otta farms today. So these are histories that we can trace."

Mr. Shedrack Madlion said the, "next bomb that is about to happen and why government must act fast is that the young generation of today is not interested in agriculture. They are interested in other sectors. No country calls itself a nation until it is able to produce enough food for itself. As you know that N28 billion is spent on food importation annually. If there is anything that is worse than corruption it's excessive importation. We depend on China to clothe Nigerians, we depend on Burkina Faso to give us beans to eat, we depend on Thailand to give us rice to eat, we depend on Italy to give us shoes to wear and we outsource everything in this country." He also regretted that 147

dams constructed by Sardauna have been abandoned by the successive governments. He described the annual fertilizer subsidy as a "complete fraud" which must be stopped. The agricultural scientist also said there was need for government to explain what it did with the N666 million profits made from the N200 billion Commercial Agric Credit fund kept in two banks.

Last week, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation Malam Yayale Ahmed said government is holding an agric conference on March 8.

- Sardauna agric policies**
1. Buhu guarantee output subsidy scheme
  2. Wakilin Noma and Dabbobi extension service scheme
  3. One community one product scheme
  4. Slaughtering of cows in North and exporting their skins to Italy
  5. Construction of dams (Sardauna constructed 147)

**BRIEF**

### Suleja gets \$45m fertilizer factory

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

THE Cooperative Federation of Nigeria is set to establish a fertilizer blending factory in Suleja area of Niger State at the cost of 45 million dollars, the national president Alhaji Bala Jibrin has said. The national president of the cooperative society who made the disclosure weekend in Minna said the project which is to take up to five stages before completion said a total of ten million dollars will be injected into it in its first phase.

He said the fertilizer blending plant is expected to produce organic fertilizers from solid waste, adding that the complex will comprise of a training institute for extension workers and a demonstration farm. "The Cooperative Federation of Nigeria is siting a fertilizer plant in Suleja at the cost of 45 million dollars with a training institute for extension workers and demonstration plant in it", he said.

He said the project which has been awarded to Zenith energy enzymes Ltd is to be executed through a Public private Partnership agreement. Meanwhile, he said N7.3 billion worth of fertilizers of all brands are to be distributed among cooperative members across the federation ahead of this year's cropping season.

### Adamawa to generate N6bn this year

From Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar, Yola

ADAMAWA State government plans to generate N6 billion this year, the chairman of the state's board of internal revenue Abubakar Abdullahi Buba has said. He told journalists in Yola at the weekend that the board generated about N3 billion for the state last year but planned to double it this year.

He said the board was encouraged by the incentives it gets from the state government to redouble its efforts in revenue generation. Speaking while receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Viewer newspaper in the state, Buba said the award was a testimony to the hard work of the board. "Motivation has always been a vital tool for the achievement of excellent results especially in the public service and I am proud to state here that the present administration in Adamawa State has given me all the necessary motivation which propelled me to seek for opportunities for greater achievements in the face of difficulties. "This has enabled us as a board to provide loyal service to the state... We must undertake, in both individual and collective capacities, to move Adamawa State forward in a positive direction," he said.

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SDR	231.8759	232.6624	233.4489
SWISS FRANC	145.093	145.4948	145.9066
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**BUYING**

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DOLLAR.....	N153
EURO.....	N222
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Source: FeatureNet Solutions

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Date : Friday, January 15, 2010  
Index: 22,060.36  
Volume : 352,817,850  
Cap. : N 5,284,809,763,100.00

# Business/Oil & Gas



FROM Left: Governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo of Kaduna State, Minister of State for Finance Mr. Kemi Babalola, and Minister of Finance, Dr. Mansur Muhtar, during a courtesy visit by the two ministers to the governor on Friday.

## IPMAN invests N200bn in downstream sector

THE Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) has said that it has so far invested over N200 billion in the downstream sector of the nation's petroleum industry.

National President of the Association Alhaji Aminu Abdulkadri who disclosed this weekend during a stakeholders meeting in Lagos, said the investment represents IPMAN's determination to grow the country's downstream sector.

According to him, the organization will continue to invest massively in the sector with a view to grow the sector.

He said IPMAN is presently the largest employer of labour in the sector with over 8,000 retail outlets across the country, adding that the organization dispensed over 70 per cent of total daily consumption.

The IPMAN President, who said the commercial arm of the organization has pioneered Compressed Natural Gas retail outlet in Nigeria with its first station in Benin, Edo State, however said IPMAN is still beset with external challenges like cumbersome import procedures and securing permits from government agencies like Standards Organisation of Nigeria, Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) and PPPRA.

He further emphasized that IPMAN is confronted with the challenge of non-availability/shortage of required volume of product locally.

## Oil: Nigeria loses N130m daily

Stories from Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

NIGERIA loses N130million daily through the use of foreign vessels to transport fuel into the country, Chairman, Indigenous Shippers Association

of Nigeria, Captain Olabinjo has said.

Labinjo, who disclosed this weekend at a stakeholder meeting in Lagos organized by the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), expressed regret over the devel-

opment. He said the indigenous vessels in the country are efficient and has equal wherewithal to do job of similar magnitude with their foreign counterparts.

He said the Federal government should have conserved such fund for developmental

projects such as creation of jobs for Nigerians.

He said: "If such money is diverted to the Niger Delta area for example to create job for the restive youths of the region, the crisis there would have long been solved."

## FG, stakeholders disagree over gas production deal

STAKEHOLDERS in the nation's gas sub-sector have disagreed with the Federal Government over the pre-qualification of 13 investors to accelerate the development of gas production facilities in the country, contrary to prequalification of 15 companies as core investors in Nigeria's Gas Master Plan.

According to the terms of the contract, the 13 investors are to utilise associated gas for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) production and to support the nation's power generation aspiration.

A statement issued by Public Relations Unit of the Ministry of Petroleum Resources, gave names of the participating companies

to include, Colechurch, Global Energy Refining, Ibeto Group of Companies, Octopol, Petrolog Nigeria Limited, Process and Industrial Development Nigeria Ltd. (P&ID) and Tricity.

Others are, Turan oil - Seven Energy Consortium, Westcom, Gerfin and Remington.

But stakeholders taking lead roles in the implementation of the gas master plan rejected the action of the government and described the prequalification and the 13 firms to collect gas directly from oil fields of multinational oil firms as a contradiction of objectives of the Gas Master Plan initiated by the Federal Government in 2008. They told our cor-

respondent at the weekend that the development will discourage investors with programmes of investment in the construction of facilities needed to increase gas supply to the pipelines of the Nigerian Gas Company (NGC).

The flaw as described by the stakeholders will reduce the level of income generation by the NGC as custodian of all the gas pipelines in the country after privatisation by the Federal Government.

They added that the collection of natural gas directly from the oil fields of International Oil Companies (IOCs) will also discourage new investment in infrastructures required to improve

transmission and distribution to market centres in the country.

"The inconsistency in policy framework will make it impossible for the Federal Government to convert abundant natural gas being flared by the IOCs into revenue generation assets for the nation", they lamented.

In November 2008 the Ministry of Energy (Gas) had invited qualified companies to express an interest to pre-qualify as core investor for one of the three franchises offered by the government. This was followed with the selection of 15 companies out of 48 companies that applied to become

core investors in August 2009.

## Nigeria's environment unfriendly to oil investors -FG

THE Federal Government has admitted that the country lacks an enabling environment for the establishment of refineries to shore up domestic consumption of petroleum products.

Minister of Petroleum Resources Rilwanu Lukman who disclosed this weekend at a stakeholders meeting in Lagos, the development explains why no

single private refinery among several ones given licenses by successive governments in the country, has taken off.

He however said the incumbent administration has failed to create enabling environment for private investment in refinery to thrive as the issue has since been incorporated in the petroleum industry bill currently before the

National Assembly.

The Minister made this known in Lagos during an interactive session with the media after the stakeholders forum conference that the full deregulation of the petroleum industry cannot be achieved at this time when the entire enabling environment is not in place. Speaking on the proposed deregu-

lation of the downstream sector, Lukman said that for the country to commence implementation of deregulation all the problems associated with the downstream sector has to be addressed, adding that enabling environment, especially the local refining of petroleum products, had not been created for the take-off of the programme.

## Shell signs Iraq oil field deal

OIL giant Shell and Malaysia's state-run Petronas Oil Company finalised a contract on Sunday to develop Iraq's giant Majnoon oil field.

In December Shell and Petronas beat a rival bid from France's Total and China's CNPC to develop the 12.6bn barrel field in southern Iraq.

The deal was signed at Iraq's Oil Ministry in the presence of Iraqi Oil Minister Hussain al-Shahrastani and Mounir Bouaziz, an executive of Shell Gas and Power.

Royal Dutch Shell owns 60% of the venture, with Petronas owning the remainder.

Their joint-venture, which includes a 20-year service contract, will see the firms receive a fee of \$1.39 a barrel of oil.

Iraq's known reserves of conventional oil rank behind only Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Its daily output is relatively small - about 2.4 million barrels - but it aims to triple that over the next few years.

It needs the expertise of foreign companies to reach that goal of reviving its oil industry, which has been battered by years of war and sanctions.

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## Business

# PPPRA gets approval to pay marketers N80bn oil subsidy

From Moammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency [PPPRA] said it has secured an approval from the Federal government to pay N80 billion to marketers for the products imported into the country for the months of October, November and December last year.

Executive Secretary of the agency, Abiodun Ibikunle, who disclosed this at a stakeholder meeting in Lagos, also assured marketers that the outstanding N41 billion subsidy for the second quarter of last year would soon be paid.

According to him, the agency has processed the cheque and has sent same to the Ministry of Finance for payment.

He however assured petroleum marketers in the country of prompt payment of their claims from this year and beyond as the government is worried about the mountain of debt owed marketers and has resolved to change the status quo.

He further said the government is committed to arresting the spate of fuel scarcity through improved importation and distribution of fuel to the nooks and crannies of the country.

Ibikunle, who said the country consumed 32 million litres of fuel daily, regretted that the combined capacity of the

nation's four refineries could not match the current consumption level.

According to him, there is need for the country to build more refineries to shore up its domestic requirement for petroleum product.

He also said there should be conscious effort on the part of the government to refurbish old and over-utilised petroleum pipelines in order to ensure effective and unhindered transportation of products to areas in the country.

He further advocated alternative means of transporting products like railway, marine and repair of roads in the country.

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## Business

## 'Our villages are highly under banked'

Mathias Amuta, MD/CEO of Think Microfinance Bank Ltd, which officially opens its first branch located in the central area of Abuja, is worried about the low level of banking operations in Nigeria's rural areas. In this interview, he explains how his company intends to make inroads into that area.



By Nasir Imam

**COULD you please tell us about Think Microfinance Bank?**

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**What will be your mode of operations and who are going to be the beneficiaries of your services?**

We are basically for micro customers, we are aware of the current trend where many microfinance banks actually clamour for commercial bank customers but we are tailored for the micro customers, we are going down to the market women, traders, artisans, we have done a lot of researches and we have seen that the market down there is untapped, many are struggling for few customers at the top but down there is untapped, millions of customers are under banked so that is why we are here to serve them.

**In terms of loans and advances, how much has your bank given out so far?**

We try as much as possible to follow CBN regulations, we can give at the moment one percent of our capital base

but if the law changes and we can be able to do more, nevertheless we can always partner with other financial institutions to fund any good project that is beyond our limit, there's room for syndication for us to do as many business as we can so for artisans, businessmen and women can come to us, like our name says, we are Think Microfinance Bank, we can always think out things for the benefit of our customers, so any loan from one to five million we can handle.

**Does that mean that people without collateral can come forward for such loans?**

The essence of microfinance bank is the fact that not everybody has collateral as in buildings, but there are other forms of collateral that micro customers can actually partake in, like third-party guarantees etc, but if you do not have collateral do approach us we can be able to put our heads together and think it through, because you should know one or two people that should be able to be a guarantor for the kind of facility you want, besides if the project that you need the facility for is self financing like you want to buy an asset, the asset itself would be a collateral of its own so we will not be labouring you for a property somewhere to be your collateral.

**The CBN recently came down on some banks because of they termed non-performing loans, what will your microfinance bank do to avoid such a situation?**

Like I said, since we got our license for about three months now what we have been doing is risk management analysis of situations in the banking industry, we have done some research, we have seen why they failed, we've learnt from their mistakes, we are in a very good position to checkmate all of that, we have a robust management team in process, we have a whole department dedicated to risk management. And risk management is not all about credit risk management alone, we have operational risk management, liquidity risk management, so we have prepared ourselves about all this risks.

**The CBN recently said that the problem with some microfinance banks is in the area of corporate governance, that some management don't convene meetings, some do but only to sit down and share contracts, how true is this?**

We've seen the reasons why others failed. Even the composition of our board tells us that we are in tandem with the CBN governance code, we have an independent director on the board who has no shareholding and we have various committees on the board just to checkmate even the management. And inside the management we have internal audit procedure that we need to follow to ensure that corporate governance is our bedrock.

**Our directors are not overbearing, they are highly professional that know the essence of corporate governance especially in banking and we will do our best to live by the CBN corporate governance code.**

**Your bank is located in the central area of Abuja, how do you then intend to get to the grassroots?**

Our presence here is strategic in the sense that the traditional aim of banking is that you take from the surplus spending and take it to the deficit spending unit. We are in the central area and a few individuals may have excess

funds that they may want to give us and we take these to the market women. As time goes on people will discover that this is the only branch of ours that they have seen in the highbrow areas, the next time you will see us in small locations in various markets where we are going to impact people. The reason we are here is for infrastructural reasons, we are going to leverage on power and other infrastructures available in this area.

**Is there any provision for on-lending facilities?**

The fact that we are in Abuja here does not stop us from offering our service to other communities and I will use this opportunity to call on our politicians and highly placed individuals, if you want to impact life on the society, you come and talk to us, even one million, two million is enough to change the life of a community. For we did a research recently and we discovered that if you just introduce two million naira into that community you will change the whole life of that community and we discover that while many banks clamour for the city, a lot of our villages are highly under banked, you see people go for the few million Nigerians that are fully over-banked while millions are under-banked.

In the course of our research we went to one community in Kebbi State and the whole village came out and said give us a bank, give us a bank, and nobody wants to go there. So if you are a prominent person in your community, rather than give people money to go and marry you come talk to us, we will go there and train your people how to do business and avail them credit and other facilities to grow the local economy, create jobs directly and indirectly. In the long run, this will eradicate rural - urban drift. This is a legacy you can live behind for your community.

**What do you think are the major problem hindering the success of micro finance banks in Nigeria and could it be addressed?**

The major hindrance to micro finance banks in Nigeria is funding and capacity development. In the area of capacity development, one must give kudos to the CBN for her efforts in improving human capacity as well as expertise in the sector and with time, the situation will improve.

In the area of funding, there is a silence on the much hyped Nigeria Micro finance funds since this scheme took off four years ago. I believe CBN should do more on this.

Furthermore, the absence of inter-bank money market for Micro finance banks is affecting their liquidity management. We are aware that an inter-bank market for micro finance banks has been established in Lagos but so far it is not popular and only 5 Microfinance banks have joined. For this market to be effective and popular there has to be a strong regulatory framework and their activities must cut across the entire country not just in Lagos.

**How do you think the CBN can improve the rules and regulations guiding the operations of micro finance banks in Nigeria?**

I do believe that the CBN should increase regulatory capacity to effectively monitor and supervise the activities of all Microfinance Institutions (not just the Banks). Currently, there are no supervisory framework for other entities carrying our Microfinance activities such as the Thrift, Savings and Loan Cooperatives and the NGOs involved in the micro-credits to its members.

Many of those cooperatives are viewed by the public and indeed carry themselves as Microfinance banks and with the wave at which they are folding up, public confidence are lost regarding micro-financing in Nigeria. There is no doubt, these unregulated microfinance entities are positively contributing to our local economy but their activities need to be monitored as well.

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Friday, January 15, 2010



STOCK Name	Prev Day Close	Open	High	Low	Price	Change	Deals	Volume Traded	Value
7UR	29.40	29.40	29.40	29.40	29.40	0.00	6	14,500	426,200.00
ACCESS	7.89	7.86	7.90	7.86	7.86	-0.03	109	4,177,546	32,884,694.00
AFPRINT	0.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.00	1	250	215.00
AFRIBANK	2.73	2.60	2.86	2.60	2.60	-0.13	109	5,937,572	15,783,113.00
AFRINSURE	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.79	0.00	1	1,000	760.00
AIRSERVICE	2.44	2.32	2.44	2.32	2.44	0.00	7	256,000	600,520.00
AP	37.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.10	0.00	61	232,439	8,525,235.00
BAGCO	1.62	1.54	1.60	1.54	1.54	-0.08	449	1,743,970	2,690,342.00
BCC	48.00	48.00	50.00	46.05	50.00	2.00	42	1,914,753	93,530,376.00
BECOPETRO	2.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.41	0.00	1	2,000	4,580.00
CAPOIL	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.00	5	149,000	81,950.00
CONDIE	33.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.57	0.00	21	38,827	1,306,246.00
CONTINSURE	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	0.00	4	183,000	192,150.00
CORNERST	0.52	0.51	0.54	0.50	0.54	0.02	25	3,211,560	1,695,066.75
CRUSADER	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.43	0.00	2	7,889	10,729.04
CUSTODYINS	2.97	2.83	2.90	2.83	2.84	-0.13	20	1,544,470	4,412,928.00
CUTIX	3.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.63	0.00	5	56,834	198,919.00
DAARCOMM	0.51	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.01	14	125,200	64,840.00
DANGFLOUR	12.54	11.92	13.16	11.92	13.11	0.57	435	6,821,850	85,417,320.00
DANGSUGAR	14.85	14.71	15.00	14.71	14.98	0.13	93	3,436,279	51,413,868.00
DIAMONDBNK	7.30	7.26	7.49	7.26	7.49	0.19	41	1,426,346	10,470,636.00
ECOBANK	10.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.10	0.00	17	31,298	300,460.81
EQUITYASUR	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	5	1,539,400	769,700.00
ETERNAOIL	6.32	6.01	6.60	6.01	6.60	0.28	38	540,643	3,410,369.50
EVANSMED	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	17	303,000	309,600.00
FCMB	7.50	7.45	7.55	7.45	7.55	0.05	37	5,818,011	43,641,208.00
FIDELITYBK	2.50	2.52	2.62	2.52	2.62	0.12	133	10,528,342	27,371,022.00
FIRSTBANK	14.39	14.21	14.30	14.01	14.30	-0.09	978	43,109,891	606,635,840.00
GOLDINSURE	0.73	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	-0.03	3	260,000	182,000.00
GTASSURE	2.10	2.11	2.20	2.10	2.20	0.10	17	2,056,500	4,424,167.50
GUARANTY	16.08	16.20	16.79	16.20	16.79	0.71	302	7,218,185	118,983,216.00
GUINEAINS	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	2	14,000	7,000.00
IBTC	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.40	7.60	0.10	35	1,591,176	11,902,344.00
IHS	4.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.24	0.00	1	150	604.50
INTENEGINS	0.59	0.57	0.60	0.57	0.59	0.00	29	1,587,116	934,906.44
INTERCONT	2.28	2.34	2.34	2.17	2.34	0.06	274	9,232,442	21,067,930.00
IPWA	1.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.38	0.00	1	2,000	2,640.00
JAPULOIL	1.24	1.18	1.23	1.18	1.21	-0.03	80	3,368,951	4,032,980.25
JBERGER	29.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.60	0.00	38	344,304	9,685,910.00
LINKASSURE	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	1	20,000	10,000.00
MOBIL	99.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.95	0.00	10	4,320	416,148.34
NAHCO	7.68	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.45	-0.23	53	441,860	3,378,841.50
NEIMETH	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.65	0.00	10	135,152	229,224.16
NIG-GERMAN	15.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.04	0.00	1	84	1,200.36
NIGERINS	0.97	0.96	0.97	0.96	0.97	0.00	6	153,785	148,163.59
OANDO	93.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	93.99	0.00	18	38,404	3,609,592.00
OASISINS	1.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.49	0.00	1	500	710.00
OCEANIC	2.57	2.69	2.69	2.45	2.45	-0.12	430	24,894,552	64,236,548.00
PRESCO	5.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.60	0.00	2	14,520	77,246.40
PZ	24.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.97	0.00	18	84,284	2,054,548.50
RTBRISCOE	6.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.27	0.00	15	34,636	209,467.28
SKYEBANK	5.51	5.51	5.78	5.40	5.78	0.27	151	10,420,254	58,959,448.00
SOVRENINS	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	8	1,515,100	757,550.00
SPRINGBANK	0.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.00	5	6,603	5,216.37
STARCOMMS	2.00	1.91	2.05	1.90	2.00	0.00	19	700,670	1,389,677.00
STDINSURE	0.67	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64	-0.03	6	171,000	109,440.00
STERLNBANK	1.24	1.25	1.30	1.25	1.30	0.06	26	1,489,349	1,898,618.75
TANTALIZER	0.89	0.85	0.89	0.85	0.89	0.00	40	4,912,594	4,186,502.00
TOTAL	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	9	6,720	1,001,873.00
TRANSCORP	0.53	0.55	0.53	0.51	0.51	-0.02	42	6,839,050	3,495,757.75
UAC-PROP	20.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.50	0.00	14	38,487	815,399.12
UACN	39.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.38	0.00	30	141,574	5,427,091.50
UBA	10.90	10.89	11.00	10.57	10.99	0.09	155	5,006,630	54,439,064.00
UBN	6.08	6.09	6.38	6.09	6.38	0.30	143	1,855,112	11,428,681.00
UNHOMES	0.91	0.95	0.95	0.87	0.87	-0.04	19	1,436,309	1,326,340.38
UNIC	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.83	0.83	-0.04	13	1,121,150	946,980.50
UNILEVER	23.20	23.35	24.00	23.35	23.50	0.30	63	785,501	18,506,036.00
UNITYBNK	1.01	1.00	1.04	0.97	1.04	0.03	54	8,040,826	8,036,593.50
UNIVINSURE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	1	300,000	150,000.00
UPL	5.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.29	0.00	3	7,127	35,848.81
UTC	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.00	7	24,400	20,984.00
VITAFAM	5.55	5.50	5.55	5.50	5.55	0.00	16	124,228	683,864.06
WAPCO	30.26	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	-0.26	33	456,509	13,663,976.00
WAPIC	0.99	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.00	0.01	13	521,300	515,427.00
WEMABANK	1.10	1.05	1.15	1.05	1.15	0.05	54	3,569,750	3,911,454.00
ZENITHBANK	15.00	15.28	15.80	15.28	15.80	-0.20	230	33,907,810	535,078,912.00

# ABCON

ASSOCIATION OF BUREAUX DE CHANGE  
OPERATORS OF NIGERIA

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION & INAUGURATION OF NEW EXECUTIVES

TO: ALL ABCON MEMBERS (INCLUDING HOLDERS OF CBN APPROVALS -IN-PRINCIPLE)

You are hereby notified of the Annual General Meeting, National Election and Inauguration of New National & Zonal Executive Council of the Association, as well as Commissioning of the ABCON NATIONAL SECRETARIAT.

### 1. COMMISSIONING OF ABCON NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

**DATE:** FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2010  
**TIME:** 10A.M PROMPT  
**VENUE:** 4, OLUWALEYIMU ST OFF UNITY  
ST. OFF TOYIN ST IKEJA LAGOS

### 2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/ ELECTION & INUAGURATION OF EXCECUTIVES

**DATE:** SATURDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 2010  
**TIME:** 8.00A.M PROMPT  
**VENUE:** AIRPORT HOTEL, 111, AWOLOWO  
WAY, IKEJA LAGOS

### AGENDA

#### A. REGISTRATION AND VOTERS' ACCREDITATION

#### B. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Opening prayer
2. National Anthem
3. Notice of Meeting
4. President's Address
5. Secretariat Report
6. Comments on President's Address and Secretariat Report
7. Response by President
8. Desolution of National Executive Council & Introduction of Electoral Committee

#### C. ELECTION

1. Briefing by Electoral Chairman
2. Presentation of the successfully screened candidates
3. Voting
4. Counting of Votes & Collation of Results
5. Announcement of Results by Electoral Chairman

#### D. INUAGURATION OF NEW ZONAL AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Swearing in of New Excutives
2. Address by New President

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



# CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

## INVITATION

The Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi cordially invites all stakeholders and organizations involved in micro financing to the **Fourth Annual International Microfinance Conference and Microfinance / Entrepreneurship Awards Ceremony** scheduled to hold as follows:

**THEME: "SUSTAINABLE MICROFINANCE DELIVERY IN NIGERIA"**

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2010  
**VENUE:** Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotels & Towers, Abuja  
**TIME:** 9.00 am daily

**REGISTRATION FEE:** N10,000.00 per participant payable at the venue.

### Special Guest of Honour:

His Excellency, Alhaji Umar Musa Yar'Adua, *GCFR*  
 President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

### PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010**

- 4.00p.m. Arrival/Registration

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010**

#### OPENING SESSION

- 7.30a.m. Registration continues
- 8.00a.m. Participants seated
- 9.00a.m. Arrival of His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, ALHAJI UMARU MUSAYAR'ADUA, *GCFR*
- 9.10a.m. National Anthem / Introduction of Special Guests
- 9.20a.m. Welcome / Keynote Address by the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria, MALLAM SANUSI LAMIDO SANUSI
- 9.30a.m. Goodwill Messages - United Nations Development Programme - German Technical Cooperation
- 9.40a.m. Opening Address by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces
- 9.50a.m. Awards to State Governors and Managing Directors of Deposit Money Banks
- 10.10a.m. Vote of Thanks by Dr. Kingsley Moghalu, Deputy Governor, Financial System Stability, Central Bank of Nigeria

- 10.20a.m. Mr. President and Entourage visit Exhibition Stands
- 10.30a.m. Tea Break

#### MORNING TECHNICAL SESSION

1st Paper: **Financial Inclusion and Savings Mobilization**

Presenter: Peter Van Dijk  
 Adviser, Microfinance Certification Programme of the Central Bank of Nigeria

- 11.00a.m. Presentation of Paper
- 11.40a.m. Comments/ Discussion
- 12.20p.m. End of session

2nd Paper: **Enterprise-wide Risk Management in Microfinance Institutions**

Presenter: Saleh Khan  
 Managing Director, ASAMFB, Lagos

- 12.20p.m. Presentation of Paper
- 1.00p.m. Comments/ Discussion
- 1.40p.m. End of session/ LUNCH BREAK

Chairman: Mr. Onno Ruhl, Country Director, World Bank, Nigeria

Discussants:- Country Representative, International Finance Corporation  
 - Head Risk Management, Access Bank Plc  
 - Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria

#### AFTERNOON TECHNICAL SESSION

3rd Paper: **Financial Literacy and Consumer Protection as Strategies to Enhance Microfinance**

Presenter: Monique Cohen  
 Founder and President, Microfinance Opportunities, Washington, D.C. and Alliance for Financial Inclusion

Chairman: Director General, Consumer Protection Agency of Nigeria

Discussants:- Country Director, African Development Bank  
 - Managing Director, First Bank of Nigeria Plc  
 - President, Nigerian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises

- 2.40p.m. Presentation of Paper
- 3.20p.m. Comments/ Discussion
- 4.00p.m. End of session/ CLOSING

#### AWARDS NIGHT

**PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE AWARDS NIGHT**

**Date: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010**

- 6.30p.m. Guests Seated
- 6.45p.m. Arrival of the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, MALLAM SANUSI LAMIDO SANUSI
- 7.00p.m. Opening Remarks by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria
- 7.15p.m. Experience Sharing by Operators/ Testimonies of Awardees
- 7.45p.m. Presentation of Awards
- 8.15p.m. Dinner
- 9.30p.m. Vote of Thanks: Director, Development Finance Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, MR. JOE ALEGIEUNO
- 9.35p.m. Departure

**DAY 3: FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010**

• 8.00a.m. Arrival of Participants  
**MORNING TECHNICAL SESSION**

1st Paper: **Institutional Support for Microfinance Sub-sector**

Presenter: Ms. Alexia Latortue  
 Head, CGAP Africa Office and CGAP Paris

- 8.30a.m. Presentation of Paper
- 9.10a.m. Comments/ Discussion
- 9.50a.m. End of session/ TEA BREAK

2nd Paper: **Branchless Banking in Microfinance**

Presenter: Luiz Adson Feltrim  
 Head, Financial Systems Organization Department, Central Bank of Brazil

- 10.20a.m. Presentation of Paper
- 11.00a.m. Comments/ Discussion
- 11.40a.m. End of Session

Chairman: Tina Zukorquarshie, TVQ Consulting, Lagos

Discussants:- Director, Banking Operations Department, Central Bank of Nigeria

- Country Director, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- Dr. Ndidi Edozien, President, Growing Business Foundation, Lagos

#### WRAPUP SESSION

- 11.50a.m. Wrap up Session by the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria
- 12.50p.m. Presentation of Communiqué
- 1.00p.m. LUNCH/CLOSING

SIGNED:  
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# TAEKWONDO AND KOREAN LANGUAGE

The Korean Cultural Centre wishes to notify the general public that it has introduced Taekwondo Martial Arts and Korean Language Classes. This is in a bid to showcase its cultural heritage and to help develop sports and to further enhance cultural exchange between Korea and Nigeria. Registration commences by January 2010.

### <SCHEDULES FOR TAEKWONDO CLASSES>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GENERAL CLASS FOR STUDENTS 3:30 - 5:00PM	GENERAL CLASS FOR ADULTS 3:30 - 5:00PM	NO CLASS	GENERAL CLASS FOR STUDENTS 3:30 - 5:00PM	GENERAL CLASS FOR ADULTS 3:30 - 5:00PM

\* FEE: Uniform N 4,000 / Monthly N 3,000 (for individual), Monthly N 6,000 (family of three 3)

### <SCHEDULES FOR KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASSES>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STUDENTS 3:00 - 3:50PM	STUDENTS 3:00 - 3:50PM	NO CLASS	STUDENTS 3:00 - 3:50PM	STUDENTS 3:00 - 3:50PM
ADULTS 4:00 - 4:50PM	ADULTS 4:00 - 4:50PM		ADULTS 4:00 - 4:50PM	ADULTS 4:00 - 4:50PM

\* FEE: Text Book N 4,000(Two kinds of Text book) / 16 Weeks N 10,000

✳ The maximum number of students per class is twenty(20) (Taekwondo and Korean Language classes)

✳ Period of Application: 18th ~ 22nd Jan 2010 (All classes begin on the 4th Feb 2010)

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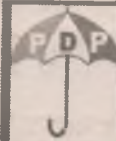
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## YAR'ADUA/SHEMA POLITICAL MOVEMENT Re-PDP Govs Meet to Pick New VP

Our attention has been drawn to a lead article of Tuesday 12th January 2010 of the Leadership Newspaper with above caption which purportedly listed Governor Ibrahim Shema of Katsina state among others listed in the alleged race for Vice Presidency.

As a Katsina based political movement with objective of enlightening the citizenry on the good works of both our grand father Umaru Musa Yar'adua and our father, Ibrahim Shehu Shema, we cannot hold brief for the Governors but we felt the Newspaper would have been fair enough to provide details of the meeting and where it held to convince Nigerians that its neither a sponsored or empty speculation as it stand at the moment.

This is so because Nigerians are only aware of the 36 state Governors meeting held on the date so referred and not PDP governors meeting as inconceivably put, who by their intellectual disposition could not contemplate even discussing a position that was not in any way vacant.

While Governor Ibrahim Shema and his colleagues like all other right thinking Nigerians may choose to dismiss the article as a simple mischief, baseless and concocted article meant to satisfy the wish of its sponsors and therefore do not require any attention, response or further discussion we shall at the risk of offending them both here pinpoint the danger of the media getting involve in publishing a sided sensational garbage as dangerous to the quest of democracy and good governance especially when the article has by every standard fall short of a balanced, objective and ethical reporting.

For the record, Governor Ibrahim Shema has not left anyone in doubt that, he is contended with the present important position he occupied, and unlike others we know he does not have that blind craze for power and position but allow God took charge of all his endeavours and remain grateful for Allah's grace and bounties for him in life so far.

He equally resolve not never to be deterred by agents of destruction or evil forces bent at creating a seed of discord between him and his father "Baba Matawalle" and build from the legacies he left behind by doing all in his time to run Katsina most transparently and improve on the well being of his people, these he left not even the first visitor of Katsina in doubt about.

Nigerians and Katsina people in particular have remain confident of Governor Shema's loyalty and commitment to the entire Yar'adua political family and despite all sponsored mischief and evil political machinations by fifth columnist against his personality and government of the state. We have seen his resolution to remain focused and committed to better the lives of Katsina people as the job he was set out to complete within the stipulated constitutional framework.

Governor Ibrahim Shema has in all occasion condemned recent politicization of Yar'adua's ill heath and urges Nigerians to as he does, always pray for the speedy recovery of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua and subsequent return to Nigeria to continue with the good works he started for Nigerians and even more.

We, therefore, want use this opportunity to appeal to Governor Shema to disregard all those evil forces bent at brewing the seed of discord between him and his father, for they will surely fail since God is not asleep and is surely behind him.

The versatility, intellect and political acumen of both gentlemen has gone beyond that of a narrow minded and self centred clique's coordinated campaigns of calumny.

You have imprinted your legacies after completing all those started by your father, and Katsina people are not unaware of your unambitious disposition and faith in Allah to determine the next step for you, may He be of help to all your endeavours. Ameen!!

## THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, DAMATURU P. M. B. 1006, DAMATURU, YOBE STATE.

### INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### VACANCIES FOR THE SERVICE OF A RELIABLE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (I.T) CONSULTANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Consultants for provision of reliable Information Technology (I.T) services to the Polytechnic. The services required are:

- INTERNET ACCESS**
  - Reliable, uninterrupted internet access of at least 1 MB [Upload] and 512 KB PS [download].
  - Wireless Coverage Access across the Polytechnic campus [hot spot] (secured).
- WEBSERVICES**

The web services should at least support the following:

  - Secured website/portal that allows for online Application, Admission checking, Result checking, Registration, etc.
  - Online library access.
  - Allows for online Management of staff/students information storage and access.

Interested reputable contractors and suppliers should submit the following documents for tender pre-qualification:

- Evidence of Registration/Incorporation of company by the Corporate Affairs Commission either as a supplier or a contractor or both.
- Company's three (3) years Income Tax Clearance Certificate or evidence of Tax Holiday.
- Evidence of Registration with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and or the Federal Polytechnic, Damaturu either as a limited liability company or proprietor of a company.
- Company's CV(s) or profiles indicating technical, managerial and support staff and their experience in the field.
- Bank Statement from a reputable Bank acceptable to the Polytechnic. Vouching for the company's financial power.
- List of similar projects successfully executed in the last three (3) years indicating names of clients, consultants and certificate of practical completion.
- List of plants/equipment.

#### Submission of Pre-qualification Documents

The documents (1 - 7) above must be in a sealed envelop and clearly indicated on top of the envelop, and should be personally deposited in the Tender Box provided for in the office of the Registrar of the Polytechnic between the hours of 12.00 noon to 4.00pm weekdays not later than two (2) weeks from the date of this advertisement.

Note that this is not an invitation to tender and that only successful contractors/suppliers will be invited to tender for the jobs.

The Polytechnic is not bound to accept any particular applicant or any conditions attached to any application and only successful applicants will be communicated to.

Signed:  
MANAGEMENT

**BAUCHI STATE COMMUNITY BASED URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WORLD BANK ASSISTED**

CREDIT NO:3654UNI

CONTRACT I.D NO: BS/NCBUDP/NCBPW/09/LOT1

**REHABILITATION OF SCHOOLS, WOMEN CENTRE AND CONSTRUCTION OF CLINICS AND DISPENSARY IN BAUCHI METROPOLIS**

CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION

DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTIFICATION: JANUARY 18, 2010

In pursuant to the World Bank Guidelines Procurement Under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits ( May, 2004 revised October 1, 2006) Clause 2.60 Publication of the Award of Contract, Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project hereby publishes award notification as follows:

A. Name of Bidders who submitted the Bid		
S/N	Name of Bidder	ADDRESS
1	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	Latokem Nigeria Ltd 144, Ojuelegba Road, 2nd Floor, Front Flat, Surulere, Lagos
2	Allied Development Consult & Properties Ltd	Allied Development Consult & Properties Ltd, #23, Danja Street, Kofar Kaura Layout, Katsina
3	Nadic Investment Co. Ltd	Nadic Investment Co Ltd, Plot 2107, Tafawa Balewa Way Opposite Area 3, Shopping Centre, Wuse Abuja
4	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	Consolidated Contractors Ltd, 2nd Floor, 8 Strachan Street, Lagos
5	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	Muhab Engineering Nig. Ltd, C3.C5, Adamu Jumba Road, Bauchi
6	Sunnex Nigeria Ltd	Sunnex Nigeria Ltd, 33 Oron Road, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State
7	Golden Construction Company Ltd	Golden Construction Company Ltd, #1, Panama Street Off IBB Boulevard, Maitama District, Abuja
8	Tregdam Nigeria Ltd	Tregdam Nigeria Ltd, Plot -B/D136, Dutse Alhaji Layout, Abuja
9	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	Kouris Construction Nigeria Ltd, Plot 729, Behind Finance Staff Quarters, Wuse District, Abuja
10	Eagle Construction Ltd	Eagle Construction Ltd, Plot: 1179, Cadastral Zone B6, Mabushi, Abuja FCT
11	Dehatro Integrated Nigeria Ltd	De Hatro Nigeria Ltd, No.31, Koforidua Street, Wuse Zone, Abuja

B. Bid Price As read out at Bid Opening				
S/N	Name of Bidder	Readout Price in 'Naira'	Bid Security Amount/Source	Discount Offered %
1	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	114,899,743.90	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
2	Allied Development Consult & Properties Ltd	191,864,245.90	Bid Security from Bank PHB N5,000,000.00	5%
3	Nadic Investment Co.Ltd	185,869,168.18	Bid Security from Skye Bank N5,000,000.00	-
4	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	227,148,044.92	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	17.50%
5	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	199,434,462.68	Bid Security from Skye Bank N5,000,000.00	-
6	Sunnex Nigeria Ltd	222,980,50008	Bid Security from Union Bank of Nigeria PLC N5,000,000.00	10%
7	Golden Construction Company Ltd	230,745,366.82	Bid Security from GT Bank N5,000,000.00	5%
8	Tregdam Nigeria Ltd	243,938,107.81	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
9	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	246,017,086.52	Bid Security from GT Bank N5,000,000.00	-
10	Eagle Construction Ltd	260,363,373.37	Bid Security from GT Bank N5,000,000.00	-
11	Dehatro Integrated Nigeria Ltd	351,902,725.03	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-

C. Name and Evaluation prices of each Bid that was Evaluated		
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price in 'NGN'
1	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	114,899,743.90
2	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	187,397,137.06
3	Sunnex Nigeria Ltd	200,682,450.07

D. Name of Bidders whose Bids were rejected and the reasons for rejection			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price 'NGN'	Reasons for Rejection
1	Allied Development Consult & Properties Ltd	182,081,033.61	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N600,000,000/-
2	Nadic Investment Co.Ltd	185,869,168.18	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N600,000,000/-
3	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	199,434,462.68	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N600,000,000/- and the Letter of Bid is not in the name of the Joint Venture
4	Golden Construction Company	219,704,823.21	Audit reports for Average Annual Turn-over details not furnished
5	Tregdam Nigeria Ltd	243,938,107.81	Audit reports for Average Annual Turn-over details not furnished
6	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	246,017,086.52	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N600,000,000/-
7	Eagle Construction Ltd	260,363,373.37	Audit reports for Average Annual Turn-over details not furnished
8	Dehatro Integrated Nigeria Ltd	351,902,725.03	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N600,000,000/- and Wording of Bid Security submitted is not in consistent with the Bid Security form provided in the Bid Document

E. Name of Winning Bidder and Price it offered			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Contract Price (NGN)	Delivery Period
1	Sunnex Nigeria Ltd	200,682,450.07	10 Months

**Debriefing:**

Any Bidder who wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not successful should please contact the Project Coordinator, Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project in writing.

Unsuccessful Bidders may also wish to collect back their Bid Securities at the address below:

The Project Coordinator,  
Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project,  
PIU Secretariat,

#10, Mohammed Bello Kirfi Road,  
BSUDB HQTRS Complex,  
Adjacent to UNICEF Zonal Office,  
GRA, Bauchi,

E-mail:bauchincbudp@yahoo.com

Signed:

Engr. Jibrin Isah Garba,  
Ag. Project Co-ordinator



**BAUCHI STATE COMMUNITY BASED URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WORLD BANK ASSISTED**

CREDIT NO:3654UNI

**CONSTRUCTION OF ASPHALT CONCRETE WORKS IN BAUCHI METROPOLIS**

CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION

DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTIFICATION: JANUARY 18, 2010

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A. Name of Bidders who submitted the Bid		
S/N	Name of Bidder	ADDRESS
1	Consolidated Contractors Ltd	Consolidated Contractors Ltd, 2nd Floor, 8 Strachan Street, Lagos
2	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	Latokem Nigeria Ltd, 144, Ojuelegba Road, 2nd Floor, Front Flat, Surulere, Lagos
3	Naura Energy Ltd	Naura Energy Ltd, 116, Adiyari Road, Agbado, Ogun State
4	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	Televue International Nigeria Ltd, #1, Panama Street, Off IBB Boulevard, Maitama District, Abuja
5	H&M Nigeria Ltd	H&M NIGERIA LTD, #25 Niger Street, Gidan Badamasu, 2nd Floor, Opp to Gidan Goldie, Kano
6	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	Muhab Engineering Nig. Ltd, C3.C5, Adamu Jumba Road, Bauchi
7	Dolzibrown Nigeria Ltd	Dolz Brown (Nig) Ltd, Plot 27, Nouakchott Street, Wuse Zone 1, Abuja
8	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd, Plot No7, Inuwa Abdulkadir Road, PO Box 9020, Kaduna
9	Power Hill Construction Ltd	Power Hill Corporation, No 10, New Dawaki Road, Off Sultan Road, PO BOX 974, Kaduna
10	G&E Engineering Services	G&E Engineering Services Ltd, Plot 2, Atakpame Street Wuse II, Abuja
11	Triacta Nigeria Ltd	Triacta Nigeria Ltd, 139, Murtala Mohammad Way, KANO
12	Precision Maintenance Construction Nig.Ltd	Precision Maintenance & Construction Company Ltd, 3C, Farm Centre, New Layout, Tarauni, Kano
13	CGC Nigeria Ltd	CGC Nigeria Ltd, NNAMDI AZIKIWE WAY, Kaduna Industrial Area, Kaduna

B. Bid Price As read out at Bid Opening				
S/N	Name of Bidder	Readout Price in 'Naira'	Bid Security Amount/Source	Discount offered %
1	Consolidated Contractors Ltd	242,884,487.48	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N6,500,000.00	17.50%
2	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	214,036,869.37	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank	-
3	Naura Energy Ltd	237,851,034.79	Bid Security Not Submitted	-
4	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	251,170,105.70	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N6,500,000.00	5%
5	H&M Nigeria Ltd	266,639,400.10	Bid Security from Afri Bank Nig PLC for N6,500,000.00	5%
6	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	257,458,096.35	Bid Security from Skye Bank N6,500,000.00	-
7	Dolzibrown Nigeria Ltd	257,978,532.07	Bid Security from First Bank N6,500,000.00	-
8	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd	261,323,590.50	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N6,500,000.00	-
9	Power Hill Construction Ltd	276,101,996.62	Bid Security from Skye Bank N6,500,000.00	-
10	G&E Engineering Services	329,935,241.50	Bid Bond from Staco Insurance PLC for N6,500,000.00	-
11	Triacta Nigeria Ltd	330,316,441.81	Bid Security from GT Bank N6,500,000.00	-
12	Precision Maintenance Construction Nig. Ltd	371,365,184.92	Bid Security from Sterling Bank N6,500,000.00	-
13	CGC Nigeria Ltd	558,847,229.28	Bid Security from GT Bank N6,500,000.00	-

C. Name and Evaluation prices of each Bid that was Evaluated		
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price in 'NGN'
1	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	200,379,702.17
2	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	238,611,600.42
3	Triacta Nigeria Ltd	330,316,441.81
4	CGC Nigeria Ltd	558,847,229.28

D. Name of Bidders whose Bids were rejected and the reasons for rejection			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price 'NGN'	Reasons for Rejection
1	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	214,036,869.37	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N777,000,000/-
2	Naura Nigeria Ltd	237,851,034.79	Bid Security not submitted and the Average Annual Turn-over is less than N777,000,000/-
3	H&M Nigeria Ltd	253,307,430.10	Bid Security form is not in consistency with the wording of the bid security form provided in the bid document and the Average Annual Turn-over is less than N777,000,000/-
4	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	257,458,096.35	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N777,000,000/- and Bid Security not submitted in the name of the Joint Venture
5	Dolzibrown Nigeria Ltd	257,978,532.07	Average Annual Turn-over is less than N777,000,000/- and the Audited Financials are submitted only for 3 years
6	China Zangiton Nigeria Ltd	261,323,590.50	Original Bid Security, Company's Registration, Certificate of Incorporation, Audit Reports are not submitted.
7	Power Hill Construction Ltd	276,101,996.62	Details of Turn-over and Audit reports for the financial years 2004 to 2007 are not submitted.
8	G&E Engineering Services	329,935,241.50	Bid Security not submitted by a reputable Bank. Ref:TB 19.1
9	Precision Maintenance Construction Nig. Ltd	371,365,184.92	Bid Security form is not in consistency with the wording of the bid security form provided in the bid document and the Average Annual Turn-over is less than N777,000,000/-

E. Name of Winning Bidder and Price it offered			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Contract Price (NGN)	Delivery Period
1	Triacta Nigeria Ltd	330,316,441.81	10 Months

**Debriefing:**

Any Bidder who wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not successful should please contact the Project Coordinator, Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project in writing.

Unsuccessful Bidders may also wish to collect back their Bid Securities at the address below:

The Project Coordinator,  
Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development

Project,  
PIU Secretariat,  
#10, Mohammed Bello Kirfi Road,  
BSUDB HQTRS Complex,  
Adjacent to UNICEF Zonal Office,  
GRA, Bauchi,  
E-mail:bauchincbudp@yahoo.com

Signed:

Engr. Jibrin Isah Garba,  
Ag. Project Co-ordinator



**BAUCHI STATE COMMUNITY BASED URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
WORLD BANK ASSISTED  
CREDIT NO:3654UNI  
CONTRACT I.D NO: BS/NCBUDP/NCBPII/09/LOT3  
CONSTRUCTION OF INTERLOCKING FOOTPATHS IN BAUCHI METROPOLIS  
CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION  
DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTIFICATION: JANUARY 18, 2010**

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A. Name of Bidders who submitted the Bid		
S/N	Name of Bidder	ADDRESS
1	H&M Nigeria Ltd	H&M NIGERIA LTD, #25, Niger Street, Gidan Badamasi, 2nd Floor, Opp. to Gidan Goldie, Kano
2	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	Consolidated Contractors Ltd, 2nd Floor, 8 Strachan Street, Lagos
3	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	Latokem Nigeria Ltd, 144 Ojuelegba Road, 2nd Floor, Front Flat, Surulere, Lagos
4	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	Televue International Nigeria Ltd, #1. Panama Street, Off IBB Boulevard, Maitama District, Abuja
5	Mai Angale Building & Construction Co.Ltd	Mai Angale Building & Construction Co. Ltd, Along Jos Road,, PO Box:1721, Bauchi
6	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	Muhab Engineering Nig. Ltd. C3,C5, Adamu Jumba Road, Bauchi **
7	Dolizbrown Nigeria Ltd	Doliz Brown (Nig) Ltd, Plot 27, Nouakchott Street, Wuse Zone 1, Abuja
8	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd, Plot No7, Inuwa Abdulkadir Road PO Box:9020, Kaduna
9	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	Kouris Construction Nigeria Ld, Plot 729, Behind Finance Staff Quarters, Wuse District, Abuja

B. Bid Price As read out at Bid Opening				
S/N	Name of Bidder	Readout Price in Naira-	Bid Security Amount/Source	Discount Offered %
1	H&M Nigeria Ltd	169,311,437.66	Bid Security from Afri Bank PLC for N5,000,000.00	-
2	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	216,584,046.84	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	17.5%
3	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	202,479,392.75	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
4	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	218,001,306.67	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	5%
5	Mai Angale Building & Construction Co. Ltd	211,759,101.07	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
6	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	214,409,940.80	Bid Security from Skye Bank for N5,000,000.00	-
7	Doliz Brown Nigeria Ltd	221,541,265.00	Bid Security from FinBank N5,000,000.00	-
8	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd	226,225,724.18	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
9	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	316,953,980.36	Bid Security from GT Bank N5,000,000.00	-

C. Name and Evaluation prices of each Bid that was Evaluated		
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price in 'NGN'
1	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	178,681,838.64
2	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	202,479,392.75
3	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	207,101,241.34
4	Doliz Brown Nigeria Ltd	221,541,265.00

D. Name of Bidders whose Bids were rejected and the reasons for rejection			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price 'NGN'	Reasons for Rejection
	H&M Nigeria Ltd	169,311,437.66	Bid security submitted is not in consistence with the Bid Document and Company's Certification of Incorporation, Registration, Audit Reports for the financial years 2004 to 2008, List of Key personnel, power of Attorney, Experience details etc are not submitted
2	Mai Angale Nigeria Ltd	211,759,101.07	Average Annual Turn-over of the firm is less than N570,000,000/-
3	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	214,409,940.80	Bid security is not in the name of the Joint Venture
4	China Zhonghao Nig Ltd	226,225,724.18	Original Bid Security, Company's Registration, Certificate of Incorporation, Audit Reports are not submitted.
6	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	316,953,980.36	Average Annual Turn-over of the firm is less than N570,000,000/-

E. Name of Winning Bidder and Price it offered			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Contract Price (NGN)	Delivery Period
1	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	178,681,838.64	10

**Debriefing:\***  
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**COUNCIL FOR THE REGULATION OF ENGINEERING IN NIGERIA  
HOUSE 21/23, 14 ROAD, GWARINPA II, ABUJA.**

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE  
EXECUTION OF PROJECTS.**

**1.0 PREAMBLE**  
The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) hereby invites interested and reputable contractors to apply for pre-qualification to be considered for the following projects which it intends to execute.

**2.0 AREAS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION**  
LOT 1: Supply of Office Furniture  
LOT 2: Supply of Office Equipment  
LOT 3: Design of COREN Website  
LOT 4: Construction of COREN Headquarters

**3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**  
i. Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)  
ii. Tax Clearance Certificate for the past three (3) years viz 2006, 2007 and 2008  
iii. Value Added Tax Registration Certificate  
iv. Tax PIN number from Inland Revenue Service  
v. Company Profile indicating key personnel with years of relevant experience  
vi. Verifiable evidence of audited accounts for the past three (3) years  
vii. Verifiable evidence of financial capability to execute the job  
viii. Verifiable evidence of similar works successfully completed within the last five years, attaching photocopies of award letter and job completion Certificates.  
ix. Letter of attestation from a reputable Bank  
x. Any additional information that may enhance the pre-qualification of the company.

**4.0 SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

All pre-qualification documents should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and must be returned to:  
**The Secretary,  
Procurement Planning Committee,  
Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN),  
House 21/23, 14 Road, Off 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue,  
Gwarinpa, Abuja.  
09-2904584, 08037001258**

within 2 weeks from the date of this publication.

**NOTE**  
a. The "PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER" shall not be a commitment on the part of COREN. It shall not entitle the tenderer to make any claims whatsoever or seek for any remedy/indemnity from COREN by virtue of such tender having responded to this advert.  
b. Late submission will not be accepted  
c. Submission should be very clear on the areas of specialization and LOT(s) of interest.

Signed:  
Registrar, COREN.  
14<sup>th</sup> January, 2010



## INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

### REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in pursuance of its statutory functions and in compliance with Due Process requirement seeks a reputable firms with competent, to implement E – Library in the Electoral Institute Library/Seminar Hall of the Commission.

#### Proposal Requirement

Interested bidders are expected to submit Technical and Financial proposal in separate envelopes.

#### A. Technical bids

The technical proposal should include:

- (a) Technical specification such as designed, infrastructure, base application and other functionalities.
- (b) The company/firm profile highlightings in details the following:
  - (i) Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission,
  - (ii) Immediate past three years Audited Accounts of the firms,
  - (iii) Immediate past three year tax clearance of either firms or the principal partners or the proprietors,
  - (iv) Evidence of Financial capability and Banking support,
  - (v) Details of experience, Technical/Professional qualification of key personnel,
  - (vi) List and evidence of similar projects executed and knowledge of the industry, the Bided category.
  - (vii) List and evidence of equipment and Technical Capability to be utilized for the
  - (viii) Evidence of VAT registration, remittances of VAT and PAYEE, and an up to date payment of Pension/Social insurance contributions such as NHIS etc. for and on behalf of the employees.

#### B. Financial Bid

The financial proposal package should state the financial cost implication of the project and the bid validity period for the quoted prices.

#### C. General Information

- (i) All tender must be accompanied with a non-refundable processing fees of N10,000.00
- (ii) For additional information, you may contact:
  - (a) HOD ICT  
INECHQ  
Abuja.
- (iii) The closing date for submission of the tender shall be 14 days from the date of 1<sup>st</sup> publication of this advert in any national Newspaper.
- (iv) Only firms that are Technically responsive will be contacted after evaluation of Technical bid and invited for opening of financial bid.

#### D. Submission

All submission for bidders should be as follows:

- (i) Five copies of neatly bound Technical bid are to be submitted in an envelope marked "Technical Proposal for E-Library"
- (ii) Five copies of neatly bound financial proposal in another envelope marked "Financial Bid for E-Library", to be deposited in the Commission's "Tamper Proof Bids Box".

All envelopes shall be sealed, addressed and submitted to:

**The Secretary**  
INEC Headquarters  
Plot 436, Zambezi Crescent  
Maitama A5, PMB 0184,  
Garki – Abuja.



## THE PRESIDENCY

### IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ALIENATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LANDED PROPERTY

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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SIGNED

DR. M. L. YAHUZA

SECRETARY

PRESIDENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

# DIGEST

## Why parenting actually reduces your blood pressure

THEY may give you grey hair, sleepless nights and a host of worries about money, health and school.

But raising children can actually lower your blood pressure, a study suggests.

While the finding may provoke guffaws of disbelief among parents, the principle is that parenthood gives people 'a sense of purpose and meaning' which helps to reduce stress and put the hassles of life into perspective.

The conclusion comes from a study of 198 adults who were fitted with portable blood pressure monitors for 24 hours as they went about their normal lives.

Researchers took into account other factors that can influence blood pressure, such as health, age, weight, exercise, employment and drinking history.

All other things being equal, the average systolic blood pressure - the top number in a reading - was 4.5 points lower for parents than non-parents.

The diastolic blood pressure - the bottom number in a reading - was three points lower, the scientists reported in the journal *Annals of Behavioural Medicine*.

The effect was stronger among women. Mothers had a

12 and seven-point difference in blood pressure compared with childless women.

Dr Julianne Holt-Lunstad, who led the study at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, said: 'While caring for children may include daily hassles, deriving a sense of meaning and purpose from life's stress has been shown to be associated with better health outcomes.'

Many parents, who cast an envious eye over the apparently carefree lives of childless couples, may disagree.

But although the number involved in the study was relatively small, Dr Holt-Lunstad said the size of the difference between parents and childless people was unlikely to be explained by chance alone.

'This doesn't mean the more kids you have, the better your blood pressure,' she added. 'The findings are simply tied to parenthood, no matter the number of children or employment status.'

All the volunteers were married and in good health. Seven out of ten had children.

Blood pressure measurements were taken at random intervals throughout the day. Volunteers were even monitored while they



DESPITE the sleepless nights and a host of worries about money, health and school, raising children can actually lower your blood pressure

slept.

Last year, a study by Dr Holt-Lunstad found that happily

married people had lower blood pressure on average than single people.

But those who were in an unhappy marriage had the worst blood pressure of all.

## Men say money is the way to lose the pounds



MEN find the idea of cash rewards a particularly strong incentive

A new diet programme claims that the chance to compete for cold hard cash is the best way to motivate men to shed the pounds.

Following a trend which began in the United States, dieters in this country are signing up for a scheme

which pays out hundreds of pounds if they hit ambitious weight loss targets. However, if the scales fail to budge or if weight loss fails to reach a minimum 20lbs target, the dieter ends up out of pocket.

The scheme costs up to £90 to

join, plus monthly membership fees of up to £20. Participants choose targets for how much weight they want to lose and how long they will keep it off. They are then paid for every pound they lose, with bonuses for reaching

their targets.

For example, a man paying maximum fees who successfully lost 40lbs and kept the weight off for 18 months would make a profit of £545, but if he did not lose any weight at all he would end up £570 out of pocket.

Founders of the scheme believe that thousands of people with large amounts of weight to lose will be tempted to take the gamble, and say their early research has found that men are most motivated by the cash prizes.

More than 600 people in the UK have taken part in an invitation-only pilot scheme, with free membership and rewards of up to £425 for weight loss of 50lbs. In the trials, the average dieter lost 18lbs. In Kent, 300 dieters have even been referred to the scheme on the NHS, with their membership costs paid by taxpayers.

Now the company behind the UK scheme, Weight Wins, has launched a version for the general public with rewards of more than £1,000 for the maximum weight loss of 11 stone. But the costs of the joining fee and membership charges mean participants could

lose more than £500 if they fail in their challenge.

Winton Rossiter, the managing director, said findings from the pilot schemes showed that men found the idea of cash rewards a particularly strong incentive.

While most diet programmes are joined predominantly by women, 40 per cent of Weight Wins' members are male - and early findings show that they are more likely that the female members to hit their targets.

'Generally speaking, men don't like diets; they don't like calorie counting, they don't like public weigh-ins,' Mr Rossiter said. 'I think what they like about our scheme, apart from the money, is the sense of challenge and competition, and the simplicity of the programme. They don't want advice, and hand-holding, they just want a clear target and to be left to get on with it.'

He said the long-term nature of the programmes, with higher payments for those who maintained their weight-loss for months and years, meant few people saw it as a 'get rich quick' scheme.

Culled from telegraph.

Sign Language



'Powerful' English. I think it means flush.  
Photo location: Shanghai, China, by Markus Lindahl  
Culled from www.signspotting.com

# SUDOKU

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

66

					7			1
	6	4					5	
	9			8			6	
	7	2	6				4	
		9	3	5	1	2		
		3				4	9	8
		6		2				9
	3						1	7
9				8				

## EASY CROSSWORDS

**ACROSS**

- Thomas Edison
- Seed holders
- JFK's successor
- Fencing weapon
- Western lawman Wyatt
- de toilette
- Finesse
- Distant
- Byrnes or Foush
- Hee-hawer on the farm
- Evil
- Brand of spandex
- Society
- Above, anthem-style
- Wolverine's group, with "The" (hyph.)
- Shade trees
- Gusted
- Bolivia's neighbor (abbr.)
- Stretched tight
- Killed, as a dragon
- OshKosh B'
- NYC transit org.
- Fleming and Hunter
- Age
- Singer Fats
- Curvy letter
- Snacked
- Fluent
- Intentions
- Soccer's

**DOWN**

- Towards the stem
- Mauna
- London's Old
- Church area
- Stew vegetables
- Blockhead
- Sketches
- Small twig
- Onion
- relative
- Requested to come
- Naomi or Ashley
- Kenny G's instrument, for short
- Guitarist Atkins
- Throws
- Loud cry
- Canadian Indian tribe
- Submarine sandwiches
- The State (Mississippi)
- Genie's home
- Muffle
- Comic Laurel
- 1940s event (abbr.)
- There are 24 to a day (abbr.)
- Sharp corner
- Violinist Stern
- Dank
- Elevator inventor
- Carnivore's delight
- On-line auction house
- Audit agcy.
- "Here again!" (2 wds.)
- Child's pie ingredient?
- Verbalize

Answer on page 33

54

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
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Solution to Easy Crosswords

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E	D	I	T		S	T	E	M		A	F	B
W	I	R	E		P	I	S	A		B	A	R
E	X	E	R	C	I	S	E	D		I	C	E
				S	E	N			R	H	E	T
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A	I	D		L	I	M	E		G	Y	R	O
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P	O	D			R	A	N	K		P	L	E
E	M	S			N	E	S	S		T	A	F

Solution to Sudoku 65

9	6	5	3	4	2	8	7	1
7	2	1	9	6	8	5	3	4
3	4	8	5	1	7	6	2	9
1	7	9	6	5	4	3	8	2
8	5	2	7	3	1	9	4	6
6	3	4	2	8	9	1	5	7
5	1	6	4	7	3	2	9	8
4	9	3	8	2	6	7	1	5
2	8	7	1	9	5	4	6	3



## CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## ISSUANCE OF CAC OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR COMMISSION'S SERVICES

The Management of the Commission wishes to inform the Public that all customers transacting business with the Commission are to be issued with official receipt of the Commission for all payments made directly to the Commission and through any of the designated Banks in the Head Office and all State Offices.

Please note that any transaction not accompanied with official receipt will not be processed.

### Corporate Office Address:

Plot 420, Tigris Crescent  
Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street  
Maitama – Abuja.  
Tel: 08051337618, 09-6723344,  
08033223410,

**Signed:**  
**Bello Mahmud**  
Registrar-General

# CONGRATULATIONS TO BARAYAN DAMBAM

## WHO THE CAP FITS, LET HIM WEAR IT!

Your turbaning as the BARAYA by the District Head of Dambam on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010 is a testimony to your untiring effort for the community.

Keep the flag flying as we wish you continued service to your people and humanity at large.



## AHMAD UMAR ABDULLAHI

*Yours truly:*

- |                       |                           |                         |                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Abbas Jega          | 7 Dr. Mahmoud Lawal       | 13 Mustapha Mohammed    | 19 Umar S. Mairami      |
| 2 Abdū Darma Ahmadu   | 8 Fatimah T. Usman        | 14 Nura Bashir          | 20 Usman Abaji          |
| 3 Aisha Ahmed         | 9 Ibrahim Tukur           | 15 Rislanudeen Mohammed | 21 Yahaya A. Lere       |
| 4 Aminu Baffa         | 10 I. T. Mohammed         | 16 Rufa'i Na Dange      | 22 Yusuf Mahuta         |
| 5 Aminu Hammayo       | 11 Isma'ila A. Galadanchi | 17 Sa'idu M. Jallo      | 23 Yusuf Muhammad       |
| 6 Danlami B. Abubakar | 12 Lamis S. Dikko         | 18 Shehu Sani           | 24 Yusuf M.I.S. Khalifa |
|                       |                           |                         | 25 Zubairu Atiku        |



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Farewell to a Great Compatriot



The Board of Regents, Governing Council, Senate, Management, and Students of Igbinedion University Okada commiserate with the immediate and extended family of Late Professor Bashir Ikara over the irreparable loss of their Patriarch who passed on to glory on the 31st of December 2009.

Late Professor Bashir Ikara was the Pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Igbinedion University Okada. He served the University meritoriously between 1999 and 2001 and nurtured the University (the Premier Private University in Nigeria) as a mother would a newly born child.

We at Igbinedion University Okada feel a deep and painful sense of loss at the premature departure of this compatriot under whose leadership the University recorded numerous achievements and gained a solid footing to excel as the Premier Private University in Nigeria.

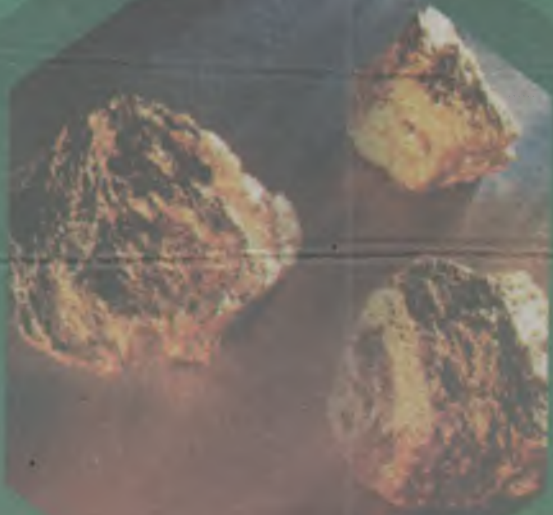
Professor Bashir Ikara will be greatly missed for his exemplary character in humility, forthrightness, orderliness and calm temperament even in the face of daunting challenges most especially during the campaign for public patronage of Private Universities in Nigeria. Little wonder therefore that Professor Bashir Ikara was appointed as the Federal Government Commissioner to Kaduna State under the National Population Commission agency, a position he held until his death.

We therefore solemnly pray that Almighty Allah will grant eternal repose to his gentle soul, protect his family and preserve his good works. We also commiserate with the Sons and Daughters of Ikara Town, indigenes of Ikara Local Government and the good people and Government of Kaduna State, for the loss of their illustrious son.

Signed,

Professor Olu Aina OFR,  
Pro-Chancellor/Chairman, Governing Council,  
Igbinedion University Okada

H.E. Chief Sir. (Dr.) Gabriel Osawaru Igbinedion  
Chancellor/Chairman, Board of Regent,  
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**Ladi Kwali Hall**

**Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Abuja**

**10:00am**

#### **FEATURES**

- \* Presentation of Airborne Geophysical (Magnetic/Radiometric) data of Nigeria for Mineral exploration, hydro-geological investigation, engineering and land use planning etc.
- \* Mineral Resources Potential of Nigeria
- \* Mineral Title Grants and Management
- \* Opportunity to network with top Government Officials and private sector in the Industry

## **WELCOME**

**Permanent Secretary**

**Ministry of Mines and Steel Development, Nigeria**





**BAUCHI STATE COMMUNITY BASED URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
WORLD BANK ASSISTED  
CREDIT NO:3654UNI  
CONTRACT I.D NO: BS/NCBUDP/NCBPII/09/LOT3  
CONSTRUCTION OF INTERLOCKING FOOTPATHS IN BAUCHI METROPOLIS  
CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION  
DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTIFICATION: JANUARY 18, 2010**

In pursuant to the World Bank Guidelines Procurement Under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits ( May, 2004 revised October 1, 2006) Clause 2.60 Publication of the Award of Contract, Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project hereby publishes award notification as follows:

A. Name of Bidders who submitted the Bid		
S/N	Name of Bidder	ADDRESS
1	H&M Nigeria Ltd	H&M NIGERIA LTD, #25, Niger Street, Gidan Badarnasi, 2nd Floor, Opp. to Gidan Goldie, Kano
2	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	Consolidated Contractors Ltd, 2nd Floor, 8 Strachan Street, Lagos
3	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	Latokem Nigeria Ltd, 144 Ojuelegba Road, 2nd Floor, Front Flat, Surulere, Lagos
4	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	Televue International Nigeria Ltd, #1, Panama Street, Off IBB Boulevard, Maitama District, Abuja
5	Mai Angale Building & Construction Co Ltd	Mai Angale Building & Construction Co. Ltd, Along Jos Road., PO Box:1721, Bauchi
6	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	Muhab Engineering Nig. Ltd. C3,C5, Adamu Jumba Road, Bauchi "
7	Dolizbrown Nigeria Ltd	Doliz Brown (Nig) Ltd, Plot 27, Nouakchott Street, Wuse Zone 1, Abuja
8	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd, Plot No7, Inuwa Abdulkadir Road.PO Box:9020, Kaduna
9	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	Kouris Construction Nigeria Ltd, Plot 729, Behind Finance Staff Quarters. Wuse District, Abuja

B. Bid Price As read out at Bid Opening				
S/N	Name of Bidder	Readout Price in Naira-	Bid Security Amount/Source	Discount Offered %
1	H&M Nigeria Ltd	169,311,437.66	Bid Security from Afr Bank PLC for N5,000,000.00	-
2	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	216,584,046.84	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	17.5%
3	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	202,479,392.75	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
4	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	218,001,306.67	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	5%
5	Mai Angale Building & Construction Co. Ltd	211,759,101.07	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
6	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	214,409,940.80	Bid Security from Skye Bank for N5,000,000.00	-
7	Doliz Brown Nigeria Ltd	221,541,265.00	Bid Security from FinBank N5,000,000.00	-
8	China Zhonghao Nigeria Ltd	226,225,724.18	Bid Security from ZENITH Bank N5,000,000.00	-
9	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	316,953,980.36	Bid Security from GT Bank N5,000,000.00	-

C. Name and Evaluation prices of each Bid that was Evaluated		
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price in 'NGN'
1	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	178,681,838.64
2	Latokem Nigeria Ltd	202,479,392.75
3	Televue International Nigeria Ltd	207,101,241.34
4	Doliz Brown Nigeria Ltd	221,541,265.00

D. Name of Bidders whose Bids were rejected and the reasons for rejection			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price 'NGN'	Reasons for Rejection
	H&M Nigeria Ltd	169,311,437.66	Bid security submitted is not in consistence with the Bid Document and Company's Certification of Incorporation, Registration, Audit Reports for the financial years 2004 to 2006, List of Key personnel, power of Atomy, Experience details etc are not submitted
2	Mai Angale Nigeria Ltd	211,759,101.07	Average Annual Turn-over of the firm is less than N570,000,000-
3	Muhab Engineering Nig.Ltd	214,409,940.80	Bid security is not in the name of the Joint Venture
4	China Zhonghao Nig Ltd	226,225,724.18	Original Bid Security, Company's Registration, Certificate of Incorporation, Audit Reports are not submitted.
6	Kouris Constructions Nig. Ltd	316,953,980.36	Average Annual Turn-over of the firm is less than N570,000,000-

E. Name of Winning Bidder and Price it offered			
S/N	Name of Bidder	Contract Price (NGN)	Delivery Period
1	Consolidated Contractors Nigeria Ltd	178,681,838.64	10

**Debriefing:**  
Any Bidder who wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not successful should please contact the Project Coordinator, Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project in writing.  
Unsuccessful Bidders may also wish to collect back their Bid Securities at the address below:

**The Project Coordinator,**  
Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project,  
PIU Secretariat,  
#10, Mohammed Bello Kirfi Road,  
BSUDB HQTRS Complex,  
Adjacent to UNICEF Zonal Office,  
GRA, Bauchi,  
E-mail:bauchincbudp@yahoo.com

Signed:  
Engr. Jibrin Isah Garba,  
Ag. Project Coordinator

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**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE  
EXECUTION OF PROJECTS.**

**1.0 PREAMBLE**

The Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) hereby invites interested and reputable contractors to apply for pre-qualification to be considered for the following projects which it intends to execute.

**2.0 AREAS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION**

- LOT 1: Supply of Office Furniture
- LOT 2: Supply of Office Equipment
- LOT 3: Design of COREN Website
- LOT 4: Construction of COREN Headquarters

**3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- i. Evidence of Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Tax Clearance Certificate for the past three (3) years viz 2006, 2007 and 2008
- iii. Value Added Tax Registration Certificate
- iv. Tax PIN number from Inland Revenue Service
- v. Company Profile indicating key personnel with years of relevant experience
- vi. Verifiable evidence of audited accounts for the past three (3) years
- vii. Verifiable evidence of financial capability to execute the job
- viii. Verifiable evidence of similar works successfully completed within the last five years, attaching photocopies of a ward letter and job completion Certificates.
- ix. Letter of attestation from a reputable Bank
- x. Any additional information that may enhance the pre-qualification of the company.

**4.0 SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

All pre-qualification documents should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and must be returned to:

**The Secretary,**  
Procurement Planning Committee,  
Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN),  
House 21/23, 14 Road, Off 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue,  
Gwarinpa, Abuja.  
09-2904584, 08037001258

within 2 weeks from the date of this publication.

**NOTE**

- a. The "PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER" shall not be a commitment on the part of COREN. It shall not entitle the tenderer to make any claims whatsoever or seek for any remedy/indemnity from COREN by virtue of such tender having responded to this advert.
- b. Late submission will not be accepted
- c. Submission should be very clear on the areas of specialization and LOT(s) of interest.

Signed:  
Registrar, COREN.  
14<sup>th</sup> January, 2010



## INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

### REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in pursuance of its statutory functions and in compliance with Due Process requirement seeks a reputable firms with competent, to implement E – Library in the Electoral Institute Library/Seminar Hall of the Commission.

#### Proposal Requirement

Interested bidders are expected to submit Technical and Financial proposal in separate envelopes.

#### A. Technical bids

The technical proposal should include:

- (a) Technical specification such as designed, infrastructure, base application and other functionalities.
- (b) The company/firm profile highlightings in details the following:
  - (i) Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission,
  - (ii) Immediate past three years Audited Accounts of the firms,
  - (iii) Immediate past three year tax clearance of either firms or the principal partners or the proprietors,
  - (iv) Evidence of Financial capability and Banking support,
  - (v) Details of experience, Technical/Professional qualification of key personnel,
  - (vi) List and evidence of similar projects executed and knowledge of the industry, the Bided category.
  - (vii) List and evidence of equipment and Technical Capability to be utilized for the
  - (viii) Evidence of VAT registration, remittances of VAT and PAYEE, and an up to date payment of Pension/Social insurance contributions such as NHIS etc. for and on behalf of the employees.

#### B. Financial Bid

The financial proposal package should state the financial cost implication of the project and the bid validity period for the quoted prices.

#### C. General Information

- (i) All tender must be accompanied with a non-refundable processing fees of N10,000.00
- (ii) For additional information, you may contact:
  - (a) HOD ICT  
INEC HQ  
Abuja.
- (iii) The closing date for submission of the tender shall be 14 days from the date of 1<sup>st</sup> publication of this advert in any national Newspaper.
- (iv) Only firms that are Technically responsive will be contacted after evaluation of Technical bid and invited for opening of financial bid.

#### D. Submission

All submission for bidders should be as follows:

- (i) Five copies of neatly bound Technical bid are to be submitted in an envelope marked "Technical Proposal for E-Library"
- (ii) Five copies of neatly bound financial proposal in another envelope marked "Financial Bid for E-Library", to be deposited in the Commission's "Tamper Proof Bids Box".

All envelopes shall be sealed, addressed and submitted to:

**The Secretary**  
INEC Headquarters  
Plot 436, Zambezi Crescent  
Maitama A5, PMB 0184,  
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News Extra

# Haiti earthquake: The hope and horror

## ... Boy, two, is found alive after 48 hours in the rubble



THE rescuer takes little Redjeson to his mother



For 48 frantic hours his parents had searched for their two-year-old son, digging with their bare hands among the twisted rubble of their collapsed home.

They could hear his increasingly weak cries but simply could not shift the mangled concrete and metal that had trapped him somewhere below.

On Saturday, however, came the joyous moment they had feared they would never see after the massive earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday, killing up to 200,000.

Rescue workers, burrowing deep into the rubble, head torches picking out their route, edged their way successfully towards little Redjeson Claude.

He was then passed along a human chain, his head scarred by dried blood and his face covered in minor wounds.

He looked bewildered - until the moment he saw his mother

Daphnee. Then, his eyes lit up and his face creased into a smile as she reached forward to cuddle him.

For the international rescue teams operating in the heart of the broken Haiti capital Port-au-Prince, it was a moment of relief and achievement as they worked, often in wreckage containing bodies, in a race against time to find those still alive.

The morale of the British rescue team was also raised when they dug out a two-year-old girl from a collapsed building.

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REDJESON'S face breaks into a smile as his mother Daphnee reaches out for him



A Haitian policeman aims his rifle towards one of the looters who have been desperately scouring the city for food and drink



A looter holds a knife to another man as they fight over stolen goods in the capital

had to deal with. Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive said the government had already recovered 20,000 bodies. Gangs of armed men roamed the devastated city, threatening residents as they sought shelter from the baking heat in makeshift camps hastily erected among the debris and decomposing bodies. Looting turned violent when a mob of 1,000 people fought for goods in a street filled with destroyed shops and houses. Men with stones, knives, ice picks and hammers battled each other.

*In evergreen memories  
of our dear beloved  
son and brother*

**14 years**  
*Yet so fresh*



**Late Ibrahim Abacha**



*Unforgettable is your memory  
that will linger on forever*

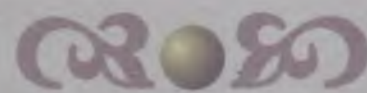
*You are always  
on our minds*

*Forever in  
our hearts*

*May Allah continue  
to shine his  
perpetual light  
upon you.*

*We miss you dearly.*

*Fondly remembered by  
THE ABACHA FAMILY*



Signed:



**Dr. (Mrs.) Maryam Sani Abacha**

News Extra



SOUTH African soccer fans blowing on the vuvuzela.

# Unholy row over World Cup trumpet

retrace the footsteps of their founder.

It is a gruelling three-day walk barefoot to the holy mountain of Mount Nhlankakazi north of Durban in KwaZulu-Natal.

The first sign that the pilgrims are on the move is the echoing of the vuvuzela through the lush green valleys of Zululand.

Minutes later they turn a corner and the dirt track fills with bearded men in flowing white gowns.

At the front four priests carry the Shembe's holy sacraments on their heads.

Enclosed in green caskets they are relics from the church's own "Last Supper".

Behind them are row after row of pilgrims with vuvuzelas waving in the air - first men then women.

It takes 45 minutes for all of them to dance and sing their way past.

A conservative estimate puts the size of this year's pilgrimage at 300,000 people.

### A question of pride

"My feet are painful now but this is symbolising who I am," says one pilgrim.

"I am a real African man and this is a real African religion. I'm

very proud of who I am," he says making his way up the long dusty road.

And it is that pride and sense of identity that has put the Shembe at odds with South African football.

The deep tone of the religious vuvuzela is very different from the way it is played by football fans.

That sound has been unflatteringly compared to a swarm of wasps, even an elephant passing wind.

"Football is stealing pleasure from Shembe," an elderly follower tells the BBC.

"When people are playing football and hearing the vuvuzela, they are getting the power of our Holy Spirit," he says.

That evening the vuvuzelas are put down and the sleepy village of Kwa-Shangase is for one night transformed into a buzzing town.

The smell of meat being cooked fills the night air as tents are put up to rest weary limbs.

### Losing battle?

The Shembe say they "lost" the vuvuzela back in the 1990s when a supporter of South Africa's biggest football team, Kaizer Chiefs, visited the church.

Unable to take the long metal trumpet inside football grounds he remodelled it in plastic.

A decade later it is set to be the most popular souvenir at the 2010 World Cup - which of course means there is money at stake.

"We are very serious about this. Before the World Cup we are going to instruct our lawyers to stop them playing the vuvuzela at the World Cup," says Shembe spokesman Enoch Mthembu.

"This thing [the vuvuzela] belongs to the church."

The Shembe's pleas are likely to fall on deaf ears.

Last year at the Confederations Cup there were complaints from both players and international TV broadcasters about this plastic trumpet.

But FIFA head Sepp Blatter has already given the vuvuzela his backing, saying the sound is an important part of South Africa's football culture.

It looks like the Shembe may have to settle for Africa's first World Cup throbbing to their "holy" sound.

can prophet and on a higher level than Jesus."

### Walking the walk

Each year, spurred on by the throbbing sound of the vuvuzela, followers of the Shembe Church



THE Shembe church is believed to be one of the oldest African churches

Members of a traditional South African religion say they have begun legal action to stop a controversial plastic trumpet, locally known as the vuvuzela, being played at this year's World Cup.

Football's governing body FIFA has given its backing to the vuvuzela but there have been widespread complaints that the incessant noise is both irritating and a distraction to players and spectators during matches.

Now part of South African football tradition, the vuvuzela can trace its non-sporting origins back to the early 1900s.

In 1910 Isaiah Shembe, founded what he called the Nazareth Baptist Church, a religion now better known just as Shembe.

A loose combination of Zulu culture and Old Testament Christianity, it is built around the special healing powers of the founder and the direct line of communication he claimed to have to God.

"It is partly African culture and partly Christianity," says church elder Reverend Goga.

"Jesus was for Israel, we believe Isaiah Shembe is an Afri-

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### Kwali council to give scholarships to science students

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE acting Chairman of Kwali Area Council, Mr. Danlami Saleh Yebu, Friday said the council is making plans to come up with a special scholarship scheme for students studying science courses at various tertiary institutions in the country.

He said the scheme will focus on students reading professional courses that include engineering, medicine, law and architectural designs, adding that it will be captured in the council's budget for the year.

According to him, the council's decision to initiate the special scheme is to encourage other students who have gained admission or waiting to be admitted into a university to read science courses, saying the council's indigenes are lagging behind in such professions.

"One of the challenges we are facing in the area of education is that we don't have indigenes who are medical doctors or engineers and at least, if we have students that read professional courses, we will no longer invite outside people to oversee some of our science facilities again," he said.

He disclosed that the council has made provision in the budget to construct additional class room blocks and extend electricity to some rural communities of the council in order to boost economic activities in the areas.

The acting chairman, who decried the low revenue earnings of the council, said the council's management is also making plans to partner with multinationals, especially through engaging Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to handle the Kilankwa International Market, in order to boost the council's revenue profile.

### 250 hawkers convicted of environmental offences

By Usman A. Bello

ABOUT 250 hawkers have so far been convicted within the first half of January by an environmental mobile court for flouting environmental law.

The public relations officers of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB), Samuel Musa, who disclosed this at the weekend after the board's task force exercise, said the hawkers were found guilty and fined by a court set up by the board to try offenders.

He said the law prohibits hawking in the city and mandates the board to arrest anyone who vio-

lates the law for appropriate punishment, saying the board has zero tolerance to hawking and will keep arresting them in its bid to keep the city clean.

According to him, the board will not take it lightly with any one who violates the law as the task force has been repositioned to effectively stem the tide of hawking and other environmental violations within the city.

He warned newspaper vendors to always be at designated newsstands approved by the board, saying they will no longer tolerate them running after vehicles on the roads as many of them have been knocked down in the process.

### Mobile primary health care service launched in Abuja

By Nasir Imam

A programme that will effectively deliver mobile primary health care services to the FCT has been launched in Tungan Madaki village of Abuja Municipal Area Council.

The programme, code named 'Mailafiya', meaning 'Custodian of Good Health', is designed to increase access to free quality primary health care services in remote rural communities.

The programme provides for two teams from each area council with each team made up of a medical doctor, a nurse, a laboratory scientist, a community health worker, a volunteer health extension worker and a driver as members.

The team, which is expected to work for three to four days a week, shall be equipped with one dou-

ble cabin air-conditioned 4-wheel drive high suspension pick-up van, customized with back carriage, mobile laboratory unit, essential drugs and routine vaccines.

Briefing newsmen shortly after the formal launching of the 'Mailafiya' programme, the team leader who doubles as co-ordinator of the FCT MDG office, Alh. Ari Isa Muhammad said the programme will be boosted by a 100 per cent this year.

He said 12 additional teams with adequate logistics will be added, alongside the construction and equipping of model Mailafiya primary health care centres across the six area councils of the FCT.

He said the programme before its formal launching, has been delivering services since July 2009 to 158 rural settlements across the six area councils as well as treating 10,043 patients.

# Six die in Abaji auto crash

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

SIX persons lost their lives while 12 others sustained serious injuries Wednesday evening in a ghastly motor accident that occurred near Bulletin Construction yard, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway at Abaji.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred at 5:30 pm and involved an 18-seat bus with registration number XA 426 LLA that belongs to Sokoto

State Transport Company.

He said while on motion, the bus tyre burst and it crashed into a ditch, leading to the instant death of four passengers inside the vehicle.

Our reporter learnt that two victims among the injured passengers that were rushed to Abaji General Hospital died on Thursday afternoon.

City News further gathered that the 18 passengers on board of the bus were travelling from Delta

to Sokoto, with excess luggages when the incident happened.

The Abaji Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, while confirming the accident, blamed its cause on overloading.

He said the six corpses were conveyed to the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital's Morgue, while the remaining 10 victims are still receiving treatment at Abaji General Hospital.

PIC: ROMOKE W. AHMAD



REFUSE dumped at the centre of Jikwoyi-Karu road recently.

### Man accused of raping girlfriend

By AbdulMutallib A. Abubakar

A middle-aged building constructor, Uba Chikere, was recently arraigned before an Abuja Area Court for allegedly raping his girlfriend, when she visited his residence.

Prosecutor Muhammad Garba informed the court that on January 10, 2010, one Ezema of Efab Estate reported to police that on December 25, 2009, her sister went to the accused person's apartment in Lugbe to sleep there.

He said the complainant stated further that the accused at about

2am forcefully intimidated the girl with a knife and had sexual intercourse with her.

The prosecutor said the accused committed offences punishable under Sections 282, 263, 264 and 397 of the Penal Code of Law.

When the charges were read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty and Judge Umar Kagarko granted him bail.

The case was adjourned to March 25, 2010 for hearing.

In another case, Sani Shehu and Usman Inusa were both sentenced to two weeks imprisonment each for being in pos-

session of stolen property. They were however given N3, 000 fine options.

Prosecutor Amby Ayuba told the court that on January 11, 2010, one police Constable Ali Muhammad arrested the two accused persons with cartons of La Casara drinks inside a Bacco sack.

He said during police investigation, the accused confessed that they jointly purchased the stolen items, adding that the offences are punishable under Sections 79 and 319 of the Penal Code of Law.

Judge Umar Kagarko sentenced the accused persons to two weeks imprisonment each.

# Police tell traders to report swindle cases

By Lami Sadiq & Abubakar Yakubu

THE police recently advised traders that have been duped by operators of microfinance banks and cooperative societies to report the matter in police stations for investigation and prosecution.

Traders along Airport road, Karu site and Mpape complained of the closure of such organisations after collecting their money.

Mrs Oni, a trader at Karu,

lamented that officials of a microfinance bank (names withheld) approached her to save with them on a daily basis.

"I was depositing between N1,000 to N2,000 daily to the finance house and surprisingly after six months they are nowhere to be found," she added.

Mrs Oni said her savings are about N40,000 while other traders have between N60,000 to N100,000.

The same lamentations were told by traders as well as food

vendors along airport road, who said they gave money to officials of a cooperative society (names withheld) with an office at Bannex Plaza.

"We were deceived when the officials drove into our business areas with a fanciful new bus and persuaded us to deposit daily," Lizzy, a trader said.

She said after coming for nine months, the officials stopped coming and when the traders traced the address of the office, the place was locked up.

FCT Police Spokesman, Moshood Jimoh, a superintendent, advised the traders to report the matter to any nearby police station for investigation, stressing that the force can only take action when such matters are reported to the constituted authorities.

Mr Jimoh also explained that where money laundering and fraud is involved, the force will investigate the matter and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book.

## Bwari, Karu residents call for NTA signals

By Hussein Yahaya

RESIDENTS of Bwari and Karu in the Federal Capital Territory, at the weekend called on the management of the Nigerian Television Authority to ensure that the station is back on air in their areas without further delay.

Many of the residents, who spoke with our reporter at Bwari said the station has been off the air for many years and wondered why the NTA management has failed to get the station back on air since then.

A civil servant, Mr. Saka Musa, said it is very difficult to receive NTA signals clearly in most parts of Bwari since the break down of NTA booster station at Bwari.

Emmanuel Gideon, a businessman, wondered what the plight of residents will be like if they cannot watch programmes from NTA.

"What I miss most is NTA network news but it is more painful during foot ball competitions as we hardly receive AIT signals, which ordinarily should have served as an alternative," he said.

The same problem exists at Karu, and residents of the area have complained that NTA signal does not get to the area.

"We complained to NTA's management in the past and were advised to write formally on the issue," Chief Iyke stated.

PIC: ROMOKE W. AHMAD



ITEMS donated by Access Bank to Abuja Children's Home, Karu recently.

## Cleric advocates transparent council polls

By Hussein Yahaya

AS the FCT area council elections draws near, an Abuja-based Islamic Cleric, Ustaz Ibrahim Jamiu, has called on participating politicians to play the game according to the rules in order to ensure peace before, during and after the elections.

The cleric, who spoke recently at a sermon in Bwari, noted that one of the ways the game can be played professionally is to allow the voters' will to reflect in the final results of the elections.

He attributed past political crises in the country to rigging and arbitrary substitution

or imposition of candidates, which he said was as a result of corruption on the part of many Nigerians.

Ustaz Jamiu condemned the United States decision to put Nigeria under its terror security watch list, wondering why the action of a single Nigerian, who has not been

linked to any group in the country, should be used to judge the entire nation.

He appealed to parents to always monitor their children, adding that every Nigerian traveller should be wary of his/her behaviour so as not to cause the country any embarrassment.

## FCT, Korea to partner on culture, education

By Nasir Imam

THE Democratic People's Republic of Korea has reiterated its willingness to partner with Nigeria on culture and education.

The Chargé D' Affairs of the embassy, Mr. Han Man Hyok, disclosed this when he paid a courtesy visit to the FCT Minister, Senator Muhammad Adamu

Aliero, in his office on Wednesday.

He assured that his country is ready to assist FCT students to acquire new techniques of calligraphic displays; to enable them advance in the art as well as for them to add colour to the forthcoming 50th Year Independence anniversary celebration in Nigeria

The minister, who commended the cultural and educational collaboration existing between the two countries, promised that the FCT Administration will send a delegation to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to fine-tune and concretise areas of common interest.

He specifically applauded the Koreans

for training FCT students in calligraphic displays, which he said is now being displayed during international events in Abuja.

Senator Aliero urged all foreign missions in Nigeria, who are yet to develop their property in Abuja to do so and commended the Koreans for being one of the first to develop theirs.

## AEPB imports N253m bulldozer, pay-loader

By Nasir Imam

SEVENTEEN years after the acquisition of similar equipment, the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) yesterday launched a newly acquired bulldozer and a pay-loader that were imported recently at the cost of N253 million to complement its activities in cleaning up the territory.

AEPB's Director, Engr. Abubakar Yabo, said the equipment are very essential for landfill and waste dump sites.

According to him, the board has acquired 50 new compacting trucks, 12 street sweepers and 6,000 new German waste bins, adding that by the end of this year, each household in the FCT must have a dustbin. The director said the waste bins will be sold for N16,000 rather than the open market price of N22,000 to N25,000.

He admitted the insufficiency of waste bins supplied, adding that it is the first time that waste bins are provided by government in the FCT.

Engr. Yabo informed those wishing to purchase the bins to can pay for them at GTB, Zenith Bank, Oceanic, UBA, and Finbank, after which the bank slips can be taking to AEPB office behind the Nigeria War College or the AEPB Workshop, near the Abuja Children's Park and Zoo.

## Corrigendum

This is to inform the general public of an omission in the Public Notice advert published on page 21 of Daily Trust, Thursday 14, January, 2010, the name of the company was written as TRUST WORLD INSURANCE COMPANY, instead of TRUST WORLD INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

The error is regretted.

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## Infrastructure will provide jobs for engineers - Yar'adua

By Mustapha Suleiman

PRESIDENT Umaru Yar'adua has said that the continued extensive investments in infrastructures in power generation, transportation dredging of River Niger will generate jobs in engineering construction and related field.

The President stated this in his address at the colloquium to mark the investiture of the 27th President of the Nigerian Society

of Engineers, Engr. Olumuyiwa Alade Ajibola, on Saturday in Abuja.

Represented by Minister of State Works, Housing and Urban Development, Mrs. Grace Ekpwhire, said that the Engineering Practitioners have a critical role to play in ensuring the success of Vision 20-2020 aimed at transforming Nigeria into one of the world's twenty biggest economies by the year 2020. "Indeed,

Nigerian engineers shall be the main drivers of the entire process so as to ensure safe landing at our destination and also sustain the management of the anticipated successes beyond year 2020.

Therefore, the implied challenge to Nigerian Engineers needs to be specially highlighted; the Nigerian Society of Engineers should key into this and provide the needed local manpower and expertise to drive these initiatives

of Government."

He commended NSE for the innovative colloquium which according to him is of immense contribution to the efforts of the present Administration towards the delivery of the benefits of democracy, adding that his administration will continue to support the growth of engineering profession through increasing patronage of indigenous engineers in the challenging task of good governance.

Also speaking, Senate President David Mark, lamented that the government has not encouraged indigenous engineers due to some regulations put in place detrimental to their growth.

The Senate President therefore called for more involvement of indigenous engineers in project execution by government while assuring them of Senate support in improving the country's technology base.



L-R Minister of Works, Housing Urban Development, Dr. Hasan Lawai, with Governor Ibrahim Shema of Katsina State when the minister paid a working visit to the state...recently.

## REDAN to address world builders in USA

By Mustapha Suleiman

UNDER fresh efforts to attract foreign direct investment into the real estate sector, Nigerian developers will, for the first time, exhibit our housing sector and deliver a position paper on it at this year's edition of the International Builders Show, which begins on Monday (today) in Las-Vegas, United States of America.

The National President of the Real Estate Developers Association of Nigeria, Chief Olabode Afolayan, who disclosed this at the weekend in

Abuja shortly after a brief meeting with the management of CITEC, a construction firm, said that participating in the programme would not only enable Nigerian developers source funds abroad but open windows of opportunities for their capacity building.

Nigeria has recently been admitted as a member of the International Housing Association, the organizers of IBS, an annual programme where countries showcase their respective housing sectors before leading developers, builders, investors, among

others, from across the globe.

Afolayan, who will lead the Nigerian delegation, which include major construction companies like CITEC; COPEN group; BDA Int'l; Byron & Martins; Kariserve; Bauhas; African American Designs; among others, to the 5-day show, regretted that Nigerian developers over the years have depended wholly on government for liquidity facility rather than availing themselves of opportunities that would showcase them internationally thereby enabling them access funds from overseas.

## 'Co-opt Q/surveyors as due process c'ttee members'

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

STATE and local governments should constitute due process committees with professional quantity surveyors as at least members or even chairmen of such committees for accountability and transparency in project delivery, Chairman, Kano zonal chapter of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS), Alhaji Mohammed Bala Dakata has said.

Speaking at the 2009 End of the Year Dinner and inauguration of the NIQS's new chapter for Kano zone in Kano at the weekend, Dakata also urged that quantity surveyors should be involved in civil engineering works in order to reduce the cost of such projects.

Doing so, he said, would eliminate a situation whereby one person designs, estimates, selects contractor, supervises, approves and certifies payment.

He said this was unacceptable as there were no checks and balances and the financial capability could not be entirely guaranteed.

He said NIQS wanted the re-introduction of Higher National Diploma at Kano State Polytechnic in order to fill not only the gap of middle cadre profes-

sionals but also would make it easier for serving officers with OND to pursue their HND programmes there instead of going out for such purpose.

Measures, according to him, would be taken to ensure that only registered quantity surveyors were engaged in consultancy in both government and private sector.

He however said this could only be achieved through the cooperation of government and private organizations by contacting the institute to confirm the competence or otherwise of any quantity surveyors they intend to deal with.

Earlier, outgoing chairman of the institute Alhaji Adana Abdulkadir Aliyu said the chapter made several attempts to get to the roots of problems facing the Kano Polytechnic's department of quantity surveying but could not achieve much.

He however said books and magazines were being donated to the department from contributions made by some senior members of the council.

On development of the council secretariat, he said site acquisition was at a conclusive stage and that plans were afoot to commence site works shortly.

## Nasarawa to complete water projects with N3.7bn

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

ALL projects to link both urban centres and rural communities in Nasarawa State with potable water will be completed at various periods during the year with government's proposed budget of N3,783,900, the state's Commissioner for Water Resources and Rural Development, Abdullahi

Ugah has said.

The commissioner told Daily Trust yesterday that Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma is banking on the proposed budget pending before the State House of Assembly to complete all projects related to water, sanitation and rural development, adding that "the governor is keen to complete all of the projects he awarded to

link both urban centres and rural communities with potable water and he is committed to commissioning these projects at various period within the year".

According to the governor's budget speech, "the on-going water supply schemes at Nasarawa and Nasarawa Eggon shall be adequately funded to ensure early completion. Keffi, Akwanga, Obi,

Toto, Keana and Awe water supply schemes shall be expanded and upgraded".

The appropriation bill also proposed new water schemes to be embarked upon at Wamba, Assakio, Agbashi and Azara, just as it added that "all the on-going borehole projects in the State shall be completed during the year."

The commissioner gave the

breakdown as Water Resources - N832,500,000, the on going Water Treatment Plant project in Lafia - N2,55,000,000 and Water and Sanitation for N486,400,000. "Most of these projects outlined for completion will be due for commissioning by May this year", he said, adding that the water scheme at Doma is already completed and is awaiting commissioning.

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## SURCON inducts 97 surveyors

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) on Saturday inducted a total number of Ninety-Seven Surveyors at a ceremony held in Abuja on Saturday.

Addressing the new inductees, Chairman of SURCON, Surv. C. Nwabichie, congratulated all the

inductees for succeeding to qualify to be registered as Surveyors of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Keeping with CAP 425 of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990 (LFN1990)

He commended President Umaru YarAdua for giving practical meaning to the pivotal and critical role of land in economic

development while praying for his quick recovery.

"the Land Reform Agenda is revolutionary and aims to convert the dormant literally valueless land, especially in the rural areas into mobile economic assets that can be traded like other financial instrument. Pivotal to this Agenda is the role of the surveyor

in providing the required locational and other information," he said.

Surv. Nwabichie urged the inductees to support the Federal Government in the successful implementation of the Land Reform Agenda, calling on them to provide quality services and maintain good ethical practices.

"As a professional you owe a duty to your client, profession, society and yourself therefore in your practice you must satisfy these four public to have a good practice you can only achieve this if you internalize the core values of integrity, honesty, knowledge-ability and consistency," he urged the Surveyors.

## Begging in Abuja: FCTA to place alms boxes in filling stations, churches, mosques

By Nasir Imam

AS the Federal Capital Territory administration intensifies war against beggars and their activities in the nation's capital, FCT authority has said it would provide alms boxes in strategic places like filling stations, mosques and churches for people willing to drop alms.

The FCT administration said beggars have not only constituted nuisance to the city by harassing innocent citizens but have also caught in engaging petty criminal acts like pick pocketing and stealing of GSM handsets.

Speaking with journalists at the weekend before embarking on the arrest of beggars in Abuja, FCT Secretary for Social Development Secretariat, Barrister Habiba Sani Kalgo disclosed that her office has started working on how to involve imams and pastors of churches in the arrangement in order to ensure that alms get to the needy without having to move around. "If we do that we will be able

to control how the alms are extended to them and we also intend to collaborate with Imams, Pastors and Reverend Fathers, that is Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and tell them to get their people together, collect the alms on our behalf and give to us then we will pass it on to them through bodies such as the Islam Zakat body. If you observe, most of these beggars are from the north and they take cover under Islam so we intend to pass on the money to them as Zakat" she said.

The Secretary also revealed that the FCT administration would soon establish a new rehabilitation in the city saying "we have two site of land that we intend to develop this year where we will take them to.

We already have a rehabilitation centre in Bwari which is functional and meant for skills acquisition and we are already in partnership with National Directorate of Employment (NDE) for them to go there and engage these beggars and make sure they acquire some skills that will make them self reliant".

## Stop blaming SON for building collapse, DG warns

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Director-General of Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), Dr. John Akanya has exonerated his agency over frequent collapse of buildings in the country.

According to him, rather than call for the head of the Standard Organisation of Nigeria, architects, construction engineers and builders should be held responsible for not doing enough to give Nigerians better structure in terms of specification for durable buildings. Akanya, who disclosed this weekend in Ijebu Ode, Ogun State at a retreat

for Commerce and Industry Correspondents Association (CICAN) organized by his agency, noted that his agency is only vested with ensuring that quality cement is used in the construction of building.

He added that his agency has in recent time mounted an intensive campaign nationwide on the need to employ quality and durable cement in line with the specification of the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON).

"It is because many things have gone wrong that is why we continued to have growing incidences of building collapse.



SANDRALIA Hotel, nearing completion in Utako district, Abuja.

## Ajibola takes over as NSE president

By Mustapha Suleiman

ENGINEER Olumuyiwa Alade Ajibola on Saturday took over as the 27th President of Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) at a ceremony held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.

Outgoing NSE President, Engineer Kashimu Ali, described the new President as a seasoned engineer who is always committed to engineering profession.

In his address, the newly installed President Engineer Olumuyiwa Alade said that his over 20 years sojourn in the NSE service has been informed by deep rooted vision for the role

that engineering can play in the transformation of the country into an advanced and prosperous economy.

He observed that in this information and communications driven age, there is an urgent need to align ourselves with emerging engineering practices in project delivery, adding that this will equip us with the capacity to cope with procedures in a management setting that allows many complex activities to be performed in an optimal manner for effective project cost, quality and time frame control.

He suggested that, "the White Paper on Strategic Policy

on Engineering Development and Control must be reviewed immediately and enacted into law and device a means of growing existing well conceived and managed Engineering Companies who are distinctive in their performance and production into sustainable and growing concerns so as to boast of a big basket of highly competent Nigerian technical companies, able to compete favourably with international counterparts."

The investiture ceremony was attended by Senate President David Mark, senators, engineers, technologists and technocrats.

## Niger cancels Bida, Kontagora housing contract

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

THE Niger State government has terminated the building projects of housing estate units at Bida and Kontagora, the Commissioner of Lands and Housing, Mrs Salome Ndakutsu, has announced.

Mrs Ndakutsu made the disclosure last Saturday when she was

speaking with journalists in Minna where she said 200 housing units in Bida and the 50 housing units in Kontagora, which were handled by the Ogunsilber Builders Nigeria Ltd, was cancelled.

Giving reasons for the cancellation, the commissioner pointed to the fact that the contractor failed to keep to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by completing work at the stipulated timeframe.

She said that what infuriated the state government was the fact that Ogunsilber builders abandoned site with no reason for doing so and also failure to provide their own part of the equity as contained in the MoU.

"Following the failure of Ogunsilber and builders to comply with the terms of agreement as contained in the contract between it and Niger state government we had no other alternative than to terminate the MoU earlier signed and revoke the entire contract", she said.

She further revealed that already an alternative arrangement has been made with Aso Mortgage Financiers to ensure that the projects are completed before April this year according to plans by the state government.

She assured that the state government and Aso Mortgage will conclude arrangement for immediate mobilization of site workers and engineers within two weeks from today.

# Inside Politics

## Constitution amendment: **Why state creation dominates public hearing**

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

**T**WO stormy days of public hearing held in Makurdi recently afforded stakeholders in the North-Central zone of Nigeria the opportunity to make inputs on the ongoing review of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Chairman of the Senate sub-committee on the Review of the Constitution (SCRC), Senator Abubakar Sodangi (Nasarawa-West PDP) led other members through the public hearing which attracted the Senate President, Senator David Mark (Benue-South PDP) and Benue State governor, Gabriel Suswam. Other members of the eight-man Senate committee include Senators Gbemisola Saraki, Nicholas Ugbane, Joseph Akaagerger, Smart Adeyemi, Adamu Sidi Ali, Gyang Dantong and Dahiru Kuta. Committee secretary Isa Yunusa Mohammed was also available.

Many participants appeared to have anxiously awaited that opportunity. Inputs and oral submissions covering a wide spectrum of constitutional issues were presented by concerned citizens from all states of the zone and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). Civil society organizations and other stakeholders including politicians from the zone made over 40 presentations.

State creation was one thing that featured prominently in position papers at the Makurdi hearing, with politicians and community leaders in the zone pushing for the creation of six more states. They are Apa and Katsina-Ala states from the present Benue State; Confluence, Okun and Okura states from Kogi State, and New Abuja State to be carved out of the FCT for original inhabitants of Abuja. The apostles of new state creation said the new states would address perceived marginalization and structural imbalance. Already, in Benue-South, Senate President Mark's home, politicians have already erected signposts at the gateway into Otukpo, the traditional headquarters of the Idoma people, announcing a welcome to Apa State. The agitation for Apa State which began in the 90s has refused to wane, especially with the alleged increase in marginalization of the Idomas by the Tiv when it comes to political power.

The Idomas, through the Movement for the Creation of Apa State (MOCAS), have reached advanced stage in the agitation, connecting with other sections of the country especially the neighbouring Nasarawa State to give the course some good doses of support. But the agitation is not without its setbacks. The leaders of the people have been at distance with themselves since the renewed agitation commenced last year, drawing bad blood that is already putting the course on some banana peels. Lack of unity is already fuelling fears of failure of the project with the people's leaders calling each other names.

**P**oliticians, especially of Plateau and Nasarawa states extraction also pushed for the creation of more local government areas, state and federal constituencies during the public hearing. Distri-



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bution of national resources for grassroots development and the widely perceived structural imbalance and marginalization, among other issues, were raised in many submissions. Nasarawa's position on this was apt: the state, with 13 local government areas had created 16 more in 2004, but were not recognized by the then President Olusegun Obasanjo-led Federal Government. Since they were not listed in the constitution as did the others, they were not so recognised.

But instead of reverting to the status quo, former governor Abdullahi Adamu turned them into 'Development Areas'. Now, the 16 development areas share allocations from the Federation Account with the original local governments, a practice which provoked a legal suit still pending in the court. Opposition parties in the state have alleged high level corruption in operation of the joint account. The 16 Development Areas created by Adamu are what the state is seeking to legitimise by getting them listed in the constitution as local government areas in the pending constitutional amendment.

A communiqué of the Senate Committee which was made available to Daily Trust named 12 key issues requested during the Makurdi public hearing. They are the clamour for states creation, independent candidature, removal of Immunity Clause of state governors, the quest for indigeneship to be abolished and replaced with residency and a demand for increased qualification for elected office holders from Secondary School Certificate to at least National Diploma (ND) or first degree. Other inputs include creation of new local governments

and boundary adjustment, staggered elections, funding of the legislature from the first line charge, constitutional roles for traditional rulers, proper funding of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC); Land Use Act (so that states would be allowed to legislate on land matters), and affirmative action for women and disabled.

Presenting the position of Nasarawa State, Mr Tanimu Adapson declared that the state wants complete removal of the immunity clause from the constitution. The state also sought the inclusion of a clause permitting the participation of independent candidates in the next general elections to allow the electorate a variety of choices.

In a position paper on behalf of Niger State, Mr. M. A. Wali called for adequate welfare package for the police, while supporting independent candidature in elections.

**P**lateau State's position paper was presented by the Attorney General, Edward Pwajok. The state is insisting that the immunity clause should be left intact in the constitution, since erring governors can be prosecuted after their terms of office.

For the FCT, its Solicitor General, Helen Oloja, said that the constitution should be amended to strengthen the political and administrative structures of the FCT.

Presenting a memorandum to the public hearing on behalf of seven civil society groups, Francis Abayomi of Constitutional Reform Dialogue Mechanism

(CRDM), called for the delisting of INEC as a Federal Executive body. Abayomi also called for the prohibition of cross carpeting by elected office holders, saying it was morally wrong for them to move with the mandates they got on the platform of other parties to new parties.

Governor Suswam who declared open the zonal public hearing, vehemently opposed the removal of the immunity clause for the president and governors from the 1999 constitution, saying it would affect service delivery. Suswam, however, said that his position was personal and not the official position of Benue State.

According to him, mischievous persons would take advantage of the removal to ensure that governors remain perpetually in court, bringing a setback on development.

Suswam also kicked against the introduction of independent candidature in the new constitution, maintaining that any politician who fails to find accommodation in the over 50 political parties should re-examine himself. He also added his voice, declaring full support for the creation of Apa State as he noted that the agitation was a reasonable. The governor commended the National Assembly for moving to amend the 1999 constitution, something which agitates the minds of Nigerians.

Senate President David Mark assured Nigerians speedy amendment and full implementation of the Electoral Act to achieve credible elections in 2011, maintaining that the senate will not allow self-interest politicians to hijack the constitutional review process. Mark who spoke on the last day of the hearing dissuaded the minds of Nigerians that the senate has a pre-determined stand on what should be included in the Constitution.

**H**e maintained that only the views of Nigerians being collected through memoranda from the six geo-political zones of the country will form the crux of the review process. He also threw his weight behind the creation of Apa State.

Senator Abubakar Sodangi, who welcomed members of the public at the event, declared that the Senate would pass the first aspects of the review of the 1999 constitution by March 2010. He said the next phase of constitutional amendments would include the provisions for the creation of states and local councils.

Senator Sodangi said that the Senate has learnt its lessons from the past unsuccessful attempts at constitutional amendment, and has resolved to be diligent in carrying out the amendments in phases to ensure success.

"The National Assembly will not throw away the baby with the bath water as it did previously," he said.

The committee's communiqué issued at the end of a two-day event noted assured that the exercise will be concluded in good time before the 2011 elections. The three paged communiqué acknowledged the brilliant submissions by stakeholders on wide spectrum of constitutional issues.

# Inside Politics

## Anambra guber: NDP candidate protests omission by INEC

By Sunday Ejike Benjamin

A governorship aspirant on the platform of the National Democratic Party (NDP) for the February 6, 2010 governorship election in Anambra state, Prince Donalds Okonkwo, has approached a Federal High Court Abuja with an application seeking an order restraining the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) from taking away his candidacy right by omitting his name from the list of candidates nominated for the election.

In an originating summons

dated January 12, 2010 and filed before the court by his counsel, Chief Chris Uche (SAN), the Plaintiff wants the court to order the electoral body to accord him all the rights and privileges accruing to candidates duly nominated for the election.

He wants a declaration that by the provision of section 34(1) and (2) of the Electoral Act 2006, his nomination as the governorship candidate of the party for the said election in Anambra state is a legal and statutory right of which he cannot be denied without due process of the law and respect

to his fundamental rights to fair hearing.

He accused INEC of not validly substituting his name in accordance with section 34(1) and (2) of the Electoral Act 2006 and as such remains the candidate of the NDP for the said election slated for February 6, 2010.

Okonkwo wants a perpetual injunction restraining INEC and NDP, which is joined as 2nd Defendant in the suit from doing anything, taking any step or engaging in any activity that is detrimental or inimical to his candidacy for the governorship

election in Anambra state.

An affidavit in support of the originating summons deposed to by his campaign manager, Otega Itedjere, showed that the plaintiff who is a registered member of NDP and duly nominated by the party to run for the Anambra State governorship seat has expended several million of naira on campaigns through the media, posters and by engagement of canvassers through the length and breadth of Anambra state.

"On 7th of January 2010, INEC published the list of candi-

dates for the election in issue and omitted the name of the plaintiff as the candidate of the NDP", the affidavit stated and urged the court to give the case an expeditious hearing in order not to deny the plaintiff the statutory rights conferred on him by his nomination by the party.

He submitted in his written address that INEC inexplicably omitted his name from the list of nominated candidate without heading to the means of removing a candidate already nominated for an election as enshrined in the Electoral Act.

### Fayose defects to Labour Party

THE former Governor of Ekiti State, Mr Ayodele Fayose, said he defected to the Labour Party (LP) from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in order to realise his political ambition.

Fayose, who made the disclosure in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Ado-Ekiti on Sunday, added that the move was also made possible by the Labour Party which gave room for the principle of internal democracy. "Yes, I want to state categorically that I have finally aligned myself with the Labour Party (LP) and I will officially declare for the party soon. "I am going to work and support the party as well as mobilise my supporters across the state to join and enthrone Labour Party in the next elections in Ekiti

"My reasons for joining the Labour Party is that I felt it might be better than any other political party in the country and secondly, it is a party that believes in internal democracy. "Any party that allows internalised party democracy in Nigeria to thrive is the party I will support and in Labour Party there is internal democracy and that is why I aligned myself with the party," Fayose said.



GOVERNOR Babatunde Fashola

### AC chairman clears air on Fashola's second term ticket

CHIEF Adebisi Akande, the National Chairman of Action Congress (AC) has said that no decision had been taken on the second term ticket for Gov. Babatunde Fashola of Lagos State.

Akande, who was addressing reporters in his country home, Ila Orangun on the occasion to mark his 71st birthday, said the party would have to meet and deliberate on the issue.

Akande said the party was working out modalities to ensure that the actions taken by the party would be in the best interest of all members and Nigeria as a country.

He, however, clarified the relationship between the former Lagos governor, Alhaji Bola Tinubu and his successor, saying that they were not at loggerheads as being speculated in certain

quarters.

Reacting to the recent meeting conveyed by Mrs Dideolu Awolowo at Ikenne in Ogun, the AC chairman posited that the Yoruba had no leader now in that respect.

He faulted the formation of the Yoruba Legacy Forum (YLF) during the Ikenne meeting, saying that it was not a reflection of the position of all the Yoruba people.

Akande, who stressed the need to implement the Justice Muhammed Uwais electoral reforms reports, said the reforms were crucial to the success of future elections in the country.

"In line with the reforms, the 2011 general elections are supposed to hold six months to the swearing-in but the nation is still in the dark on what will happen now." (NAN)

### CNPP advises Jonathan to deal with mischief-makers

By AbdulMutallib A. Abubakar

CONFERENCE of Nigeria Political Parties (CNPP) yesterday advised Vice president Goodluck Jonathan to muster political will to deal with those whom he had identified as people whose focus is to cause disharmony and disunity in this administration.

CNPP's National Publicity Secretary, Osita Okechukwu, said CNPP had perused the statement issued on behalf of the Vice President with cautious optimism, saying that he must rise on top of the situation in order to halt the dangerous slide of the ongoing

democracy into quasi-dictatorship.

The CNPP scribe reminded the Vice President that the mischief makers he took so long to identify are those who scuttled the Niger Delta amnesty programme, President Yar'adua's 6000 Megawatt promise and the 7-Point Agenda of the regime.

He said the lesson derived from the BBC interview is that President Umar Musa, Yar'adua is critically ill. In the prevailing circumstance, he said, the vice president must summon the political will to take charge as provided by Section 148 of the constitution.

### 'Obi, Ngige, Soludo can't handle Anambra security'

By Muideen Olaniji

ANAMBRA State governorship candidate for Community Party of Nigeria (CPN), Architect Geoff Onyejebu, has said that none of the aspirants eyeing the coveted seat has the capacity to handle the security challenges posed by the state.

Architect Onyejebu who was reacting to questions from journalists after he was officially presented by the CPN National Sec-

retary, Ibrahim Aliyu on behalf of the National Chairman, said the situation on ground explains why security formed part of his two-point agenda. He said: "At the time when we supported Governor Peter Obi, we didn't have dire security need. Obi has done his best; it is time for him to leave to allow the person that understands security issue handles the state. He is not schooled in the field of security. Onyejebu, who spent 32 years in the military, expressed optimism

that development in other sectors of the economy such as education and health would be affected by the provision of adequate security and the development of infrastructure, which he said represented his two-point agenda.

"I have two point-agenda which is tagged secured-home state and infrastructural development. I think these are the areas where I am competent. I'm comfortable when I'm discussing the two issues."

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# Victory over Benin can't save Amodu - Akpokona

## WAUG gets sponsorship boost

By Ibraheem A. Fatai

THE patchy manner in which the Super Eagles recorded their victory over Benin Republic at the ongoing Orange African Cup of Nations is not enough to save the job of the embattled team handler, Shaibu Amodu.

Making this statement in a telephone interview with *Trustsports* yesterday, former assistant coach of the Super Eagles, Lawrence Akpokona, said the performance of the Amodu-led coaching crew in recent times have turned Eagles to a brand that most Nigerians do not want to watch.

Akpokona said, "If a coach decides to take half fit players to a major championship, whatever that comes out of it should be shouldered by the coach. Amodu took some half fit and bench-warming players to Angola, instead of players who are very fit and playing regularly for their club sides.

"The results we are getting from the Super Eagles suggest that some of the players taken to the tournament shouldn't have made the team in the first instance. But, whatever criteria that were used in selecting the current team are best known to the coach.

"The match against Benin Republic has left most Nigerians with disappointment. We saw our team struggling very hard to beat the Squirrels with just one goal, resulting from a penalty kick. The players and their handlers have not lived up to the expectations of Nigerians. The current team is not the best that can come out of 140 million Nigerians," he reasoned.

Asked if Amodu should be sacked in the middle of the tournament or be left till the end of



**SUPER** Eagles midfielder, Mikel John Obi, left, vies for the ball with Egypt's Hassam Ghaly. Akpokona said Eagles recent performance has turned the team into a brand most Nigerians don't like to watch.

it, Warri Wolves handler distanced himself from the sacking of the coach before the end of the championship, saying he should be allowed to finish the current assignment before being axed, if still found wanting.

While describing the last match as very difficult for the Super Eagles, Akpokona wondered what would happen to the team if it meets stronger teams like Ivory Coast or Argentina in

South Africa come June this year.

"It is very unfortunate to see our team struggling anytime they play against another team, irrespective of the strength of the opposition. In the last match, we dominated the first half, but lost steam in the second, enabling the Squirrel to dictate the pace and trouble our defence. We were very lucky to have gotten away with the victory, because Benin would have levelled the score when they

hit our cross-bar with thunderous shots twice.

"We have to step up our game against Mozambique in our final group match. We saw what they played against us both home and away during the South Africa 2010 qualifier. They are not going to be an easy side. And if we have to progress more than we did in Ghana, our players have to put in more seriousness and commitment," he advised.

THE West Africa University Games Football and Hockey competition received a big boost at the weekend with more sponsors supporting the event.

The competition which holds at the Bayero University, Kano between January 20 and 31 now has four more sponsors joining the Central bank of Nigeria to make the event tick.

They are Intercontinental Bank, Unity Kapital Assurance, Chivita drink. Daily Trust Newspapers is the official newspaper of the competition.

**“The competition is holding in January and getting sponsors this early is difficult**

The Vice Chancellor of the Bayero University, Prof Attahiru Jega, on Friday commended the sponsors for supporting the event.

He assured that the event would be well-organised in all aspects.

"We are ready for our visitors from within and outside the country. I am excited that we have some organizations joining us and I hope we are going to have more before the event starts on Wednesday," Jega said. The Chief Executive Officer of Composite Brand Exposure, the body in charge of sponsorship of the event, Alhaji Suleiman Baba Ali, said the WAUG meet was already a success.

"The competition is holding in January and getting sponsors this early is difficult. We are happy so far and I believe the event will be very grand in Kano," Baba-Ali said.

The competition starts on Wednesday in Kano.

## Cameroon strike late to see off Zambia

**SUBSTITUTE** Mohamadou Idrissou scored a late goal to earn Cameroon a 3-2 victory over Zambia yesterday and their first points of the African Nations Cup finals in a rainy Lubango.

Idrissou powered home a header from Geremi's cross in the 86th minute to complete

a second-half comeback from World Cup-bound Cameroon, who conceded an early goal and faced an embarrassing early exit from the tournament.

Jacob Mulenga took advantage of a defensive slip to give Zambia an eighth-minute lead but two goals in four second-half minutes from Geremi and Samuel Eto'o

put Cameroon 2-1 ahead.

Zambia were awarded a penalty 10 minutes from time which Chris Katingo converted but poor marking allowed Idrissou to snatch the three points for Cameroon.

Earlier, Gabon secured a valuable 0-0 draw with Tunisia to move a step closer to the knockout stages.

The Panthers remain top of Group D and are in poll position to qualify for the final stages for just the second time.

Both teams created a number of chances in each half but could not provide the decisive final touch to grab a winner.

The players may be within their rights to blame the slippery

surface, after heavy rain overnight in Lubango, but there was an overall lack of effort, especially from midfield, which resulted in the end product of a stalemate.

Gabon face Zambia in their final Group D game on Thursday while Tunisia take on Cameroon.

# Doomsday Postponed!

SHUAIBU Amodu can breathe a sigh of relief temporarily after his less than impressive 'Super' Eagles managed to scrape out a dour single-goal victory over their regional neighbours, the Squirrels of Benin. But can any Nigerian truly assert that they too can breathe freely?

Many football fans would no doubt answer in the negative, as the display of the team was only typical of the level of competence of the man in charge. With this victory, Amodu and his gang of Chicken-breeders have only succeeded in pushing forward doomsday one game further.

Though there was a slight improvement in the team's play relative to the first outing against the current champions, the Pharaohs of Egypt, the team still maintained that incoherent and untidy attitude. The lack of technical play in the team was all too evident, and the team was unable to manage one single counter-attack

during the entire game. They were static, with no fluidity amongst the various departments; reflective of Amodu himself, who wore a perplexed expression throughout the game.

The Nigerian team's showing was as interesting as watching paint dry. The side provided little exciting soccer artistry, if they still remember what that is, and it was just the individual determination from certain players that kept the side going.

Without any form of prejudice, I boldly assert that the better team lost on the day. The Beninese team were unfortunate not to have won the game, and a little more experience on their side would have come in handy. Had Stephane Sesegnou and Rasaan Omotoyossi been a tad more clinical in their finishing, the Eagles would have broken through new lows.

Danny Shittu was undoubtedly the best player on the Nigerian side, closely followed by Dickson

Etuhu, who was doing the quiet and yet dirty job in the middle of the pack. If these two players had not instilled their individual brilliance on the day, Nigerian fans would have been singing a much different song now.

Much like the first game, Yakubu Aiyegbeni still continued to show his poor form, missing arguably the best chance of the evening for the Nigerians. My grandmother would have tucked away the sitter he threw away early in the first half.

His penalty kick that gave the team the game's goal was also far from impressive, and only the poor judgment from the Beninese goalkeeper ensured the ball lazily strolled into the back of the net.

We should remain truthful to ourselves at this moment. The Nigerian team is still in tatters, and the short-term remedy lies in a total overhaul of the technical bench.



AMODU... His job still hangs on the balance after an unimpressive victory over Benin.

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## NFF unhappy with 'limp' performance

OFFICIALS of the Nigeria Football Federation appear unhappy at the prospect of working out \$33 000 each to the Super Eagles in the event of their reaching the quarter-finals, following what they describe as the team's 'limp performance so far'.

"Each of the Eagles players, despite the team's limp performance so far, will earn \$33,000 (about N5 million) for reaching the quarter finals, while head coach Shaibu Amodu will make double that amount (N10million)," an NFF official said yesterday.

Nigeria eked out a 1-0 win over Benin Republic on Saturday, but it was a performance that left many unconvinced, including top officials of the NFF, and the coach's position remains untenable.

The squad will move to Lubango on Monday morning for Wednesday's Group C game against Mozambique at the Tundavala Stadium.

The team will depart for the Benguela Airport at 7am from their Hotel Praia Morena for the 35-minute flight to Lubango, which takes off at 9am.

Eagles coach Shaibu Amodu described the victory against Benin as difficult.

He said the Eagles' experience gave them the day but admitted that he was not too satisfied with his boys performance.

He said he believed the win would boost his players' morale for their remaining group game against Mozambique on Wednesday.

He said Joseph Yobo, who was injured, would have to undergo a scan to determine the extent of his injury.

Nigeria, second in Group C with three points, need a win to be sure of a place in the quarter finals. Egypt have won the group with six points from their first two matches and will stay in Benguela for the quarter finals, to play the second-placed team from Group D.

While the second-placed team will remain in Lubango for Monday's quarter finals.



CHINEDU Ogbuke Obasi, left, challenged by Boco Romuald of Benin during their Group C match at the ongoing Africa Cup of Nations in Benguela, Angola on Saturday.

## Amodu: Eagles ready to overcome crisis of confidence

NIGERIA were confident they could win their first African Nations Cup in more than a decade despite suffering a crisis of confidence.

World Cup-bound Nigeria were thrashed 3-1 in their opening match against African champions Egypt and were lucky to scrape to a 1-0 win over unfancied Benin thanks to a penalty.

But Nigeria are now ready to live up to their billing as one of the front runners for the title.

"Having lost to Egypt we had to expect there was a crisis of confidence in our camp and we had to be careful in our game against Benin. Even when we

were up against them, we were not confident but at least we got our points," coach Shaibu Amodu told reporters.

Striker Peter Odemwingie pointed out that Nigeria had a habit of starting slowly in tournament before adding: "Every game we play we get better.

"We have the quality players to go to the final. If we play to our potential, we believe we can win the cup."

A draw against Mozambique in their last Group C game in Lubango on Wednesday would carry them into the knockout phase.

Amodu has been without

striker Obafemi Martins, who is recovering from surgery on a shin injury, and will also probably have to cope without captain Joseph Yobo, who injured a hamstring on Saturday in the win against Benin.

Despite his injury woes, Amodu reminded the depth of talent he had at his disposal.

"I have made the point before that all of the 23 squad members are capable of playing in this tournament. We have enough in reserve," Amodu told reporters.

Nigeria last won the Nations Cup in 1994. They have reached the semi-finals four of the last five tournaments.

## Experts happy with Eagles' win but unimpressed

FOOTBALL enthusiasts on Saturday heaved a sigh of relief after Nigeria's Super Eagles battled to a 1-0 win over neighbours Benin Republic but were unimpressed with their overall performance.

Yakubu Aiyegbeni netted the lone goal from the penalty spot in the 42nd minute at the ongoing Africa Cup of Nations.

The Everton striker had earlier missed a seater when his shot went off mark after the Benin goalkeeper Rachad Chitou had been displaced.

The enthusiasts all agreed that the most important was to secure the full points, which the Eagles did, saying there was also a marked improvement from the outing against Egypt on Tuesday.

Former Eagles striker Mutiu Adepoku told NAN that it was gratifying that the team won, describing the victory as the "most important thing".

He said there was a marked improvement in their performance, adding that they played better than they did in the match against Egypt on Tuesday.

Adepoku, however, said there was still room for further improvement.

He said although the midfield was balanced, the attack lacked mobility as it was too slow.

The 3SC General Manager called for more speed in the attack.

Former NFA Secretary-General, Sani Toro told NAN that he was unimpressed with the team's overall performance, but it was good that the Eagles bagged the full points, which was very vital.

He said the players needed to sit up and remind themselves that there were no weak teams any longer in football.

Former NFA Technical Director, Kashimawo Laloko, described the game as a hard match.

He said it was a respectable result and added it was important the Nigerians earned the three points at stake.

## Injured Essien in doubt for Burkina Faso clash

GHANA midfielder Michael Essien is in doubt for his country's last group game at the African Cup of Nations after injuring a knee in training.

The Chelsea midfielder had only returned from more than a month out due to a hamstring injury in Ghana's 3-1 loss to Ivory Coast on Friday. He is

set to undergo medical tests.

Ghana coach Milovan Rajevac told BBC Sport that he doesn't know "the extent of the injury but we will find out later."

Ghana must beat Burkina Faso on Tuesday to reach the African Cup quarterfinals.

Essien arrived in Angola on Wednesday after poor weather in England delayed his flight. He

started from the bench against Ivory Coast and played for 45 minutes.

Ghana's scheduled opener earlier this week was canceled after Togo pulled out of the tournament following a deadly attack against its team bus.

Each team in the Group B play only two games with the top two teams reaching the knock-

out phase.

Ivory Coast is already qualified with four points from two games, three more than Burkina Faso.

Essien only returned to training last week with Chelsea after being injured during the club's final Champions League group match against Apoel Nicosia at Stamford Bridge on Dec. 8.



ESSIEN

## GUEST COLUMNIST

By Issa Aremu, mni

## False consciousness

It is praise worthy to be a discussant than a disputant. Hamisu Salisu Hadejia's (7th of January) howling proverbial, unprovoked abuses undoubtedly are trademarks of a conscious cowardly/disputant (his preferred epithet). More heat, less clarity. The initial temptation was to ignore the abusive stuff Hamisu served readers as a diversion from obscurity. But indifference could discourage him to avail us what is left of concealed prejudices. I can bet that not few cowardly disputants like him would come to the centre stage because they are not endowed with "the liver" of Hamisu's. So let us still praise the audacious cowardly disputant with some liver. Kudos particularly because he shed some light on a mindset that is falsely nurtured by suspicion and widespread disinformation/conspiracy theories. In the final analysis, his views dramatized self defeatist false consciousness.

For one, you don't come to public space with a siege mentality and be taken serious. His reactions to my views and Abubakar Sanusi's added no value whatsoever, to the current terror discourse, parenthood and mentoring, governance and Nigeria's smear listing. The Mutallabs he elected to opportunistically defend accepted and even regretted a child dysfunction. For self appointed pope Hamisu to be holier than the Pope would amount to double impersonation. Paradoxically Hamisu's romanticised ideal-writer; Adamu Adamu regularly counsels against vainglory and self righteousness. He must definitely be a bad steward (or is he a wanderer?) of his worthy mentor.

We don't need cowardly "corner, corner" cheap verbal Intifada to draw a dubious attention to what he claimed to have written. A scholar cannot afford the luxury of a siege/persecution mentality. We must return social sciences to the path of engaging social inquiry in our universities. Hamisu's preferences for terms like "courage", "conspiracy", "belief", "innuendos" and bare faced attributions to opponents in place of scientific findings, facts and real knowledge underscore our slide into certified ignorance, and dogma.

He claims to be a "conscious Muslim"! That singular self religious labelling award underscores false consciousness. Every Muslim is endowed with inherent consciousness of Allah any day which in turn guides us against permanent suspicion and doubt of the obvious. Sanusi Abubakar's message (Dec 28th and 13th Jan) is this: all of us as humans should rethink our ways of doing things when things go wrong (as they cannot always go right). When we are tested by tragedies and failures, (divine or self indulged, such as polio, poverty, corruption, failed football team, new illiteracy or failed terrorist), we should stop blaming our failures on the manoeuvres of real or imaginary "others". "Others" might want to undo us, but our vulnerability is our responsibility, pure and simple. Let us be balanced in our views about the people with whom we agree or disagree with. Those who hit at our village mentality, task us to look at the mirror are not necessarily "Lilliputian and lesser Sheikhs". Conversely those who predictably repeat or approximate our obvious sickening prejudices are far from being canonized Saints, or "Grand Mufti". There are no White or Black persons as stupidly promoted by the discredited Boers regime of terror in racist South Africa. Let no Hamisu of this world take us many steps backward with some discredited divisive mentality. This is 21st century! All discussants (not disputants) so far remain hard at the problems Farouk saga threw up, and soft at him or

his family.

It is simply intolerable for Hamisu to have been excited once again at his spectacular bizarre written words about September 11. Witness this: "Despite the initial claim of mass Jewish death toll, only three Jews were actually said to have been killed in the 9\11 attack." Haba! So Hamisu's appreciation of September 11 even at this hour, is in terms of race and statistics, not the killings? He is entitled to selective solidarity but those of us who decry the madness of the suicide methodology and its cover up empty conspiracy theories have the right not to partner with him in his racist and statistical profiling of victims of September 11. Our "brothers and sisters" died in scores on September 11. The perpetrators criminally perished a whole Nation/humanity, whether they (perpetrators) were "conscious" Zionists, "conscious" Muslims or some un-identified flying objects, UFOs. It does not matter either if the victims were pagans or Hindus; victims are victims. Hamisu's profiling of victims of suicidal terror is simply unacceptable. His is not different from the recent repulsive ideologically driven America's latest profiling of travellers on account of faiths and some countries of origins. Those who demand equity must come with plain heart. A thousand murders started with "only one" whether by Hitlerite Germany or Sharon's Israel or Stalinist Russia.

The great banner hoisted by Detroit Muslims in the wake of Farouk's trial proclaimed: NOT IN THE NAME OF ISLAM. Let Hamisu search for another ideological justification through "innuendoes" inherent in some silly conspiratorial rationalization of Sept 11 mass murder. His last demagogic verbosity reads thus: "...as a conscious Muslim, I cannot pretend to be un-disturbed by the myriads of obvious injustices meted out on my brothers and sisters across the globe (Iraq (e.g. the Black water murder charge acquittal by a US court). Cowardly flight to Iraq or Afghanistan or Wash-

ington court is less heroic. He must improve on his political economy literacy: think global, but also act local. Let him pulse a bit and look around him and be "disturbed" also by scores of daily unresolved murder cases in Nigeria. When his charity with respect to justice starts boldly on the streets of Nigeria, his taunted inconsequential face book condemnation of Iraqi's occupiers' injustice might be taken serious. Venezuelans support the Palestinians' struggle. But Venezuelans are not Hamisu's religiously profiled brothers and sisters. Solidarity and sense of justice are not race or religion bound. We daily watch the spectacular picture of victims of the recent devastating Earth quakes in Haiti. A man from outer space would mistake the TV pictures for our old Ajegunle. Yet Nigeria, the vast home of black people belatedly sent sympathy message without relief materials. But we have seen the Chinese planes loads of relief materials and Cuban hands of support.

In fact, President Obama just enlisted two former Presidents; Bush and Clinton irrespective of party affiliation to coordinate the Haiti Earthquakes. The point cannot be overstated: Solidarity reflects our values and political world view not blood ties/colour bars. George Bush, an American President condemnably invented Guantanamo Bay. Another American President, Obama commendably closed the notorious prison. Perhaps there is another conspiracy theory (ala Hamisu) for this obvious political dynamics. All said Hamisu is advised to be open-minded, cultivate genuine political consciousness and abandon hate and bigotry which diminishes all.

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## SPORTS REPORT



FLAVIO of Angola

## Injury concern for Angola

Angola have injury concerns over key players for their final African Cup of Nations Group A match against Algeria on Monday.

Angola can win the group and stay in Luanda for a quarter-final next weekend if they beat Algeria but they might have to do without tournament top scorer Flavio.

The striker, who has three goals, was a major doubt with a hamstring injury, while midfielder Djalma and defender Zuela were receiving treatment for muscle complaints, team officials said.

However, winger Gilberto, who had to depart the field in the first half of the 2-0 win over Malawi, has returned to light training after an elbow injury.



JOSEPH Yobo

## Yobo's tournament in danger

Yobo's African Nations Cup may be over after the defender pulled his hamstring in Saturday's 1-0 win over Benin Republic.

The 29-year-old pulled up clutching his hamstring on 53 minutes after stretching to make a clearance ahead of Benin striker Razak Omotoyossi.

Super Eagles Media Officer Idah Peterside told KickOff.com that the initial prognosis is a two-week absence.

"The doctors are looking at him and think he will be out for one or two weeks. They haven't made a final decision yet as it is still on ice, but Yobo himself says he feels like it will be two weeks," Peterside said.

If that proves to be the case, it means the Everton defender will only be fit again on the day of the tournament's third place match.

Peterside says that is a worst-case scenario, but says there is adequate cover in the event that proves to be the case.

