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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Individuality is either the mark of genius or the reverse. Mediocrity finds safety in standardization

– Frederick Crane



AFRICAN SAYINGS

“The rain does not recognize anyone as a friend, it drenches all equally”

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

Compiled by JAMIL H. SALIM

ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	PARTIALLY CLOUD	MOSTLY SUNNY	MOSTLY SUNNY	PARTIALLY CLOUD	PARTIALLY CLOUD	RAIN	RAIN SHOWER
35 22	33 18	34 19	36 19	29 17	36 21	33 23	34 23	25 18	31 24
MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN	MAX MIN

(Temperature in centigrade)

PRAYERS TIMES

JUMADA AL AKHIR 23, 1444 AH

PRAYERS	ABUJA	ENUGU	KADUNA	KANO	KATSINA	LAGOS	MAIDUGURI	P/HARCOURT	SOKOTO
FAJR	5:35	5:35	5:38	5:37	5:42	5:52	5:20	5:35	5:51
DHUHR	12:44	12:45	12:45	12:40	12:44	1:02	12:23	12:48	12:52
ASR	3:58	3:59	3:59	3:54	3:58	4:16	3:37	4:02	4:06
MAGHRIB	6:29	6:30	6:27	6:20	6:23	6:48	6:03	6:34	6:34
ISHA	7:34	7:35	7:32	7:25	7:28	7:53	7:08	7:39	7:39

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ A protester is arrested by police during the confrontation around the Lützerath village during the ongoing protests against coal expansion in Erkelenz, Germany

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GAINERS	BERGER	TOTAL	LINKASSURE	THOMASWY	PRESTIGE	LOSERS	LASACO	CWG	CHELLARAM	ROYALEX	FIDSON
OPEN	N6.60	N212.30	N0.44	N1.48	N0.46	OPEN	N0.99	N0.95	N1.34	N0.91	N9.34
CLOSE	0.60	19.30	0.04	0.13	0.04	CLOSE	-0.11	-0.10	-0.14	-0.07	-0.45
CHANGE	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	9.63%	9.52%	CHANGE	-10.00%	-9.52%	-9.46%	-7.14%	-4.60%

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The attention of the Bank of Industry has been drawn to questions seeking to clarify the implementation and disbursement of grants under the NG-CARES program.

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2023: Military pledges defense for democracy

By our correspondents

Forty days to this year's presidential election, the Nigerian military has assured that it will shield democracy and ensure its sustenance through guaranteeing peaceful conduct of election.

Chief of Defense Staff, General Lucky Irabor, who made the pledge yesterday in Abuja ruled out the possibility of the military taking over power in Nigeria, saying democracy has come to stay in the country.

The CDS was fielding questions from journalists at the wreath-laying ceremony that marked the climax of the 2023 Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration at the National Arcade, Abuja.

"Democracy has come to stay. Government of the people, by the people and for the people in Nigeria has come to stay. That is an assurance and then of course for the elections, I am sure you know that the police are on the lead.

"I have been discussing with the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and of course, we have also made contingencies should we be required to give support to the police as the election is conducted.

"I think for Nigerians, you are rest assured that the armed forces remain solidly behind the police to be able to give them all the support as required," he said.

Buhari, Osinbajo, CJN, govts hail fallen heroes

Meanwhile, President Muhammadu Buhari has led other senior members of the government to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony that marked the climax of the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration.

Buhari, who inspected the Guard of Honour, accompanied by the Commander, Brigade of Guards, Major General Muhammad Takuti Usman, at the National Arcade, later proceeded to the Cenotaph for the wreath-laying ceremony.

Among the dignitaries that laid wreaths after the president were Vice President Yemi Osinbajo; President of the Senate, Ahmad Lawan; Speaker of the House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabamila; and the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Olukayode Ariwoola.

Buhari, who also performed the symbolic freeing of white doves out of the cage during the event as a symbol of national peace and freedom after signing the anniversary register, had the 2023 wreath-laying ceremony as his last as commander-in-chief.

There was also the firing of three volleys in honour of the fallen heroes which has its origin in the old custom of halting fighting on the war front to remove the dead from the battlefield.

Also in attendance were members of the Federal Executive Council, including the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha; Chief of Staff to the President, Professor Ibrahim Gambari; and the National Security



■ Chief of Army Staff Farouk Yahaya

Adviser (NSA), retired Major General Babagana Monguno, amongst others.

While speaking, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Dr Ibrahim Kana, assured serving, retired and families of deceased military personnel of the federal government's commitment to ensure improvement in their welfare and wellbeing.

He said the government would continue to remember their sacrifices and ensure that the injured were given adequate and better medical care.

The chairman, Nigerian Legion, Maj.-Gen. Abdul-Malik Jibril (rtd), commended President Buhari for his commitment to the welfare and wellbeing of military veterans.

He said the government had done a lot for the veterans, adding that there was no military veteran that would complain of non-payment of his or her entitlements.

He however called on the government to continue to improve their welfare and attend to their requests whenever the need arose.

The president, Military Widows Association, Mrs Veronica Aluko, called on Nigerians to continue to support widows of fallen heroes through the association.

She commended the government for its commitment to alleviating the situation of the widows, urging it not to relent. The French Defence Attaché to Nigeria, Col. Guillaume Dujon, expressed delight with the celebration, saying his country shared a similar military tradition with Nigeria.

He said Nigeria and France had maintained cordial military relations over the years, adding that France had been offering support to Nigeria in the fight against terrorism in the North East.

Widows of fallen heroes lament hardship

Some of the widows of the fallen heroes interviewed by Trust Tv lamented the difficulty being encountered to attend to basic needs of their families. The widows, who live in Sabo, Kuchingoro, Abuja, said it was difficult to cater for their need since the departure of their breadwinners.

Martah Zakaria, widow of fallen soldier, said: "I lost my husband. I

am suffering. The only thing we achieve since his death is engine (grinding machine) which was given to all widows that lost their husbands. And government gave me free accommodation because of being the leader of the widows. They later decided to seize the house given to me and gave it to another widow. They gave N9,000 and since then, none of his entitlements has been given to me."

Mary Emmanuel, another widow of the fallen hero, said though military authorities are trying in settling some of the entitlements of the departed soldiers, the larger chunk remain unpaid.

"It's a pity that over nine years, my case in particular, I have widows whose husbands died 2011, 2012, but yet to receive this money I am talking about, which is Group Life Insurance," she said.

Show love to families of fallen heroes - Abiodun

Ogun State Governor Dapo Abiodun, during the celebration of the day at the Arcade ground, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta, called on Nigerians to always show love and appreciation to the families of fallen heroes who laid their lives for the country.

He asked Nigerians to inculcate a daily habit of showing love and appreciation to the families of the fallen heroes, saying without them the country would not have enjoyed peace, order and socio-economic development.

The governor also harped on peaceful co-existence and inter-party tolerance ahead of the next elections in the state.

He warned that anybody, no matter highly placed, would be dealt with if found culpable in electoral violence.

Nigeria's unity made possible by fallen heroes - Ayade

Governor Benedict Ayade of Cross River State at the celebration held at the Millennium Park Cenotaph, Calabar, paid glowing tribute to the fallen Nigerian soldiers.

He called on the authorities to always remember and give care and attention to Nigerian soldiers who fought many wars, including the Nigerian Civil War, and are still alive.

He said many of them were languishing in health or economic conditions without adequate care and support.

Nigeria must immortalise fallen heroes - Kwara gov

Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq has said the country must continue to sustain the immortalisation of its fallen heroes because of the services they rendered in maintaining peace and keeping the territorial integrity of the country.

The governor, who spoke in Ilorin at the celebration of the 2023 Armed Forces Remembrance Day, said citizens should continue to support the armed forces for their role and sacrifices to ensure a peaceful country.

He said it was necessary as a country to continue to immortalise the fallen heroes for being patriotic and the sacrifices they render to guarantee the safety and survival of mankind. He also said robust security controls were being worked upon by President Muhammadu Buhari to create a peaceful environment for the conduct of elections come February.

"The main message surrounding the election is for us to have a robust security architecture and peaceful environment to conduct the election.

"The president has assured the security agencies to get the necessary support from the government," he added.

Don't threaten Nigeria's unity, Emmanuel cautions politicians

The Akwa Ibom State Governor, Udom Emmanuel, has called on politicians not to threaten the unity of Nigeria for the desire to get power. Speaking during the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration in Uyo, yesterday, Emmanuel said Nigeria needed to remain indivisible for the leadership aspirations of politicians to become a reality.

The governor explained that the nation's diversity was being exploited for narrow political advantage, and encouraged Nigerians to extend the frontiers of love and brotherhood so that the sacrifices of the gallant, fallen officers will not be in vain.

"We should fan the embers of our unity deeper and extend the frontiers of love and brotherhood further, so the sacrifices of these gallant officers and men of the Nigerian Armed Forces we have come here today to honour, will not be in vain," he stated.

Oyebanji urges Nigerians to live in peace

In his commemoration message at a ceremony held at the Ekiti Parapo Pavilion, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State governor, Biodun Oyebanji, urged Nigerians to live in humility, love, peace and harmony with one another.

He noted the sacrifices made by the fallen heroes in working for the unity of the country and urged the citizens to ensure the sustainability of peace, unity and stability in the country by showing understanding for one another.

Oyebanji implored Nigerians to shun hostility, stressing that when there is no fighting, there will be no war. In his remarks, the chairman, Nigerian Legion, Ekiti State Chapter, Colonel Atoki Abdulrasaq (rtd), urged government to give them more recognition.

He said with their experience, they could help other security outfits in getting rid of criminals in the country. The governor of Ebonyi State, David Umahi, at the wreath-laying ceremony which took place at the Unity Square, Abakaliki, the state capital, signed a condolence register as a mark of respect to the gallant heroes.

Wike commends Buhari's efforts in defeating B'Haram

On his part, Rivers State governor, Nyesom Wike, commended President Muhammadu Buhari for his sustained efforts at defeating the Boko Haram insurgents and bandits terrorising and destroying parts of the country.

He gave the commendation at the government house, Port Harcourt after the wreath-laying ceremony to mark the 2023 Armed Forces Remembrance Day celebration at Isaac Boro Park on Sunday.

The governor noted that after the civil war broke out a few years after independence, the armed forces were forced to quell the ensuing rebellion, which ended after three gruesome years of internecine warfare. He said ever since, there was hardly a year that members of the armed forces were not assigned to one bloody combat mission or the other, within or outside the country.

The armed forces, he said, had also been at war with Boko Haram and other insurgents in the North West and North East of the country for over 10 years, and the "unknown gunmen" in the South East of the country.

The governor maintained that the country must move beyond today's courtesies, speeches and parades to consider the families, including the innocent women and children directly devastated and thrown into untold hardship by the deaths or incapacitation of their breadwinners on the battlefield.

This, he said, called for prioritising the welfare and wellbeing of the armed forces in and out of service and their families with a concrete social security package, including prompt payment of terminal benefits and some form of economic security for the widows and their under-aged children.

He recommended that those suffering from various health challenges, including post-traumatic stress disorders, should have the best healthcare and attention from the public purse.

By Muideen Olaniyi (Abuja), Eyo Charles (Calabar), Peter Moses (Abeokuta), Mumini Abdulkareem (Ilorin), Iniabasi Umo (Uyo), Raphael Ogbonnaiye (Ado-Ekiti), Nabob Ogbonna (Abakaliki) & Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt)

Monday, January 16, 2023

Tension in Bauchi over allocation of cemetery

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Muslim community of Yolam Bayara area in the outskirts of Bauchi town has written a petition against the Bauchi State government's move to allocate what they believe is their 470 hectares of land to the Christian community for the purpose of Christian cemetery.

The protest was contained in a petition dated January 10th, 2023 and addressed to Governor Bala Mohammed through the Secretary to the State Government.

The petition signed by Sani Sarki Yakubu and six others which was copied to all heads of security agencies in the state, Emir of Bauchi, chairman, Jamatu Nasiril Islam, Bauchi State, and chairman, JIBIWIS, Bauchi State, demanded urgent intervention of the governor to avert the occurrence of a communal clash. Yakubu later addressed a press conference on behalf of the Muslim community at the weekend in Bauchi. In swift reaction to the petition, the

spokesman of Bauchi State governor, Mukhtar Gidado, said the government was yet to formally give out the land to the Christian community, adding that, "Government is still studying the processes."

It would be recalled that last week, the Christian community led by CAN chairman in Bauchi, Rev. Dr Abraham Demius Damina, disclosed that Governor Mohammed had allocated 50 hectares of land for usage as their new cemetery.

Buhari off to Mauritania today for African peace conference, award

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari will on Tuesday receive "African Award for Strengthening Peace" in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

The Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina, in a statement issued on Sunday, said the award would be conferred on him for his leadership role in promoting peace on the continent, through regular interventions, counsels and conciliatory

position.

He said the award would be presented to President Buhari by the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum - an assembly of leaders established in 2014 to pursue new ways to embrace inclusive citizenship, promote lasting peace, and work towards a safer and more sustainable world for everyone.

Adesina added that before the international recognition for serving Nigeria, and the larger interest of peace in Africa, the president would participate in the Programme of the Third Forum of the African

Conference for Peace, where he would deliver a speech on milestones and gains in the African peace process.

He said Buhari who would depart for Nouakchott today and return Wednesday, and would be accompanied by Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama; Minister of Defence, Maj. Gen. Bashir Salihi Magashi (rtd.), National Security Adviser, Maj. Gen. Mohammed B. Monguno (rtd.), and Director General of the National Intelligence Agency, Amb. Ahmed Rufai Abubakar.

Motorists groan in Kogi over power outage

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

Most fuel filling stations in Lokoja, the capital of Kogi State, have shut their stations to customers due to incessant power outages.

The development on Sunday made long queues of vehicles return to the few stations dispensing fuel in the Lokoja metropolis.

A motorist, Ahmad Usman, told our correspondent in Lokoja that he had to abandon his car at the fuel station on Friday because the pump attendant could not dispense fuel to customers due to lack of diesel to propel their plant to distribute fuel.

Usman added that the power outage worsened the situation as many of them could no longer use generators because of the high cost of diesel in the absence of electricity.

A petrol attendant who preferred to be called Jimoh said at Total Filling Station in Lokoja that many of them had been confronted with the twin dilemma of scarcity of fuel and high cost of diesel to power generators as an alternative to public electricity. Also, at a fuel filling station in Gadumo, a suburb of Lokoja, the petrol attendant was reported to have stopped selling the product as soon as AEDC took light around 8:30a.m on Sunday, leaving motorists to their fate.

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Long queues persist as fuel hits N300/litre in Benue

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Long queues for Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) persisted on Sunday as motorists decried difficulty associated with the process of obtaining the petroleum product even at higher

cost. The PMS (petrol) available in most filling stations sold between N295 and N300 per litre while black market prices went for between N350 and N400 per litre.

Our correspondent who went around the town observed long queues for

fuel at the NNPC Filling Station along Otukpo road in Makurdi, A. A. Rano at Wurukum roundabout and at the Rain Oil Filling Station along Modern Market road in Makurdi metropolis.

Some of the motorists told our correspondent that they had waited for more

than three hours and were yet to access the pump to purchase fuel for their vehicles.

Awusa Bobby said he joined the long queue at Rain Oil for over three hours and was yet to come close to purchasing the fuel for his car.

In the same vein, OIje

Jerome, who queued up at the NNPC Filling Station, said though the station dispensed the product at normal government rate, it was difficult getting to his turn for the fuel purchase.

Meanwhile, most of the fuel stations across Makurdi, the state capital, are not selling as some claim

they do have the petroleum products.

But those selling with fewer queues on their premises are charging customers as much as N300 per litre while others with longer queues apart from the NNPC, A. A. Rano and Shafa filling stations dispensing at N190; sold at between N260 and N280.

7 murdered NSCDC personnel buried in Kaduna

The remains of seven personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) ambushed and killed by bandits has been laid to rest in Kaduna State.

This is contained in a statement by NSCDC Director Public Relations, Mr Olusola Odumosu, on Sunday in Abuja.

Odumosu recalled that the operatives were slain in Birnin Gwari community on Jan. 9, while on routine duty of protecting a mining site in Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna State.

He said that the corpses were handed over to families and loved ones of the deceased at the NSCDC Kaduna Command after a brief interment ceremony.

Dr Ahmed Audi, Commandant General (CG) of the Corps, bade the officers and men goodbye when he paid his last respect at the lying-in-state ceremony, held on Saturday.

Represented by Mr Idris Adah, Commandant, Kaduna Command, the CG praised the efforts of the gallant officers who lost their lives in defence of the country and described

them as "Heroes, never to be forgotten."

The CG assured families and next of kins of the deceased of timely dispatch of benefits accruable to them.

He thanked President Muhammadu Buhari for consoling and remembering the Corps at its time of grief.

The CG said that the Corps would not be deterred by the unfortunate incident, rather, it will spur the organisation into more aggressive action against the people's common enemy. NAN

Police rescue 12 Igueben kidnap victims — Obaseki

... Orders probe of traditional rulers' complicity

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Governor Godwin Obaseki of Edo State has said 12 of the 14 remaining victims of the Igueben train station kidnapping incident have been rescued by a combined team of security operatives.

Addressing journalists in Benin shortly after visiting the rescued victims at the Police Cottage Hospital where they had been taken for tests and rehabilitation, he hailed the combined security team in the state, hunters and members of the Edo State Security Network for the success recorded

Obaseki said the victims were rescued on Friday when the security team tracked and intercepted the kidnapers in their hideout, adding that security operatives were tactful in their approach to ensure that no life was lost in the operation.

"During the encounter with the abductors, 12 of the victims were rescued, while some of the kidnapers were arrested. However, a few of the kidnapers escaped with two of the victims,"

he said. He berated the authorities of the Nigeria Railway Corporation who he said had failed to provide adequate security at the various train stations after the Kaduna incident.

The governor further blamed the traditional rulers in the area for flouting the government's decision to ensure that grazing opportunities were not given to herders in their forests.

"I have instructed that the matter should be investigated and anyone found to be harbouring people they should not harbour in their domain would have questions to answer. We don't have this incident in communities that have cooperated with us on the directive," he said.

On his part, the state Commissioner of Police, Muhammed Dankwara, said the 12 rescued victims brought the figure to 18; the total number of victims so far rescued, adding that some people who were part of the kidnapping gang had been arrested.

NCDC confirms 42 new cases of COVID -19

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) has confirmed 42 additional COVID-19 infections in the country in two weeks, with Lagos State recording 27 cases.

The NCDC made this known via its official website on Sunday, adding that Edo, Kano, Nasarawa, Kaduna, Plateau and the Federal Capital Territory

contributed the remaining figure.

The health agency said that the new cases brought the country's total of COVID-19 infections to 266,492.

It said that the cases were recorded between Dec. 31, 2022 and Jan. 13.

According to the report, the NCDC confirmed that the country recorded 29 new cases

from Jan. 7 to 13; and the new cases are reported from Lagos (15), FCT (five), Kano (four), Nasarawa (three), Kaduna (one) and Plateau (one).

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) has continued to advocate for citizens to get their COVID-19 vaccine.



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Falana to sue FG for failing to fix petroleum products price

By John Chuks Azu

Human rights lawyer, Femi Falana (SAN), has said it is illegal for the government to fail to fix and regulate the price of petroleum products as ruled by the Supreme Court.

He threatened to file contempt proceedings against the federal government for failing to supervise the downstream sector.

Falana was reacting to a statement by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva, during a scorecard of the administration from 2015 till date, that the price of kerosene had already been deregulated.

In a statement on Sunday, Falana said the Supreme Court had in the suit between Bamidele Aturu v Minister of Petroleum Resources and the Attorney General of The Federation (Suit No FHC/ABJ/CS/591/2009), ruled that the deregulation of the downstream sector of the petroleum industry to be unconstitutional, illegal, null

Gambari to declare open NSIL 44th conference

By Seun Adeuyi

The chief of staff to the president, Professor Ibrahim Gambari, will later this month declare open the 44th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Society of International Law (NSIL).

In a release, the President of NSIL, Professor Yinka Omorogbe (SAN), said Nigeria's security situation, corruption, international law and democratic governance would be in focus during the conference slated for January 24 and 25.

Omorogbe said the event tagged, "Realizing the Nigeria of Our Dream in Global Governance: The Challenges of Institutional Corruption, National Insecurity, International Law, and Democratic Governance," would equally consider issues around self-determination and secession.

"The conference is expected to bring together International Law experts, political scientists, Judges, Transnational Corporation experts and diplomats among others. Its deliberations will include policy initiatives and recommendations for consideration by the government," he added.

and void.

He said the court then ordered the federal government to desist from failing to fix the prices of petroleum products as mandatorily required by the Petroleum Act and the Price Control Act, and to publish regularly the prices of petroleum products.

Falana said Sylva and the federal government were legally obligated by the

combined effect of section 4 of the Price Control Act and Section 316 of the Petroleum Industry Act to determine and fix the prices of the commodities.

"In view of the clear statutory provisions and decided cases on the illegality of the deregulation of any aspect of the petroleum industry the federal government should stop subjecting the Nigerian people

to the excruciating economic crisis by allowing the so-called market forces to determine and fix the prices of petroleum products in the country.

"We call on President Muhammadu Buhari, as the Minister of Petroleum Resources, to call Chief Sylva to order for treating the valid and subsisting judgments of the Federal High Court and the Supreme Court with contempt."

Bandits abduct 25 worshippers in Katsina church attack

Bandits have attacked New Life for All Church in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State, abducting no fewer than 25 worshippers.

The bandits who came on motorcycles were said to have launched the attack in early hours of Sunday.

The Senior Special Assistant on Christian Affairs to Governor Aminu Bello Masari, Rev. Ishaya Jurau, confirmed

this in a telephone interview with THISDAY on Sunday.

He said: "Bandits attacked New Life for All Church in Jan-Tsauni, Gidan Haruna in Kankara local government of Katsina State today (Sunday) around 10am.

"They abducted 25 worshippers and left the church pastor with injuries while they were conducting service this morning".



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“We believe very strongly that if the process leading to the election is free, fair and credible, then of course, there will be peace in the country — National Chairman of Labour Party (LP), Julius Abure

Politics of 'one's turn' bad omen for Nigeria's democracy – Bakare

● 'Obi's growing popularity imperative for nationhood'

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Presiding Overseer of the Citadel Global Community Church and presidential aspirant on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in last year's primaries, Pastor Tunde Bakare, has said politics of "one's turn" is bad omen for Nigeria's democracy and should be rejected by the people.

He spoke yesterday in Lagos during a church programme tagged 'State of the nation address'.

He urged the electorate to reject vote buyers and political merchants as the 2023 election approaches, adding that no good politician would direct other people to answer questions on his behalf.

In the address titled, 'Bridging the gap between politics and governance', Bakare said, "This 'emi lo kan' politics that insists on one's turn, even if circumstances do not align, is bad.

"Politics of entitlement also manifests as perennial candidacy, not with the

intent to serve, but to gratify long personal ambitions. It could also manifest as insistence on a given political office as a reward for what one considers a lifetime of sacrifice to the nation.

"Politicians with a sense of entitlement evade political debates and do not consider it imperative to communicate with the electorate."

Apparently referring to the presidential candidate of the APC, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Bakare said, "The practitioners of good politics are open to interrogation and they do not avoid debates or evade difficult questions.

"Good politics give a sense of belonging to historically excluded or vulnerable groups, including women, young people, the elderly and persons living with disabilities."

Though Bakare did not mention any presidential candidate in his speech, the APC candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has been popular for his 'Emi lo kan' statement in Abeokuta where he averred that it was his turn to succeed

President Muhammadu Buhari.

Similarly, Tinubu did not participate in political debates organised by Arise TV and other organisations.

In addition, Tinubu directed some bigwigs in his party to answer questions directed to him during his recent appearance at Chatham House.

Daily Trust reports that Bakare has not participated in the APC electioneering campaign since he lost out to Tinubu during the primary last year amidst insinuation that he is still aggrieved.

Speaking on other candidates, Bakare said the candidacy of former vice president Atiku Abubakar of the PDP has brought to the fore "the unresolved North-South dimension of the national question."

On the Labour Party's candidate, Peter Obi, Bakare said the growing support he is receiving from the Christian community is noteworthy, adding that the "true political inclusion of the South East remains a strong imperative in our quest for nationhood."



■ Bakare

Kaduna gov'ship: APC candidate unveils 7-point agenda

● I'll promote religious tolerance – ADP candidate

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba (Kaduna) & Abubakar Akote (Minna)

The Kaduna State All Progressives Congress (APC) Campaign Council has unveiled the manifesto of its governorship candidate, Senator Uba Sani, which contains a 7-point agenda, aimed at improving the lives of the citizens.

A statement yesterday by the Director of Strategic Communication, Malam Ibraheem Musa, said the 7-point agenda has the acronym SUSTAIN, adding that it spans the entire spectrum of security and human capital development.

He said the manifesto is

a social contract between the party and the people of Kaduna State.

Part of the statement reads, 'In addition, the next APC government will invest in human capital and nurture citizens' engagement. This is what SUSTAIN stands for and the 7-point agenda will be the compass of the APC administration.'

Similarly, the Action Democratic Party (ADP) governorship candidate in Kaduna State, Alhaji Sani Shaaban, has promised to restore religious tolerance if given the mandate.

He urged the people of the state to vote for all the candidates of ADP, stressing that the party, if elected,

would "restore the lost glory" of the state.

The former House of Representatives member, who addressed newsmen in the state, expressed optimism that he would win the March 11 poll and address the "religious imbalance" in the state if elected.

Meanwhile, the governorship candidate of the APC in Niger State, Umar Mohammed Bago, has pledged to complete all the developmental projects initiated by the current governor across the state.

He made the pledge while flagging off the Niger North Senatorial zone campaign in Kontagora, the zonal headquarters.

Gov Bala: I have no rift with Atiku, he is candidate to beat

● My husband will reposition Nigeria – Titi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Bauchi State Governor Bala Mohammed has declared total support for the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar, ahead of the February 25 poll.

The governor spoke yesterday during the distribution of empowerment tools provided by his wife, Hajjiya Aisha Bala Mohammed, to over 3,000 women in the state, held at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Stadium in Bauchi.

Our correspondent reports that Atiku's wife, Hajjiya Titi Atiku Abubakar, attended the event.

This has cleared claims that Bala is with the aggrieved G-5 governors of the PDP, led by Rivers State governor, Nyesom Wike.

Bala, who asked Mrs Atiku to inform her husband that he is solidly behind

him for the sake of God, said, "Our mother, today (yesterday), I want to assure you that it is a blatant lie from people that are saying I am not with Atiku; it's a lie.

"I had problem with our elder brother who will, by God's grace, become the next president of Nigeria but now it has become history, it has passed.

"If there is anybody that I have ever told, whether in secret or in the open, that I am not with Atiku Abubakar let him come out and say it."

In her remarks, Hajjiya Titi Abubakar urged Nigerians not to doubt the capacity of her husband to reposition the country positively if elected as president.

She assured the women and youths that Nigerians would benefit in no small measure if her husband is given the mandate to run the affairs of the country as president.

Attack on opposition spokesman's residence politically motivated – Saraki

By Baba Martins

A former Senate president, Dr Bukola Saraki, has said the attack by some gunmen on the residence of Mr Ikenga Ugochinyere, the spokesman of the Coalition of United Political Parties (CUPP) in Akokwa, Ideato LGA of Imo State is politically motivated.

Saraki, in a statement yesterday by his media office signed by Yusuph Olaniyonu, also described the attack, which reportedly left three people dead and many vehicles and houses burnt, as sad and bad for the nation's democracy.

Part of the statement reads, "Coming a few weeks to the general

elections and given the recent experiences of the CUPP spokesman and House of Representatives candidate of our great party, the PDP, Ikenga Ugochinyere, there is the general belief that the attack is politically motivated and that those who want to return the nation's democracy to the dark era are at work."

Plateau PDP suspends campaign over supporters' death

From Dickson S. Adama & Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has suspended its governorship campaign in Plateau State following the death of its supporters in a road accident.

Supporters of the party in the state were involved in a ghastly car accident on Saturday, which claimed 13 lives.

A statement by the Director Media and Publicity of the Campaign Council, Yiljap Abraham said, "In further demonstration of his grief and as a mark of honour

to PDP members who were involved in a ghastly road accident on Saturday evening near the Panyam bridge, the gubernatorial candidate of the PDP, Barr Caleb Mutfwang, after due consultations, has suspended all campaign activities with immediate effect.

"The candidate has also asked that intense prayers be offered for divine comfort for families and individuals who are bereaved and healing of the injured.

"The dead will ever remain fresh in the memories of party members and admirers as they are lifted up as heroes of democracy."

PDP, APC clash ahead of Buhari's visit to Kwara, tomorrow

From **Mumini Abdulka-reem, Ilorin**

Ahead of the visit of President Muhammadu Buhari to Kwara State on Tuesday for the APC presidential campaign, the leading opposition and ruling parties have engaged in a war of words.

While PDP has accused APC of packaging "fraudulent and uncompleted projects", for the president to commission during the visit, APC said the opposition was only "jittery because of its horrible record" in the state.

The director general of the PDP Campaign Council in the state, Prof. Ali Ahmad, at a press conference held in Ilorin, said the governor failed to "commission any landmark project since he assumed office."

He said that was "despite the humongous funds that accrued to Kwara in the form of allocations, IGR, grants, loans and several other funds."

"To save himself the embarrassment of having his failures become a topic of national discourse when the president visits and finds no noteworthy project to commission, the APC resolved to deceitfully



■ Adamu

■ Ayu

get the president to commission uncompleted and fraudulent projects, thereby making him a party to their shameless grand conspiracy," the campaign D-G said.

He said the governor was fishing for projects to present to President Muhammadu Buhari to inaugurate.

Prof. Ali Ahmad listed some of the "uncompleted and failed projects to include Yebumot/Al-Hikmah road, Tailors Shop aka Garment Factory, Innovation Hub, ICT Centre, International Conference Centre, and the General Tunde Idiagbon Flyover in Tanke among others."

Reacting, the APC

campaign council spokeswoman, Florence Oyeyemi, said the PDP would cry out its heart next month when Buhari arrives to inaugurate some legacy projects executed by the governor.

"President Buhari is coming next Tuesday to only flag off the presidential campaign in Kwara, while a different date will be announced for the grand commissioning of different impactful projects in the state."

"The PDP is understandably jittery because it has exhausted its arsenal of empty catchphrases and propaganda that failed to inspire the electorate as a result of its horrible

records in Kwara State.

"Worse still is the fact that the PDP campaign council is led by persons notorious for their roles in diverting public resources for their own use."

"They are understandably pained that this governor is now committing savings from bogus consultancy money, that they were diverting to their private pockets, to improve the state."

Also speaking, the Commissioner for Information, Abubakar Buhari, told Daily Trust that "If at all the state government is going to commission projects, it will be made official. Why are they preempting the process?"

Tinubu to APC candidates: We must not fail delegates who gave us tickets

By **Saawua Terzungwe**

The presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, yesterday met with governorship and National Assembly candidates of the party in Abuja, ahead of the February 25 and March 11 elections.

Tinubu, who told the candidates to ensure they do not fail the delegates and party members who gave them the various tickets to contest, said he had been eager to meet with them.

He said Nigerians and members of the APC were expecting a new lease of life from the candidates.

"I am pleased to meet

with you today (yesterday) because in you I see our party's hope and path to success. In you I see the hope of historic national progress as well.

"As so often in life, victory is not a cause for rest or celebration. It is a call to a greater challenge and harder toil.

"Thus, you all have won the primaries but now must climb the higher mountain called the general elections.

"We formed the APC, not just to be another political party. We formed it as a champion of the people, to rescue democracy from the ravages of the PDP who boasted of ruling the nation for 60 years."

S/Court orders INEC to conduct fresh delineation of wards, units in Delta

By **John Chuks Azu**

The Supreme Court has ordered the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct fresh delineation of electoral wards and units in Delta State.

A five-member panel had in a December judgement obtained by our reporter at the weekend, ordered the fresh delineation of electoral wards and units in Warri South West, Warri South and Warri North LGAs of Delta State.

In the lead judgment delivered by Justice Uwani Musa Abba-Aji, the apex court held that it relied on Section 22 of the Supreme Court Act to direct the fresh delineation before

the 2023 general elections.

The court made the compelling order while delivering judgment in an appeal filed by Hon. George Timinimi and nine others against INEC in the appeal marked SC/413/2016.

The appeal followed the judgement of the Federal High Court, Asaba on March 28, 2011 dismissing the suit brought by Timinimi against INEC for themselves and on behalf of the Ijaws of Warri Federal Constituency of Delta State.

The dismissal was upheld by the Court of Appeal in Benin, which forced Taminimi's counsel, Eric Omare Esq, to approach the Supreme Court.

Tinubu appoints Jega, Abdulaziz as media aides

By **Saawua Terzungwe**

The presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu has strengthened his media office with the injection of two new aides.

Those appointed are Mahmud Jega as Special Adviser, Public Affairs and Abdulaziz Abdulaziz as Special Assistant on Media and Publicity.

A statement on Sunday by the Tinubu Media Office signed by Mr. Tunde Rahman said the two

appointees would deploy their expertise and deep understanding of political issues across the country particularly the North in shoring up the activities of the media team.

Part of the statement reads, "Following his stint as a lecturer in Biological Sciences at his alma mater, the Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Jega has practiced journalism non-stop for more than three decades.

"For a total of 13 years, he was Managing Editor, Editor, Deputy Editor-in-

Chief and Editorial Board Chairman of Daily Trust Newspapers. Prior to that, he served as Editor, New Nigerian Newspapers, Editor of The Sentinel magazine, Kaduna, and Assistant Editor, Citizen magazine.

"Abdulaziz has experience spanning print, online, broadcast and social media. He had worked as Correspondent, Bureau Chief and Regional Editor for the LEADERSHIP Newspapers, before he joined Blueprint

Newspaper which he left in 2017 as Deputy Editor.

"Before joining Daily Trust at the beginning of 2021, Abdulaziz also worked with the frontline online newspaper, PREMIUM TIMES, as Associate Editor.

"Abdulaziz, an award-winning journalist and social media influencer, was until the appointment Deputy General Editor of Daily Trust Newspapers. He also anchored a morning show for the Trust TV, an arm of the Media Trust Group."

Northern female candidates pledge better governance

From **Dickson S. Adama, Jos**

Female candidates vying for positions on the platforms of the different political parties in the North have expressed their readiness to change the trend of governance in the country if elected.

The candidates, who

lamented the absence of good governance in the region, said they are out to address the governance deficit in the respective constituencies if given the mandate to lead.

The candidates made the resolution in Jos, the Plateau State capital during a 2-day capacity building training

organised by the Word Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (WARDC) in collaboration with the European Union.

Speaking at the training, Head of Abuja office, WARDC, Emmanuela Azu, said based on their research, Nigerian women have all

the requisite qualifications to favourable contest in any elective position, with their men counterparts, but things were still not as they should be.

She said funding and other cultural leaning and belief systems had continued to portray women in politics in bad light.

Aggrieved leaders serve Kwara APC notice, unveil P-16

From **Mumini Abdulka-reem, Ilorin**

Another group of aggrieved leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Kwara State has put the party on notice over an imminent pull out if their demands are not met.

This development is coming less than a year after the party suffered massive depletion by some aggrieved leaders and a few months before the governorship polls in the state.

The leaders, who said, they remained in APC despite the "glaring shortcomings of its leadership," informed them they might be forced to pull out if the situation remained the same.

Addressing newsmen at the unveiling of "Kwara

State Opinion Leaders-P16", the chairman of the group and former governorship aspirant in the state, Engr Jide Usman, said "overtures made to Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq to settle the grievances of the group proved unsuccessful." He said, "APC may not be able to form the next government in the state if positive actions are not taken on the issues of concern raised in the running of the present administration."

Reacting to the issue, Kwara APC chairman, Prince Sunday Fagbemi, told our correspondent that he was not aware of any group or demand, adding that "I just hope there is no sectarian move to this or the brainwashing of a few columnists."

OPINION

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The tasks before next president

By Hurso Adam

The Nigerian 2023 election will undoubtedly shape the future of the Africa's most populous country. It is a crucial moment that will determine whether the nation progresses or regresses. The choice of who holds the reins of power in Nigeria will impact generations to come. It is, therefore, essential that the electorate is well-informed and engaged during the electoral process these last few months.

Nigeria's main political parties have already presented their plans and policies for the 2023 election. Some of the key issues they are presenting before the people include education, health, security, economy, and infrastructure. Each party's manifesto offers an insight into what they are proposing. By reading and understanding these manifestos, the citizens can make an informed decision.

Like many other countries, Nigeria is facing some serious security challenges, including the Boko Haram, kidnappings, and oil theft.

Honestly, Nigeria's challenges are in the northern region. The main problems facing northern Nigeria are poverty, insecurity, poor infrastructure, lack of education, water scarcity, and environmental degradation. To address these issues, improved funding and support must be provided to invest in education and infrastructure, security initiatives must be strengthened to ensure stability and safety, and sustainable agricultural practices should be implemented to improve food security and reduce environmental impacts.

To best address these issues, the Nigerian government at all levels should invest in better intelligence and surveillance programmes, strengthen border security and control, support local communities to improve their economic stability, and invest in counter-radicalization efforts. The international organizations should provide further support, financial and technical aid, and prioritize human rights while addressing these security challenges.

Another major issue facing Nigeria is the abject poverty. To end this the government should prioritize the creation of jobs, support small businesses and the informal sector, invest in education, promote financial inclusion (poverty in the northern region is as a result of financial exclusion of the population) and further continue the implementation of social protection programmes. Corporate world and international organisations should work to provide financial and technical aid to combat poverty, while individuals and NGOs can assist by providing resources and volunteer labour.

In order to address governance problems in Nigeria, the government of President Buhari focused on making public institutions more transparent and accountable through open treasury and participatory budget process. Also the 2022 electoral reform, and strengthening the rule of law. The civil society organisations are becoming vibrant and are playing an important role by helping advance transparency and accountability efforts and providing a forum for citizens to voice their complaints and grievances. Presently one may argue Nigeria is advancing to become one of the nations that freedom reign.

Again, for Nigeria to progress forward, there is every need for local governments to function autonomous. Local government autonomy is an important factor in ending poverty and insecurity in Nigeria. Autonomous local governments can help improve their communities by creating better public services, promoting inclusive economic growth, and encouraging participatory decision-making. Government at the grassroots levels can increase security through improved intelligence and surveillance programs, effective

border control and management, and improved inter-agency cooperation. Finally, they can also help reduce the risk of radicalisation, while also providing a platform for citizens to voice their concerns and grievances. The disappearance of local government system in 2003 was the beginning of the problems of Nigeria. Some greedy governors don't want a functioning and autonomous system of governance at the grassroots.

One good take from the leading presidential candidates is that they all promise to make local government autonomy a priority.

The next president of Nigeria should strive to emulate the example set by President Muhammadu Buhari, who has demonstrated his commitment to honesty and integrity throughout his presidency.

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He has been a vocal proponent of transparency in governance, and has championed anti-corruption efforts. Buhari's efforts at bringing the economy out of recession, investing in social infrastructure, and improving security are quite remarkable. Nigeria made great strides in reclaiming more local governments from Boko Haram insurgents in 2020. This was largely due to the increased cooperation between the Nigerian military and local communities, improved intelligence and surveillance efforts, and strengthened border security. The government has taken steps to promote social cohesion, support economic stability in local communities, and implement counter-radicalisation programmes. These efforts have been successful in taking back more local governments from Boko Haram and restoring security and stability to the northeastern region of Nigeria.

Nigeria is facing a number of maritime challenges, including illegal fishing, piracy, and oil theft. To address these issues, the government has implemented the Falcon Eye project, which aims to improve maritime security through enhanced intelligence and surveillance capabilities, though there is less inter-agency cooperation to utilise the system maximally.

The Falcon Eye project is already showing encouraging results, and has the potential to make significant progress in protecting Nigeria's maritime resources from exploitation and misuse.

It is difficult to predict the future of global/Nigeria's economy, but there are some strategies that could help make it stronger in Nigeria. These include investing more in infrastructure, creating more jobs, developing more sustainable resources and production methods, encouraging foreign investment, and improving access to financial services and markets. There is need to further encourage a stronger economic ties between Nigeria and its neighbours could be beneficial. Finally, improving the quality of Nigerian education could also help the economy in the long-term. I hereby pray for peaceful elections in Nigeria.

Adam, Ph.D wrote from Abuja

S. L. Akintola: His life and lessons for today (I)

Last Wednesday was the first time I was on a train journey, since the devastating bandits' attack on the service in February last year. One took the Abuja to Kaduna train with plenty of apprehension, especially recalling the brutal experience of those who took that fatal train last year. This time the train was still comfortable enough and the heavy presence of fierce-looking battle-ready security men strolling up and down the coaches allayed some fear. Fortunately, I also had an engrossing reading material: Professor Akinjide Osuntokun's well-researched and well-written book on the life and times of S. L. Akintola, the last premier of Western Region. It was the book I read aboard the train to Kaduna and was able to complete on the return journey, the next day.

The book tells the story of Chief Akintola who was among the Nigerian leaders including Sardauna Ahmadu Bello, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Brigadier Zakariya Maimalari, and others who were all targeted for cleansing by a mutinous group of the Nigerian Army during the coup of January 15, 1966. Akintola was savagely murdered that early morning of the day by Captain Emmanuel Nwobosi who led a coterie of soldiers drawn from the Abeokuta Garrison to attack the Premier's Lodge in Ibadan. Akintola was born in Ogbomoshosho to a family of traders. The Ogbomoshosho people are reputed to be the most travelled among the Yoruba making them more amenable to other cultures. Akintola lived in Minna as a boy with his parents where he learnt to speak the Hausa language.

He trained as a lawyer in the UK and became one of the founders of the Action Group (AG) in 1951 under the leadership of Obafemi Awolowo. He was the deputy president of the AG and participated actively in all the nationalists' activities to oust the British colonialists. In the pre-independence parliament, Akintola was a prominent minister in the 1950s in the federal cabinet where with his affable and outgoing nature he established lasting good relations with other ministers from the opposing parties particularly those representing the NPC, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Inuwa Wada, and Muhammadu Ribadu.

At independence, he switched roles with his leader Awolowo who decided to go to the federal parliament as leader of the opposition and allowed Akintola to return to the parliament in the west as Premier of the region. Their relationship soon spiralled into bitter

antagonism as Awolowo tried to keep a tight rein on the happenings in the West to the bewilderment of Premier Akintola. All attempts by Awolowo to control Akintola's government failed and that, even, drove him to an alliance with the NPC, regarded as the mortal enemy of AG.

Other events unfolded which resulted in sending Awolowo and many of his key supporters to lengthy terms in jail for treasonable felonies against the Nigerian government. Violence broke out throughout the West after the 1965 elections which Akintola's new party the NNPP won with the heavy-handed support of the NPC-controlled federal government. This violence in the West went unchecked until it culminated in an opportunity for renegade soldiers to strike.

After the coup, there was a groundswell of sympathy for all the political and military leaders who were killed during the coup. However, there was hardly a show of empathy for the fate of Akintola, particularly from his people in the Western Region. This much is understandable because within that period Akintola was very unpopular in the West due to the titanic battle he was embroiled in with Chief Obafemi Awolowo, the acclaimed leader of the Yoruba.

Now for Osuntokun to take on the analyses of the times of Akintola with some degree of fairness it was deemed, 'more than ordinarily audacious' even by Professor E. A. Ayandele, the late distinguished historian, who wrote the forward to the book. This is because as Ayandele put it, Akintola had been 'so unpopular and execrable to be labelled by his political enemies in Yorubaland as a 20th Century Afonja'. Readers might wish to know that Afonja was the 19th Century warlord thought to have betrayed his Oyo masters and allowed the Fulani Jihadists to conquer and take over Ilorin, till today.

It is this effort to redeem the image of Akintola that is replete throughout the book. The comparison was always with Chief Obafemi Awolowo. Akintola was urbane, outgoing, and open to easily making friends across all divides. Obafemi Awolowo was too stiff, ascetic, and rebuffed making friends, particularly with the leaders from the North. In any case, Awolowo had an ingrained low opinion of the northern leaders whom he regarded as unlettered aristocrats who were no match for the team he led, composed of many degree holders.

Akintola failed in that heroic attempt to build a bridge between the aspirations of the West and the North. His death and the fact that Awolowo was released from prison by the military government gave the ascendancy to that group in the politics of the West for many more years. It was only after the death of Awolowo that serious rapprochement began between the North and the West, starting with Moshood Abiola, then Olusegun Obasanjo, and now Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

We conclude the discussion next week.

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IGP's new standards for police investigations

The Inspector General of Police, Usman Alkali Baba, on January 3, 2022, issued a directive to all police commands on police investigations, an issue that is at the core of the failure of the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria. The new measures being put in place are targeted at eliminating duplication of investigations as a result of indiscriminate petitions and even transfer of cases from one command to another, or one state to another.

The implications of such practices are that there are usually multiple or parallel investigations into cases taking place at the same time. Such investigations lead to conflicting arrests of parties, and ultimately causing confusing outcomes, even when some cases are conclusively investigated and charged to court.

A statement on the new directive, signed by the Force Public Relations Officer, CSP Olumuyiwa Adejobi, said, "The Inspector General of Police has... warned that transfer or taking over of cases from commands/formations to force headquarters-based outfits must only be carried out upon approval of a written petition to the IGP which will serve as authority for any such action. The IGP equally appeals to members of the public to be on the same page with the police leadership in its bid to sanitise the process and strengthen our criminal justice system. He has similarly warned that officers found culpable of colluding with lawyers of, or indicted parties to abuse police investigative process will be sanctioned accordingly."

We commend this vital step being taken by the IGP, considering the fact that the administration of the criminal justice system in Nigeria cannot attain its objective of quick dispensation of justice if there are flawed investigations by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the police. Flawed or warped investigative reports by Investigating Police Officers (IPOs) would hamper the work of state prosecutors who have the responsibility of taking cases to court. A poorly investigated case or multiple investigative reports would limit the role of the judiciary in quickly dispensing cases.

One of the causes of the problem is indiscriminate transfer of IPOs from one station to another, an administrative step that is usually taken without recourse to what stage an IPO is in the investigation of criminal cases assigned to them. If a case is still at its early stage, its investigation could be handed over to another IPO, but if it has been completed, and the prosecutor has filed it in court, the IPO who did the investigation would be required to appear in court to testify whenever they are required to do so. In practice, this rarely happens, leading to many adjournments of cases, and frustrating the speedy delivery of justice.

There are other issues however. One is the lack of funds for IPOs to carry out their investigative activities. Nigerians are familiar with cases where IPOs have depended on complainants to provide funding for transportation, accommodation, feeding, and other expenses they incur in the process of carrying out investigations. The excuse is that the police authorities hardly release funds to IPOs to do their jobs.

As the dictum goes, 'whosoever pays the piper dictates the tune.' If a complainant is made to sponsor an investigation, it follows that the officer who carries out the exercise may be swayed by the lucre and produce a faulty investigative report that would not stand the test of a thorough scrutiny by a diligent judge or clever defence lawyers. Under such circumstances, cases are thrown out of court outrightly or judges are made to adjourn them several times, frustrating the course of justice. Therefore, standardising the police investigative process must include adequate funding for the process. There can be no standard investigation of any sort if police informants and complainants must fund police investigations.

The methods and tactics used for police investigations must also be looked into. Policemen are notorious for using torture as a strategy for extracting confessions from suspects in criminal cases. No doubt the police hierarchy knows that this method is undemocratic and not in synch with Nigeria's constitution. It is unacceptable that in this age of technology, where forensic investigation, with the help of expert witnesses, and video footage is the culture, our police investigators still use crude and violent means to obtain evidence from suspects. The police must adopt modern approaches to criminal investigation, as a way of standardising its process, and, if necessary, seek collaboration with professionals in various fields to help with expertise and technology.

We must add that the police must ensure that only well-trained police officers, who can communicate effectively, are given investigative roles. It is disheartening that some police investigative reports are full of grammatical and logical errors, showing the lack of communicative competence and poor training. An investigative police officer must demonstrate competence in extracting evidence from suspects, informants and other sources, but they should also be competent in effectively recording reports of the investigation in order to establish a strong case before going to court. In Nigeria, this is lacking. The police hierarchy must not allow such incompetence to fester on, as the IGP sets in motion the process of standardising investigation by the police.

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Nothing wrong with high costs of university education

There are many different paths to success and fulfilment, and a university degree is just one option among many. Across the world, people go to university in order to gain specialised knowledge or skills that will be useful in their chosen career. Others go to university in order to broaden their horizons and learn about a wide range of subjects. However, the vast majority of others pursue other types of education or training, such as vocational training or apprenticeships, in order to prepare for their chosen career. I believe this is where government spending should return to, and stay focused on. There is a shift, globally in what 'education' and skills mean and sadly our universities are not in tune with this shift. I believe, this is a turning point for all tertiary education in Nigeria to tilt, completely beyond just source of funding.

graduates, or even employable ones sometimes.

The shifts in the nature of education and skills is in no doubt as a result of global mega trends such as technology, climate change, demographic shifts, urbanisation, and the globalisation of value chains that are taking hold of every aspect of human life today. We need the type of education that prepares our graduates with at least the basic skills to succeed in a fast paced global labour market. This can be attained through all forms of educational outfits, not just universities.

Every student should learn the socio-emotional skills required to navigate interpersonal and social situations effectively, and include leadership, teamwork, self-control, and grit. Most work environments are diverse and require polished socio-emotional skills to fit in. Why are our educational environments not teaching this?

Secondly, cognitive skills, encompassing the ability to understand complex ideas, adapt effectively to the environment, learn from experience, and reason are absolutely essential as almost everything now happens in real-time, requiring you to understand new concepts and often apply them as you go. Simple foundational literacy and numeracy as well as creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving are all cognitive skills and one could certainly never overemphasize their importance.

Technical skills, referring to acquired knowledge, expertise, and interactions needed to perform a specific task, including the mastery of required materials, tools, or technologies are also incredibly crucial in today's world and guarantee not only jobs but invention and innovation in multiple areas of society. This needs special attention across all tertiary levels of education, especially the universities. We are greatly lacking as a nation and the informal sectors are even competing with the universities, and colleges of education.

Lastly, cross-cutting and drawing on all of the above skills are digital skills. Today, it is almost incomprehensible that any size of a country's population remains digitally illiterate. Digital skills describe the ability to access, manage, understand, integrate, communicate, evaluate, and create information safely and appropriately. This is non-negotiable in today's connected world. Therefore, let us figure out a way of directing public spending towards preparing the majority for these skills and allow the minority who need university education to go for it.

This is by no means a political statement or even against university education. I'm only saying that governments should fund universities less and fund polytechnics and colleges of education even more. We should entrench apprenticeships and other forms of learning and work in our educational systems. Worthy students can be granted scholarships and bursaries to attend universities and conduct research. However, anyone who wants university education should pay for it, no matter the cost.

Nigeria needs a vibrant economy that can make good the investment case for anyone willing and capable to go to university, not cheap university education. We need self-reliance and entrepreneurship, and the cheap education we have been glorifying has not yielded many entrepreneurial graduates, or even employable ones sometimes.

Consider the fact that In the United Kingdom (similar also in the US), most full-time undergraduate programmes cost between £10,000 and £15,000 per year for local students. For international students, tuition fees are generally higher and can range from £10,000 to £38,000 per year, depending on the university. Most students rely on student loans to pay for their education. Tuition fees for undergraduate programmes at public universities in Nigeria typically range from N50,000 to N200,000 per year. Private universities in Nigeria may charge higher tuition fees, but certainly also not prohibitive for our financial systems to cater for a productive economy. Apart from tuition fees, students also have to pay for other expenses such as housing, food, books, and other supplies, which can add significantly to the cost of attending university.

Based on the GDP per capita and average purchasing power of most countries, university education is expensive everywhere. It is an investment, which you make with the hope that it will pay off in the long run in the form of better job prospects and higher earning potential. Nigeria needs a vibrant economy that can make good the investment case for anyone willing and capable to go to university, not cheap university education. We need self-reliance and entrepreneurship, and the cheap education we have been glorifying has not yielded many entrepreneurial

LETTERS to the Editor

CARTOON by Ali A. Geidam



Need to regulate exploration, mining of lithium

Nigeria is home to commercial quantities of lithium spread across states of the federation. It is mined by artisanal miners in Nassarawa, Kogi, Kwara, Ekiti and Cross River states.

Lithium is replacing oil and has become very strategic the world over therefore Nigeria must be in full control of the entire lithium value chain through the formulation of policies that will control its exploration, exportation, and mining.

Lithium is the new oil that could significantly control global wealth and economy of nations in the coming decades and the new economic order will be largely dictated by the ability of nations to take advantage of emerging opportunities afforded by lithium resources.

Any foreign investment in lithium must be controlled in a way that prioritises the political and economic interest of the country so the current regime where a company gets a license and starts mining lithium without some other control and regulation is not in the best of the country.

We must be jealous and quick to develop very intentional policies that will protect this prime mineral resource (lithium) like we did for oil and gas decades ago and Nigeria should lead the way for the governments of African nations to take advantage of this opportune moment in history.

If this is not done, it is disservice to the nation and the continent of Africa. If Nigeria controls local and foreign investments in lithium with patriotic fervour, it will attract enormous wealth to the country and strengthen

her position in the emerging global economic order as did crude oil.

Lithium is too strategic to be left open for exploration without control especially that it is in global demand. I believe that lithium is the new oil in the emerging global economy.

The price of lithium has risen from \$500 to \$5,000 within three years.

Now, cars have migrated from the hydrocarbon to battery-charged cars otherwise known as electric cars. So, the energy required by cars is the batteries, while lithium is the key component of batteries.

Nigeria must key into the emerging economic order being ushered-in by advancements in technology made in the energy sector using lithium.

Advancement in technology shows that the world is progressing to a future where diesel engines and petrol will be phased-out and replaced with cars that are powered with lithium batteries.

When this happens, you can imagine how much lithium resources will be required to fire the electric vehicles that will be in use across the world.

The climatic resolutions of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (commonly referred to as COP 26) aim to safeguard the environment and called for production of lithium battery powered cars that will gradually replace the hydrocarbon engines.

We must be ready and deliberate in developing funds for lithium exploration and exploitation in Nigeria, just like we have the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF). A special purpose funds for

lithium exploration and exploitation must be urgently made available to relevant authorities in order to ensure that Nigeria is positioned to occupy its prime place in the committee of Nations in near future.

Nigeria must regulate the exploration and mining of lithium, its export, processing and production of lithium powered devices in the interest of patriotism, and Nigeria must do this in order to be able to become the lithium hub for Africa.

We must also be deliberate in designing a marketing strategy that will help us to control the rush for lithium that will come upon Nigeria and in fact Africa, so that we can attract the deliverables of the emerging global rush and trade with regards to lithium.

In the world today, the petroleum producing economies are the biggest and most envied. If Lithium is going to replace petroleum the way electric vehicles are hopefully going to replace fuel, then lithium is undoubtedly the new oil.

The Chinese are here for lithium; the Americas are here too and even the Europeans. They are all here for Nigeria's lithium resource. We must safeguard our future even though we desire foreign investment. We need to control foreign investment so that we don't embrace investments that will take away our mineral wealth while impoverishing our people and country.

Uba Sa'idu Malami, a geologist, is Chairman, Solid Minerals Development Fund (SMDF)

ASUU: Back to trenches with absolute passion

For most members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), the last strike is in tandem with the famous Socrates dictum: "the unexamined mind is not worth living." Therefore, after the decision of the leadership of the union to suspend its eight-month-old strike, academic activities fully resumed in almost all Nigeria's public universities.

However, one would have thought that, the lecturers would be indifferent with their duties, if the uncherished and uncomplimentary attitudes of government officials, students and their parents were to be given cognizance.

It is stating the obvious that, ASUU members were subjected to all kinds of mortification, indignity and humiliation while the strike lasted.

Cock and bull conspiracy were staged against ASUU in both traditional and new media. Troll factory was unleashed against ASUU largely through smearing campaigns, fabrication of lies and libelous press releases.

Lo and behold, when the strike was suspended, ASUU members returned to their duties with vigour and utter passion. Honestly, this singular posture of demonstrating out-and-out professionalism by my colleagues makes the teaching profession dearer to me.

In my school and department, for example, almost immediately, the management released the revised academic calendar, while postgraduate seminars commenced with utmost sense of responsibility, respectively.

Some students, including those that have been hurling insult at us, were amazed with the type of reception they got from their teachers. While some were taken aback to see us in flesh and blood, others are burying their heads in shame, as against their wish, we are still well-fed with robust strength to conduct four consecutive hours lectures with no iota of ill-feeling in our relationship with them.

Within a space of about three months, October to mid-December, my department considered theses and dissertations of many students in different seminar series. Same applied to many departments across the university.

As the undergraduate students resumed early this January, despite the nasty environment, lecturers began their classes in earnest, in some instance, we have to wait for our students to come around.

The passion of ASUU members towards the discharge of their responsibilities is infectious and it knows no bounds. A mild encounter between a senior colleague and I demonstrates the patriotism of many Nigerian teachers. I was in a class when he came with his students, telling me that my time was over, as he was supposed to have the next two hours.

However, according to my time table, I have one hour left. A trifling argument set in. We spent few minutes before this senior colleague decided to apply what Hausa people call *cin girma* (senior wisdom) and left the class for me.

All through my university, everyone is busy diligently executing his duties with aura of "we are not resting on our oars to change Nigeria through modelling of the right manpower and setting agenda for the political class and the general public".

Therefore, for ASUU and its members, the venom of the viper does nothing to the back of a tortoise. Life goes on and Nigeria must be great, while the real owners of Nigeria will take possession of their country; and people that are personification of all that is evil will soon, bitterly, realise the real meaning of "power is transient."

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Practical Ways to Improve Your Ability to Fall and Stay Asleep At Night – Part I By Dr. Charles Uzodimma

Sleep is the natural momentary period for recovery of the body and brain. It improves our physical outlook and fitness with productivity, sharpens our memory, brightens our mood, and makes better our thinking, attitude and behaviours.

So, we should intentionally pursue better sleep.

Meanwhile, sleep is controlled by the sleep clock in the brain and yields the body to submit to sleep. When the body and the brain are in excellent health, the body and the brain's internal clock work together to promote restful sleep. The sleep environment should also be comforting and sleep-inducing to support the body and brain's quest.

Researches show that the quality of our sleep is affected by our behaviours, whether routines or one-off events. Some activities ensure that the body and brain are in good condition to promote better sleep.

First of all, draw and stick to a sleep timetable. As an adult, set aside atleast seven (to nine) hours for a good night sleep. Adopt a regular sleep schedule as much as possible – go to bed and get up at the same time every day, including at weekends. Being consistent reinforces your sleep-wake cycle, and ensures that your brain's sleep clock is on track.

Secondly, pay attention to what you take into the body. Adequate quantity of water should be taken consistently, at least 4.5L – 5.0L over the day until your urine turns and remains colourless. The contents and timing of foods should be comforting. One way is by eating frequently just enough quantity of healthy diet at least two/three times daily, meals of low-carbohydrates, less sugar, high-fibre, low fats and high protein, minerals and vitamins. Heavy meals should be avoided within one to two hours before bedtime, digestion slows when we sleep.

We should not go to bed hungry or stuffed – resulting discomfort might keep us up. In situations of night hunger, light snacks, like nuts or pieces of fruit, will make sure you don't go to bed hungry.

Similar to eating, stop drinking alcohol at least two hours before bedtime to minimize its impact on your sleep. Alcohol affects sleep when taken around bedtime. Alcohol makes us sleep faster and heavier during the first portion of the night but disrupts our sleep during the later part of the night because halfway through the night, some chemical reactions in the liver change the alcohol into an arousal substance.

Thirdly, ensure that the body is active during daytime – exercise.

Can exercise help you sleep?

Absolutely, yes! And if you've never experienced that sleep-inducing tiredness after a day of tedious work-out or an exhausting road show/walk, there are scientific proofs of this claim, too. Regularly do some SAFE exercises like fast walking, push-up sets, planking, etc. – graded duration starting from any duration you can tolerate targeting 30mins – daily or at least five times a week. Any amount of exercise, even if it falls below the suggested amount, is likely to produce benefits.

Furthermore, clearing of mind rumbles allows some calmness for slipping into the shut-eyes state. The mind should be unburdened by stress reduction and good stress management with acceptance of reality, adequate rest and leisure.

Lastly, our health-seeking behaviours take their toll on our sleep too. Do not use sleeping drugs, unless a trained doctor has assessed you by asking questions to get a clear picture of your sleep patterns, physical checking of the body and conducting relevant laboratory tests, before prescribing the sleeping drugs. Also promptly treat any illness and ensure regular health checks to identify and treat hidden illnesses. Discomfort from illnesses will surely keep you up.

In our next article, I'll discuss how to create a cozy, sleep-inducing environment

Let us remember that when you sleep, where you sleep and how you sleep affect your mental health, physical well-being and living a healthy life. We all need quality sleep to be set for productivity in our endeavours.

Do you need further information on the above subject? Are you looking for ways to maintain quality sleep for general well-being and healthy living? Remember, a doctor is an appropriate person to offer relevant advice for the maintenance of quality sleep and solution to sleep difficulties. Do you want to contact the Orthopaedic Sleep Consultant, Dr Charles Uzodimma, kindly send your request to sleepinfo@vitafoam.com.ng OR Whatsapp: 08129982143.

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CITY & CRIME

16 die, 83 injured in truck accident conveying PDP supporters in Plateau – FRSC

From Ado Abubakar Musa (Jos) with agency report

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has said 16 people died and 83 sustained various degrees of injury in the truck accident involving PDP supporters in Mangu, Plateau State.

The FRSC said the truck was carrying 99 supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) when it crashed on Saturday evening at Jwak, Panyam District, Mangu Local Government Area of the state.

Mr Peter Longsan, the FRSC Public Enlightenment Officer

in the state, disclosed this in a statement on Sunday in Jos.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the PDP supporters were returning from the party's zonal rally held in Pankshin.

"It was a lone crash involving a truck conveying people from a political campaign rally of the PDP.

"Ninety-nine people were involved, 16 people, mainly adult males, were killed in the crash, while 83 sustained various degrees of injury.

"The unfortunate incident occurred as a result of excessive speeding and overloading,

which led to a loss of control that resulted to the crash," he said.

Longsan explained that the Pankshin Unit Command of the FRSC swiftly responded to the incident, and with the support of passersby and volunteers, moved the injured to hospitals at Panyam and Mangu towns, where they are currently receiving treatment.

He added the bodies of the deceased were deposited at Mangu General Hospital, Panyam General Hospital, and Nissi Private Hospital, all in Mangu LGA.

Longsan advised motorists

in the state to desist from speeding, overloading, dangerous overtaking and ensure that vehicles are used for the purpose they were designed.

He also called on motorists, particularly commercial drivers, to instal speed limit devices on their vehicles to avert similar accidents.

Meanwhile, Mr Caleb Mutfwang, the PDP gubernatorial candidate in the state, in a statement, condoled the families of those who lost their lives and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

The candidate said he was visiting the victims at the various hospitals to ascertain the severity of their condition and the necessary steps to take. (NAN)

Okada ban has affected our operations – Robbery suspect

From Eugene Agha Lagos

A robbery suspect, Yusuf Lameed, has lamented the hardship they are now facing following the state government's ban on the operation of commercial motorcycles, Okada, in some areas of the metropolis.

The suspect was arrested at the weekend by operatives of the Lagos State taskforce while he and two others had attempted to rob a woman at Ikeja by a bus stop around 5am.

The woman was waiting to board a commercial bus when she was attacked by Yusuf and his gang.

Recall that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu had, in 2022, banned commercial motorcycle operations in some local government areas and local council development areas after an engineer was murdered by some riders in the Lekki area of Lagos.

In his confessional statement, the suspect alleged that his other gang members, Tribunal and Abbey of Mushin, had been in the business for over six months.

According to him, the ban on the operation of Okada in the state had made the business a lot more difficult, but that they still operated at intervals to steal phones, which they sold in Mushin.

"Our buyers are popularly known as Segun Scatter, Steven Memory, Kalimantan and Ejo. They are based in Mushin. We usually make enough money robbing people while riding our bike.

"But it is now difficult since the state government restricted activities of Okada in some areas. This has also restricted our movement," he added.

The chairman of the state taskforce, Shola Jejeloye, who confirmed the arrest, said Yusuf Lameed, and his three-man gang members are specialists in robbing members of the public in the early hours of the day across various parts of the state.

He said the suspect was in company of two of his gang members who are currently on the run when they were sighted by the taskforce.

"He was arrested by the taskforce operatives while trying to rob a woman at the bus stop at Ikeja Along waiting for a bus at about 5:30am on Friday.

"The woman, screamed for help when approached by the suspects. It was the scream that alerted the officers on patrol along that axis. It led to a hot pursuit where one of them fell from the bike and was apprehended," he said.

Police neutralise 4, arrest 4 kidnap suspects in Bauchi

The police command in Bauchi State has neutralised four people, arrested four suspected kidnappers and rescued six victims in the state.

This is contained in a statement signed by the command spokesman, SP Ahmed Wakil, made available to newsmen on Saturday in Bauchi.

He said the command recorded unprecedented successes in its different daring operations across the state aimed at dislodging remnants of kidnappers and bandits from their enclaves.

"Efforts have been made in a bid to trail and apprehend the perpetrators to face the wrath of the law.

"On December 10, 2022, police operatives, in conjunction with locals, ambushed and neutralised two of the armed kidnappers.

"The remaining suspects were subdued by the superior firepower from the operatives and forced to scamper in disarray into the nearest bushes with possible bullet wounds.

"The police operatives neutralised two bandits and recovered fabricated SMG rifles and three operational motorcycles (Honda Bajaj) during the operation," he said.

He said the command had intensified patrol in all the forests to get the fleeing suspects arrested.

The spokesman pointed out that all the suspects arrested confessed to having taken part in several kidnapping activities around Alkaleri LGA.

He said investigation was ongoing and efforts had been intensified to arrest their co-conspirators. (NAN)

Fake Sharia court judge remanded over N10.6m fraud in Kano

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A civil servant in Kano, Auwalu Muhammad Rabi'u, 42, has been arraigned and subsequently remanded in a correctional centre for allegedly parading himself as a Shariah court judge and collecting N10.6 million from one Jamilu Muhammad.

According to the police First Information Report (FIR), the defendant, a resident of Dorayi Babba Quarters in Gwale LGA, Kano Metropolis, sometime in Feb. 2022 allegedly paraded himself as a Shariah court judge and dishonestly collected the sum N10,650,000 from the

complainant (Jamilu Muhammad) on the pretext of selling to him plots of land.

He is said to have breached the trust reposed in him and dishonestly appropriated the money for his own personal use.

The prosecution told the court that Rabi'u allegedly committed the offences bordering on criminal breach of trust, cheating, criminal misappropriation and false personation, contrary to sections 312, 302, 309 and 179 of the Penal Code Law.

When the content of the FIR was read over to the defendant by Police Inspector, Suleiman Sanusi, who held the brief of



■ The suspect

Barrister Aliyu Yusuf Kabara of the Kano State Ministry of Justice, the defendant pleaded not guilty.

The presiding judge, Mallam Ibrahim Sarki Yola, ordered the remand of the defendant and adjourned the case to February 28, 2023 for mention.

4 traders kidnapped in Kogi

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

Four people are reported to have been abducted at Ojuwo Ugbone village, between Idrisu and Bagana in Omala LGA of Kogi while on their way to Bagana market.

Witness said the incident happened on Friday when hoodlums flagged down the vehicle of the traders, (three men and a woman), said to be from Anka town, and whisked them into the bush by the road.

The locals said most traders used to come to Bagana town to drop off their wares a day before the market

day, stressing that the kidnap victims were bringing their articles on Friday to display them for sale in the last Saturday market when they ran into the barricade of the hoodlums.

A brother of one of the kidnap victims, Egbunu, said in Anka that the hoodlums had called their families, demanding the sum of N10m ransom.

He appealed to security agents and vigilantes, including hunters, to come to their aid as the hoodlums have threatened to kill them if the ransom was not paid on time.

Our correspondent gathered that the news of the abducted traders was

first released by some of the traders that escaped from the scene of the incident on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Omalla community has called on the state government and the council to put up a security structure in the area to enhance the peace deal that is gradually beginning to yield results, particularly the reopening of Bagana market in the area.

The Kogi State Police Command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP William Aya, did not pick up his calls or reply to text messages over the incident as of the time of this report.



■ Kano State Police Command Headquarters, Bompai on fire at the weekend

Multiple crash claims 3 lives in Abuja

By Seun Adeuyi

No fewer than three people have been killed in a multiple road crash that happened at Nicon Junction, Nnamdi Azikiwe way, Abuja.

The incident happened on Sunday around 1:20pm.

Details were still sketchy as of the time of filing this report, but a witness, Israel Adegboye, said it involved a Toyota, a Camry and Mazda cars.

People in the three cars, those waiting to cross the expressway, and those waiting to board vehicles to their destinations were victims.

The witness said he counted eight people on the ground, while three died on the spot.

He said, "I counted eight people on the ground when I came around but am sure that about two or three were dead on the spot immediately I got here.



■ Sympathisers at the scene of an accident at Nicon junction, Abuja yesterday Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi

"People were just picking people's legs and parts of bodies." I have never seen such. From what I heard, those guys were high; the guys in that Toyota Corolla were high."

250 Abuja women get support to expand businesses

By Hussein Yahaya

Over 250 indigent women in Nyanya/Karu ward of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) have received cash donations to help boost their businesses.

Presenting the gifts to the beneficiaries in Abuja over the weekend, the Zonal Secretary, North Central of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Hon Yakubu Muhammed Adamu, said the global economic crisis called for more intervention for women, as they were more likely to transfer the benefits to their families.

Adamu, who said the initiative was an annual project his wife started nine years ago, added that it has so far supported over a thousand vulnerable women

and widows in Nyanya/Karu ward, empowering them with capital and skills to enable them to become self-reliant.

He lauded the qualities of the APC senatorial candidate for FCT, Hon. Angulu Dobi, saying the two-time chairman of Gwagwalada Area Council and former secretary of the FCT Transport Secretariat was a seasoned and committed grassroots politician who will contribute to the success of the party in the forthcoming election.

Some political heavyweights from the APC, who graced the event, urged the beneficiaries to make good use of the money to expand their businesses while supporting their families.

In her remarks, the FCT Minister of State, Dr Ramatu

Aliyu, commended Hon. Adamu for the initiative to empower women, whom she said were critical to political victory.

The minister, who was represented by her special assistant on Political Matters, Abubakar Adenike, called on women to support the party in the forthcoming general elections.

The chairman of the FCT chapter of APC, Hon Abdulmalik Usman, commended the zonal secretary and his wife for the laudable project which, he said, was reflective of the humane and progressive nature of the APC.

He urged participants and beneficiaries to ensure victory of the APC at the National Assembly, pledging that the party's candidates

would push for laws that would allow for more seats for the FCT in the National Assembly.

"The opposition has been in the National Assembly for years now, but how many laws have they sponsored asking for more seats for FCT residents or even a mayoral seat for Abuja? They are just there for their own personal interest.

"With the APC at the Senate and House of Representatives, I assure you that we will get more slots at the National Assembly and push for mayoral position for Abuja."

On his part, the senatorial candidate of the APC, Hon. Angulu Dobi, stressed that it will no longer be business as usual where the opposition sits tight at the red chamber.

Police warn against destruction of billboards in Benue

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The police in Benue State have warned hoodlums to desist from destroying political parties' campaign billboards or risk the wrath of the law.

Our correspondent reports that some political parties' campaign billboards were shredded at the weekend in Gboko area of the state.

The Police Commissioner, Wale Abbass, stated yesterday in Makurdi, that the attention of the command had been drawn to the mischievous act of destroying political campaign posters and billboards by hoodlums.

Abbass, in a statement signed by the command's spokeswoman, SP

Catherine Anene, directed all area commanders and divisional police officers (DPOs) to ensure that such an act does not happen within their areas of responsibility.

The commissioner of police also called on political party executives to recall that on December 9, they had a peace pact that was duly signed and stated therein that peace would be maintained throughout the electoral period.

He, therefore, urged party executives to warn their followers to desist from such acts.

Abbass added that the party executives would also be held responsible if they failed to prevent their supporters from "perpetuating the barbaric act."

Gunmen kill 2 vigilantes in Kwara

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

Two vigilante operatives have been reportedly killed by armed men at Shao community of Kwara State.

It was gathered that the gunmen shot the two unarmed operatives of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) who were on a motorcycle.

The incident, according to a source who spoke to City & Crime, occurred last week.

"The unarmed vigilantes, who were on their motorcycle, rode into the area where the gunmen were operating, and they opened fire on them.

"The uniform they wore showed they were operatives of Ga Saka VGN command located at Oke-Fomo area.

"The police officers who later came to the scene evacuated their corpses,"

he added. But the VGN boss, who confirmed the development, denied that they were members of the VGN.

"They are not our members. They impersonated us. How they got our uniform is not yet clear. If not because of their picture people sent to us, the command wouldn't have known anything.

"As far as I'm concerned, our officers are intact. We sent the pictures to all VGN commands under us across the 16 local governments, no one could identify them and up until now, no other VGN group raised an issue on it or came out to claim them," he said.

When contacted, the Kwara Police Command's spokesman, Ajayi Okasanmi, said he was yet to be informed about the issue.

QUICK READ

NDLEA arrests 420 traffickers, others in Kwara

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Kwara State has said it arrested 420 suspects between January and December 2022.

The state commander of the agency, Alhaji Ibrahim Saidu, disclosed this in Ilorin.

Those arrested, he said, comprised 359 males and 61 females, adding that 44 suspects were convicted while 213 were released to their families.

"Among the 420 suspects arrested in 2022, some are traffickers and some are users, some are now in correctional service centres in Ilorin," Sa'idu said.

He said all the arrests were based on "information, surveillance, and other undisclosed strategies."

He assured residents of the state that drug abuse would be reduced to the barest minimum.

Papa Ajasco stand-in character, Femi Ogunrombi, is dead

A veteran Nollywood actor, Femi Ogunrombi, who was a stand-in character for Papa Ajasco has died.

Dr Shaibu Hussein, a theatre practitioner, journalist and lecturer, announced the death of the veteran, on his Twitter page on Sunday.

"I have just been reliably informed that the ethnomusicologist, former music instructor with @NATIONALTROUPE and one-time stand-in for the 'Papa Ajasco' character on the popular @waleadenugaproduct Comic Series 'Papa Ajasco' Mr. Femi Ogunrombi is DEAD," he tweeted.

Mr Mayowa Adenekan, a digital journalist and talent manager, while also sharing the news on the social media, said the late actor was a stand-in actor when the first Papa Ajasco character pulled out.

Abducted Plateau DPO rescued

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos The kidnapped Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Pankshin Local Government Area of Plateau State, SP Nwapi Laryycarr, has been rescued.

Daily Trust reported on Saturday how the police officer was abducted on Thursday in a hotel in the area.

The spokesman of the police command, DSP Alfred Alabo, confirmed the development, adding that he was rescued in collaboration with other security agencies.

He said, "Following the gruesome kidnapping of SP Nwapi Laryycarr Augustus on 11/01/2023 at about 1930hrs by unidentified gunmen to an unknown destination in Pankshin LGA, the Plateau State Police Command, in collaboration with other security agencies and hunters in the area, swung into a rescue mission and eventually unshackled and freed the officer from his captors.



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MONDAY BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

Unclaimed dividends in tier one banks increase by over N5bn

By Faruk Shuaibu

Dividends from shares for investors that are yet to be collected have accrued to over N5bn from January to September 2022, analyses of Q3 financial reports of Nigeria's tier-1 banks have shown.

Daily Trust reports that Nigeria's tier-1 banks control 70 per cent of the market share in the banking industry, consisting of Access Bank, Zenith Bank, Guaranty Trust Bank, First Bank of Nigeria and United Bank for Africa (UBA).

But this report which analysed four of the banks' financial books, with the exception of GTBank as its unclaimed dividends was not inputted, revealed that the dividends which are liabilities to the banks rose to N92.7bn from the N87bn declared in 2021, an increase of N5.6bn.

A breakdown of the reports indicated that unclaimed dividends for Zenith Bank indicated is yet to change from the N28.6bn it owes its investors since December 2021 with the same figure written in books for September 2022.

For Access Bank, its figure for unclaimed dividends has increased from N34.9 to N36.8bn, an increase of almost N2bn during the time frame.

Similarly, that of First Bank rose from N11.9bn to N14.6bn while UBA's N114bn has accumulated to N12.6.

The Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) had last year declared that the total amount of unclaimed dividends in the country



was to the tune N180 billion as at Dec. 31, 2021, which was a rise of N10bn from the previous year.

The commission, while stating that this figure is just 5 per cent of dividends declared in the entire capital market, expressed commitment to bring unclaimed dividends down to zero per cent in the capital market.

With such a huge amount lying fallow in the books of corporate bodies, the federal government instituted moves to borrow the funds by proposing the Unclaimed Dividend Trust Fund from which it can borrow money to finance its activities in the face of budget deficit that has been reoccurring over the years.

However, the proposal did not sit well with capital market investors who described the move as illegal, maintaining that the

monies should be returned into the companies that declared the dividends as the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 1990 described dividends as the distributable earnings of a company while those that are not distributed, constitute retained earnings.

Similarly, the act views dividends as unclaimed if it is not collected within six months after a declaration by a company, but allows investors to make claims till 12 years, after which it becomes statute-barred and forfeited.

But to the surprise of investors, the Director General of the SEC, Lamido Yuguda, during a virtual post-Capital Market Committee (CMC) meeting in April last year disclosed that the dividends have finally been moved to the trust fund, which is managed by SEC

and the Debt Management Office.

"Unclaimed dividends have gone into the Unclaimed Dividend Trust Fund and are now managed by the SEC and DMO. The SEC is no longer the only institution that has data on unclaimed dividends. It will remain there until the owners come forward to claim them. We still have cases of multiple subscriptions, but we are working very hard on solutions to tackle them, especially in the area of unclaimed dividends," he said.

Banks need to contact next of kins - Expert

Speaking on what should be done to reduce the rate of unclaimed dividends, a financial expert, Paul Alaje, said the banks should contact the kin of those who have bought shares with them and did not collect their dividends.

Alaje stated that anything could

have happened to them as it would be difficult for investors to abandon their dividends when they know the benefits.

"Another thing is that there is this euphoria of everybody going to buy shares at a time. In fact, many people do not know how it works and do not have a broker. They just bought the thing and have the wrong PO Box. When PO Box was no longer in vogue, everybody started moving to digital mailing. Not all Nigerians were able to do that."

He added that some families did not renew the licence for their mail boxes which was the official channel of communication between them and banks.

On the moves by the federal government to manage the funds, Alaje noted that the federal government has no business in people's money and the action as just a means to take over people's assets.

He described it as taking a loan without the consent of the owner and if the government truly wants to help, it should set up a committee to search for the owners of that money.

"The bottom line is that the government just wants to have access to more funds it can lay its hands on. This is compounded with citizens finding challenges to see the evidence of what the money is used for physically. I don't support the government position and it should stay with the public sector interest and leave the private sector for those that should manage them," he said.

Legal battle over Nigeria Air resumes today

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

...as FG stays action on national carrier

The legal battle over Nigeria Air resumes today at the Federal High Court in Lagos as the federal government makes frantic efforts to vacate the order stopping the establishment of the airline.

However, as the case resumes today, there is a new dimension as the federal government has filed an application for the transfer of the case to Abuja.

Daily Trust reports that the government has promised that the new national carrier would start operation in December this year but that was stalled by the suit filed by some members of the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON).

The plaintiffs are the registered trustees of the AON including

Azman Air Services Limited, Air Peace Limited, Max Air Limited, United Nigeria Airlines and Top Brass Aviation Limited, while the defendants are Nigeria Air Limited, Ethiopian Airlines, Sen. Hadi Sirika and the Attorney General of the Federation.

They approached the court on November 16, 2022, to stop the Nigeria Air project.

The court ordered an injunction, restraining the defendants, either by themselves, agents, privies, principals, or any other persons whatsoever from executing the proposed or draft national carrier establishment and an agreement by the Federal Government of Nigeria.

On Friday, December 11, the

presiding judge, Justice Lewis Allagoa, reaffirmed the order and adjourned the case till today (January 16, 2023).

But a new dimension was introduced when the federal government through its counsel, Liman Suleiman Shehu, Maimuna L. Shiru (Mrs), Oyin Koleosho and Oriowo Oluwaseun, on Friday filed an application for a transfer of the case to Abuja.

An affidavit in support of the motion on notice sworn to by Des-Bordes Felicia, counsel to the defendants, Nigeria Air (1st defendant), Sen. Hadi Sirika (3rd defendant) and Attorney General of the Federation (4th defendant), argued that hearing of the suit in

Lagos would add financial burden on the defendants.

In seeking the transfer of the case, the government through its defence counsel noted that all the defendants in the suit reside in and carry on a substantial part of their business in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja, and challenged the hearing of the case in Lagos.

The counsel added that after the firm carefully studied the originating processes filed by the defendants, it observed that the cause of the action alleged by the plaintiffs occurred in the FCT, outside the judicial division where the suit was instituted.

The counsel added: "That

the 1st, 3rd and 4th defendants who are not residents within the judicial division of this honourable court will be subjected to serious hardship in the event this suit proceeds to hear and prosecuted within the judicial division of this honourable court wherein this suit is commenced."

Meanwhile, government sources say they are optimistic about the vacation of the pending injunction which stopped further action on the establishment of the national carrier.

"Until the court vacates that order, we cannot do anything on the national carrier in deference to the order of the court. Our legal team is doing its work and we are hoping the injunction will be vacated," the source said.

By Philip Shimnom Clement

How would you assess Nigeria's non-oil revenue performance so far?

Despite the harsh economic environment precipitated by the effect of COVID-19 and the global economic recession, it is encouraging to note that non-oil export performance for 2022 recorded a significant and highly impressive result with non-oil export earnings of US\$ 4.820 billion recorded for the year under review.

This represented an increase of 39.91% over 2021. These figures represent data collated from the various pre-shipment inspection agents appointed by the federal government under the Pre-shipment Inspection Act, Cap P25 LFN 2004.

Worthy of note is that this result is the highest value ever achieved since the establishment of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council 47 years ago. This current result lends credence to the fact that the several export intervention programmes/projects initiated and executed by the council and other sister agencies during the year under review are gradually yielding the desired result.

What are the exported products that earned Nigeria this huge amount?

About 214 different products ranging from manufactured, semi-processed, solid minerals to raw agricultural products were exported in 2022.

Of these products exported, Urea/Fertiliser topped the list with 32.87%. The emergence of Urea/Fertiliser as the highest exported product in 2022 can be attributed to the Russia-Ukraine war which created an avenue for Nigeria's Urea/Fertiliser to thrive. It is worth noting that our products were exported to 122 countries with Brazil recording the highest import value of 12.27%.

Similarly, 1,172 exporters participated with 31 issuing banks participating with Zenith Bank PLC processing the highest NXP values.

Also, 19 exit points were used with Apapa Port recording the highest tonnage.

Regrettably, of the top 10 importers of Nigerian products, no African/ECOWAS country made it to the top 10.

What is the NEPC doing to ensure that Nigeria begins intra-Africa trade?

We at the NEPC are working assiduously to change that trajectory,

How Nigeria earned \$4.82bn from non-oil exports in 2022 – Dr Yakusak

Dr Ezra Yakusak is the Executive Director/ CEO of the Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC). In this interview, he speaks on how Nigeria earned the highest revenue from the non-oil sector since the establishment of the NEPC 47 years ago, among other sundry issues. Excerpt...



Yakusak

particularly in the wake of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCTA). The establishment of the Export Trade House Lome, the solo exhibition in Gambia, and participation at the Lome International Trade Fair are deliberate initiatives aimed at boosting non-oil export within the ECOWAS sub-region.

It may interest you to know that the non-oil export of Nigerian products is gradually diversifying from its traditional agriculture exports to semi-processed/manufactured products. This is buttressed by the fact that out of the product group exported, agricultural products formed 30.12 per cent, semi processed/manufactured products formed 36.61 per cent, precious stones formed 17.06 per cent while others took 13.21 per cent.

What are you doing to address several cases of export rejects of Nigerian products?

In 2022, the NEPC working with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment among other relevant MDAs embarked on a fact-finding mission to the United Kingdom (UK)

as part of strategic efforts to address the issue of export rejection which constitutes a major constraint to the growth of the non-oil export sector.

At the end of that visit, an inter-agency meeting was held to debrief stakeholders on the outcome of the visit. The visit led to the intensification by NEPC of its various capacity-building programmes geared at addressing incessant issues of rejects. An inter-agency committee on export rejects was also constituted by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment.

In the same vein, with the establishment of the Domestic Export Warehouse (DEW) two years ago, a total of 13 firms have been licensed to operate under a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) arrangement with one aggregation centre. It is one of the key export intervention projects of the council that has been put in place to address the high level of rejections of Nigerian commodities in foreign markets.

I want to also announce that the Kaduna Inland Dry Port is ready and will be used to flag off the DEW project in the first quarter of 2023.

What are the current intervention programmes undertaken by the council?

As part of our interventions in the non-oil sector, the council established three (3) Export Trade Houses (ETHs) which are Cairo in Egypt, Lome in Togo and Nairobi in Kenya.

The ETHs are targeted at increasing Nigeria's international market share and growth, enhancing the visibility of Nigerian products as well as increasing foreign exchange inflow and creating employment for the teaming youths.

Plans are also underway to establish other ETHs in China, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other countries. This project is being executed under a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) scheme. About 50 companies have so far exported via the various Export Trade Houses.

Similarly, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) last year approved the sum of N375 billion to clear the backlogs of claims for 285 beneficiaries of the Export Expansion Grant scheme. The council has commenced the process for clearance of backlogs of claims for 2021 and 2022.

In compliance with this mandate, the NEPC carried out 227 capacity building programmes across Nigeria with a total number of 28,096 people benefitting from these programmes.

Also, one of the strategic tools for building the capacity of exporters particularly SMEs is the NEPC Export Competency Development Programme.

Since the introduction of the programme by the Centre for the Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries (CBI), the product base under this scheme has been expanded from the initial three products; cashew, sesame and cocoa to now include ginger and shea-butter in 2022.

The council in collaboration with the CBI is currently working to transit to a sustainable and high-quality

production of ginger in Nigeria. In a bid to realise this objective, the NEPC and CBI provided market access for 17 SMEs in the ginger value chain through a Market Orientation Mission to the Netherlands during the year under review.

It may interest you to note that Nigeria ranks 3rd in the production of ginger after India and China.

There have been concerns about women's participation in exports. Is NEPC doing anything about it?

We have taken the concerns of women in business and exports seriously over time. So far, 4,804 Nigerian women have registered with SheTrades Initiative from 2018 till date while 5,464 Nigerian women entrepreneurs have participated at programmes organised by the SheTrades in the Commonwealth Project and the NEPC Women in Export Development Programme.

In the same vein, different kinds of training were provided for corps members by the NEPC state offices nationwide. A total number of 17,117 youths benefited from this exercise. This will continue in many other states in 2023. It is our modest contribution to the efforts of the federal government at reducing unemployment among our youths.

What is the forecast for the non-oil sector in 2023?

I am optimistic that with the several export intervention programmes and projects that have already been executed and other on-going programmes, the expected performance of the sector in 2023 will likely surpass that of 2022.

I wish to reiterate that at the NEPC, we would do everything within our mandate to persuade and convince Nigerians, especially the youths, to embark on non-oil export instead of 'japa'.

We therefore urge all Nigerians to join us as we continue the Export4Survival campaign with a view to building a virile economy driven by the non-oil export sector.

Nigeria to earn N6trn annually from fuel subsidy removal – CPPE

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

The removal of fuel subsidy would unlock a minimum of N6 trillion in revenue into the federation account annually.

This was disclosed by an economic think tank, the Centre for the Promotion of Private Enterprise (CPPE), in a report titled, 'Tweaking the 2023 finance bill and options for unlocking revenues in 2023'.

The Director of CPPE, Dr Muda Yusuf, in the report, noted that the Nigerian economy is heavily burdened and encumbered by two major subsidy regimes - the fuel subsidy regime and the foreign exchange subsidy regime.

He noted that huge sums of revenue can

be unlocked from these subsidy regimes if appropriate reforms are implemented.

"Already, there is a plan to discontinue petroleum subsidy, which is a positive development. This action would unlock a minimum of N6 trillion in revenue into the federation account annually. Additionally, there would be an end to the several years of plundering of the nation's resources through the subsidy regime," he said.

While calling on the next administration to demonstrate the political will to put an end to the subsidy regime, he appealed to the labour unions and civil societies to give the oil and gas sector reforms a chance in order to prevent the Nigerian economy from tumbling into a deeper crisis.

The economist also opined that huge revenue can be unlocked in the short term from the foreign exchange policy regime, noting that over the years the exchange rate assumptions in the appropriation acts were grossly and deliberately understated, leading to a loss of trillions of naira to the federation account.

"In 2021, for instance, the Central Bank sold an estimated \$18 billion US dollars as interventions in the foreign exchange market at a hugely subsidized average rate of N400 per dollar. The effective exchange rate in the economy at the time was N560/\$. This meant an estimated subsidy of N160/\$ which translated to a conservative estimated revenue loss of N2.9 trillion.

"Similarly in 2022, an estimated \$18 billion was sold as an intervention in the forex market at an average rate of N447/\$. The average effective exchange rate for the period was conservatively about N650. Again, this meant a subsidy of N203/\$. This translates to an estimated revenue loss of about N3.64 trillion," he said.

The former Director General of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), argued that a realistic exchange rate benchmark would boost the federation account revenues by about N4 trillion in 2023, improve forex inflows into the economy, enhance the country's foreign reserves, strengthen the naira and elevate investors' confidence.

ECONOMIC INSIGHT

Darma Rice to hit market soon – Mangal

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

An indigenous rice processing company, Darma Rice Mills, is set for the production of over 5,000 bags of rice daily to be distributed to various parts of the country.

The chairman of the company, Alhaji Dahiru Bara'u Mangal, disclosed this yesterday in Katsina during a meeting with rice dealers, distributors and other stakeholders from different parts of the country.



■ Mangal

The meeting was in preparation for the sale of the commodity at the open market.

The Darma Rice Mills Katsina is an

initiative of the Katsina-based business mogul, Alhaji Dahiru Bara'u Mangal, with the view to complementing the federal government's economic diversification policy from oil to the non-oil sector, particularly agriculture.

Located at kilometre 2, Tafawa Balewa Way, along Katsina-Dutsin-Ma Road, Katsina, the multi-billion naira project is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

Darma Rice Mills has the capacity of producing 120 tons of rice per day.

Bol clarifies disbursement of grants under NG-CARES programme

By Sunday Michael Ogwu

The Bank of Industry (BoI) has clarified the implementation and disbursement of grants under the NG-CARES programme following questions raised by some stakeholders.

NG-CARES is an initiative of the World Bank and the Federal Government of Nigeria to support the recovery of communities, households, and businesses affected by COVID-19. The programme is state-owned, as state governments are fully responsible for funding and selection of beneficiaries.

According to a statement from the bank, the funding arrangement allows each state the autonomy to determine its preferred grant sizes and number of grants across different programme

components as approved by the World Bank.

It said, "Based on the Bank of Industry (BOI) successful track record of building field networks and technology infrastructure for the transparent implementation of MSME intervention programmes, the World Bank nominated the bank to provide this infrastructure for the delivery of the MSME component of NG-CARES (RA3) nationwide.

"Following this nomination, 28 out of 33 states chose BOI as their preferred execution partner to leverage the bank's MSME infrastructure to deliver NG-CARES.

"Under this partnership, the states are solely responsible for nominating the beneficiaries and selecting those that grants are to be disbursed to, following successful verification. BOI's

role as execution partner is to manage the end-to-end application and verification processes, and present successful candidates to enable states' decision-making for disbursements. BOI disburses as instructed by the state."

So far, BOI has received over one million applications for the NG-CARES MSME grants across states.

But the bank explained that "While several beneficiaries may apply or be nominated, beneficiaries do not receive the grant if they do not meet the criteria to qualify, or if their states do not select them for disbursement as the states seek to manage the funding available for the programme and ensure the equitable distribution of benefits across business categories, local government areas, gender or other demographics."

SFL declares 2023 customer-centered year

By Faruk Shuaibu

Leading restaurant brand in Nigeria, Sundry Foods Limited (SFL) says its 2023 top priority is to deliver optimal service to each customer on a personal level.

Executive Director of SFL, Mr. Nnamdi Opara, while unfolding the 2023 business outlook of the company during a meeting with the management and staff of the company held recently at the corporate headquarters of SFL in Port-Harcourt, announced that enhanced customer satisfaction would form the major focus of his organization's service offerings this year as part of the continuous

improvement policy of the company.

"When we started Sundry Foods, we wanted to create a solution to a problem-a gap in the market for quality Nigerian meals prepared and served to international standards. It was not about the food, it was about the people too," he said

According to a statement by the company signed by Mr. Nduka Mokwunye, Head, of Marketing, SFL recognizes the link between a nutritious meal, the complex processes involved in producing it, and its safety in achieving optimal satisfaction of the customer.

To this end, SFL, the statement said has outlined

a number of actions it plans to take to satisfactorily achieve its 2023 customer-centric target including; strengthening its customer relations strategy, building on its food safety culture, and engaging more with its raw material suppliers.

"Food safety and product quality are at the heart of how we do business and achieve our vision. We seek to always exceed our customers' expectations by providing the highest quality products in surroundings that are clean, attractive, safe and comfortable. The integrity of our products depends on employees always following food safety practices that comply with our brands' high standards.

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Entrepreneurship development: Coaching your staff (III)

We have so far discussed three elements of coaching elements, viz, the Coach, the coaching environment and the Trainee. Today, we will discuss the three other elements, viz, Coaching philosophies and principles, Coaching Goals, and Systems and Processes. We will also present a few practical coaching tips.

Coaching philosophies and principles: Literally, 'philosophy' simply means 'the love of wisdom'. Practically, philosophy is about understanding fundamental truths about ourselves and what we may be trying to do. The principles behind our behaviour and action are predicated upon our philosophies of life or aspects thereof. And since success in anything we do is largely determined by our actions, it is important that we formulate the right philosophies upon which our principles of action will be built. Consequently, to coordinate and link the other elements of coaching, we need to start with the right philosophies and principles. This means we need to answer questions such as 'what do we need to achieve?' 'why do we want to achieve that?' The point is, we must get to core of the 'truths' of what we want to do and why want to do it.

A sustainable coaching culture can only be built on the 'right' philosophy and principles. The 'what' and 'why' of what you want to do have to bring out the core of what you believe as regards the purposes of all coaching goals and activities, thereby giving the right motivations and impetus. Beyond that, it is your coaching philosophy that will be the yardstick against which all activities will be assessed.

Coaching goals: Goals are the broad desired outcomes that we wish to accomplish over a reasonably long period of time. On the other hand, objectives are specific, actionable targets that need to be achieved in the short run towards accomplishing a long-term goal. Coaching objectives may differ differently between organisations. Generally speaking, however, they tend to revolve around preparing staff for advancement in the organization; improving behaviour; and/or helping individuals who are not meeting set expectations or goals. Whatever may be the immediate objectives, they are all always and ultimately about achieving corporate goals.

Clearly stating what coaching goals and objectives are is a core responsibility that has to be discharged by the Coach diligently. Whatever goals and objectives are identified should be agreed to with the Trainee and appropriate records kept. Depending on the system and process, the HR may or may not be involved in establishing specific objectives. Functional Unit heads and the Coach have to, however, always agree on them.

Coaching systems and processes: To facilitate the achievement of coaching targets and objectives, a coaching system and process have to be developed. A system refers to a conglomeration of resources that are put together in a particular fashion to work collectively in order to produce chosen outputs from given inputs. The purpose of building a system is to deliberately interconnect components that will work together to achieve a common objective. These components might include only software or only hardware or a varying

combination of both. Process, on the other hand, refers to the combination of steps and actions involved in a way specific work or works is/are to be completed.

Systems and processes work together with the former being the platform and the latter the driver. A coaching system and process, therefore, refers to both the platform and the driver on and by which all coaching activities in an organisation take place.

Developing a coaching system and process is critical to the results of the coaching activities that can be achieved. A faulty system and process will not deliver the required results. Conceptualising and building the system is one thing while operating process is quite another, even as both are integral to each other.

Typically, the coaching process will involve an evaluation of current trainee performance followed by establishing gaps and the parallel selection of desired goals and appropriate competencies. Thereafter, support is provided and progress monitored. At the end of each circle, feedback is provided and any considered reward given.



Practical coaching tips: The starting point of any coaching regimen is to bring out its benefits to the trainee as well as to the organisation. Once these benefits are understood and internalised, the next activity will be to help the trainee adopt the right learning etiquettes. This may include being positive, curious, humble, inquisitive, willing to learn from others, etc. Thereafter, conduct an honest, fair and diligent assessment of the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the trainee. Where there are gaps, they should be clearly brought out and discussed with the trainee. Even where there are theoretically 'no gaps', a positively challenging stretch should be created and agreed to for the purposes of developing the trainee further. Learning and development must be a continuous activity!

Where gaps are brought out, specific actions should be identified, and a goals' roadmap created that will help the trainee bridge the gaps. A trainee with poor IT skills might, for instance, be attached to a particular staff in the IT unit who will put them through specific lessons at certain times of certain days. A timeframe over which specific targets are expected have to have been achieved should be worked out and assessments made periodically against the benchmarks.

Trainees should be listened to and encouraged to come up with likely solutions to issues. Engagement should be transparent and positive. They should be trained to accept that there will be setbacks from time to time and also be prepared to be able to handle them.

Coaching within an organisation is an indubitable and cost effective of developing staff and achieving corporate goals. Next week we will take up Handling Losses.



KADUNA POLYTECHNIC

ADMISSION FOR THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION

This is to inform interested and suitably qualified candidates that application forms for admission into Kaduna Polytechnic, for the 2022/2023 Academic Session, in respect of the following programmes are now available online:

COLLEGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

A. SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

1. Department of Public Administration

- Higher National Diploma, Public Administration.
- National Diploma, Public Administration.

2. Department of Local Government Studies

- Higher National Diploma, Local Government Studies.
- National Diploma, Local Government Studies.

3. Department of Legal Studies

- KPT Diploma, in Law.

B. SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. Department of Library and Information Science

- Higher National Diploma, Library & Information Science.
- National Diploma, Library & Information Science.

2. Department of Mass Communication

- Higher National Diploma, Mass Communication.
- National Diploma, Mass Communication.

3. Department of Social Development

- Higher National Diploma, Social Development with options in:
 - Community Development & Adult Education,
 - Social Welfare,
 - Youth & Sports
- National Diploma, Social Development

4. Department of Social Sciences

- KPT Diploma in International Relations
- KPT Diploma in Crime Management and Control
- KPT Diploma in Economics
- KPT Diploma in Geography

5. Department of Languages

- KPT Diploma in English
- KPT Diploma in Arabic
- KPT Diploma in French
- KPT Diploma in Hausa
- Proficiency Certificate in English (Six Months Program)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES

A. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL STUDIES

1. Department of Accountancy

- Higher National Diploma, Accountancy
- National Diploma, Accountancy.

2. Department of Banking and Finance

- Higher National Diploma, Banking & Finance.
- National Diploma, Banking & Finance.

3. Department of Business Administration

- Higher National Diploma, Business Administration & Management.
- National Diploma, Business Administration & Management.

4. Department of Marketing

- Higher National Diploma, Marketing.
- National Diploma, Marketing.

5. Department of Procurement and Supply Chain Management

- Higher National Diploma, Procurement & Supply Chain Management
- National Diploma, Procurement & Supply Chain Management

B. SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

1. Department of Management Studies

- Higher National Diploma, Human Resource Management.
- Higher National Diploma, Production & Operations Management.
- National Diploma, Labour & Industrial Relations

2. Department of Cooperative Economics & Management

- Higher National Diploma, Cooperative Economics & Management.
- National Diploma, Cooperative Economics & Management.

3. Department of Office Technology and Management

- Higher National Diploma, Office Technology & Management.
- National Diploma, Office Technology & Management.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

A. SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENGINEERING

1. Department of Agricultural and Bio-Environmental Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Agricultural & Bio-Environmental Engineering Technology with options in:
 - Soil & Water
 - Farm Power & Machinery
 - Post-Harvest
- National Diploma, Agricultural & Bio-Environmental Engineering.

2. Department of Civil Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Civil Engineering with options in:
 - Structure
 - Water & Public Health
 - Transportation
- National Diploma, Civil Engineering
- National Diploma, Industrial and Environmental Safety Engineering

3. Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Geological Engineering.
- Higher National Diploma, Minerals Engineering.
- Higher National Diploma, Mining Engineering.
- Higher National Diploma, in Petroleum Engineering Technology.
- National Diploma, Mineral and Petroleum Resources Engineering.

B. SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

1. Department of Chemical Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Chemical Engineering.
- National Diploma, Chemical Engineering.

2. Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technology with options in:
 - Power & Machines
 - Electronics & Telecommunications
 - Control & Instrumentation
- National Diploma, Electrical & Electronics Engineering

3. Department of Mechanical Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Mechanical Engineering with options in:
 - Power & Plant,
 - Production & Manufacturing.
- National Diploma:
 - Mechanical Engineering.
 - Foundry Engineering Technology.

4. Department of Computer Engineering

- Higher National Diploma, Computer Engineering.
- National Diploma, Computer Engineering.

5. Department of Petroleum and Gas Processing Engineering

- National Diploma, Petroleum and Gas Processing Engineering Technology.

6. Department of Renewable Engineering

- National Diploma, Renewable Engineering Technology.

7. Department of Metallurgical Engineering

- National Diploma, Metallurgical Engineering Technology.

8. Department of Mechatronic Engineering

- National Diploma, Mechatronics Engineering Technology.

9. Department of Water Resources Engineering

- National Diploma, Water Resources Engineering Technology.

10. Department of Railway Engineering Technology

- National Diploma, Railway Engineering Technology

COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

A. SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

1. Department of Architecture

- Higher National Diploma, Architecture.
- National Diploma, Architecture.

2. Department of Building

- Higher National Diploma, Building.
- National Diploma, Building.

3. Department of Quantity Surveying

- Higher National Diploma, Quantity Surveying.
- National Diploma, Quantity Surveying.

4. Department of Urban and Regional Planning

- Higher National Diploma, Urban & Regional Planning.
- National Diploma, Urban & Regional Planning.
- Post-HND, Urban and Regional Planning
- Pre-Post-HND, Urban and Regional Planning

B. SCHOOL OF GEODESY AND LAND ADMINISTRATION

1. Department of Cartography and Geographic Information System (GIS)

- Higher National Diploma, Cartography & GIS.
- National Diploma, Cartography GIS.
- Post-Graduate Diploma, in Cartography & GIS.

2. Department of Environmental Science

- Higher National Diploma, Environmental Technology.
- National Diploma, Industrial and Environmental Safety.

3. Department of Estate Management

- Higher National Diploma, Estate Management.
- National Diploma, Estate Management.

4. Department of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

- Higher National Diploma, Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing.
- National Diploma, Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing.

5. Department of Surveying and Geo-Informatics

- Higher National Diploma, Surveying & Geo-informatics.
- National Diploma, Surveying & Geo-informatics.
- Professional Diploma in Surveying & Geoinformatics.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

A. SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES

1. Department of Applied Biology

- Higher National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology with options in:
 - Biology/Microbiology,
 - Microbiology,
 - Microbiology/Biochemistry
 - Environmental Biology
- National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology

2. Department of Applied Chemistry

- Higher National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology with options in:
 - Chemistry/Biochemistry,
 - Biochemistry,
 - Chemistry
- National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology

3. Department of Applied Physics

- Higher National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology with options in:
 - Physics/Electronics
- National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology

4. Department of Computer Science

- Higher National Diploma, Computer Science Technology.
- National Diploma, Computer Science.

5. Department of Mathematics and Statistics

- Higher National Diploma, Statistics.
- National Diploma, Statistics.

B. SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

1. Department of Agricultural Technology

- National Diploma, Agricultural Technology.

2. Department of Fashion Design and Clothing Technology

- Higher National Diploma, Fashion Design & Clothing Technology.
- National Diploma, Fashion Design & Clothing Technology.

3. Department of Food Technology

- Higher National Diploma, Food Technology
- National Diploma Food Technology.

4. Department of Hospitality Management

- Higher National Diploma, Hospitality Management.
- National Diploma, Hospitality Management.

5. Department of Tourism Management Technology

- Higher National Diploma, Tourism Management Technology
- National Diploma, Tourism Management Technology

6. Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

- Higher National Diploma, Nutrition & Dietetics.
- National Diploma, Nutrition & Dietetics.

7. Department of Printing Technology

- Higher National Diploma, Printing Technology.
- National Diploma, Printing Technology.

8. Department of Textile Technology

- Higher National Diploma, Textile Technology.
- National Diploma:
 - Textile Technology
 - Polymer Technology

COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

A. SCHOOL OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

1. Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

- Higher National Diploma, Psychosocial Rehabilitation.
- National Diploma, Psychosocial Rehabilitation
- NCE, Special Needs

2. Department of Agricultural and Home Science Education

- NCE, Home Economics Education
- NCE, Agricultural Education

3. Department of Mathematics and Science Education

- NCE, Mathematics Education
- NCE, Physics Education
- NCE, Chemistry Education
- NCE, Biology Education

4. Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

- Professional Diploma in Education (PDE)
- Professional Diploma in Technical Education (PDTE)

5. NCE BUSINESS EDUCATION UNIT

- NCE Business Education

NOTES:

The entry requirements for the HND programmes are exclusively National Diploma or National Innovation Diploma in the appropriate discipline:

- All the HND in the Department of Mineral & Petroleum Resources Engineering: National Diploma shall be in Mineral & Petroleum Resources Engineering.

- HND Business Administration & Management

National Diploma Business Administration Accountancy, Financial Studies, Marketing, Procurement & Supply Chain Management with ND other than in Business will be required to take some NDII Business Administration courses.

- HND Human Resource Management: National Diploma Business Studies, Financial Studies, Secretarial Studies, Social Development, Local Government Studies, Cooperative Economics & Management, Marketing and Public Administration and SSC/NBC with credits in English Language and Mathematics and three credits from Economics, Business Studies, Principles of Accounts, Commerce, Statistics, Geography, Government, Biology or Agricultural Science or evidence of Pre-ND with five passes in the same subjects.

- HND Production and Operations Management: Any National Diploma or National Innovative Diploma and SSC/NBC with credits in English Language and Mathematics and three credits from Economics, Business Studies, Principles of Accounts, Commerce, Statistics, Geography, Government, Biology or Agricultural Science or evidence of Pre-ND with five passes in the same subjects.

- In addition to the National Diploma, candidates must have five 'O' level credits in subjects relevant to the programme including English and Mathematics or Pre-ND with five 'O' level passes in subjects relevant to the programme including English and Mathematics.

- Candidates with ND at Lower Credit and above must have post qualification industrial work experience of 9 months while those with ND at Pass level must have post qualification work experience of 18 months from the date of the ND result approval.

- Pre-Post-HND Urban and Regional Planning O'level requirements:

Five credits in relevant subjects at SSCE in not more than two sittings including English, Mathematics and Geography, one basic science subject and any of Economics/Commerce, Fine Art/Technical Drawing and Government. Plus, a Degree in relevant courses like Geography, Economics and Sociology etc.

- post-HND
A HND in Urban and Regional Planning at lower credit level plus nine (9) months experience and eighteen (18) months for a candidate with pass. Plus, O'level requirements.

Pre-ND result are also considered in addition to ND requirements where a candidate does not have up to five credits.

- Professional Diploma in Surveying
 - A Minimum of lower credit in HND examination obtained from an institution whose programme has been accredited or any other equivalent qualification and
 - Satisfactory completion of the NYSC. During of the programme; the duration of the full-time course is 18 Calendar months that is at least three semesters.

- Pre-Professional Diploma in Surveying and Geo-informatics

- Candidate should possess first degree/HND in subject cognate to Surveying such as Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Geography, Computer Science, Civil Engineering, Geology, Geophysics and Urban Regional Planning. Also, candidate with HND in Cartography, GIS, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing Hydrography are qualified for admission.
- Candidate must possess the basic entry requirements for National Diploma in Surveying and Geo-informatics which must include credit passes in English Language, Mathematics, Physics and any two subjects from Geography, Technical Drawing, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Date Processing and Government.
- In addition, candidate must present evidence of National Youth Service or Exemption Certificate. Duration; Twelve (12) Calendar months that is two semesters
- National Diploma, Science Laboratory Technology has no option.

Entry Requirements (ND Programmes):

SSC/NTC/NBC Five Credits including English Language and Mathematics and the other credits must be relevant to the programme as contained in JAMB brochure.

- Duration: - Four semesters

- Pre-HND Admission: - Prospective candidates with ANTC/ANBC/Polytechnic Diploma /University Diploma or JMB Programme Graduates with five relevant 'O' level Credits including Mathematics and English may be considered for admission into Pre-HND Programme.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Candidates are to log unto Kaduna Polytechnic School Portal on <http://www.kadunapoly.edu.ng> and follow the Remita payment option logo to access the Kaduna Polytechnic page.

CLOSING DATE

Duration for application is four weeks from the date of publication, please.

Signed,

Alh. Hassan Muhammad Abubakar,
Ag. Registrar



NIGERIAN DEFENCE ACADEMY KADUNA POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

ADMISSION INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES UNDER THE DIRECTORATE OF LINKAGES AND COLLABORATION 2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into Doctoral, Masters and Postgraduate Diploma Programmes in the Postgraduate School, under the coordination of the Directorate of Linkages and Collaboration (DLC) Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna for the 2023/2024 Academic Session. The sale of application Forms shall start from 17 January, 2023 and closes on 18 April, 2023.

PROGRAMMES

- a. PhD Defence and Security Studies (DSS).
- b. PhD Leadership and Strategic Studies (LSS).
- c. PhD Security and Strategic Studies (SSS).
- d. MPhil Defence and Security Studies (DSS).
- e. MPhil Leadership and Strategic Studies (LSS).
- f. MPhil Security and Strategic Studies (SSS).
- g. MPhil Management Science
- h. MPhil Economics
- i. MPhil Accounting
- j. MPhil Geography
- k. MPhil Disaster and Risk Management. (MPDRM)
- l. Master in Energy Security Management (MESM).
- m. Master in Disaster and Risk Management (MDRM).
- n. Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster and Risk management. (PGDDRM)
- o. Postgraduate Diploma in Critical Thinking (PGDCT)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

1. The requirements for the various programmes are as follows:
 - a. **Doctoral Degree:** A candidate for Doctoral Degree must possess a minimum of Second Class Honour (Lower Division) at Bachelor's Degree level or equivalent in the relevant field of study from a recognized University. In addition, the candidate must have scored an average of not less than 60% or CGPA of 3.50 on a scale of 5 at Msc Level.
 - b. **MPhil Degree:** Candidates for MPhil Degree Programmes must possess a minimum of 60% or CGPA of 3.50 on a scale of 5 at the professional masters level in a related discipline from a recognized University. Also a candidate with a CGPA of 3.00 – 3.49 in an MSc degree must go through the MPhil Programme in a relevant field of study before advancing for a PhD.

- c. **Master's Degree:** Candidate must possess the following:
 - i. Bachelor degree with a minimum of Second Class Honour (Lower Division) or
 - ii. Higher National Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma with a minimum of lower credit.These must be obtained from a related discipline from any recognized University.
- d. **Postgraduate Diploma Programmes:** Candidate applying for the Postgraduate Diploma programme must possess a minimum of Third Class Bachelor's Degree from the Nigerian Defence Academy or any other recognized University or Higher National Diploma with a minimum of Lower Credit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2. Please note that the Doctoral degree programme is targeted at matured candidates with considerable years of experience at strategic management level in the public and private sectors who are expected to bring such experience to bear in the research context and content.

DURATION OF PROGRAMME

3. The duration of programmes is as follows:
 - a. A student for PhD degree shall pursue the programme for 36 months.
 - b. A student for MPhil degree shall pursue the programme for 12 months.
 - c. A student for Master degree shall pursue the programme for 18 months.
 - d. A student for Postgraduate diploma shall pursue the programme for 12 months.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

4. Application forms are available at the Finance Office, Directorate of Linkages and Collaboration (DLC) Ribadu Campus, Kaduna. The application fee is Fifteen Thousand Naira (15,000.00). For further enquiries, please contact

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PROPERTY

A peep into Yenagoa's 5 top property destinations

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Yenagoa, the capital of oil-rich Bayelsa State, is fast becoming an attractive destination for the property market, offering different niches that are defined by location, state of infrastructure and socio-cultural ambience.

Until the creation of the state in 1996, Yenagoa was the headquarters of Yenagoa LGA. The small, basically rural LGA was begging for development as it was situated in a riverine area of then Rivers State.

Despite several challenges of infrastructure to kick-start development, successive governments in the state stepped up and provided the waterlogged area with infrastructure based on a masterplan that was conceptualized and its implementation started in 2000.

Consequently, some neighbourhoods in the state capital have witnessed rapid growth, especially around the metropolitan area.

Swali/Azikoro, Igbogene, Amarata, Onopa and Tombia areas have experienced phenomenal growth thus becoming destinations of choice for property investors.

A property developer at Amarata axis of Yenagoa, Mr Teibowei Felix, told *Daily Trust* that the neighbourhood has become a hub for real estate development in the capital though it was the least developed when the state was created in 1996.

He said Amarata had only one road, while most parts of the community were a swamp, but today series of highbrow buildings have sprung up in the area.

He added that property business is booming in the state capital because people have realized that it is a lucrative and life-long investment.

Amarata: The cradle of Yenagoa's development

Amarata appears to be the cradle

of the development and evolution of Yenagoa as a state capital. People began the development of structures in the area even before the Yenagoa masterplan was developed, thereby making the area more crowded at the moment.

Most business concerns — such as supermarkets, hotels, banking institutions and a host of private schools — are located in the area.

House rent in Amarata is high because it's situated at the centre of the town. What is today known as Sani Abacha Expressway in the area was a swamp before the state government sand filled and opened up a dual carriage road.

Swali: From pristine village to highbrow city centre

Swali was just a small village with forest and swamp covering a large portion of the community as River Nun crisscrossed the area, but now, Swali hosts several exquisite buildings such as the 17-storey Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) building, the yet to be commissioned Federal Secretariat, Bayelsa Oxbow Lake Pavilion and Boat Club and several other architectural masterpieces.

With well-paved roads and streets, and hosting businesses and government offices, Swali is known as the Central Business District of Yenagoa.

It attracts property developers because of its fabulous urban planning; the once forest and swamp areas have all been sand-filled and turned into a decent living environment, but with the attendant high cost of renting accommodation or buying property there.

Swali also enjoys a steady power supply said to be by the gas turbine from the NCDMB. The district also hosts the biggest ultra-modern market in the state as well as the state library.

Igbogene: A special gateway borough

Igbogene is the gateway to

Bayelsa State as it borders Mbiamia in Ahoada West LGA of Rivers State. Before now, because of its distance to the metropolis, it was scarcely developed but it has begun witnessing a beehive of real estate development activities with state-of-the-art buildings springing up in the area.

The state ecumenical centre, the Joint Military Taskforce (JTF) headquarters, Nigeria Air Force Helipad, politicians and senior government officials are erecting high-rise buildings in this area and government has already designated it as a special development area in the state capital.

Onopa: Yenagoa's seat of power

Generally described as the seat of government, because it's the host municipality to the Bayelsa State Government House, the state secretariat and other government offices, Onopa is fast developing. It commands the largest concentration of people as well as developers.

The new Yenagoa city, initiated by the immediate past administration of Senator Seriake Dickson, is located in the cultured area and most of the very important personalities and top-ranking public servants own property in the area. It is thus attracting high niche property development on a daily basis.

Tombia: The beautiful face of Yenagoa

Tombia is also a fast-growing area in the state capital. The Tombia roundabout with its beautification gives the state capital its panache.

Estate developers find the district alluring and through Tombia-Amassoma road to erect structures of varying sizes and styles.

Last year, the Bayelsa State Physical Planning and Development Board had to pull down some structures at the Bossy Water road to construct access road which has now given the area a touch of modernity with property developers taking advantage to build new structures. The area is



■ Headquarters of NCDMB located at Swali community

highly populated and hosts several recreational centres as well as one of the biggest markets in the state.

Speaking during the just concluded Physical Planning And Development Summit in the state, Harcourt Adukeh, an architect, who drew the masterplan of Yenagoa, expressed concern about why successive administrations were unable to implement the Yenagoa Masterplan.

He said that the masterplan, which was published in Year 2000, was aimed at achieving the economic and demographic growth of Yenagoa as well as promoting a green and beautiful capital city.

He however decried the indiscriminate development of structures without recourse to the masterplan, urging authorities to take necessary steps as the state is fast developing.

Edo govt demolishes illegal structures on right of way

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Edo State government has demolished illegal structures in various locations within the Benin metropolis as part of efforts to ensure a properly planned and sanitised built environment.

The Director of Physical Planning and Development Control at the Ministry of Physical Planning, Housing, Urban and Regional Development, Henry Enabulele, who led a taskforce of the government on the exercise, said

the demolition exercise became imperative as defaulters have failed to heed various warnings and notices issued to them.

Some illegal structures demolished included a fence built on an existing road by Miracle Church of God Vision Faith Ministry; Osula Close, Uteh Ne Urekpoki Quarters, Upper Mission Extension; stores built on right of way opposite the University of Benin; and a building under development on the right of way at Gospel Star Street, Ovbiogie Quarters, all in Benin City.

He said, "The exercise is about infractions that we have been complaining about in the Benin metropolis. People build on the right of way with impunity, so the exercise is to clear the areas that these infractions were noticed."

He said the ministry had verbally told them and also written to them, advising them to stop building on the right of way, as government would not tolerate it.

"The infraction at Ovbiogie was at the centre of the road. We have discussed with the community and they said they

were not the ones that sold that land and we have advised the man to remove the structure from the centre of the road which he refused to adhere to," Enabulele added.

He said government would make them pay for the cost of removing the structures.

Enabulele called on builders and developers to be on the side of caution by verifying before purchasing lands to avoid infractions.

"We have EdoGIS at your service and you can write to us at the Ministry of Physical

Planning, Housing, Urban and Regional Development to guide you. Please don't buy if you are not very sure that the land is not encumbered.

"We are advising the general public to stop wasting their hard-earned money on these illegal developments. It is illegal and this government will not tolerate it.

"Do not build on the right of way. If you want to purchase any land, there are several avenues you can use to check if those lands are illegal or developable," he said.

Quote ▶ Home is the nicest word there is. — Laura Ingalls Wilder, author

Message of Appreciation for the condolences on the passing of **Barrister Abba Bello Mohammed**

On behalf of the family of Dangaladiman Gwandu, Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed, OFR, and the larger Ubandoman Gwandu and Magajin Rafin Gwandu families of Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State, I would like to express our individual and collective profound gratitude to each and everyone who has either visited or called to condole with us, or sent messages of condolence following the loss of our son/nephew/brother/cousin and father of two children, Barrister Abba Bello Mohammed, which sad event occurred on Friday, January 6, 2023.

The late Abba Bello was an obedient and respectful family member who lived peacefully and related very well with everyone of us during his lifetime.

From the moving testimonies of many of the people that came to condole with us at the family residences in Abuja and back home in Birnin Kebbi, Abba also lived a life of service to the community, with many of the commendable good deeds he performed only coming to light following his sad demise.

The loss of Abba is no doubt a very painful one for all of us, but we take solace in the impactful life he lived, and the enduring relationships he was able to build over the course of his earthly sojourn. This was evident in the large turnout of family members and close friends that thronged the hospital when the news of his passing filtered out in the late hours of that fateful Friday night, as well as during his Jana'iza prayer at the National Mosque and at the Gudu Cemetery where he was buried.

May Allah SWT accept his good deeds and forgive his shortcomings. May Allah SWT also grant us the fortitude to bear his loss and reunite us all in Jannatul Firdaus.

Once again, thank you very much and God bless us all.

**Barrister Abba
Bello Mohammed** ➤

Abdullahi Usman
(For and on Behalf of the Family)





■ Nigerian Navy Polo Team 1 celebrating their triumph after winning the 2023 TY Danjuma Polo competition in Port Harcourt yesterday

Photo: DINFO

Bandits burn Catholic priest, shoot another in Niger

From Abubakar Akote (Minna) & Raphael Ogbonnaiye (Ado-Ekiti)

- Curfew as chieftaincy tussle claims village head
- Priest kidnapped in Ekiti

Bandits around 3am on Sunday killed the priest of the Catholic Church, Kafin-Koro, Paikoro LGA of Niger State, Rev. Fr Isaac Achi, in his residence.

Fr. Achi was the Catholic priest of St. Theresa Catholic Church, Madala, Niger State when it was bombed on Christmas day in 2011, in which about 44 people were killed and 75 others wounded. The attack was masterminded by Kabiru Umar, a.k.a Kabiru Sokoto.

Daily Trust gathered that the religious leader's residence was also burnt in the Sunday attack.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Niger State, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

He said the attackers set the house ablaze when they found it difficult to gain access and burnt the religious leader to death.

"A colleague of the Rev. Father, identified as Father Collins, was equally shot on the shoulder while trying to escape from the scene," he added.

The PPRO said the attackers escaped before the arrival of the police while the corpse of Father Isaac was recovered and Father Collins taken to hospital for treatment.

Meanwhile, the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Niger State chapter, has condemned the killing of the priest.

In a statement, the CAN chairman, Most Rev. Bulus Dauwa Yohanna, condoled with the Catholic Diocese of Minna, parishioners, the entire Christendom, and the immediate family of the slain priest.

He called on the government, police and other security agencies to intensify

efforts in tackling banditry and insurgency in the state.

The state governor, Abubakar Sani Bello, in a statement by his chief press secretary, Mary Noel-Berje, described the killing as ungodly and inhumane.

He said attacking a religious facility to murder anyone was the worst dimension of terrorist attacks.

"This is a sad moment, for a priest to be killed in such a manner means that we are not at all saved. These terrorists have lost it, and drastic action is needed to end this ongoing carnage," he said.

The governor commiserated with the Christian community, especially the Catholic Church, over the incident, promising that the government would not rest on its oars to ensure that the perpetrators were brought to book.

He also prayed for the quick recovery of the injured reverend father who was also shot at by the bandits.

He called on security agencies to evolve new strategies that will end the atrocious and barbaric acts.

Catholic priest kidnapped in Ekiti

In a similar incident, gunmen on Saturday evening abducted the Parish priest of St. George's Catholic Church, Omu Ekiti, Rev Fr. Michael Olofinlade.

He was abducted between Itaji and Ijelu Ekiti while returning from Ado Ekiti, the state capital, to his base.

Reacting to the kidnap, the Owajumu of Omu Ekiti, Oba Adeyeye Ogundeyi, said security agencies and hunters had since been mobilised to go after the abductors to rescue the priest.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Ekiti State Police Command were not successful as of the time of

filing this report.

Hoodlums kill village head in Niger over leadership tussle

In another attack, hoodlums Saturday afternoon killed the village head of Lambata in Gurara LGA of Niger State, Alhaji Mohammed Abdulsafur Lambata.

Daily Trust gathered that the village head was first attacked in the morning at the local government secretariat in Lambata where he was attending a meeting.

His Son, Zakari Musa, told *Daily Trust* on phone that, "The attackers followed him to his house and killed him. He was first attacked in the morning while attending a meeting at the local government secretariat but he escaped. They trailed him to his house later in the day around 1pm and killed him with cutlasses, sticks and other dangerous weapons.

"The whole thing is about the chieftaincy title that was conferred on him by the Emir of Suleja about three years ago. The other side that claimed to be the owner of the title insisted that he should be removed. Last year, his house was burnt down," he said.

Musa said his father's younger brother lost one of his eyes during the attack while his brother had his hand broken, adding that several other people sustained various degrees of injuries and were taken to IBB Specialist Hospital, Minna.

He accused the leadership of the local council of being behind the killing of his father, saying, "last week, his salary was stopped on the orders of the local government chairman.

Daily Trust gathered that the crisis has lingered on for the past three years when the former Emir of Suleja, Mallam Awwal Ibrahim, turbaned the deceased as

the village head which led to unending agitations by a faction that claimed to be the real traditional title holders.

The Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, and Chairman of Gurara LGC, Yusuf Wali, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

Abiodun said, "The irate youths attacked the village head and inflicted serious injuries on him and his younger brother, Ibrahim Mohammed, for inexplicable reasons."

He said those who sustained injuries were taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Gawu-Babangida, adding that the village head was confirmed dead on arrival at the hospital while the younger brother was receiving treatment.

He said effort was ongoing to identify and arrest the culprits.

However, the chairman, Gurara LGC, Yusuf Wali, said soldiers and other security operatives had been drafted to the town to curtail further breakdown of law and order.

He, however, denied any involvement in the crisis, saying he wasn't aware of the stoppage of the salary of the deceased as a traditional ruler nor had a hand in the crisis.

Bello imposes curfew
Meanwhile, the state government has imposed a curfew in Lambata to curtail further breakdown of law and order.

Governor Bello in a statement by the Secretary to the State Government, Ahmed Ibrahim Matane, said the 6pm to 6am curfew took effect from Sunday till further notice.

While condemning the killing of the village, the governor called on the residents to cooperate with security agencies.

Zamfara NSCDC arrests POS operator hired by bandits

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

Operatives of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in Zamfara State have arrested a POS operator simply identified as Mustapha accused of making financial transactions on behalf of bandits.

The commandant of the corps in the state, Muhammad Bello Muazu, who spoke with some select journalists in his office, said Mustapha was arrested in Birnin Tsaba community in Zurmi LGA of the state.

Muazu said two POS machines were seized from him by his team on a stop-and-search mission while being brought from Abuja to Zamfara.

"The suspect confessed that the machines were bought for him by a bandits' leader and he is only transacting business with people he knows (the bandits).

"During interrogation, the suspect told us that they put calls to him from the forest and instruct him to collect money on their behalf and keep the money with him.

"Then if they want to buy some items such as drugs, fuel and foodstuffs they send somebody directly to him to collect the money to buy whatever they want for them.

Muazu added, "Or sometimes they instruct the POS operator himself to use the money available to buy whatever they want for them. The transactions are usually shrouded in secrecy and are done with only known persons as

confessed by Mustapha.

"This tells you that this person is particularly hired or sponsored to be doing the POS transactions for them.

"When the bandits got the information about the arrest of the suspect (their agent) and seizure of the POS machines, they threatened to kill three persons they had abducted from the community earlier if the POS machines are not released to them or if in particular, the suspect is not freed.

"The people they threatened to kill are the village head of Birnin Tsaba and two party chairmen. The suspect had been operating two POS machines and we have asked banks to close the suspect's accounts.

"We have advised the state government to temporarily suspend the operations of the POS, especially in rural communities.

"From our observation, this will affect the way the bandits are using rural POS operators to make transactions. The rural POS operators are closer to the armed criminals."

Muazu explained that during the year under review, 711 cases were received by the various units of the corps, with 168 cases treated by the intelligence and investigation unit, 223 cases handled by the anti-graft units, and 320 cases received by the peace and conflict resolution unit of the corps.

He added that the corps recovered N119,724,818 from fraudsters and debtors, and handed it back to the rightful owners.

2023: Experts proffer ways to reposition the health sector

By Ojoma Akor

Experts in the health sector under the aegis of the Healthcare Transformation Coalition (HTC) have advised the incoming administration on ways to prioritise healthcare, and ensure quality service delivery for Nigerians.

The coalition in a communique issued after its symposium yesterday in Abuja, said addressing Nigeria's health challenges required a social contract based on a relationship between the citizens and the state.

The experts said this involves a commitment

to the prioritization of the attainment of Universal Health Coverage for the most vulnerable populations, who also bear the highest disease burden.

They said the reforms implemented by the Presidential Candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in Lagos State provided a template on how the country could make progress rapidly.

The forum added that the way the health-care system in Borno State also adapted to the pressures of displaced persons was a lesson in how a resilient health system should evolve.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

FILING OF ANNUAL RETURNS BY ORGANISATIONS AND EMPLOYERS OF LABOUR

In compliance with Section 41 of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) 2011 (as amended) provides that all employers of labour in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) are required to file annual returns of income from **ALL sources** for the year ended, (31st December, 2022) on or before the 31st of January 2023 using the prescribed forms i.e **Form G and Form H1 respectively.**

Sections 94, 95 and 96 of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) stipulate penalties for non-filing, incorrect/false declaration and late submission.

Copies of the forms (Form G and Form H1) can be obtained from any of the FCT-IRS Tax Offices (listed below) or downloaded from the website at <https://www.fctirs.gov.ng/downloads>

For further enquiries, contact us via our **Contact Center** on **0700 220 0002**, via email:

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SIGNED
Executive Chairman, FCT-IRS



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2022/2023 POST UTME SCREENING EXERCISE

This is to inform all candidates who applied for admission into Kaduna Polytechnic (**ND, NCE, and B.Ed (Tech)/B.Sc) Programmes** to log on to Kaduna Polytechnic website (www.kadunapoly.edu.ng) for instructions for the Post UTME screening exercise.

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- (i) **100 and above** for ND Programmes
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 - (vii) Mechanical Engineering
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Candidates within Kaduna Metropolis can come to Kaduna Polytechnic ICT Centre for ease of on-line Registration, subject to the payment of **N2,000:00 (Two Thousand Naira Only)** as directed by JAMB. The payment is to be made through Kadpoly website, **KadPoly Microfinance Bank or any Commercial Bank** upon presentation of Remita generated from the site.

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The Acting Vice Chancellor, Professor Shaykh Luqman Jimoh, invites the general public to the tenth (10th) Inaugural Lecture of the University

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Faculty of Education
Kwara State University, Malete

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **KOPI KING MENSAH**. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MUHAMMED ABDULLOUDDUS KING**. That all documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public take note.

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SADI I formerly known as **SADIK ABUBAKA, ISIYAKA ABUBAKAR SADIK** now wish to be known and addressed as **SADI ISHYE**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

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AMANZE: I formerly known as **ONUOHA PATRICIA UDOKA**, now wish to be known as **AMANZE PATRICIA UDOKA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

I formerly known as **NASIRU ADAMU 01/01/2003** now wish to be called and addresses **NASIRU MUSA ADAMU 01/12/1995** all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

That I was formerly, called and addressed as **MISS ANIFOWSHE MARYAM ENIOLA**. That henceforth, I want to be known, called and addressed as **Mrs SALAKO MARYAM ENIOLA**. That the reason for the change of name is a result of my marriage to **Mr. SALAKO ISMAIL OLAYINKA** and we got married in Islamic marriage (Nikah) at Aljasa Command, Lagos State on the 12th of December, 2021. All former documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and general public take note.

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IKEKE: I formerly known and addressed as **BAKO PATIENCE IKENE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYISA PATIENCE IKEKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as Bala Basiru and hereby notify the general Public that my date of birth is **06/02/1992**. Authority Concerned and General Public should take note.

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2. DAILY NECESSITIES FOR THE VULNERABLE AND STREET CHILDREN.
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4. REHABILITATE LESS PRIVILEGED CHILDREN
5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed
Secretary.

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I formerly known as **HSSAINI ABDULLAHI ABUBA** now wish to be known as **ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI HUSSANI** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

Declaration of Age: I, UDOSEN TOM EBITU declare that I was born on January 11, 1963 in Ikot Ebiyan, Eket local government area, and my family record book testifies to this fact. The general public should please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: That on my Bank Verification Number (BVN) / Bank Details, my name was captured as **ONUOHA SOBECHI**. That I now wish to add **"HARRIET URSULA"** to my names. That my full name is **ONUOHA SOBECHI HARRIET URSULA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

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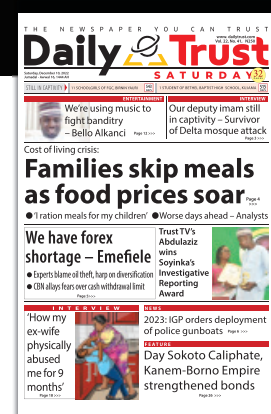
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SPORT



■ Action recorded in the 2023 Nigeria Premier Football League Week One match played yesterday between debutants Doma United and Sunshine Stars at Pantami stadium in Gombe

AFRDC 2023: Nigerian Navy wins combat competition

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Nigerian Navy has won the Paintball Combat Competition, defeating the Nigerian Army during sporting events organised to commemorate the 2023 Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebration (AFRDC).

The paintball is a simulated combat situation to develop strategy, skills and team work minus the danger of live munitions fire.

Speaking at the event in Abuja over the weekend, the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Lucky Irabor commended the forest hunters for the idea and pledged to continue to partner with the organisation to make paintball combat competition an annual event.

He said the armed forces would do further modification to the game to suit the Nigerian environment going forward.

Irabor congratulated members of the armed forces particularly the veterans for the good work they had done to keep the nation united.

“For us in the armed forces, we also thought as a prelude to the wreath laying event, that there has to be a series of events that will indeed lead to the climax.

“The paintballing festival is one of such innovations. Two days ago and yesterday, we had a golf tournament packaged to honour our veterans and I am glad to say that they were there in their numbers.

“The event that we have witnessed tonight is to further honour them and to let them know that their services were never forgotten,” he said.

Rivers United survive Lobi Stars scare to win 2-1

By David Ngobua

...As Wikki Tourists, Rangers suffer home losses

Nigeria Premier Football League (NPFL) defending champions, Rivers United, started their title defence on a winning note as they laboured to a 2-1 win over 10-man Lobi Stars in the 2023 abridged league Week One match played yesterday at the Adokiye Amasiemaka stadium in Port-Harcourt.

However, the visitors were left fuming over poor officiating as apart from the dismissal of one of their dependable defenders, Sunday Chinedu, early in the second half, the home team's winning goal came by way of a controversial penalty.

Maurice Chukwu had put Rivers

United ahead in the 16th minute but former Katsina United man, Umar Abba, restored parity for Lobi Stars in the 55th minute.

But in the 64th minute, Lobi Stars suffered a major setback as they were reduced to 10 men when hard-like-nail defender Sunday Chinedu, was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Despite their numerical advantage, Rivers United struggled against the visitors until they were awarded a controversial penalty which Kenechukwu Agu converted in the 10th minute of added time.

Elsewhere, last season's runners-up, Plateau United, escaped home defeat by the whiskers as they fought back to draw 3-3 with 3SC

of Ibadan.

However, Rangers weren't lucky as they went down 0-2 to neighbours, Abia Warriors in Awka, just as Wikki Tourists also lost 0-2 to Niger Tornadoes in Bauchi.

In another Group A match, returnees El-Kanemi Warriors were beaten 2-0 by Remo Stars in Ikenne while Gombe United forced Kwara United to a 0-0 draw at the Lekan Sa;ami stadium in Ibadan.

At the Pantami stadium, new boys Doma United started life in the topflight on a shaky note as they were forced to a 1-1 draw by Sunshine Stars.

Charles Chibuke became the

first player to score a Premier League goal for Doma United when he netted the opener in the 38th minute but Ibrahim Yusuf equalised at the death for a share of the spoils.

Bayelsa United also drew 1-1 with Dakkada in Yenagoa after Flying Eagles star, Daniel Daga, cancelled out Mizo's goal with an exquisite finish in the eighth minute of second half added time.

In the other Group A match played on Saturday, host Nasarawa United lost 1-2 to Enyimba at the new Jos Township stadium.

At the end of Week One matches, four away wins, four draws and two home victories were recorded.

Armed Forces Remembrance Day tourney attracts over 250 golfers

By David Ngobua

Over 250 golfers made up of professionals, amateur players, ladies, Chief Executive Officers and members of security organisations featured in this year's Armed Forces and Remembrance Day tournament.

The tournament which was held on January 12-13 at the Tukur Yusuf Burutai (TYB) Golf and Country Club in Abuja was hosted by the Defence Headquarters in collaboration with the Nigerian Golf Federation (NGF).

The Chief of Defence Staff, General Lucky Irabor, who was represented by the Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao, performed the ceremonial tee off.

The CAS noted that the tournament was important to the Armed Forces as it afforded the military the opportunity to remember its fallen heroes who paid



the supreme prize as well as those who are still alive and are contributing to making the country safer.

“The essence of the kitty is to also be able to generate small funds for those that are still living to assist them and also tell

the nation that in as much as we are fighting war, we also keep fit in the course of fighting war,” Amao said.

The president of NGF, Otunba Olusegun Runsewe, thanked the Chief of Defence Staff for approving the partnership which he said will help foster harmonious civilian-military relationship.

Runsewe, who is also the DG National Council for Arts and Culture (NCAC), noted that the golf federation had succeeded in using the kitty to bring new innovations in how tournaments are organised in the country.

Jos born youngster, Kidmas, making waves in Australian football

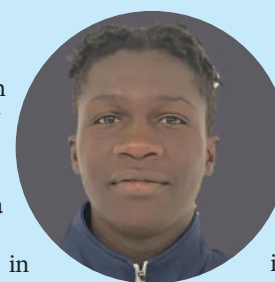
By David Ngobua

A Nigerian youngster, Aaron Kidmas, born in Jos, is currently making waves in Australia where he plays for Devonport City Strikers FC in Tasmania National Premier League.

Tall, strong and combative in the mould of former Barcelona and Manchester City midfielder sensation, Yaya Toure, the young Nigerian is earning rave reviews for his ball possession and boisterous midfield control.

A box-to-box midfielder, Kidsman who broke into the first team of Riverside Olympic at 16 years is a highly rated midfielder who can easily adapt to any tactical formation of any gaffer.

The 19 year old footballer who left Nigeria with his parents when he was only four years old to Australia where he has developed his football skills said even as he holds dual citizenship, his heart is with his country of birth.



He said despite the long distance between Nigeria and Australia, he has continued to follow events back home because there is no place like home.

“I was born in Jos in Plateau State. I always consider myself as someone

who is destined to play football. The city of Jos has produced great footballers like Segun Odegbami, Ismaila Mabo and Benedict Akwuegbu.

“I also got to know from my dad that Ahmed Musa, Obinna Nsofor, Ogenyi Onazi and Sunday Mba are all Jos born football players,” he said.

Kidman, therefore, said his ultimate ambition is to play for the Super Eagles.

“I look forward to playing my part in Nigeria football in the future. I want to play for the Super Eagles one day. It will be wonderful to play for Nigeria,” he prayed.

SPORT REPORT

Classy Arsenal outgun Spurs to extend lead at the top



■ Bukayo Saka

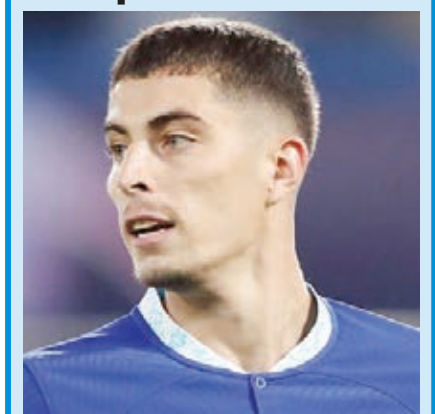
Arsenal powered to their first Premier League win at Tottenham in nine years as the leaders took advantage of Hugo Lloris' blunder to seal a 2-0 victory in Sunday's north London derby.

Mikel Arteta's side were gifted the lead by Tottenham goalkeeper Lloris, who pushed Bukayo Saka's cross into his own net early in the first half.

Martin Odegaard added Arsenal's second goal with a superb long-range strike before the interval.

Arsenal's first league double over their bitter rivals since 2013-14 moved them eight points clear of second placed Manchester City after the champions' defeat at Manchester United on Saturday.

Chelsea earn scrappy win over Palace to ease pressure



■ Kai Havertz

A second-half goal from Kai Havertz earned nervy Chelsea their first Premier League win of 2023 on Sunday with a 1-0 victory over lively Crystal Palace, easing the pressure on manager Graham Potter after a poor run of form.

The German striker nodded in a cross from Hakim Ziyech in the 65th minute following a short corner. It was only the second league win in 10 matches for the home side who remain in an unaccustomed 10th place half-way through the season.

"The last few weeks were tough," Havertz told the BBC. "A lot of things changed this year."

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Our national malaise

The Lagos-Ibadan Expressway is just 128 kilometres—or about 85 minutes' drive on legal speed-limit. In 1999, former President Obasanjo awarded a contract for its "rehabilitation and reconstruction". But 24 years and almost six presidential terms later, that road is still there uncompleted. The late President Yar'adua and former President Goodluck Jonathan also both relaunched the project in May 2009 and July 2013 respectively. President Buhari resumed work on it in June 2016, but it has remained uncompleted still. Meanwhile, the cost of its reconstruction has risen from less than N50bn in 1999 to N91bn in 2009, to N167bn in 2013 to N310bn today.

Welcome to Nigeria. Few human societies will tolerate a situation such as this, but it is standard practice here. This is the Nigerian story everywhere you turn. The is the story of the Abuja-Kaduna-Kano Expressway too, and of the dualization of the 100km Suleja-Minna Road, commenced in January 2011, but still uncompleted 12 years later. Good things almost never turn out good here. We have poured billions of dollars into Ajaokuta Steel over the past 40 years, but without producing an ounce of steel. It is the same story with the dredging of The River Niger, our railway network, of electricity generation and distribution, of refineries, and hundreds of otherwise good things that could have happened to Nigeria since our self-government in 1960.

There is something sick about Nigeria that is difficult to grasp or explain. If you want to know it, don't ask anybody. Just look at anything anyone—be they Nigerian government institutions, individuals or the so-called private sector—is doing in the name of Nigeria, as the few examples cited above, and you will feel the palpable sense of that malaise, even if you can't put a finger or name to it precisely. We seem to dance around the same problems almost all the time. Thirty years ago, Nigeria frequently imported toxic fuel from some countries, despite being a net oil producer itself. Today, that situation has not changed. Thirty years ago, millions of our households lack electricity and water; it remains the same today. Thirty years ago, rebuilding the railway lines was a major project of the government; the same lines are still under construction today, with just a few completed.

How is all this to be explained? One answer we have always been served with is bad leadership and corruption. Almost everything about Nigeria is blamed on corruption, the national disease with which our leadership is supposedly peculiarly afflicted. But corruption alone cannot adequately explain this level of repeated

national failure. It has to be something else more than corruption. And the search for a complete answer to the question of why we seem to have remained at the same point despite the passage of time, energy and resources is important, if we must move even a step further. I don't have the answers myself, but I am confident that corruption cannot be the sole problem, however convenient that answer might seem.

So, perhaps, one answer is a lack of collective imagination to govern ourselves the way other societies do; after all, the whole point of governance is to solve societal problems like building roads, bridges, rail lines, housing, electricity generation and distribution plants, educating our children, and so on.

Since 1978, when the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway was first constructed by the same Obasanjo who could not do it a second time with even more money, the Chinese have moved nearly 800 million people out of poverty. They have built hundreds of entirely new cities from the scratch, complete with towering skyscrapers for homes and offices, not to talk of roads, electricity and all other infrastructure. China got in on the game of building high-speed rail only in 2008. Today, just 15 years later, they have a network of over 40,000 kilometres of such rails, the longest in the world. Some mind-boggling cases of corruption went into doing all these things in China, but the jobs got done.

Indeed, the Chinese political economic system where state capitalism sits awkwardly alongside private profiteering is peculiarly designed to breed corruption, since all too often, the players driving state capitalism are intimately connected to those leading private companies. Yet, the jobs get done, and most often on record time. Moreover, China is not alone in getting things done despite corruption. In the US and the UK over the past two years, unbelievable levels of corruption trailed the fight against COVID-19 across all fronts of the fight.

In fact, the *New York Times* recently reported that it will take US federal and state authorities more than ten years to investigate and prosecute cases of