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FROM left: Governor Namadi Sambo of Kaduna State, Minister of Defence, Chief Adetokunbo Kayode, President Goodluck Jonathan, Chief of Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Paul Dike and Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Oluseyi Petinrin, at the commissioning of new aircraft to mark the closing ceremony of Air Expo 2010 in Kaduna.

**Ogbulafor may quit today**

By Muideen Olaniyi

EMBATTLED National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Prince Vincent Ogbulafor is expected to quit his post anytime today following the withdrawal of support from the PDP governors who caved in to pressure from President Goodluck Jonathan and advised Ogbulafor to resign, *Daily Trust* learnt yesterday. Already, his aides had cleared the chairman's personal effects from his office at the PDP's Wadata Plaza national secretariat and Ogbulafor did not report for work yesterday.

Efforts to reach Ogbulafor's Assistant on Media and Public Relations Chijioke Adindu to confirm

“His aides had cleared the chairman's personal effects from his office

**Why Sambo's nomination is delayed**

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

KADUNA State Governor Mohamed Namadi Sambo's nomination as Vice President of the Federal Republic was not sent to the Senate by President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday because the National Governors' Forum requested for time to lobby members of the National Assembly and ensure a hitch-free confirmation process, *Daily Trust* learnt in Abuja last night.

Late in the afternoon and well into the night yesterday, Governor Namadi Sambo and several of his colleagues were seen paying visits to the houses of Senate President David Mark, Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu,

House Speaker Oladimeji Bankole as well as House Deputy Speaker Usman Bayero Nafada. Among governors sighted in the entourage were Dr. Bukola Saraki, governor of Kwara State and chairman of the National Governors' Forum; Governors Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko of Sokoto and

“The governors will use this weekend to work on MPs from their states in order to smoothen Sambo's path

Gabriel Suswam of Benue.

The bone of contention, *Daily Trust* learnt, was the insistence by National Assembly members that a legislator, as opposed to a state governor, should be selected as the new vice president. Earlier in the week, both the Senate and House Northern Caucuses endorsed former Kaduna State governor Senator Ahmed Mohamed Makarfi for the job. Governor Sambo's subsequent nomination by Jonathan infuriated some legislators because of his ongoing political conflict in Kaduna State with Makarfi, the man who anointed him as governor in 2007.

Sambo's name was supposed to be **Continued on page 5**

the authenticity of the reports proved abortive.

The National Chairman was not at the secretariat up till 6:30 p.m when our reporter left the Wadata Plaza. However, PDP National Secretary Alhaji Abubakar Kawu Baraje in an interview with reporters over the development could neither confirm nor deny the resignation reports.

Baraje, who said he could only confirm whether the story was true or not after some hours, stated that Ogbulafor was still consulting other stakeholders from his zone as a result of the Southeast governors' demand on him **Continued on page 5**

# Man, 26, slaughters woman at midnight

From Benjamin Auta, Lagos

THE police in Lagos State yesterday confirmed the arrest of a 26-year-old man from Akinyele in Oyo State, Abiodun Gafar, who slaughtered a mentally impaired woman popularly known as Iya Ibadan in Yaba Lagos.

The suspect, a former conductor, was said to have committed

the act at about mid night on May 9, 2010. Abiodun told newsmen yesterday that he recently stopped work as a conductor and was preparing to become a butcher. He had already bought a knife and other materials for the new job.

He said he went out to ease himself at about 11:00 pm and saw the woman wandering about but that she provoked him when she

stepped on him. He then went into his house, brought out the knife he bought for his new meat business and slashed the woman's throat.

Abiodun said he was sick but never wanted to remove the tongue of Iya Ibadan as speculated, admitting that he had the habit of smoking Indian hemp.

"I used to smoke Indian hemp before, that's why my mother

stopped me from going to Mushin to meet the herbalist. I also smoked Indian hemp before I went to bed that night," he said.

Lagos State police spokesman Mr. Frank Mba, a Superintendent of Police, said the suspect was arrested when a witness informed the police about the crime and he was immediately picked up with the knife.

Mba, who described the incident as a sadistic, unprovoked killing and a tragedy, urged the government to protect the mentally and physically challenged. "We have set a machinery in motion to investigate the matter as the Commissioner of Police has ordered. The case will be transferred to the homicide department for investigation," he said.



THOMAS Geissler (centre), Chief Executive of TG-Gold-Super-mark, tries the "Gold to Go" vending machine at the Emirates' Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday.

## Why Shekarau removed Kofar Mata

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

VETERAN hajj administrator and Director General of the Kano State Pilgrims Welfare Board, Alhaji Sani Lawal Kofar Mata, was removed from office because he was actively campaigning for his own political aspirations while holding public office, Governor Ibrahim Shekarau's Senior Special Assistant on Media and Public Relations Sule Yau' Sule said yesterday.

Sule told Daily Trust that Kofar Mata should have, first and foremost, resigned his appointment before he started the campaign for his governorship aspiration.

Kofar Mata was removed Wednesday and no reason was then given for his removal. Alhaji Abubakar Matawalle, a Permanent Secretary in the Office of Head of Service, was appointed to replace Kofar Mata.

Daily Trust however gathered that Kofar Mata's removal might not be unconnected with his decision not to support Takai's gubernatorial aspiration. Kofar Mata is a member of the Kano State Association of ANPP Gubernatorial Aspirants whose members met last Saturday in Kano to reject Alhaji Sagir Takai as Governor Shekarau's choice for next year's governorship poll. Other members of the association are Kano Deputy Governor Alhaji Abdullahi Mohammed Gwarzo and former governor Senator Kabir Gaya.

Meanwhile, armed policemen were drafted in many strategic locations yesterday to crush any move that would jeopardize peace in Kano metropolis because of Kofar Mata's removal, since he has large followership in the state, especially within the six metropolitan local government areas.

## Be vigilant, Jonathan urges security agencies

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan yesterday in Kaduna charged security agencies in the country to be more dedicated and vigilant in discharging their constitutional responsibility of protecting their fatherland.

Speaking during the ceremo-

nia parade of Air Expo organized by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) in Kaduna, he tasked the security agencies to ensure that peace and harmony are not undermined.

"As you all know, maintenance of internal peace and security is a necessary condition for development and the

conduct of credible elections is what we must do enhance it. The eyes of the whole world are on us," he said.

Jonathan also urged the security agencies to remain resolute in their commitment to democracy. While stressing the need for training and re-training of Air force personnel, he reiter-

ated the commitment of his administration to address the challenges facing the Air Force. He commended NAF for organizing the Air Expo, saying it would enable stakeholders in the defence and aviation industries to discover possible areas of cooperation that would boost aviation activities within Africa.

## Legislator's driver hangs self

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

DAYO Jumiju, personal driver of a member of the Ondo State House of Assembly, Kele Bolodeoku, early yesterday hanged himself in his house at Fanibi area of Akure metropolis.

Newsmen gathered from neighbours of the late driver who is an indigene of Irele Local Government Area of the state that he was in stable health before the deed.

He was said to have returned home Wednesday after a normal business with his boss. Efforts to get to the lawmaker who represents

Ese Odo State Constituency proved abortive as all his mobile phones were switched off, just as he was not seen in his house.

The state Police Public Relations Officer Mr Adeniran Aremu said the incident was reported to the police and investigation had commenced.

"It is true that Bolodeoku's driver hanged himself in early hours of Thursday and the state Police Command has swung into action to know the circumstances surrounding the death. As soon as we finish our own investigation on it we will let the whole world know," Aremu said.

## Why Jonathan shouldn't contest —Shehu Sani

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan assumed the highest office in the country because of the unique Nigerian political arrangement of zoning so the president should respect the principle and resist the temptation of contesting in 2011, Comrade Shehu Sani, a Kaduna-based human rights activist advised Wednesday.

In a statement issued in Kaduna, the activist noted that those who want the president to

contest next year simply want to over-heat the polity, subvert the democratic process and even destroy Goodluck himself. He advised the president to resist the "suicidal temptation" to contest, adding that he must not destroy the boat that brought him ashore.

Comrade Sani pointed out that without zoning, an Ijaw would never have been president and if zoning was disregarded, no other person from the minority can. He said although zoning violates demo-

cratic principles, it nonetheless addresses basic challenges of ethnic hegemony and sectional dominance.

According to Sani, those who oppose zoning are either self-serving or ignorant of the nation's historical reality. He advised Jonathan not to change the rules in the middle of the game, noting that Nigeria is not a homogenous state like France or any advanced democracy.

"We are a third world country of a coupled ethnic fiefdom and a fragile cohabitation," he added.

# EFCC begins Ibori's extradition

By Boco Edet

CHAIRMAN of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Mrs. Farida Waziri has dispatched a team to Dubai to start the process of extraditing former governor of Delta state James Ibori after he was arrested by the International Police (Interpol) on Wednesday.

Mrs. Waziri confirmed to journalists in Abuja that, "It has been confirmed that Ibori was

arrested by the Interpol."

She said the commission had been exchanging intelligence with Interpol and Metropolitan Police, UK, after Ibori was declared wanted in Nigeria and failed to submit himself for interrogation over an alleged N44billion scam.

The former governor was however granted bail by a Dubai court after he was arraigned yesterday, his media aide Tony Eluemunor said in a statement.

Ibori was arrested by Inter-

pol via a warrant of arrest issued by United Kingdom authorities and would soon be extradited to face charges of money laundering against him before a London court.

EFCC declared Ibori wanted in April for failure to explain his involvement in the alleged sales of shares owned by Delta State government to obtain N44billion loan from Intercontinental bank for his company, Ascot Offshore Nigeria Limited.

The anti-graft agency also secured a court warrant for his arrest and equally put him on a watch list.

"My initial reaction when I heard of Ibori's arrest was that of excitement, and surprise too. Surprise because somebody said he had gone to Ghana. Some people also said he is still somewhere in Delta, some say in his Village in Warri. My mind never went to Dubai. But the Met police have a relationship

with Dubai police. They told me that if he is in Dubai they will get him that it will be easier to track him down. If he had gone to places like China or Japan, and then it would have been difficult. I was very excited.

"EFCC is prepared to prosecute him without leaving any loose end. Before, we declared him wanted, of course to arraign him. We have some charges and we have witnesses and we are prepared on our side."



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GROUP Managing Director, NNPC Shehu Ladan (right) with the Vice President, Overseas Operation, China State Construction Engineering Corporation, Yu Zhende exchanging signed MOU yesterday for the new Greenfield Refineries and a petrol chemical complex

## Buhari: I'll contest for 2011

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

TWO-TIME presidential candidate under the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) Gen Muhammadu Buhari said he will contest for the presidency in 2011 general elections if his party, Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), gives him the mandate.

Buhari spoke with the BBC Hausa Service in London where he delivered a special lecture titled "Nigeria: Ten Years of Democracy," on Monday.

He said he is fit to go round the country again in 2011 to seek for the people's mandate as he did in 2003 and 2007 where he visited 34 and 32 states respectively by road.

He also said that if Nigerians will do what the people of Kano State did in 2003 and the people of Bauchi and Lagos states did in the 2007 elections, their votes will count and their right choices will be declared winners in any election.

Buhari said there is no reason to establish rules and regulations that will not be followed citing the report of the Justice Lawal Uwais Electoral Reform Committee as an example. He said it is only when the laws are adhered to that there will be positive changes in the country's democratic system.

## Sultan rallies support for girl child education

SULTAN of Sokoto Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad has urged Nigerians to support efforts aimed at encouraging girl child education.

Sa'ad made the appeal in Sokoto yesterday when he received the Country Director of ActionAid Nigeria, Dr Husseinu Abdu.

"We should do our best to ensure that the girls who are not as strong as their male counterparts are adequately educated at all levels.

"We will support all efforts aimed at empowering the less privileged in the society, especially the female gender," he said. The monarch urged Nigerians to assist humanity rather than dissipating energy and resources on religious and cultural differences.

(NAN)

## CBN limits borrowing by bank's directors to 1%

By Idris Ahmed

CENTRAL Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has limited the amount a director or a "significant shareholder" in a bank can borrow from the bank to 1 percent.

This was contained in the new guidelines titled "Prudential guidelines for deposit money banks in Nigeria" and posted in the website of CBN yesterday.

The affected directors or shareholders can only borrow more than the above amount with the prior approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The guideline defined a significant shareholding as a holding of at least 5 percent (individually or in aggregate) of bank's equity.

It said that the maximum credit to all insiders should not exceed 10 percent of share capital. The share capital shall be made up of paid up share capital and share premium.

According to the guidelines, insiders include directors, significant shareholders and employees. The term "director" includes director's wife, husband, father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter and their spouses.

It said that the provisions of this section supersede the provisions of circular BSD/9/2004 on large exposure and connected lending.

The guidelines also said that insider-related credits include transactions involving shareholders, employees, directors and their related interests.

Banks are required to present their disclosure in the financial statements by disclosing the aggregate amount of insider-related loans.

It said that advances and leases outstanding as at the financial year end should be separately stated in a note to the accounts and the non-performing component further analyzed by security, maturity, performance, provision, interest-in suspense and name of borrowers.

There are other provisions in the new guidelines.

CBN Director of Banking Supervision Samuel Oni said: "These prudential guidelines should be regarded as minimum requirements and licensed banks are encouraged to implement more stringent policies and practices to enhance mitigation of risks."

## VP: Sambo may face setback in House of Reps

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE reported nomination of Kaduna State Governor Mohammed Namadi Sambo as Vice President by President Goodluck Jonathan may suffer a setback in the House of Representatives.

A Principal Officer of the House told Daily Trust that the Speaker has not received any letter from President Jonathan. "He

would have read the letter but he didn't up to the end of the plenary session, meaning it hasn't come."

Lawmakers from the North-West geo-political zone, who spoke to our reporter on condition of anonymity, said they will do everything humanly possible to frustrate the reported nomination.

"We made this administration and we expect that the VP

will be chosen from the National Assembly.

So if this turns out to be true, then we will frustrate it. We have begun mobilising our people not to confirm his nomination because we consider it as an insult on us," the member said.

The North-West caucus of the lower legislative chamber under the leadership of Rep. Bashir Adamu Kazaure (PDP,

Jigawa) had insisted that the next VP should be picked from the region which has lost the number one position in the country.

The Northern Senators Forum (NFS) led by Senator Umaru Dahiru (PDP, Sokoto) had endorsed Senator Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi (PDP, Kaduna North) as the vice president.

# Reps probe N260bn Airport, Kubwa roads project

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives has set up an ad-hoc committee to probe the N257bn worth of contracts awarded for the expansion of the Abuja-Kubwa-Zuba and Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport roads.

This followed a motion moved

by Rep Dino Melaye (PDP, Kogi) seeking for probe of the contracts which were awarded by former FCT Minister Senator Muhammad Adamu Aliero.

Melaye said the contracts were approved by late President Umaru Yar'adua based on a Private Public Partnership (PPP) arrangement of

60 per cent and 40 per cent respectively. He said N9bn was provided for in the 2009 budget for the engineering design of the roads but the contract was awarded at N257bn without recourse to the National Assembly. Melaye then called for recouping of the alleged inflated sum and prosecution of

those found guilty.

Contributing to the debate, Rep. Igo Aguma (PDP-Rivers) said the contract sum was outrageous and said it should be investigated by the House.

Rep. Yusuf Tuggar (ANPP-Bauchi), chairman House Committee on Public Procurement,

said the committee had invited the Bureau for Public Procurement to explain the rationale behind the contract award.

When the matter was put to vote by Speaker Dimeji Bankole, the lawmakers unanimously agreed to set up an ad hoc committee to probe the contract.

PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE



SENIOR Mechanical Engineer, Anakhaso Sunday (left) explaining the process of newspaper printing to students of Nigeria Turkish International College Girls' Boarding School, during the students' visit to Media Trust Corporate Head Office, Abuja, yesterday.

## Jonathan appoints Lt Col Adegbe as ADC

By Mohammed S. Shehu

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan has appointed Lt. Colonel Ojogbane Adegbe as his Aide-de-Camp.

Born on May 12, 1972, Adegbe graduated from the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) Kaduna, in September 1995 as a member of the 42 Regular Course.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and a Masters in Intelligence and International Security from Kings College, London.

Prior to his appointment, Adegbe served at 1 Division Intelligence Group, Kaduna; 26 Motorized Battalion ECOMOG, Sierra Leone; Nigerian Army Depot, Zaria; Nigerian Army Intelligence Corps (HQ NAIC); Office of Defence Adviser London, United Kingdom; Intelligence Production Centre, HQ NAIC, as well as 81 Division Intelligence Group, Lagos.

Lt. Col. Adegbe hails from Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State, and is married with three children.

## Man jailed 20 years for sodomy

By Akor Ojoma

A man convicted for procuring teenage boys and committing sodomy with them has been sentenced to 20 years in prison without an option of fine.

Uche Ashie, 34, was sentenced by a Federal High Court in Port-Harcourt, Rivers State on Wednesday.

Executive Secretary of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons and Other Related matters (NAPTIP) Barrister Simon Chuzi Egede said this while receiving a director of the Federal Office of Migration of Switzerland Mr Urs Von Arb in Abuja.

Barrister Egede said NAPTIP could not have achieved this without the support of stakeholders, especially governments of foreign countries like that of Switzerland.

Earlier, Mr Urs Von Arb said he was happy with the long cooperation between Switzerland and Nigeria on the transnational issue of human trafficking which is one of the bad sides of migration.

## Anambra North: Senate defies court ruling

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

SENATE has defied the ruling of the Appeal Court in Enugu directing the upper legislative chamber to swear-in Mr. Alphonso Igbeke who was declared winner of the April 2007 Anambra North senatorial election.

The appellate court had ordered the Senate leadership to immediately swear-in Igbeke as the lawful winner of the elec-

tion to replace Senator Joy Emodi who had been occupying the seat since June 2007.

But briefing newsmen on the matter, Chairman Senate Committee on Information and Media Senator Ayogu Eze (PDP, Enugu North) said Igbeke could not be sworn-in because Emodi had appealed the court judgment at the Supreme Court.

He said "Just for the avoidance of doubt we have been given a

notice that a case has been filed at the Supreme Court challenging the decision of the Appeal Court."

Eze said in conformity with Order 53(5) of the Senate Standing Rules Emodi will remain in the Senate because "When a matter is in court, Senate cannot take any action that could be prejudicial."

Igbeke was at the Senate expecting the Senator David Mark led leadership to adminis-

ter oath of office on him, but no such arrangement was made as Senate conducted the business of the day without mention of oaths taking.

He said when he reported to the Senate Clerk for swearing-in, "He (Clerk) referred me to the Senate President which I believe is not the normal procedure."

The Senate circulated a notice of appeal filed by Emodi before the Supreme Court dated May 13.

## PDP lawmakers stall vote on two-party system

By Turaki A. Hassan

HOUSE of Representatives members from the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday stalled voting on a new section in the Electoral Act that will reduce the number of political parties in the country from 54 to two.

The House had on Wednesday debated the proposed amendment and deferred voting to yesterday to enable members vote

electronically. However, during yesterday's debate indication emerged that the PDP was not comfortable with the momentum being gathered by the proponents of the two-party system.

House Minority Leader Rep. Mohammed Ali Ndume (ANPP, Borno) raised the issue and canvassed for support for a new section to be added to section 80 of the draft bill as recommended by the House Ad-Hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 con-

stitution led by Deputy Speaker Usman Bayero Nafada.

Ndume was supported by majority of the opposition members who argued that multi-party system was leading Nigeria towards ethnicity, tribalism and sectionalism.

But Rep. Emmanuel Bello (PDP, Adamawa) and Chairman House Committee on Rules and Business Rep. Ita Enang (PDP, Akwa Ibom) and several other PDP members opposed two party

system saying it will infringe on the fundamental human rights of 150 million Nigerians.

The House was thrown into a rowdy session, leading Rep. Garba Shehu Matazu (PDP, Katsina) to start chanting "PDP, PDP, PDP" which was re-echoed by the PDP members.

Speaker Dimeji Bankole ruled that the House will adjourn to Tuesday next week to enable members consult among themselves before voting.

## Correction: For the record

IN our Hausa publication, *Aminiya* of Friday 7th May 2010 on page 2, Late President 'Yar adua's two sons Musa and Ibrahim, who were shown in a photo, were referred to as his grandchildren. The error is regretted.

On the back page of the *Weekly Trust* of May 8th 2010, we promoted an article on Lagos funeral parlours which was not in the paper. We apologise for misleading the reader.

And in the *Sunday Trust* of May 9th 2010, in the picture caption showing President Goodluck Jonathan and former First Lady Turai 'Yar adua, her name was spelt as Hadijya Turai, the correct spelling is Hajiya Turai.



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan (right) with Governor Ibrahim Gaidam of Yobe State who led his state's delegation on condolence and solidarity visit to the President at the Akinola Aguda House, Abuja, yesterday.

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sent to both houses of the National Assembly yesterday, but up until they rose from their sittings, no letter from the President was read on the floor. This set many tongues wagging as to whether Jonathan may have had a change of mind. However, *Daily Trust* learnt that during Jonathan's late night meeting with the governors on Wednesday, the issue of possible complications in the confirmation process came up. While all the governors were confident that Sambo will be confirmed given his humble disposition good track record in office and non-controversial nature, it was also agreed that there was the need to pacify the legislators before his name was forwarded to them.

Yet another source told *Daily Trust* that after visiting the Assembly leaders, all the governors will use this weekend to work on MPs from their states in order to smoothen Sambo's path to easy confirmation when his name is forwarded to the National Assembly on Monday next week.

Meanwhile, there was jubilation at the Kaduna Gov-

ernment House yesterday as hundreds of politicians and women from across the state's 23 local government areas converged there to rejoice with the wife of the governor, Hajiya Amina Namadi Sambo, over the reported nomination of her husband as the vice president.

They danced and chanted; "Allah Ya bamu," meaning, "God has given us" in Hausa. The men also shouted Governor Sambo's political war cry, "Daram, Dam, sai Abuja!"

Members of the state executive council were also sighted at a parlour where Hajiya Amina Sambo was receiving the well-wishers. She was seen beaming with smiles and greeting the visitors.

Wife of the Kaduna State Deputy Governor Mrs. Amina Patrick Yakowa, who is billed to succeed her as state First Lady, assisted Sambo's wife to receive visitors.

A well-wisher, Mrs Karimat Isang, said the elevation was worth celebrating as it was a surprise to the people of the state. She commended President Goodluck Jonathan for picking Governor Namadi Sambo, saying he would never regret his choice.

She said, "Good things happen to people who have good intentions, even when they don't struggle for it. God

chose Namadi because he has a good heart for Kaduna State and Nigeria in general. He is very proactive when he wants to do things."

Mrs Florence Aya, a former member of the Kaduna State House of Assembly, said Governor Sambo's elevation was purely the work of God. "He is a man who has capabilities, who has the interest of the masses at heart. God will use him to transform this country for the benefit of the masses. I wish him and the president well as they pilot the affairs of our country," she said.

Kaduna state's Commissioner for Information Mr Sa'idu Adamu also told NAN in Kaduna yesterday that Sambo's nomination was the outcome of the president's meeting with state governors in Abuja on Wednesday.

He said Governor Sambo returned to Kaduna early yesterday after attending the meeting to receive the president who was on a one-day visit to Kaduna to mark the Nigeria Airforce Day. Born on Aug. 2, 1954, in Zaria, Kaduna State, Sambo started his education in 1959 in Kaduna before proceeding to ABU, Zaria in 1972 where he qualified as an architect in 1976. He was elected governor on the platform of the PDP in 2007.

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that he should resign.

He said the Southeast governors' request was taken seriously because of the PDP tradition and unwritten law that governors are leaders of the party in the states.

Baraje, who noted that Ogbulafor had not been convicted as a result of the ongoing corruption trial, also said the only snag was the request by his zone which he is representing that he should resign.

Baraje said: "The national chairman of a party like PDP cannot resign without you hearing. I cannot confirm that to you now but maybe in the next few hours I will be able to confirm yes or no."

He added: "On a serious note, it is no longer news that three governors from the eastern states asked him to resign as a result of the case in court and you know the process of electing our chairman and various members of the executive party."

"They come from the zone before; they are now elected through national convention. So he has to go on consultation with his zone and presently he is doing a lot of consultations around from his zone and the outcome of the consultation is what will tell us whether he is going to resign or not."

"That is why I tell you that presently I cannot confirm and I know that before the end of the day, definitely you will know the outcome of his consultation, today (yesterday). Definitely you will know the outcome of the consultation." Commenting on the

reports that all the PDP governors had ordered Ogbulafor to resign, he replied: "that is not true and I won't say more than that."

He dismissed the knowledge of the insinuation that President Goodluck Jonathan was behind the move to oust the party's National Chairman.

When asked to give the process involved in the resignation of the national chairman, the party scribe reacted: "the process is very clear in the Constitution."

If he resigns, then there is a vacancy and the constitution says that if there is a vacancy he hands over to the deputy national chairman pending the appointment of a new chairman from that same zone and the appointment will also have to be confirmed by the executive committee of the party.

"The process is that he will resign, handover to the deputy and the deputy will hold forth and the letter will have to be presented to the deputy who will present it to the National Executive Committee (NEC) and at the same time approved."

In a separate interview, PDP National Legal Adviser Chief Olusola Oke said he was not aware if Ogbulafor had resigned or not but noted that an emergency meeting of the National Working Committee (NWC) is likely to hold today if he tenders a resignation letter, to look at the letter in order to enable them accept or forward it to National Executive Committee (NEC).

Oke, who explained that the issue of one month notice of resignation was not mandatory, stated that such issue required consultations with other party leaders apart from the NWC.

While dismissing the insinuation that any eventual resignation of Ogbulafor would affect the party's zoning formula, the National Legal Adviser said any replacement would come from the Southeast geo-political zone in line with the PDP Constitution.

He said the NEC would meet to ratify anybody chosen to replace Ogbulafor should he decide to resign.

"At the moment as far as we are concerned until 2011 when a call to any revisit of the zoning will arise. The chairmanship, if Ogbulafor resigns, will still have to come from the southeast," he said.

*Daily Trust* could not reach PDP's spokesman Professor Rufai Alkali for comments. However, another source said the NWC members met with Ogbulafor on Wednesday but the meeting ended inconclusively because "the other executives could not tell him what to do in the light of the governors' demand. He has to go and make his own consultations."

The source confirmed that the latest trouble for the chairman began on Tuesday when President Goodluck Jonathan told the South Eastern PDP governors that he could not work with Ogbulafor on moral grounds because he is standing trial in court over alleged fraud.

The source however said, "That was the reason the President gave, but it was not true. It was not his real reason. This alleged offence was committed more than 10 years ago, and no one thought it fit to prosecute him until now. The President's real reason is 2011, period. He wants to remove the chairman so that he can grab control of the party, change the power rotation formula and rig his way to the nomination. That's all."

# Rainstorm kills 4 year old

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

A rainstorm Tuesday killed a 4-year old girl and destroyed property worth millions of naira in Datt ward of Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State, the chairman of the council Alhaji Ado Danladi Mai-goro has said.

Speaking when he received the Deputy Speaker of the state House of Assembly Saleh Abubakar Dumba and the Chairman House Committee on Rural Development

Adoji Abdu Disina, who were in the area to sympathize with the affected families, the council chairman said structures destroyed included houses, schools, health institutions, electric and solar poles.

He said the girl killed by the rainstorm was the daughter of one Malam Haruna. While describing the rainstorm as devastating, the Deputy Speaker promised to present the matter on the floor of the House of Assembly as soon as it resumed from its recess so that necessary action could be taken to alleviate the suffering of the

people.

He called on the state emergency management agency as well as NEMA to assist the affected victims. On his part, the Chairman House Committee on Rural Development urged the victims to see the incident as an act from God.

He advised them to be patient, saying only God could replace all that they had lost. He pointed out that tree planting around residential buildings would protect them against storms.

## NABTEB worried over exam cheats

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE increase in examination malpractices has become a source of concern for the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB), Registrar of NABTEB Professor David Awanbor has said.

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Benin, Edo State, Prof. Awanbor lamented that examination malpractices had continued despite all the laws and decrees enacted to curb it.

He said he was however delighted that NABTEB had not only broken the jinx of unresolved examination malpractice cases in courts, but had also set the pace in the quest for diligent prosecution of offenders.

"Permit me to say with all sense of humility that NABTEB is the first examination body to diligently pursue the case of examination cheats from the points of arrest to prison sentence", he said.

He cited the recent judgment delivered by Justice I.N Buba of the Federal High Court, Lafia in Nassarawa State, where one Patrick Ogyoko, 68, a secondary school teacher appointed by NABTEB as supervisor and James S. Abiola also a teacher appointed as invigilator were found guilty and sentenced to three years imprisonment on each of the three count charge.

Awanbor assured that in line with the new education roadmap, the examination body would continue to sustain its zero tolerance for examination malpractice.

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# Exam bodies get 4 weeks to reposition for efficiency

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

EXAMINATION bodies in the country have been given four weeks by the Federal Government to be abreast with modern examination techniques and meet the yearnings and aspirations of parents, students and other stakeholders in the education sector or face the consequences.

The examination bodies include the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board

(JAMB), the National Examination Council (NECO), the West African Examination Council (WAEC) and the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NAPTEB).

Education Minister Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, who gave the directive at a meeting with heads of the examination bodies in Abuja yesterday, urged them to come up with action plans on how to address the lingering problem of mass

failure in examinations, delay in release of results and non-release of results of some candidates.

She said the Federal Government will no longer tolerate lapses on the part of NECO, JAMB, WAEC and NAPTEB, especially in view of the persistent criticism and concerns being raised by parents, students and members of the public on the activities of the examination bodies.

The minister said the Federal Govern-

ment has set up what she referred to as "Release My Result Committee" to look into all complaints by candidates on non-release of their results by the examination bodies.

She said the committee will examine complaints from the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) with a view to ensure that all the problems associated with non-release of results of candidates are resolved without further delay.



PIC: NAN

## UK-based firm trains Africans in leadership

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

A UK-based company, BMS Consultancy, has announced a five-day international leadership, strategic and change management training programme for senior staff in public and private establishments in Africa.

In a press statement made available to the Daily Trust in London, the company said the training programme will be held in South Africa from June 21 to 25 this year.

"The programme is designed to equip staff in both the private sector organisations and government ministries, departments and agencies with the intellectual agility, tools and insights required for organisation-wide management today and tomorrow", the statement said.

"Nigeria's and Africa's future rests squarely in the strength of its leaders and their leadership ability", the statement quoted Dr. Charles Golding, Senior Executive of BMS Consultancy as saying.

The statement noted that leadership was "one of the most important conditions for success of any organization or government, lamenting that "conventional leadership theories and practices are obsolete".

"The result-oriented programme will explore three key themes challenging senior staff in Nigeria and around the globe, namely: leadership, strategy as well as transformation and change management, the statement quoted Bala Sanusi, associate director of the company as saying.

## No politically motivated cases in ICPC- Chairman

By Boco Edet

CHAIRMAN of the Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC) Justice Emmanuel Ayoola has debunked insinuations that some cases investigated in the commission are either swept under the carpet or revived depending on political interests.

Justice Ayoola stated during an inter-

view with journalists in Ilesa, Osun state that criminal cases have no limitation period and if a case was closed, the suspect involved should obtain a clearance certificate.

Ayoola said it was a misconception on the part of people under investigation to make assumptions about their cases and advised that the law enforcement agency handling the matter should be contacted

to find out the status reports of their cases.

"When it comes to criminal cases, there is no limitation period, the lesson I want Nigerians to learn from this is that if you have been contacted law enforcement agency, that there is a complaint against you, it is in your best interest to find out whether the case is still on or dead", he said.

He said that there was no convenient time for the anti-graft agency to file cases in the court saying, "if the case against you is still ongoing you will be told and if the case is complete, you will be told how it was completed whether exoneration or prosecution".

## Red Cross laments continued flow of weapons

By Aisha Umar Agaie

THE International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said the group's drive to ensure respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is being undermined by the continued unregulated access to weapons in West Africa.

Head of ICRC delegation Mr. Jacques Villetaz said this in a dialogue with international partners on the Arms Trade Treaty

process in Abuja yesterday.

He said it assumed that the users of weapons are trained, disciplined and actually use their arms in accordance with the law. "If it is not so, as the case when weapons are widely available or their transfer remains uncontrolled, then to expect respect for the law is unrealistic."

He said the unregulated trade in arms and their proliferation is a scourge on the continent, particularly in West Africa.

## Electricity tariff hike illogical, says TUC

By Francis Okeke

TRADE Union Congress (TUC) has expressed concern over government's desire to increase electricity tariff before the end of this month.

TUC President Comrade Peter Esele said in a statement that the move "is ill timed, very illogical and difficult to comprehend."

He questioned why "anybody would contemplate increasing the price of a product that is unavailable and which people are

using their hard earned income to supplement."

Esele said "hiking electricity tariff now will also be a double tragedy for our industries that are not competitive due to high cost of diesel and other petroleum products, with the eventual results of job losses and other social dislocations."

The President General said it is wrong for Nigerian technocrats and experts to "always seek for the easiest way to solve a nagging problem.

PIC: KENNEDY EGBONODJE.



FROM left: Minister of Finance, Olusegun Aganga, Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations, Ahmed Mac-cido and Director General, Budget Office of the Federation, Bright Akogu, during a workshop in Abuja.

## How Jang can address crises, by Muslim women

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

GOVERNOR Jonah David Jang of Plateau State has to act as father and leader to all to end the recurrent crises in the state, the Chairperson of the state Muslim women group, Hajiya Khadijah Gambo Hawaja, has said.

Hajiya Khadijah said yesterday at a news conference in Jos, "Though it is not our wish to trade blames, especially considering the mood of the nation, the truth is that the failure of leadership in the state, especially the attitude of the governor as exemplified in his divisive policies has been the major cause of the crisis and stumbling block to the path to peace". She said.

"We want to use this medium to appeal to Governor Jang to retrace his steps, take the path of honour and address the crises as a father and above all a leader to all, treating all his subjects according to the law without fear or favour, affection or ill will. He should demonstrate a sincere political will and determination to move Plateau State forward".

According to her, this will radically make a difference to the fragile peace in the state. "As wives and mothers, we are concerned about the lives lost, the homes broken, the wives turned widows, and the children turned orphans and the unquantifiable property lost", she said as she further called on the federal and state governments as well as religious bod-

ies, traditional institutions among others to come to the aid of widows, orphans and other displaced persons. Hawaja who expressed concern over the continued polarization of the "peaceful and hospitable communities along religious lines" also urged the Chief Solomon Lar-led committee to fear Allah in their assignment and with a genuine desire for peace, devoid of sentiment. She commended the Special Task Force (STF) for the restoration of peace in the state.

While commiserating with the family of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, President Good Luck Jonathan the government and people of Katsina State and the entire nation, Hawaja described the death as a big shock and a national tragedy.

## Allow Jonathan to stabilise -Kuffor

From Nahimah Ajikanle, Lagos

FORMER Ghanaian president, Dr. John Kuffor, yesterday urged Nigerians to allow President Goodluck Jonathan to stabilise in office to enable him provide good governance.

Speaking with airport correspondents in Lagos, Kuffor said there was need for Africans to trust their leaders and respect their constitutions.

Kuffor who had been in the country since Wednesday to pay a condolence visit to the Nigerian government on the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua landed at the tarmac of the Presidential wing of the Murtala Muhammad Airport, Ikeja Lagos at about 11.30am yesterday and went straight into the inner part of the lounge where former President Olusegun Obasanjo had been waiting for him.

The former Ghanaian president said President Jonathan should be allowed to settle down first.

He said "One, I would say this is very much an internal matter for Nigeria, our biggest country on the continent. And two I am sure now there is a bit of crisis, the president is very new. Let him settle into his job and I am sure he will give the leadership the nation wants."

## Kogi revokes road contract

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE Kogi State government yesterday revoked the contract for the construction of Ankpa-Imane road in Ankpa Local Government Area of the state.

The state's Commissioner for Information Tom Ohikere disclosed this to newsmen after the executive council meeting on Wednesday.

He said the resolution followed the undue delay by the construction company handling the project, saying it would be re-awarded to a more competent company.

"The state government is committed to bringing dividends of democracy to the people without further delay. Our people are expecting much from the government and we cannot afford to keep them endlessly waiting. They have been expecting this road project to be completed since, and we are not happy about the delay it has suffered", he said.

Ohikere regretted that the contract, awarded in April 2006, was abandoned till March 2009, stressing that the government could no longer condone unnecessary delay in the execution of the project having committed huge amounts of money to it.

## ITF tasks employers on patronage

From Abdulfatai Abdulsalami, Sokoto

The Area Manager, Industrial Training Fund (ITF) in Sokoto State, Mallam Mahmud Halid, has urged all registered employers in Sokoto and Kebbi States to participate in ITF training programmes and pay their contributions.

He made the call yesterday at the Sokoto.

Mallam Halid said this year's award after careful consideration went to the management of Sokoto Guest Inn Ltd as the best contributing employer. He said the criteria used were prompt payment of contributions, participation in (ITF) training activities, re-fund for re-imburement, acceptance of students participating in industrial attachments and many more. The Area Manager said the Sokoto Guest Inn Ltd had for long been patronizing and participating in activities of the fund in the area.

He urged stakeholders in the Sokoto area to ensure adequate participation in their training programmes and assist the (ITF) by paying their contributions as at when due, noting that the efforts of the governments of Sokoto and Kebbi were highly commendable.

Speaking earlier, the representative of the management of Sokoto Guest Inn Ltd, Mallam Turadu Dankani, thanked the ITF area office for considering them for the award.

## Assembly summons CP, Hausa leader over attacks on farms

From Johnkennedy Uzoma, Owerri

THE Imo State House of Assembly has summoned the leader of the Hausa community in the state, the Commissioner of Police and the Commissioner for Agriculture to appear before it to explain their positions on the increasing attacks on people and destruction of farmlands in the state.

The Majority Leader, John Egbuchulam, disclosed this to newsmen yesterday at the Assembly complex in Owerri.

Egbuchulam who represents Mbaitoli state constituency decried incessant destruction of crops and farmlands by cattle rearers operating in some parts of the state, citing the recent protest by women from Nsopko community in Mbaitoli Local Government council to the assembly over a similar incident.

He said the House in the past few days had been inundated with series of reports on the issue. The lawmaker said a situation where cattle rearers forced their way into people's farmlands for the purposes of grazing was condemnable.

He said cows ought to be pushed into uncultivated farmlands, adding that it was wrong for people to feed their animals at the expense of other people who depend on the farmlands.

Dr. Egbuchulam expressed concern at the rate which cattle rearers brandish their dangerous weapons to threaten farm owners. He regretted that the law on the issue was being disobeyed by some people with impunity, adding that the worst is when farm owners approach the cattle rearers they would threaten to attack them.

## Plateau PDP caretaker c'ttee files for stay of execution

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE caretaker committee of the PDP in Plateau State yesterday moved its application for a stay of execution of the judgment of a High Court which dissolved it to the Federal Court of Appeal in Jos. The development is sequel to the transfer of all documents relevant to the appeal filed by the caretaker committee to the Court of Appeal by the High Court.

Answering questions from newsmen after filing the application marked CA/J/94m/2010 for a stay of execution, counsel to the caretaker committee, Solomon Umoh, explained that with the transmission of the documents from the lower court to the Appeal Court, the Appeal Court had the powers to hear the matter. He confirmed that his clients were asking the Court of Appeal to stop the implementation of the judgment at the lower court pending when the appeal which they have filed is determined.



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**TENDER NOTICE**

Invitation for pre-qualification to tender for the construction of feeder road from Botai to Kwanar Taya

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6. List of similar projects executed
7. Copy of Kano state contractors registration
8. Evidence that the contractors has the equipment and personnel required to execute the project
9. Evidence of settlement of PAYE and other withholding taxes
10. Local resources utilization
11. Community and social responsibility support
12. Any additional information that may enhance the chances of the contractor.

**SUBMISSIONS OF DOCUMENTS**

All pre-qualification documents are to be delivered on or before May 26, 2010 to the office of the Head of Personnel Management/Planning Research and Statistics Departments Ajingi local government, and shall be clearly written.

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**Bids will be open at the office of the secretary tenders board on May 27, 2010.**

**SIGNED:**  
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# Nigerians may pay higher electricity tariff

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

NIGERIANS may be soon have to pay as much as N22 as tariff for a unit of electricity consumed, the General Secretary of the labour wing of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Alhaji Ibrahim Bawa has said. Speaking at a meeting of staff of the PHCN in Minna, Niger State, Bawa said when the PHCN is fully privatized; Nigerians would be made to pay N18 more than the current rate.

"All those who want to privatise the power sector are only trying to kill the sector as tariff will increase to N22 per unit of power consumed instead of the present N4 which will leave an average power consumer with the burden of paying N10,000 monthly," he said.

He said instead of the Federal Government to explore ways of converting available water in the country into dams, it was planning to give the power sector to people he described as profiteers.

"In Zugeru, after a detailed feasibility study, we dis-

covered that the place can be used for hydro power generation, but since that was discovered in 1983, the Federal Government has remained silent about it," he said.

He faulted the government's plan to sell off the existing assets of the power sector which he said had suffered several years of neglect. He maintained that the move would lead to the collapse of the sector.

"Since 1968, that the Kanji dam commenced full operations, no single unit in the station has been overhauled," he added.

## UN food agency charges govts on emergency response

From Sunday Ejike Benjamin, Lagos

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) yesterday said both the federal and state governments must have a minimum level of emergency response capacity to amicably address emergency situations in the country.

"What needs to be done during emergency situation is not to think, but to react. That is to say that, every thinking should have been done before the emergency", the Head, Regional Office of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit of the United Nations World Food Programme, Mr. William Affif said.

Addressing stakeholders in emergency management yesterday at the Lagos office of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Mr. Affif said the WFP team was on a capacity assessment mission in the country, adding that capacity assessment was an integral part of the process of capacity devel-

opment.

He said the WFP was partnering governments and international organisations in the United Nations on emergency preparedness and management, saying the visit to Nigeria was to analyse the current capacity of all stakeholders, reflect on management of crises which occurred in the country in the past 10 years and to improve coordination of capacity building in the management of emergency. Earlier, NEMA Deputy Director, Planning Research and Forecasting Alhaji Alhassan Nuhu said the WFP assessment is part of its collaboration with NEMA to establish and sustain disaster management in the country. He said the visit would provide the team the opportunity to access NEMA's capability in emergency preparedness and response, identify its weakness and areas of need. He added that it was in furtherance with the agency's mandate to prevent, mitigate and respond to emergencies that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the United Nations World Food Programme.

## Teen Boko Haram suspect seeks freedom

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

A teenager suspected of being a member of the Boko Haram sect has filed an application for bail at the Borno State High Court to be released from the social welfare home, where minors among the suspected members are presently being held. The teenager is one of the suspected members of the sect facing trial at the state High Court 9 in Maiduguri.

In a motion for bail filed on behalf of the boy, Barrister Ibrahim Watila appealed to the court to grant the accused bail, pending the determination of the case. He told the court that the teenager was arrested two months after the Boko Haram incident at his father's shop, where he was selling wares. He added that at the time of his arrest, he was only 13 years old and that none of the 18 witnesses that testified implicated the accused in anyway. The counsel also argued that the accused was entitled to bail. The prosecuting counsel, Barrister Richard Balami opposed the bail application, saying the accused was charged with an offence punishable by death. He added that the argument that the accused is young does not hold ground.

## Princewill dumps AC

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

ACTION Congress (AC) leader in Rivers State Prince Tonye Princewill Wednesday end weeks of speculation on his political future with his resignation from the Action Congress Party. According to him, this decision was a result of series of consul-

tations with his friends and family members. In his resignation letter submitted to the AC chairman of Ward 3, Asari-Toru Local Government Council David Long John, he said, "After several years of membership in this great party, it is with a heavy heart that I tender my resignation. I remain grateful to the party for giving me the opportunity to serve and work for the greater good

of the state and our democracy. I wish you all well in your future endeavours".

He expressed gratitude to certain individuals for the roles they played in his life at different times. They included Chief Bola Tinubu, who he said supported him when it mattered most and gave him the strength to see it through. He also thanked Chief Tom Ikimi the South - South leader for the role he played in ensuring that the state chapter was not hijacked by disgruntled elements.



### Invitation for Bids The Federal Government of Nigeria SOKOTO STATE HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II (PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS) Credit No.4522 UNI-IFB No. SO/HSDP/AF/GD/007/NCB/10

- This invitation for Bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Daily Trust Newspapers of April, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 as published by Federal Ministry of Health.
- The Federal Government of Nigeria has received credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Health System Development Project II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Procurement of DRUGS.
- The Sokoto State Health System Development Project III now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and installations of the following items.

LOT1	ITEM	BID SECURITY	DELIVERY LOCATION	DELIVERY SCHEDULE
1.	Anti-Malaria Drugs	At least 2% of Bid Price	SHSDP/II Office	60 days from the date of contract award
2.	Anesthetic and Haematonic Drugs	At least 2% of Bid Price	SHSDP/II Office	60 days from the date of contract award
3.	Essential Drugs	At least 2% of Bid Price	SHSDP/II Office	60 days from the date of contract award

Bidders may bid for any one or more lots and discounts offered for the award of combined lots would be considered in bid evaluation.

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from (SHSDP II Office) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Monday to Thursday & from 10.00am to 10.00pm on Fridays, commencing on the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 except on public holidays.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Ten Thousand Naira (N10,000.00) or in equivalent of US Dollars. The method of payment will be Bank Draft or Cash to Sokoto State Health System Development Project II. The document will be collected by hand or sent by Courier Services on request.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 10.00am local time on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2010. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of at least 2% of bid price or an equivalent amount freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10.00am local time on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2010.

The Project Manager,  
Sokoto Health System Development Project II,  
Shehu Kangiwa Secretariat, Block 13, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.  
GSM No. 080-36271172, 08035044025  
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2.	Teaching Aid	At least 2% of Bid Price	SHSDP/II Office	60 days

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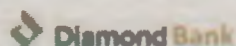
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## Kogi zonal hospitals get ambulances

BEAUTIFUL Nigeria! What's so special in procuring ambulance in a hospital that it has to be advertised for the world to see? I wonder when we as a nation will begin to realize that some of these things are basic

needs for the people and purchased with what originally belongs to the people. I think it is high time we shift from 'requesting for clapping' or paying for coverage of projects done with tax payers' money and

know that the provision of adequate and functional hospitals, schools, roads, housing, etc is the right of the people and the person executing is only a custodian of what belongs to the people. If you use your own

pocket money to execute projects, you can advertise it if you feel like, but not after using what does not actually belong to you. In fact, you should be queried for not doing it and you should inform the peo-

ple about what you are doing with their resources. Small projects must attract some mammoth crowds. Haba!

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## Sambo may emerge as VP today



KADUNA State Governor, Namadi Sambo

I think, looking at the profile of the shortlisted names that Governor Sule Lamido, stands shoulder high over them in terms of political maturity, foresight, purposeful leadership and commitment to The Nigeria Project. Therefore, he deserves to be considered for the number two seat if we really need progress and development. People can attest to this fact if they visit Jigawa to see the real transformation going on. May Allah help us and make Sule the Vice President. Certainly, Nigeria will be elevated to the next level.

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We are only hoping for the one who is ready to be the servant of this country not the one who will want it for his own political machine. I pray that Allah accepts our prayer. Amin.

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The president should not be pressured into nominating his deputy. He should look for a good candidate who he can easily work with. He should be aware of all these political sycophants parading themselves in the corridor of power. Many of them do not mean well for the nation. Also, the person considered by the President as his deputy should not only be screened

by only the SSS, but should undergo comprehensive medical screening to ascertain their capability to face the rigors of the office. Please only a healthy person needs to be considered; those who have poor medical history should be dropped.

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Since the coming of Namadi as governor of Kaduna state, we the people of the state have known no development. This is a government which was popular at the beginning but throughout its 3 years no serious development was witnessed. If he becomes the Vice President, Kaduna state will begin to experience a moral rebirth and a new beginning.

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Governor Namadi Sambo's elevation is a good omen to President Jonathan's government judging from his achievements in Kaduna state. I hope he'll really complement Jonathan's efforts.

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He is okay for the job of Vice President. Go ahead and appoint him.

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If the Northern Governors' Forum has finally convinced President Goodluck Jonathan that the Vice President must emerge from their midst, then I don't have any objection about Governor Namadi Sambo. Rather I wish him good luck and implore him to be vigilant and shun personal preferences.

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I do hope that both Senator Emordi and the Senate will abide by the verdict of the court to swear in Igbeke as the Senator representing Anambra North constituency. We should try to avoid sentiments and allow the rule of law to thrive. By so doing, we will be helping to maintain and improve the image of the country. We should not be seen as a nation that does not respect its laws. Igbeke, make sure you are allowed

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Arch. Namadi Sambo is a gentleman who can do well as a Vice President, but the reality is that we needed Jonathan to think twice rather than submitting totally to an unconstitutional forum which is holding this nation to ransom.

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That's a wonderful selection. Indeed Arch Namadi Sambo has all the qualities. I believe Arch Sambo will work for the interest of the country. May Allah give him the strength to leave up to our expectations.

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God bestows His power on who He wills. If he is the chosen one by God, we should all be praying for him and his boss for good governance and service delivery to all and sundry in this country.

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If Namadi will be considered at all, then this is a big disaster. What does he have to show for his years as governor in Kaduna?

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I wish whoever is appointed the best of luck. But every time the PDP government appoints (or SELECTS as they call it) someone to any office, it keeps me wondering if it is really for the interest of Nigeria or the interest of 'the few'.

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to serve your four years tenure and nothing less.

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It is unfortunate that things like this are happening in our beloved country, Nigeria. What kind of rebranding are we embarking on when we behave in this manner? Our leaders and politicians should have the fear of God in all that they do.

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PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan

## Aide: Jonathan will contest in 2011

I think President Jonathan has all the constitutional rights to contest the election come 2010 as the presidential candidate under any political party, including the PDP, but what happens to the PDP zoning arrangement? Or, should we all be known for changing the goal post each time to suit our whims and caprices?

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Jonathan has shown that he can do it; we have petrol in every filling station now and that is what all our northern presidents failed to do. So, go Jonathan! You have my vote! ...and if you are able to make electricity available like petrol, then you will have my wife's vote and those of our three children!!!

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My advice is that Mr. President should bow out honorably. God doesn't want him to contest any position with anyone. If the PDP zoning system never existed, he may not have even been a deputy governor.

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Now both the so-called Northern elders and those elements behind the scenes should come back to their senses. There is no provision that prohibits him from contesting and to us in the opposition, we are so happy with the development because we see more chances of winning as more divisions could appear in the PDP.

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## Court asks Senate to swear in Igbeke

ONCE more the court of appeal has refused to yield to the manipulative litigations of selfish politicians whose stock in trade is to hoodwink the judiciary into unnecessary ghost-chasing only to turn back and blame the revered bench for delays in passing judgments.

With this judgment, the people of Anambra North Senatorial zone can now have a true indigene representing them... something that has long been denied them after Senator Emma Anosike was evicted by the court. It is for this reason and

other orchestrated acts of marginalization of Anambra North Senatorial zone in Anambra state politics that the people have been calling for equity. It is on record that the zone has never produced the Governor of the state whereas the other zones have had two turns and Anambra Central zone having its third. Presently the zone is without any key political office as the Governor, His Deputy, Speaker of State Assembly and the two Ministers from the state are all shared between the South and Central zone.

## 'Anglised' Hausa (Ingausa)

“*Ke wallahi wata tsamiya ce!* And the response 'kaine tsami', was what started it all. It was my fifteen year old son speaking through the window, to the house maid, Basira. She must have disturbed a slumber as she went to wash plates behind their window. The savvy Basira is well known for her songs while she carries on with her house chores. The way this singsong carries on, made me believe, though singing helps her while away the time as she goes on with her work, there really must be some 'makadi' amongst her ancestors, for with Basira even 'Malam's tilawa' is brought back to him with numerous 'notes' attached.

'Abdul! I quickly called out before the conversation turned into a fight. Their conversation kept turning in my mind. I had picked the words 'tsamiya' and 'tsami'. These words were not used in their true meaning. Actually, they were used derogatorily. As I thought about it, I came to realize, this is how it starts. How words, new or otherwise are misused or abused till they eventually become accepted. This could be due to the interaction of the speakers with other tribes or an attempt by these tribesmen to speak Hausa. In any case this is really what makes languages dynamic. Languages like Hausa change with 'zamani'. It absorbs new words from generation to generation. One easily notices the impact

How words, new or otherwise are misused or abused till they eventually become accepted

of English and Arabic on the Hausa language and how *Malam Bahausha* adopted words from these languages or corrupted their words to suit him. From the Arabic word 'khadimi' he dropped the 'k' to have a smooth flow as he called 'hadimin sa' (his assistant), the 'almiqas' (scissors) he called 'almakashi', and where the Arab called pocket 'aljaif' he made it a stronger word to pronounce; 'aljihu'!

As words are borrowed and manipulated, so do they also lose their original meanings as they are given another, like 'tsami' (sour) now stands in for 'wawa' ('uncouth'), like 'waya' which was Hausa word for telegraph (wire-kar ta kwana) now generally meaning 'phone' which originally was called 'tarho' or 'tanganah'. 'Kusurwa' is a word hardly used for 'corner', because 'kwana' has taken over especially on the roads and this makes one wonder if some *bahausha* who had passed away some 100 years were to return today, would he recognize this language we now speak as Hausa? A little research into the language will reveal that we have now 'Hausanised' so many words to suit us, to the extent that a lot of us have been using them all our lives without realizing that these words have original Hausa words denoting what they represent, which more often than not, have gone out of use. Who would

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have thought the word 'dabi' meant kitchen or that 'ta mola' means football.

As a lot of us Hausa Fulani became educated in the English language, Hausa now became assimilated with words borrowed, corrupted, adapted and incorporated to it, in a way that these words would conform to the structure of the language. So, cup became 'kofi' and not 'moda'. Blue -'bulu' and not 'shudi', color 'kala' as 'launi' is hardly used today. 'Ragadada' quite a mouthful, so it became 'farfesu'-pepper soup, secretary is 'magatakarada', but who's to tell, not even people who are secretaries, I bet.

In the course of this write up, I came across a book *Perspectives on Kano-British Relations* and a whole chapter devoted to these changes in the Hausa language. And using it, Hajo asked the youngsters around us, names of several things in the house and wasn't surprised when they could only give the *Hausanised* version. They didn't know 'sakarkari' (lavatory), 'salga' (pit latrine) and 'ba haya'-no hire (toilet), denoting that toilet in a collective rented apartments is free, so *bahausha* adopted the word. She got us all when she asked what 'sam poti' was. It's a Hausa word, she swore when I argued it had to be her creation. I called 'Yallabai' who had a hearty laugh before answering. 'It sure is a Hausa word', but one only those visiting cinema houses can tell you. Here the words 'some' and 'portion' have been corrupted in reference to the tradition where cinema houses show parts of the movie they would be showing tomorrow, to today's audience in order to attract them back. And then she asked for the name of that 'detail' peculiar to women only. 'Mhn, I know that. I answered, 'kwanseti' - Hausanised from 'corsets'. I looked up when she said no, and still cannot believe the very chauvinistic name she called it, 'rai ya ki dangana' (hope not lost!). Must have been coined by a man!

If 'sam poti' is a classical example of *bahausha's* Hausanising words for easy pronunciation, then 'cousin sister', 'cousin brother' can only be an example of the *bahausha's* struggle with where to place 'cousin', being the custodian of the extended family tradition, where 'da duk na kowa ne' (a child belongs to all). It depicts 'bahausha' trying to adopt and adapt new concepts and ideas that are not his and have no equivalents in his culture.

I escorted Hajo to her car and encountered Basira dancing and singing another Hausa film song, while a broom obviously brought to sweep the 'dandali' ('the stage') 'waited' on the ground. She was oblivious of our presence till I said 'Basira, in kin kai aya, zo a kara' (at end of the stanza, come for more). My words silenced her. Hajo laughed saying 'su Ali Nuhu sunyi missing anan'. 'Sun kam yi missing' I replied in this new language we are developing, this 'Ingausa' where we interchange between Hausa and English words effortlessly, like Malam Ibrahim Sheme said in the 'Bahaushiya Magazine', 'salvation kuma sai God'.



By Aja N. Aja

## In defence of Turai

There seems to be a well-oiled and orchestrated media war to put the immediate past First Lady, Hajiya Rukkaiya Turai Yar'adua, to the sword.

Almost every columnist, opinion writer or blogger wants to have a hand in the martyrdom of Turai. It is my view that the unrelenting spate of attacks and disparaging innuendoes are uncorroborated by facts that are in the public domain. At best, they reflect an immoral scapegoatism created out of media hysterics. Always in a hurry to fill the gaps, the media have contrived to clothe the reserved but strong-willed Turai with the inglorious garb of villainy so as to plug the holes in the Yar'adua saga. If Abacha reportedly died on the laps of Indian ladies and Stella was sacrificed to the god (or was it goddess) of beauty ---a la tummy tuck--- then somebody must of necessity bear responsibility for the "untimely" death of our dear President.

It is not news that our late President was the quiet type. However, it cannot be said that he was easily manipulated. It must not be forgotten that our late President belonged and subscribed to the anti-establishment philosophy of the People's Redemption Party, when his father was at a time the National Vice Chairman of the ruling National Party of Nigeria during the Second Republic. Having been singlehandedly installed by his predecessor in office, not few people expected the late President's tenure to be anything different from an extension of the OBJ administration. Not only did the late President take steps to ensure and insure his independence, he directly challenged the popular notion of a fickle-minded Presidency by assaulting some of the bastions erected by Obasanjo. Bode George; Nuhu Ribadu and El Rufai were just few of the institutionalized personages that were decapitated one way or the other under Yar'adua. Those were definitely not the actions of a lily-livered Presidency. That same Yar'adua was the one upon whom his wife reportedly prevailed not to resign when his illness took a turn for the worse.

Her alleged reluctance to relinquish power and return to the kitchen set the tune for her husband's swan song. It is not contested that Turai has a strong personality. However, that should be complimentary, especially as her husband allegedly lacked firmness. Sundry allegations have been bandied as to how she was the actual Lord of the Manor, but not even a shred of evidence has been adduced to buttress the weighty charges. We have been regaled with tales of how she influenced and compromised due process in the award of contracts, how she manipulated the appointment of key officers in government, most especially the NNPC, and how she replicated the feudal anachronism of the Hausa-Fulani in the Presidency. What can an outsider like me who has no information foothold in the Presidency say other than to suggest that these stories constitute onion peels of speculations, which yield to more layers, and yet more.

There is no evidence to show that Turai had a hand in Yar'adua choosing to run for the Governorship of Katsina. She was not also mentioned in the subsequent decision to mutate to the Presidency, the story of which apparently climaxed in

the Umaru, are-you-dead phone call to Saudi by Obj in the heat of campaigns. The office of the First Lady having been acknowledged to enjoy no legal or constitutional flavour, Turai practically had no other position than the wife of the President. Even her pet project was not funded from government coffers. The only substance in the saga, at least the verifiable one, was that she remained true to her marital oath to be with her husband in good times and in bad times. She discharged this duty with aplomb, striving to maintain the dignity of her bedridden husband until the last moment. Her characteristic devotion to her family probably did not sit well with so many who would have her abandon ship in the middle of the storm.

Many there are who have canvassed the opinion that she should have prevailed on him to resign in order to see to his health, especially after the doctors declared his illness terminal. But we forget that it is not over until it is over, and that it is only God who decides when it is over.

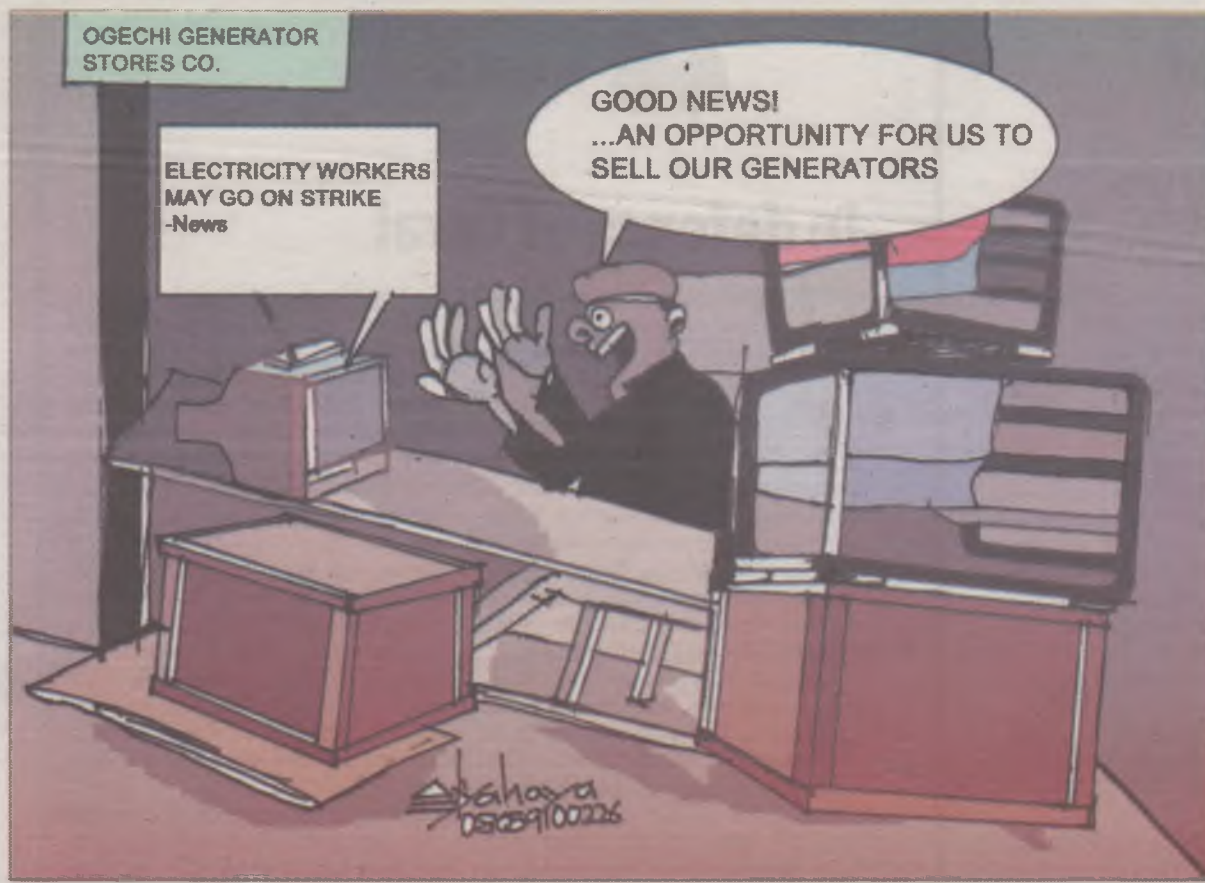
There seems to be a lacuna somewhere. Is not said that behind every successful man there is a woman? Was Yar'adua not successful with the Niger Delta? What about banking reforms, respect for rule of law, respect for separation of powers and taking positive steps to reform the electoral system? Should we not ascribe part of the stimulus for success to the effervescent presence and support of his closest ally, Turai? Has speculation acquired such a definitive essence as to rob hard facts the attribute of sacredness?

In common law jurisprudence, it is wisdom to allow ninety-nine guilty persons to escape justice than punish one innocent person; so, what if posterity snubs this amalgamated conspiracy to daub Turai in inglorious colours? Just consider for one moment, what if Turai was a victim of circumstance and not a manipulator of men and situations as the press would have us believe? What if some other person was orchestrating the dance when the President was absent? Did the incumbent President say Turai prevented him from seeing Yar'adua? Or has the silence of the accused assumed a deeper meaning than mere resignation to the will of the Almighty in her moment of distress?

Of course Turai is a mere mortal, warts and all. Of course she might have dabbled in occasional vanity and nursed sundry secret ambitions; of course she might have done worse than we even suspect she did. However, in the absence of facts, I hold the view that she did not do what any of our mothers or sisters would flinch at. In fact, she handled the protracted illness and eventual death of her husband with uncommon maturity and Spartan stoicism. Maybe we would have held Stella responsible for OBJ's failed 3rd term bid if she had not died before it happened; or we would have accused Maryam of megalomania and granite-heartedness had one Al Mustapha not been unearthed after Abacha died. Maybe; maybe not. The final verdict rests with God.

Accept my condolences, Madam, and may the soul of your beloved husband find rest in paradise.

Aja wrote from Utako District, Abuja.



By Bukar Usman

## Nigeria's renewal of international engagement (I)

**G**oodluck Jonathan's visit to the United States of America on April 11, 2010 (when he was acting president) highlighted Nigeria's relations with that country in particular and the international community in general. Some hailed it as a renewal of engagement between Nigeria and the rest of the world. Prior to that historic visit, it seemed Nigeria practiced low-key diplomacy with most countries of the world, probably a reflection of President Umaru Yar'adua's tendency to be somewhat reclusive.

With respect to the United States, the visit came up against the background of strained relations brought about by the involvement of Farouk Umaru Abdulmutallab in alleged acts of terrorism towards the end of December 2009. In the aftermath of that episode, Nigeria was listed by the US government as one of over a dozen countries in the world for special monitoring and look-out for possible terrorist action emanating from those countries targeting the US.

The furore in Nigeria and the mixed reaction of most Americans about the inclusion of Nigeria on the list became public policy of great concern to the two countries, as well as the African-American community and big oil interests. Both countries were embarrassed by the turn of events and searched for amicable ways to sort out the matter.

Going down the memory lane, Nigeria-US relations had had a chequered history dating back to Nigeria's independence. At independence, the US was not quite high in Nigeria's diplomatic and trade reckoning, mainly on account of Nigeria's orientation toward Britain, the colonial power and the tacit acceptance and endorsement by the US of the concept of spheres of influence. In any case, the US and Britain have always had a special relationship, thus excluding the need for diplomatic rivalry over Nigeria.

Nigerians mostly look up to the UK whenever they go out in search of the Golden Fleece. This was informed by the fact that American educational system was seen and taken as inferior to that of the United Kingdom. This was so in spite of the pre-eminence of Harvard and Columbia universities, which were patterned after Oxford and Cambridge.

Some of the misconceptions about the US were to change fundamentally when Nigeria attained independence and tried in some ways to assert its non-alignment policy and its general perception of how its own foreign policy should be formulated independently.

The Nigerian three-year long civil war helped Nigeria to identify its real friends in the comity of nations, especially as some traditional friends hesitated in extending support to its effort at maintaining its territorial integrity. Strangely, support came from unexpected quarters. That gave Nigeria further opportunity to diversify its foreign relations and to lay stress on its policy of "concentric circles" which recognised the importance of our immediate neighbours. Gen. Yakubu Gowon's efforts in that regard elicited support of the Togolese President, Gen. Etienne Gnassingbe Eyadema. Their initiative culminated in the establishment of the Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS).

Nigeria-US relations got a big boost when Nigerian military leaders planned disengagement and adopted the Presidential system of government for the country. The US government offered generous assistance in various ways for a successful transmission from military dictatorship to democracy, based on the presidential system. Nigerians welcomed the idea of the election of a leader by the entire electorate as the much needed unifying factor against the divisive tendencies of diversity.

It is noteworthy that the presidential system has since taken deep roots, even though it is proving to be an unbearably expensive venture and, occasionally, provoking second thoughts about its continuance. Despite this sign of doubt, Nigeria-US relations are blooming. Former President Shehu Shagari and President Jimmy Carter exchanged visits. The warm relations were largely sustained in spite of some reservations towards the end of President Ibrahim Babangida's tenure. The hiccup was US government's perception that Nigeria was not doing enough to fight drug trafficking and financial crimes involving its citizens. Consequently, Nigeria was included among non-cooperating countries. Nigeria was later delisted by the Financial Action Task Force, although the country is now under pressure to bolster its anti-terrorism and financial crimes laws, now being considered by the National Assembly.

To be cont'd.

Usman, a former Federal Permanent Secretary, wrote from Abuja.

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### Unfair promotions in NAF

I read with interest an article 'Much Ado about Dambazau' written by one Abdulkarim Abdulmalik in the *Daily Trust* Newspaper of Wednesday, March 17, 2010. In the article he posited that when the Nigerian Army was criticized for not informing then Acting President about the return of President Yar'adua from Saudi Arabia, the Nigerian Air Force

was conveniently not mentioned. He deduced that it could be so because the Chief of Air Staff was Christian.

Well, I believe that is just one of the many issues in the Nigerian Air Force that the press has conveniently overlooked. In December 2009, the Nigerian Air Force released the promotion of its senior officers to the next higher rank. One of those promotions is from the rank of Air Commodore to Air Vice Marshal. Usually, in the spirit of federalism and equal representation as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, all political zones of the country are to be represented unless there is a mitigating circumstance. However, in

disregard to the principle of fairness, none of the six promoted is from the northwest of the federation. Instead, the slot for the northwest region was strategically given to the Southwest. This was done in spite of the fact that there were at least four Air Commodores qualified for promotion from the Northwest zone.

Also, of the four officers currently on course at NIPSS Kuru, near Jos, there are from the Southwest and the other one is from South-South. Meanwhile, there are officers from all the political zones of the federation that are awaiting the course.

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### Power shift in Kaduna?

A Vice Presidency of Namadi Sambo would mean finally power shifting to southern Kaduna. **IBRAHIM Muhammad S, Kaduna, 07034136252.**

### A wonderful prospect

IF the President finally settles for Namadi Sambo as his VP, that will at least pave the way for the Southern Kaduna to clinch the position of Governor in 2011 easily. A golden opportunity indeed! **MUHAMMAD Tukur Mujaya, Sokoto, 08065327829.**

### Goodluck of the North!

IF the choice stands for Arc Namadi Sambo as VP, then he must be the Goodluck of the North. **BASHIR Giade, Bauchi, 08039122690.**

### Honouring Yar'adua

GOVERNOR Ibrahim Shekarau should name BUK Road after late President Umaru Yar'adua,

in appreciation of what he did for Kano people when he was alive ( i.e. appointment of ministers of finance and planning, CBN governor, chief of army staff and many others. **ARC SALISU Bello, Dambatta, Kano State, 08034073223.**

### Government gesture not enough

JUST a road? Naming just a road within Abuja after late Yaradua is not enough. The National Assembly recommended a befitting structure. It's a fact he deserves better. The FEC should please source a better status to immortalise the icon. **MISADUT, 08098893775.**

### Still on PDP zoning formula

AGREED there was zoning arrangement by PDP. Did the arrangement say if the president dies in office, the position of the president will still remain in the zone? President Jonathan?

There's no reason there why Jonathan should not contest 2011 election.

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### Re: How should we

#### immortalise Yar'adua?

YES, yes, Maxwell is right; University of Abuja should be named after him.

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## EDITORIAL

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## 'Missing' N275bn of Customs' revenue

**A**t a recent public hearing, the Accountant General of the Federation, Alhaji Ibrahim Dankwambo told the House of Representatives' Committee on Customs that his office could locate a total of 275,340,998,544 naira of the revenue due to the Nigeria Customs Service, NCS in banks designated to collect such money and remit to a Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) account maintained for that purpose.

Alhaji Dankwambo told the committee that 274,799,000,026 naira that should be part of what accrued to the NCS in 2005, and 541,998,518 naira in 2007, were allegedly transferred by the banks to 'unknown accounts'. Debating the AGF's report on the matter, the House Committee alleged that there was 'secrecy' in the procedure in operating the Customs' CBN accounts that is kept by the Accountant General. The committee concluded that the AGF's report indicated 'clearly how the process is anything but transparent; the delay in remittances by designated banks into the CBN pool accounts had been quite alarming in view of the propensity of some of the banks to divert such funds for their own transactions.' Describing the alleged practice as 'criminal' and a breach of the agreements between the banks in question and the NCS, the committees asked that a list of the defaulting banks be sent to it for further investigation within one month.

The fact that such a huge part of government revenue would be 'missing' from the vaults of designated banks is anomalous; that the practice dates back to 2005 without anything being done until the National Assembly intervened, is scandalous. The banks are as complicit in this regard as is the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation. What kind of arrangement did the AGF's office put in place with the banks that could allow their keeping government revenue for so long, and then to later be declared 'missing'?

We agree with the committee's judgement that the banks' conduct, with the complicity of the AGF's office, is criminal. It is obvious from what has transpired that they there has been laxity in the administration of the pool accounts; whether this was the fault of the rules, or the deliberate actions of officials of all the organisations involved, that is the AGF, the NCS and the banks concerned, is a matter that should occupy the scrutiny of the legislators.

The report also revealed that there is poor management of government revenue collection system in the Customs, and probably in other government departments as well, such as the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), the Abuja Geographic Information Service (AGIS), the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), etc.

**T**he House committee should go a step further to hold a public hearing on the terms of the current arrangement with the banks on the operation of pool accounts. This should be with a view to re-examining such an arrangement where deficiencies that allow the banks such unfettered leeway with government funds are cured.

In this particular instance, it is necessary to hold to account all the banks involved in the matter. The committee should investigate where the entire money is, into whose accounts the money was paid, and who the beneficiaries of this obviously illegal transaction are.

This single episode also shows how tightening of the revenue collection process of the government can enhance its revenue. While government funds are hanging in various banks, presumed 'missing' by those who should know better, the citizens are the ones that government turns to for taxes to make up for shortfalls in revenue that is already within its grasp. The taxpayer should not be surcharged by government for the incompetence, even fraudulent conduct, of its officials.

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## The scramble for VP's seat

**T**he last one week since the sudden demise of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua has witnessed a flurry of political activities. People from all walks of life have been pouring eulogies on the late President. Everybody spoke well of him, not just because it is considered culturally repugnant to speak ill of the dead but because, in actual fact, he was a good man. He might have been surrounded by political wolves, but he was a good man all the same. Though the elections which brought the late President to power were seriously flawed, it was a mark of his honesty that he admitted it as such, and took bold steps to correct it in the future.

Compare the late President to his predecessor in office, former President Olusegun Obasanjo, who only recently declared that even Jesus Christ—the miracle from birth—peace be upon the prophet, was not capable of conducting free and fair elections in Nigeria. This is not a mark of sincerity on the part of Obasanjo; it is a justification of failure—Obasanjo's *deliberate failure* to conduct free and fair elections in Nigeria. Oh Allah, bear witness that we are not part of this blasphemy. We testify that all your chosen prophets are without blemish. All the prophets of God had successfully carried tasks far taxing than organising ordinary elections. In any case, organising elections is the responsibility of politicians, not those of the holy prophets and it was logically flawed for Obasanjo to drag in the holy name of Jesus in analysing his filthy politics. Obasanjo knows very well that conducting free and fair elections is humanly possible if it is guided by transparent intentions and actions. It is not a matter of technical or spiritual fixes.

**N**ow, the sad passing away of the enviable President Umaru Musa Yar'adua ought to be mourned; and the nation was supposed to be mourning for seven days as declared by President Goodluck Jonathan. However, the period of mourning has not stopped a relentless scramble for the Vice-President's seat. As a matter of fact, this scramble has been stealthily going on for months, beginning from the time the late President was hospitalised and especially when it gradually became evident to political pundits that he was critically ill and might not be able to resume duties as President again. Even as the former Vice-President Goodluck Jonathan was hankering after the yet-to-be-vacant seat of the late President, some others were struggling over the yet-to-be-vacant seat of the Vice-President as well. Sadly, but that is the truth, many ambitious politicians appeared to be in a hurry to see the exit of the late President.

Now that the Umaru Musa Yar'adua is dead and Goodluck

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Jonathan has succeeded him, thereby vacating the seat of the Vice-President, there has been an intense lobbying from individuals and groups to ensure that the coveted seat goes to someone of their choosing. In particular, the PDP governors, members of the national assembly and other prominent politicians have been reported to be lobbying for the seat. While it is part of democratic traditions all over the world to lobby for posts and positions on issues, the Nigerian

eight years, he was firmly in control of his office. Yet, all through those years when Atiku was the Vice-President and his political protégé was the governor of Adamawa state, even the roads in Yola municipality were in deplorable condition. How could the wider region, the northeast, expect anything politically tangible from such a Vice-President? Hence, states like Borno have continued to remain neglected like some unfortunate orphans in the national scheme of things.

**P**erhaps it is worthwhile for the north-west to struggle for the post of the Vice-President or any other post for that matter. That region knows how to make the best out of the politics of a contested federation

Obasanjo knows very well that conducting free and fair elections is humanly possible if it is guided by transparent intentions and actions

brand of lobbying is to say the least, quite repulsive.

Consider, for example, the arguments by the PDP governors that it had been a trend to pick the Vice-President from among the governors. A group of PDP senators are also insisting that one of them should be chosen as the Vice-President. It appears that both groups are selfish. Neither the governors nor the senators have bothered to tell the nation why they prefer a particular candidate in terms of credibility and performance. Bearing in mind Nigeria's politics of region, religion and tribe, ordinary people may have some degree of interest in who becomes the next Vice-President. However, in the final analysis, what matters is the difference the chosen Vice-President can bring to the governance of his or immediate political constituency and the nation at large. Unfortunately, from antecedents since 1999, the Vice-President may not have the powers, the political will or the cooperation of his boss to make any significant difference in the governance of the nation.

**I**f the ambitions of the President and those of his vice clash, then the situation may be catastrophic, as we witnessed in the case of the open antagonism between former President Obasanjo and his erstwhile Vice-President Atiku Abubakar.

Again, going by the bitter experience of the northeast with Atiku Abubakar, a Vice-President may not make any difference to his geo-political region or even his state. Atiku Abubakar was Vice-President for eight years and at least for four of those

like Nigeria. The politicians of the north-west know that politics is about the allocation of scarce resources. For instance, early this year, I travelled, over a period of one month, across all the seven states of the north-west on a national assignment and saw, first hand, the differences in the electricity supply between the north-eastern states like Borno and north-western states like Sokoto and Kebbi.

**W**hile Borno State can be left in darkness continuously for a period of over ten days (as we are currently witnessing); as if the state is not part of Nigeria, a prominent resident of Birnin Kebbi was bitterly complaining to me how 'PHCN has started frequently switching its lights on and off like the way they do in Maiduguri'. What an apt example! Well, PHCN has now permanently switched its light off in Maiduguri and we do not have a President, a Vice-President, a Minister, a Governor or a Senator to speak on our behalf. So we have to suffer in silence. In Sokoto state, as at the time I visited in February 2010, the residents were still enjoying the 12-hourly supply of electricity, long after the arrangement had stopped working in Borno state!

In the final analysis, let anybody from any region other than the north-east, become the Vice-President of Nigeria. I personally do not care, and will not speak for any politician from the north-east, that is, unless they find their bearing, and realize that they have a constituency beyond their pockets and family members.

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Further to our advertisements in Daily Trust and the Punch Newspapers of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 respectively and in the Federal Tenders Journal of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition vol.6, on the above subject, please be informed that the following

projects are in addition to the ones earlier advertised. Interested Competent and Reputable Companies are therefore invited to apply for pre-qualification to tender for any of the following LOTS of their interest.

**2.0 SCOPE OF WORKS:**

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<b>NETWORK EXPANSION</b>	
<b>JSW 16</b>	<b>ELECTRIFICATION OF:</b>
JSW 16.1	AWAJIR - IKYOOR - AGIDI - GUNGUL - MBAAKPUR - ABAGHTYOTSAR - TSE - AGBERAGBA - IBER - ANSHAGBA - GBOGBO - IJOV - WUESE - KORINYA IN BENUE STATE
JSW 16.2	SAJ IN BENUE STATE
JSW 16.3	TSEHE - NGOBUA IN BENUE STATE
JSW 16.4	BRANCH KURHA - ATEKOMBO - GBE - ABIA - IGBEE - AKERIOR - TAANGAHAR UTANGE, BENUE STATE
JSW 16.5	IHUGH-AKAZUA MUJEMUE VILLAGE, BENUE STATE
JSW 16.6	IHUGH-ADEYONGO-GBEM, TSAMBE-MBAAKON-TSEMKER-AGUNAA-BRANCH-ATSAR-VANDEIKYA-TSER IN BENUE STATE.
JSW 16.7	IKPOGO - (EFFOYO) - EWWE - EBOYA (ELECTRIFICATION) (BENUE STATE)
JSW 16.8	OBAGAJUKOKLO, OSHIGBUDU / OWETO.
JSW 16.9	IPOLE OKO, OROKAMU / ADUMU IMOYE OCHEGE & ENVIRONS
JSW 16.10	AA-EDE / IBAGBA OWUKPA / ODOBE / IBAFU, ITABONO.
JSW 16.11	ADUM WEST/OHUMA / OYINYI/OJWO, OTADA, ONOBI OTUKPO, EBU / IPEGA/ OTOLI/ EHAJE OLEGA, ICHAMA EXT/ADIGA.
JSW 16.12	OCHOB/OATLO EXT. ODALEKO, UKPA OCHODU, OGYOMA, ADOKA/UMOGIDI/WILI, OGOL/POLO EXT.
JSW 16.13	OMLORPO-EKE, OJABA, ELE-OKPASU, OGODUMU, OLA-IDU, OJIGO.
JSW 16.14	OPIALU, OHUHU -OWO, OFOKE -OJOPE, ORIDO - UGBAMAKA, IGBEJI/ALLAN, AKWAPAVE/JOR.
JSW 16.15	IGAMA - OBLEGA - AJAPO, AGILA, ADUM EAST, AKPEGEDE.
JSW 16.16	BANGAL, BACHIT, FANG, LWA AND SHONONG IN RIYOM LGA PLATEAU STATE
JSW 16.17	COMPLETION OF THE JOS - ZARAZON-FOBUR - ELECTRICITY PROJECT
JSW 16.18	AINU COMMUNITY IN OJU LGA
JSW 16.19	COMPLETION OF ON-GOING ELECTRIFICATION OF KORINYA CITY/WUESE/JOV
JSW 16.20	YANA - JAKA - BANGRE- GAZA AND DUTSE ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT IN SHIRA LGA
JSW 16.21	EXTENSION OF ELECTRICITY TO KIDDA, PANDA, LEMBIYEL, JAURO GALE IN AKKO FED. CONST., GOMBE STATE
<b>JSW 17</b>	<b>RURAL ELECTRIFICATION OF:</b>
JSW 17.1	AWY -IKYOOR-GNG - MBAAKPUR-ABAGHTYOTSAR-TSE GBERAGBA-IBER ANSHAGBA- GBOGBOO - IJOV WUESE-KORINYA
JSW 17.2	IHUGH-ADEYONGO - GBEM, TSAMBE-MBAAKON-TSEMKER - AGU - NAA - BRANCH- ATSER-VANDEIKYA - TSAR
JSW 17.3	ZAKI BIAM - GBAGR - ALFA - GEBJI
JSW 17.4	KORZA - JOOTAR - GBEJI - VAASE
JSW 17.5	BRANCH KURHA - ATEKOMBO - GBE ABIA - IGBEE - AKERIOR TAANGAHAR UTANGE
JSW 17.6	ABIA - BOOR - ADIKPO MBAAGWA
JSW 17.7	TOR - DONGA - TIONKWASE
JSW 17.8	ZAKI - BIAM - BOSSUA
JSW 17.9	ABEDA - GONDOZUA
JSW 17.10	GYANGYANG IN KANKE LGA OF PLATEAU STA TE
JSW 17.11	SANKERA - AYATI, UKUM LGA OF BENUE STATE
JSW 17.12	KAFIN ROMI WARD.
<b>JSW 18</b>	<b>ENGINEERING DESIGN, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION (EPC):</b>
JSW 18.1	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 X 1.75MVA, 33/11KV INJECTION SUBSTATION AT EKE - AOKPASU / OLENGBECHOR AXS (BENUE)
JSW 18.2	CONSTRUCTION OF 33KV LINE AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK OF OPIALU / EFFIUM (BENUE)
JSW 18.3	PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF 300KVA TRANSFORMERS FOR EACH COMMUNITY IN THE FOLLOWING LGAS OF BENUE STATE: OTUKPO, APA, ADO, AGATU, OHIMINI, OGBADIGBO, OKPOKWU, OBI, OJU.
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JSW 18.5	CONSTRUCTION OF A 33KV ELECTRICITY LINE AND DISTRIBUTION IN WERENG RIYOM LGA, PLATEUA STATE
JSW 18.6	CONSTRUCTION OF 33KV OVERHEAD LINE FROM AWAJIR TO TSEAGBERAGBA
JSW 18.7	CONSTRUCTION OF 1 X 2.5MVA SUB-STATION AT DUKUJ, GOMBE STATE
JSW 18.8	CONSTRUCTION OF 2.5MVA SUBSTATION S AT JALO - AKA OF KWANDE LGA, BENUE STATE
JSW 18.9	PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION OF 500KVA 33/0.415KV TRANSFORMERS AT (LG SECRETARIAT BAJOGA FUNAKAYE LGA), (SHONGOM COMM. BANK, KALJUNGO LGA), (G.S.S. NAFADA, NAFADA LGA), (GRA GOMBE II, GOMBE LGA), GOMBE STATE
JSW 18.10	TOWN DISTRIBUTION NETWORK / SUPPLY OF TRANSFORMERS FOR DOROWA SHO, RAKUNG AND KOK, BARKIN LADI LGA, PLATEAU STATE.
JSW 18.11	PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF 300KVA TRANSFORMERS IN BOKKOS, MANGU, GINDIRI, SABON GARI IN BOKKOS LGA IN PLATEAU STATE.
JSW 18.12	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF INJECTION SUB-SUBSTATION IN BOKKOS LGA IN PLATEAU STATE
JSW 18.13	CONSTRUCTION OF INJECTION SUB-STATION AT DANGI IN KANAM LGA IN PLATEAU STATE.
<b>JSW 19</b>	<b>OVER HEAD LINE CONSTRUCTION:</b>
JSW 19.1	RECONDUCTORING OF NAFADA TOWN NETWORK, GOMBE STATE
JSW 19.2	EXTENSION AND PROVISION OF HT/LT OVERHEAD FEEDER AT MSA - LOBI, USHONGO LGA, BENUE STATE
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JSW 19.4	RECONDUCTORING OF DASS - TAFAWA BALEWA - BOGORO TRANSMISSION LINE, BAUCHI STATE.
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JSW 20.7	MABUDI, LANGTANG SOUTH LGA (PLATEAU)
JSW 20.8	TUNKUS, MIKANG LGA (PLATEAU)
JSW 20.9	RELIEF SUBSTATIONS AT OKPOGA, UGBOKOLO, OTUKPA (BENUE)
JSW 20.10	PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION OF 300KVA, 33/0.415KV TRANSFORMERS IN KWANDE / USHONGO, BENUE STATE
JSW 20.11	PROCUREMENT OF 500KVA, 33/0.415KV TRANSFORMER IN KWANDE / USHONGO FED. CONST. BENUE STATE
JSW 20.12	INSTALLATION OF 500KVA TRANSFORMERS FOR COMMUNITIES IN BOGORO, DASS & TAFAWA BALEWA LGAs, BAUCHI STATE
JSW 20.13	EXTENSION OF ELECTRICITY AND INSTALLATION OF TRANSFORMERS FROM DANGI LINE - LAMBA - UNGWAN - GAR, GUNCHAR, TAKDAM, ANDYOLA - WAKAT IN WASE EMIRATE IN PLATEAU STATE
JSW 20.14	INSTALLATION OF 300KVA TRANSFORMERS AND 500KVA TRANSFORMERS AT JOS ZONE.
<b>SECTION B</b>	<b>OPERATIONS:</b>
<b>JBG 21</b>	PROCUREMENT OF OPERATIONAL VEHICLES
<b>JBG 22</b>	MOBILE TESTING AND CONDITION MONITORING VAN CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING: (A) GENERATORS FOR DEHYDRATION (100KVA) and GENERATOR FOR AUXILIARY (8KVA), (B) OIL FILTRATION PLANT, (C) DEHYDRATION PLANT (D) TEST ROOM CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING: RATIO METERS; WINDING CAPACITACE AND TAN DELTA; DISS OLVED GAS ANALYZER; OIL TESTER KIT; and VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS FOR GENERAL TESTING OF TRANSFORMER.
<b>JBG 23</b>	15MVA MOBILE SUBSTATION CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING - 33KV INCOMER; DISCONNECTORS; 15MVA TRANSFORMER; TRANSFORMER CONTROL PANEL; and 11KV -2 INCOMONG PANEL BOARD.

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# AFRICA REPORT

## Investigators in Libya scour site of crashed Airbus

AVIATION experts combed rubble for more clues yesterday after finding the two black boxes from an Airbus jet that crashed at Libya's Tripoli airport, killing all but one of the 104 people on board.

The sole survivor of Afriqiyah Airways Flight 8U771 was a 9-year-old Dutch boy returning from a safari holiday with his family in South Africa, a Dutch newspaper reported.

Libya's government has ruled out an attack on the Airbus A330-200 that was flying from Johannesburg when it came down short of the runway early on Wednesday.

Experts from the Netherlands, United States and South Africa, a technical team from manufacturer Airbus and Libya's civil aviation authority began sifting through the scattered remains of the Airbus yesterday.

They will back up a committee investigating the crash, Libya's transport minister said. "We are going to give full cooperation to this committee," Mohamed Zidan told reporters.

He said the two black boxes containing voice and technical data from the flight had been recovered in good condition and handed to the committee.

Aviation experts said the almost brand new Airbus appeared to have hit the ground several hundred meters short of the Tripoli airport runway in vis-



A closeup shows the tail of an Afriqiyah Airways passenger plane which crashed during landing at Tripoli.

ibility of 5 to 6 km (3-4 miles).

They said the airport approach lacked systems to provide crew with the aircraft's distance and

height from the runway, although it was too early to say why it hit the ground and broke in pieces. Only the tailfin remained intact.

"Statistically the accident rate for these non-precision approaches is higher than for precision approaches. But we don't

know if that is significant in this case at all," said Paul Hayes, safety director at aerospace information provider Ascend.

### EU envoy appeals against unilateral Nile-sharing deal

A senior EU envoy urged seven east African countries yesterday to settle differences with Egypt and Sudan over sharing the waters of the Nile river and refrain from signing a new deal on their own. Marc Franco, who heads the European Union delegation in Egypt, issued the appeal as Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda were expected to launch the signing on Friday of a new water-sharing deal.

The agreement would replace a 1959 accord between Egypt and Sudan that gives them control of more than 90 percent of the water flow.

It would "not be a very good idea for seven countries to sign a document at this stage," Franco told a news conference in Cairo. A separate deal would "make the political problems that exist worse," Franco said, urging all countries concerned "to bridge the gaps" and "see what can be done to find a compromise." The seven upstream countries have been negotiating for years with Egypt and Sudan to clinch a more equitable agreement but talks have failed to produce any fruit. They have agreed on terms for a new pact and could ink the deal when it opens for signature on Friday in Entebbe. "What we are doing is launching the signing. Any country that feels they cannot sign now but may be ready to sign later will have one year," Jennifer Namuyangu Byakatonda, Uganda's state minister for water told AFP in Kampala.

Byakatonda insisted that the upstream countries will not capitulate to demands for further negotiations. "Negotiations are closed," she said. "The terms will not change." The upstream countries want to implement irrigation and hydropower projects in consultation with Egypt and Sudan but Cairo could exercise the veto power it was given by a 1929 colonial-era treaty with Britain.

### Middlemen negotiate pirate ransoms

A Somali who used to import soft drinks and didn't go beyond the seventh grade says he's made hundreds of thousands of dollars brokering deals to free ships and their valuable cargos after pirates attack.

The 32-year-old Somali, who would be identified only by his alias, Abdi Sheik, says he helped gain the release earlier this year of a super-tanker carrying an estimated \$150 million of crude oil. He claims to have successfully negotiated the release of an arms-laden Ukrainian ship and the 20 sailors onboard.

In an interview with The Associated Press, he tried to justify his role, downplaying that he was dealing with criminals and that his own actions may be dubious.

"I'm just helping poor sailors caught up in a tag-of-war between greedy pirates and selfish ship owners," Sheik insisted. "I don't think I'm a criminal because I'm not part of the doers nor part of the receivers."

Sheik allowed himself to be identified by only an alias for fear of reprisals or possible pursuit by Interpol.

Details of his accounts of being a middleman could not be entirely verified, but Sheik has previously provided AP with reliable inside information about hijacked ships and a business associate confirmed his involvement in ransom negotiations.

Piracy is big business in Somalia, which has not had a functioning government since 1991. Somali pirates have collected far more than \$100 million in the last several years. The International Maritime Bureau says sea attacks worldwide surged 39 percent in 2009 to 406 cases, the highest in six years.

### S/Africa novelist among Libya crash victims

HER publisher confirms a South African novelist was among those killed in the crash of a Libyan airliner.

In a statement on its website yesterday, South African publisher 30 Degrees South said Bree O'Mara, who lived in the eastern city of Durban, had been flying to London to sign a British publishing deal for her second novel.

A Dutch boy was the only survivor of Wednesday's crash in the Libyan capital that killed 103 people.

The Johannesburg daily The Citizen and 30 Degrees South co-sponsored a contest for unpublished writers that O'Mara won in 2007 for "Home Affairs", her first novel. South African readers vote for the winner based on synopses of unpublished work.

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Mrs. Halima Bala Mohammed 1972 - 2010

The Board, Management and Staff of the Nigerian Communications Commission announce with deep sorrow, the sudden death of Mrs. Halima Bala Mohammed, which occurred on Thursday, April 29, 2010 after a protracted illness. She was a staff of the Nigerian Communications Commission Zonal Office in Kano. She has since been buried according to Islamic rites.

May her gentle soul rest in peace and May the Almighty grant her Al-Jannatu-Fir-Daus.

SIGNED:



Management

# Middle East & Asia



MAJ. Gen. Khattiya Sawasdiphol, a renegade army general accused of leading a paramilitary force.

## Rogue Thai general aiding Red Shirts shot in head

A renegade army general accused of leading a paramilitary force among Thailand's Red Shirt protesters was shot in the head yesterday as he spoke with foreign reporters on a street near a downtown Bangkok subway station. A second person was shot in the head by soldiers in ensuing clashes that continued in the night, an Associated Press cameraman saw. At least three other people were injured.

Maj. Gen. Khattiya Sawasdiphol was shot following a government warning it

would shoot "terrorists" in its latest effort to end the two-month-long siege by thousands of Red Shirts. He is currently in hospital intensive care. The protesters, mostly rural poor, are occupying a 1-square-mile (3-square-kilometer) area in a posh neighborhood to pressure the prime minister to resign and call elections.

Dressed in military-style fatigues, Khattiya was being interviewed outside the Silom subway station at the edge of the protest zone when a bullet struck him in the head.

## US defense businessman dies in Jordan

THE president of a South Carolina-based defense firm fell to his death from the second floor of a deserted building in the Jordanian capital, security officials said yesterday, three days after his body was found. Police have ruled out foul play.

John Zinn, 33, president and chief executive officer of Defense Venture Group, was in Amman, Jordan, for a military exhibition when he died Tuesday "after suffering an accident while on a business trip," his company said.

Four senior Jordanian officials said Zinn's body was found lying behind a 40-foot wall in the basement of an abandoned building in Amman's rough-and-tumble Hay al-Masraweh district, which overlooks the city's bustling downtown. The district is mainly inhabited by Egyptian, Filipino and other Asian domestic workers.

Dr. Momen al-Hadidi, who is Jordan's chief forensic expert and performed an autopsy on the body, said Zinn died of "severe internal bleeding caused by head and body fractures resulting from a fall from a high elevation." Al-Hadidi declined to provide further details.

But a top security official said an investigation showed that Zinn was "highly intoxicated." He and another official also involved in the ongoing investigation said preliminary reports show no indication of foul play or attempted suicide.

A third official said Jordanian intelligence has taken over the investigation because of the "suspicious circumstances" surrounding Zinn's death. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

## Israelis: No halt to east Jerusalem construction

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hawkish coalition partners vowed yesterday to keep building Jewish settlements and demolishing unauthorized Palestinian homes in contested east Jerusalem — despite indications the Israeli leader has put the brakes on both.


The United States opposes both at this delicate time, when indirect talks between Israelis and Palestinians have just begun. The remarks by Netanyahu's partners show the thin tightrope he has to walk in trying to address the conflicting demands of his political allies at home and Israel's strongest ally abroad.

Yesterday, Israeli Inte-

rior Minister Eli Yishai of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party reasserted his claim that Israel would never freeze construction in east Jerusalem, the sector of the holy city that Palestinians want for a future capital.

"We will build in every part of Jerusalem, the capital of the Jewish people's homeland for eternity, and I made this clear to our American friends and colleagues as well," Yishai, whose ministry approves Jerusalem construction, told a weekly newspaper published by his party.

He was also quoted as saying he would convene a municipal planning committee soon to advance new projects.



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## World Report

# New UK govt says no deadline for Afghan withdrawal



WILLIAM Hague, the newly appointed Foreign Secretary, arrives for the first cabinet meeting.

BRITAIN'S new foreign minister says both partners in the coalition government want British troops to stay in Afghanistan until their job is done.

Foreign Secretary William Hague says there are "no major differences" on Afghan strategy between the Conservatives and

their junior partners, the Liberal Democrats.

The Lib Dems campaigned on a promise to bring Britain's 10,000 troops home within five years.

But Hague said yesterday the government would not set an artificial deadline.

He says Conservatives and Lib Dems would "take stock together and come to a shared understanding of the situation."

Hague will visit Washington Friday for talks with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Britain has lost 285 troops in Afghanistan since 2001.

# Poland unveils memorial to Warsaw ghetto fighters

POLISH officials unveiled a new monument yesterday honoring the last group of Jewish insurgents to escape from Warsaw's burning ghetto in 1943 as the Nazis crushed the revolt against their brutal rule.

It was a doomed struggle, but some managed to survive, and today the act of resistance stands as a source of pride for many Jews, especially in Israel. With the remaining ghetto population facing mass deportations to death camps, the insurgents rose up in April 1943 and managed to hold off the German army for nearly a month before being crushed.

The bronze memorial shows a sewage canal rising vertically from the ground with disembodied hands symbolically climbing their way to freedom. It honors insurgents who escaped the ghetto to the city's "Aryan" side through a stinking, dark and claustrophobic sewage canal.

The monument stands on Prosta Street where the last group of about 50 fighters emerged on May 10, 1943. The leader of that escape, Simha Rotem, today an 86-year-old Israeli, was honored by officials at the ceremony.

"We are here today to commemorate the heroic deed of a great Pole and a great Jew," Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski said. "We must remember that his heroism did not end in 1943. Together with several of his companions, he also took part a year later in the Warsaw Uprising," another ill-fated insurgency, that one by the entire city.

Rotem, whose nom de guerre was Kazik, remembered the uprising as "suicidal."

"We stood no chance; we were convinced that no one would survive this fight," Rotem said. However, after many days of "fighting against the Germans, it turned out that the majority of us were still breathing. In spite of impossible conditions, we were prepared to carry on with the fight, but we were threatened with being burned alive."

At that point, with the battle lost, Rotem said it was necessary to cross the besieged ghetto walls and "get out of this hell." He recalled that several attempts were unsuccessful before he led the final escape. The events are described in a book he has written, "Memoirs of a Warsaw Ghetto Fighter."

# Security agents kill three behind Moscow metro blasts

SECURITY services killed three people involved in the suicide attacks on the Moscow metro in March after they refused to surrender, Russia's security chief said yesterday.

Two female suicide bombers, who officials say were natives of Russia's North Caucasus region of Dagestan, blew themselves up at two central underground stations, killing 40 people.

Alexander Bortnikov, head of the FSB domestic security service, said secret agents had tracked down three gang members, including one who escorted the suicide bombers to Moscow and another one who led the women to the scene.

"To our great regret, we did not manage to seize them alive," Russian channels showed Bortnikov reporting to President

Dmitry Medvedev. "They put on stiff armed resistance and were destroyed."

Bortnikov said investigators had established the identity of all members of the gang, including the masterminds.

A stern-looking Medvedev replied: "Identify those involved in committing this heinous crime. Destroy the ones trying to resist. Show no mercy!"

The suicide bombings in Moscow and in Dagestan two days later, which killed more than 50 people and wounded at least 100 others, followed a surge of violence over the past year in the patchwork of North Caucasus republics.

Russia has fought two wars in the region against Chechen separatists since the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union.

# 3 arrests in Times Square probe

FEDERAL agents conducted yesterday morning raids in Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey in connection with the failed Times Square car bomb and arrested three people, including two Pakistani men who provided money to the suspect, Faisal Shahzad, law enforcement officials said.

The searches were the product of evidence gathered in the investigation into Shahzad's alleged bombing attempt two weeks ago, but there was "no known immediate threat to the public or any active plot against the United States," FBI spokeswoman Gail Marcinkiewicz said.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Brian Hale said three people were arrested on suspected immigration violations: two in the Boston area and one in Maine. All three arrests are administrative and not criminal, he said.



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## TRANSITION TO GLORY

The Management of the Raw Materials Research and Development Council, RMRDC wishes to announce the death of Ogechi Nweze which sad event occurred on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010 after a brief illness. Until her demise she worked at the council's ACRM Secretariat, Garki II, Abuja.

### Ogechi Nweze

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Burial arrangements announced by the family are as follows:

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

- 8.00am Body leaves General Hospital, Maitama to her home town Nachi in Udi LGA Enugu State
- 8.00pm Christian wake keeping at Chief Vincent Nweze's compound in Umubo, Nachi, Udi LGA.

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010.**

- 9.00am, Commendation/funeral service at St peter's Church Nachi in Udi LGA Enugu State.

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2. In view of the fact that certain formalities are yet to be concluded on the Authority's Procurement Plan with the Procurement Unit of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, the advertisements are hereby withdrawn.
3. The general public is hereby informed that another advertisement would be placed as soon as the formalities are concluded.
4. Any inconveniences caused by the earlier advertisement is highly regretted, please.

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**Yakubu Kirfi Esq**  
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*Sales of forms commenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010*

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FROM right: Finance Minister Olusegun Aganga, deputy Chairman Senate Committee on Appropriation Ahmed Muhammed Maccido and Director General, Budget Office of the Federation Dr. Bright Okogu at a workshop on "Enhancing Internally Generated Revenue Collection & Remittance System in the Federal Public Service" in Abuja, yesterday.

## 2010 budget: N740bn released to ministries

By Idris Ahmed

N740 billion capital votes in this year's budget has been released to the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of government to execute their ongoing projects, the Director General of the Budget Office has said.

Dr. Bright Okogu said this while responding to questions from newsmen after the opening of a workshop on "enhancing internally generated revenue collection and remittance system in the federal public service", yesterday in Abuja.

About N200 billion was released in the first quarter while N540 billion was released for the second quarters.

"For the ongoing projects, there is no need for excuse whatsoever for people not to be spending the money already released. Money was released by the first week of the year to the MDAs", Okogu said.

The first quarter capital warrant released was based on what was released in first quarter of last year's budget.

The 2010 budget of N4.6 trillion was

signed into law about two weeks ago.

"Now that the budget has been passed, there were element that needed reconciliation between what was passed by the National Assembly and the elements that came out in the budget details", the DG said.

Provisional data from the office of the Accountant General put the implementation of the last year budget at 75 percent. Okogu said he is expecting the MDAs to return between N200 to N250 billion as unspent funds into the federation account.

He said: "We are waiting for the final figure from the office of the Accountant General.

"But if you do some preliminary back-up of the envelop calculation, you have a capital vote of roughly a trillion and we did about N700 billion or thereabout, that is about N200 billion to N250 billion. But the final figures as I said are yet emerge."

Ministry of Finance do quarterly monitoring of budget implementation. The report for the first quarter budget implementation for this year is under prepara-

tion.

The fourth quarter budget implementation report for the entire 2009 budget has been forwarded to the relevant bodies for assessment.

"For the first quarter in terms of monitoring, our people are going to the field anytime from now, we have gone beyond just looking at cash that is used", Okogu said.

The Budget Office has sent officials to the field to look at selected big projects and monitor them and report their level of implementation.

"These are what our people are going to be doing shortly so that when the first quarter result comes out you would be able to see what progress they have made with respect to different things.

"Let me add that because we rolled over a little bit of last year budget into the first quarter this year, you need to try to bring out the differences", he said.

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Kano-Lag via Abj: 11.25, Abuja: 11.25  
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Lagos-Ibadan: 07.15 (Mon-Fri), Lagos-Ibadan: 16.15 (Mon-Fri)  
Ibadan-Abuja: 08.00 (Mon-Fri), Abuja-Ibadan: 5.00 (Mon-Fri)  
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### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Thursday, May 13, 2010
Index:	27,816.29
Deals:	7,666
Volume:	301,191,476
Value:	N 2,437,100,771.06
Cap:	N6,762,675,561,694.94

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Inflation	11.8%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.9bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$80 a barrel
Power Supply	3,700MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
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SDR	222.3745	223.1278	223.881
SWISS FRANC	136.2093	136.6707	137.132
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WAU	222.2943	223.0473	223.8003
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Dollar	N151
Euro	N198
Pound	N232
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Dollar	N152
Euro	N200
Pound	N235

Source: S&P Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.



## Northern Business

# 'Our packaged fura can cure diabetes'

MR. James Peter Adamu is the Managing Director of Safinabe Global Investment Limited; an Abuja based manufacturing company which produces packaged fura. In this interview, he says local beverages and drinks have higher natural nutrients than those being produced by the multinationals. He speaks on how one of these beverages-fura-is being produced and packaged to give it a one year shelf life without going bad. But he says this modern way of production may never be extended to other local foods in the country because the investment environment does not encourage Nigerians to establish manufacturing industries.

By Zakariyya Adaramola

**WHY did you choose to go into the development of fura production and not other local beverage?**

I got the idea when, as a worker with John Holt beverages, I travelled to Philippines for an international course in 1983. And one of the areas we were taken to while in the country was concentrate plant in Greater Manila. It was when I was at the plants that I said within myself why can't we develop our local beverages so that they compete favourably with the foreign ones? And remember that most popular local beverage we have in the North is fura. It is taken almost in all Hausa Fulani settlements across West Africa. So, I thought of developing our fura to make it more hygienic and more presentable to the elites and other people from outside the ethnic groups and even those from outside of West Africa. And that is the motivation.

**And what has been the response from the public?**

Since we started public response to it has been tremendous, especially after we got the product patented in 2002. Almost 95 per cent of local fura drinkers (Nigerians) patronised us. So, we can say without fear of contradiction that we have 95 per cent consumer acceptability. And we have been trying hard to maintain the standard.

**What are the ingredients you add to make stay as long**

**as one year without going bad?**

They are two things we add to the local fura in terms of standardization of the inputs-what we bring together as concentrates. The spices that form the concentrates, we standardize them. We get the fura from Bauchi, Kano, Sokoto and we go for the best ones and then standardize them. After carrying out the research then we decided to bring all the inputs together and bring out the best ones and then add the concentrates. And you know the concentrate is the trade secret.

The other addition we add is preservation and then we package. After carrying out the research then we decided to bring all the inputs together and bring out the best ones and then add the concentrates. And you know the concentrate is the trade secret.

**You said you decided to move away from the traditional way of producing fura so that the elites can...?**

(Cuts in) "We are not in competition with our local producers. In fact, we still want them to have market. But what we are trying to do is to reach where they have and may not be able to reach because they have limited reach as what they produce can't go beyond three days. So it is this gap that we are filling so that people can get fura in very far places. And another aspect we have added is the hygienic aspect of it.

**What are the equipments you use and how did you get them?**



MR. James Peter Adamu

We know what the challenges are for our traditional producers cum indigenous industries. I wrote my Master thesis on 'why indigenous industries die'. We put all those things into consideration and we decided to as much as possible localise our machines—we went for those that were in our market; and more importantly we worked with ABU Agric Engineering for almost one and half year. And some of machines were fabricated by ABU Agric Engineering. Apart from the packaging machine that we are using the most model one from outside of the country, all other were locally sourced.

**Your target as you said is to reach where the local producers can't**

**reach. Have you been meeting that target?**

Actually, we have not been able to reach all places we targeted but some of our distributors have tried to take the product to some places like Kaduna, Maiduguri, Kano and Lagos. Even some packages just last weekend went to UK. Also some packages have gone to US, Canada and Turkey before now. In fact when we closed down for a while we were getting telephone calls from Egypt because our contact number is always on the package. One good thing is in all the places mentioned we have not had any time when our products were returned; it has been total acceptability.

**You said you once closed down at a particular time, what happened?**

As I told you, we are just starting and one of our greatest problems is funds. We have not been able to access any soft loan and we believe a manufacturing industry should not go to commercial banks for loan. They should go to development banks and we have tried Bank of Industry with no success. We have tried to access SMEES without success. So we have basically concentrated on equity from shareholders and we have a slight problem with working capital. But now we have been tasking ourselves {shareholders}. All members of the board are academicians one time or the other so we really know what it means running a company. We believe that without manufacturing we are only wasting our time in this country. It is only when you produce that you can employ. See our children in

the universities when they come out where they work if we don't open up manufacturing industries. Buying things from Taiwan, China or Dubai; we are not creating jobs locally in this way but we are only creating jobs for people outside. And that is why we brought a concept, researched into it, developed it and went further to source for the machines locally.

**A part from funds what other challenges face your company?**

The investment environment is still extremely hostile, with multiple taxes-councils, states and federal governments slam all sorts of taxes on manufacturers. Being able to move your product is also an encumbrance because of government uncontrolled policies. There should be uniformity in taxes the manufactures pay. Then the most physical problem is the problem of power. We are basically on generator all round -24 hours.

**Why should Nigerians patronise you?**

One good thing with us in this country is the array of good foods with high nutrients that we have. You know some of the beverages we take have side effects in our bodies because they are not natural. But the local, natural beverage like fura has high nutrients with no known side effect. I worked for a very popular food drink producer for about five years and I knew the quantity of sugar they put in the drink they produce. But look at our local fura, the nutrients are too much. Even some of the ingredient we add in producing our fura cure diabetes. The richest of foreign beverages we have is milk and milk is just part of ingredients of fura.

**How is the packaged fura prepared?**

It comes in a very dried powder form. Our target is for you to be able to take it instantaneously. So you may have to use hot water to prepare it. You can pour milk in it and add honey or sugar.

**What is your background?**

I am an economist. I have been in the foods industry for quite some time; I had work at the beverages section of John Holt. Now I am the Managing Director of Safinabe Global Investment Limited, an Abuja based manufacturing company. We produce packaged fura.



PACKAGED Fura

# Northern Business

## Borno: Councillors in 'arrears dilemma'

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

ABOUT three hundred and seventy elected and supervisory councillors across the 27 local government areas of Borno State have expressed fears and anxiety over the non payment of over one billion, eight hundred and ninety million naira arrears owed them by

government even as their tenure expires in days to come. Nigerian Television Authority, NTA, Maiduguri, showed the legislators who tramped to Maiduguri in what seemed like an anxious gathering. The chairman, Borno State councillors' forum, Mohammed Abatcha told NTA that whereas they had served their respective areas since 2007, they were yet to be

paid their furniture allowances of N1.8 million each, severance allowance of N2.8 million each and another N1.4 million entitlement. In his part, Mohammed Mohammed, chairman, Legislative leaders (speakers) forum noted that each of them was being owed at least five million naira by the state government. Chairman, supervisory councillors' forum, Ahmed

Mustapha in his complaint said that their colleagues in other states across the federation have been paid the allowances except them. The three leaders said they were aware that approvals were given for the payments but wondered why money wasn't released to them. They appealed to Governor Ali Modu Sheriff to come to help the situation.

## Kano: 12 entrepreneurs trained

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE Kano Technology Incubation Centre has graduated 12 entrepreneurs during its 3rd Certificate Presentation Ceremony yesterday in Kano. The graduates acquired skills in the areas of agro-allied processing, machine fabrication, food, waste-to-wealth conversion, electronic control system, among others. In his opening remark at the event, the Kano Director/Centre manager of Technology Incubation Centre, Engineer Mohammed Jibrin, said a number of the graduates are currently occupying their personal factory buildings employing numerous dealers, sub-dealers and distributors. "The incubation process begins with an application from a prospective value added technology-based enterprise leading to admission into the centre, where they are given highly subsidised operating space, power, water, security, publicity, among others," he said.

## Customs Zone B seizes N196m duty-paid goods

By Sunday Williams

THE Customs Comptroller, Federal Operations Unit Zone B, Kaduna, Abu Bawa Gusau has announced the seizure of different kinds of goods with duty paid value of N196,598,078 in the last two months. The seized items include 85 second hand vehicles illegally imported, assorted textile materials, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti, rice and furniture. A statement from the Customs Deputy Public Relations Officer, Joseph Attah, said those who thought that the recent dismantling of Customs check points on the high-ways by the Comptroller-General of Customs was an open invitation to illicit trade have missed it as they will maximize the potentials of intelligence operatives to execute target strikes on the smugglers.



# MY CONSTITUENCY LEGACY



Constituency legacies are those humanitarian projects initiated, implemented and bequeathed to the deserving communities as related to our elected political office holders. As the nation draw closer to another elective year, it becomes imperative that lawmakers will be taking inventory and account for the stewardship of services they rendered to uplift the well being of their people. As it affects the state and federal lawmakers, quite a good number have demonstrated kindness and generosity vis-a vis their electioneering promises. They are trailing the blazing of good representation through provision of constituency projects and contribute to debates, bills and other sundry issues of national importance.

To celebrate our National Assembly representatives, Media Trust Limited, the publishers of *Daily Trust*, *Weekly Trust*, *Sunday Trust* and *Ajajya* newspapers, is packaging a special project on the above subject [MY CONSTITUENCY LEGACY]. The aim is to applaud and highlight the contributions of individual lawmaker who has demonstrated kindness to his/her people. Given the foregoing, federal lawmakers are invited to participate in the project as a way of showcasing their contributions [Constituency projects] executed to the admiration of their various constituencies.

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## Business/International



MINISTER of State for Finance Mr. Remi Babalola with the Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Mr. Rong Yansong during a courtesy visit, recently.

## Standard Bank launches Shariah product in Tanzania

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

STANBIC Bank Tanzania, a member of the Standard Bank Group, has launched Shariah banking products in Tanzania.

Shariah banking is a system of banking that is consistent with the principles of Islamic law. In practice, it prohibits the payment or acceptance of interest fees for the lending and acceptance of money.

It also prohibits Muslims from investing in businesses that provide goods or services that are considered contrary to the Islamic principles. In practice, Islam prohibits the taking and giving of interest, there should be no gambling (speculation) and no investments in prohibited industries.

A statement from the bank quoted Bashir Awale, MD, Stanbic Bank Tanzania to have said at the launch that, "Tanzania is an important market for Standard Bank as the gateway to East Africa and we are proud to be able to offer our first Shariah banking product in this market, where about 50% of the population is Muslim.

"We believe that if we are to contribute to the economic development of Africa, we need to provide innovative banking solutions that are consistent with the needs and beliefs of all our customers."

In the same vein, Terry Moodley, Chief Executive, Personal and Business Banking, Standard Bank Africa said: "There is a substantial untapped market among Muslims, who make up a large portion of the population in Africa, and Standard Bank is mindful of the fact that to be truly an African bank, it needs to ensure that there are products in the market that cater for them. Standard Bank plans to roll out its Sharia banking value proposition to all other markets in the coming months."

The first products that will be offered under this proposition will be a transactional product "TransactPlus" and current account, which is 100 percent Shariah compliant and provides the same convenient features of conventional accounts, including internet banking, Visa electron or Maestro debit card, and prepaid airtime services.

## Britain: VAT to go up under new govt

VAT is set to rise under the new coalition government, according to a BBC survey of influential economists.

Of 28 independent economists currently used by the

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Treasury to assist its forecasts, 24 said they expected the rate to rise in the coming parliament.

The majority predicted a rise from the current 17.5% to 20% before the end of 2011. Analysts say a 20% rate would raise an estimated £11.5bn a year.

But the tax on consumer goods is seen as an attractive way to boost the government's tax income, with cutting the country's budget deficit a priority for the new Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition.

On Wednesday the coalition said it wanted to see "a significantly accelerated reduction" in the country's

borrowing, with £6bn of cuts planned in the first year.

Any changes to VAT and other taxes are likely to be unveiled in an emergency Budget to be announced within 50 days.

Economist Azad Zangana, from Schroders, who is predicting a rise in VAT to 19%, said that the UK economy is probably strong enough to withstand the expected cuts and tax rises.

"While earlier cuts in public spending are inevitably going to dampen economic growth, the UK recovery appears to be gathering pace," he said.

He added, however, that £6bn in public spending

cuts were only "a drop in the ocean" compared to what would be required to tackle the current £166bn deficit.

Speaking to the BBC the chief executive of Sainsbury's, Justin King, admitted that a rise in VAT looked "more likely than not".

But he said any rise had to be well-timed by the government, in order to minimise the impact on retailers.

"If it is to go up from the 17.5% rate, let's get good advance notice of that and then have stability for the longer term," he said.

"It's a very complex and costly thing to do for retailers to change the rate of VAT." (BBC)

## African Steel Association rates Nigeria first in resource base

THE African Iron and Steel Association has rated Nigeria's metallurgical sector as the first in Africa in terms of resource base.

The association's Executive Secretary, Dr Sanusi Mohammed, who who gave the rating in an interview said Nigeria was closely followed by South Africa, Egypt and Algeria in that order.

Mohammed said Nigeria was endowed with abundant steel deposits and was sourcing all its materials, except coking coal, locally.

He said the country's proven and estimated reserves of raw materials such as iron ore, limestone, dolomite and natural gas ran into billions of tonnes.

The executive secretary, however, said the nation ranked fourth in terms of infrastructure and facilities such as railway and machinery.

"Nigeria can move to the second position if the government can complete the third phase of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex and the Delta Steel Plant, which have the

capacity to produce 5.2m tonnes and one million tonnes of steel per annum respectively," he said.

Mohammed, who also rated Nigeria high in terms of the number of skilled steel workers, urged the government to concentrate on human capital development.

"It is sad that the sector is losing its skilled workers either to death or retirement," he said, calling on the Federal Government to ensure the rapid development of the sector for the nation to achieve Vision 20:2020.

The vision aims at placing Nigeria among the world's top 20 economies by 2020. The executive secretary described the steel sector as the bedrock of the nation's industrialisation programme, saying that all other sectors of the economy depended on it directly or indirectly.

The steel sector was reformed in 2005 under the administration of former President Olusegun Obasanjo, with the privatisation and concessioning of major steel plants and rolling mills. (NAN).

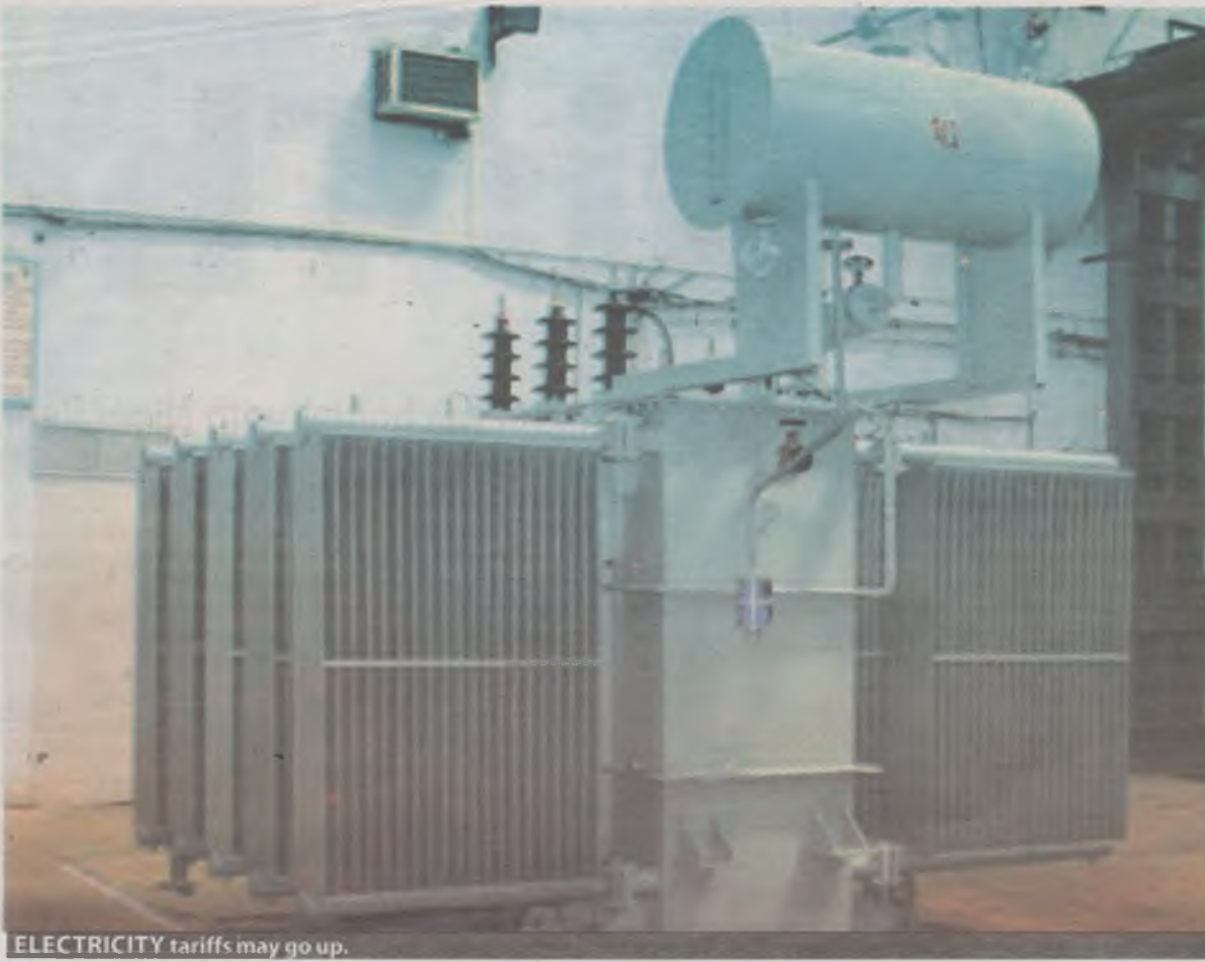
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## Business/Energy



ELECTRICITY tariffs may go up.

### 'FG spends \$10bn annually for fuel importation'

By Hamisu Muhammad

NIGERIA spends US \$10 billion (N1.48 trillion) annually for importation of refined petroleum products, an official said yesterday.

The Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Malam Shehu Ladan who disclosed this at the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China State Construction Engineering Corporation Ltd for the construction of the three new greenfield refineries in the country, disclosed that NNPC is accelerating the construction of the new refineries to stem the flood of imported fuel.

Nigeria now Africa's top crude oil producer is struggling with only three refineries that refine less than 40 percent of the nation's daily demand. The average daily demand of petroleum products stood at 30 million barrels per day.

"On completion of these hydrocarbon processing plants, Nigeria will save in excess of US\$10 billion annually from the elimination of imported refined petroleum products and an estimated US\$1 billion from the importation of fertilizers and chemicals", said Ladan.

The three Greenfield refineries on completion, will add some 750,000 barrels per day capacity to Nigeria's refining infrastructure and position NNPC to engage profitably in the international trading of refined petroleum products.

The three refineries in Kaduna- Port Harcourt and Warri has the combined capacity to refine 445,000 barrels per day, but they are producing at 60 percent capacities due to shortage of crude supply and other operational challenges.

# FG to audit non-oil revenue remittances – Minister

By Idris Ahmed

THE Federal Government through the ministry of finance will from next week commence auditing of non-oil revenue remittances and independently generated revenue to the government to block any identified loopholes and minimise revenue leakages in the country.

Minister of Finance Olusegun Aganga said this yesterday in Abuja at a workshop on "enhancing internally generated revenue collection and remittance system in the federal public service".

He said the ministry is going to adopt appropriate strategies to ensure that the relevant corporations remit their operating surpluses to the treasury as at and when due.

Any revenue generating agent of government that refuses to remit their internally generated revenue would be punished according to the law, the minister said.

He said: "We are introducing punitive measures, it is not business as usual. We have to make them accountable and we have to make them responsible and there would be punitive measures. You must remit what you collect on behalf of government."

He said while remittances are important, it is also important to generate and maximise revenue.

The Minister said: "We are relying too much on oil revenue and most countries do not. We must realise that oil revenue is a depleting asset and in fact, it belongs to all Nigerians born today and yet to be born.

"We have to make sure that the money we realised from oil is actually invested, not only for this generation but the generation yet to come. It is important that we find ways of re-investing them in other areas."

In 2009, federal government realised N566.07 billion from Companies Income Tax out of N587 billion projected, show-

ing a shortage of N21.93 billion, or 3.7 percent.

Out of N580 billion estimated Value Added Tax for last year, N468.39 billion was achieved, showing a shortfall of N111.61 billion

In the same year, Customs and Excise Duties were N200.06 billion or 40 percent below the N500 billion estimated.

These outturns reflect the impact of the global economic downturn on the domestic economy in general and specifically on the drivers of our non-oil tax revenues.

The Director General of the Budget Office Dr. Bright Okogu said a shortfall in revenues means that you did not receive the full amount for what you budgeted for and this "affect your level of ability to fund the budget."

"Let me also say that in addition to that you have to look at other side - implementation ratio - the ability to use fund given to you is also an issue that the government is concern about", he said.

## FG negotiates with electricity workers over planned strike

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

FOLLOWING the threat by electricity workers to embark on strike action over payment of monetization arrears, the Federal Government yesterday commenced negotiations with the leadership of the National Union of Electricity Workers, NUEE, to avert the planned strike.

NUEE on Wednesday issued a 21-day ultimatum to the management of the PHCN to pay its members monetization arrears and the balance of 137 percent increase or risk an industrial action.

Zonal organizing Secretary of the Union for the North-East region, Comrade Anthony J. Sule who made the position known in Jos on Wednesday said after a careful review of the recent development in the power sector, the union could no longer keep quiet while its members were being denied their rights.

Consequently, the federal government yesterday commenced negotiations with the leadership of NUEE in order

to prevent the planned strike action.

However, Daily Trust learnt that an initial meeting which took place at the Ministry of labour and chaired by the permanent secretary in the ministry [Labour] ended in deadlock as both parties could not come to terms. The meeting was also attended by PHCN boss, Engineer Hussein Labo.

Comrade Joe Ajaero, General Secretary of NUEE, told Daily Trust on phone that "nothing has changed" over our planned strike action. Ajaero, however, said, negotiations with government were still going on over the matter.

Contacted the Manager, Public Affairs of the PHCN, Mrs. Efuru Igbo said the PHCN boss had gone to the presidency over the matter. Igbo said: "We are still negotiating with the electricity workers over the matter and hope an amicable resolution would be reached to avert the planned strike action."

By press time Daily Trust learnt that another meeting was scheduled yesterday evening to resume negotiations over the matter.

## Nigerians to pay N22 as tariff for electricity

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

NIGERIANS may start paying N22 as tariff for consumption of electricity per unit, the General Secretary of the labour wing of the PHCN at the national level, Alhaji Ibrahim Bawa said yesterday in Minna.

Making the revelation at a labour meeting organised for staff of PHCN, Bawa disclosed that if the privatization effort of the Federal Government is fully implemented, Nigerians will be forced to pay N18 higher than it pays now.

"All the people interested in the moves to privatise the power sector are only trying to kill the sector as immediately the process is completed, Nigerian electrical consumers will start paying higher than they do presently.

The system will increase the tariff to N22 per unit of power consumed instead of the present N4 which will leave an average power consumer with the burden of paying N10,000 monthly for power consumed", he said.

## Travelogue

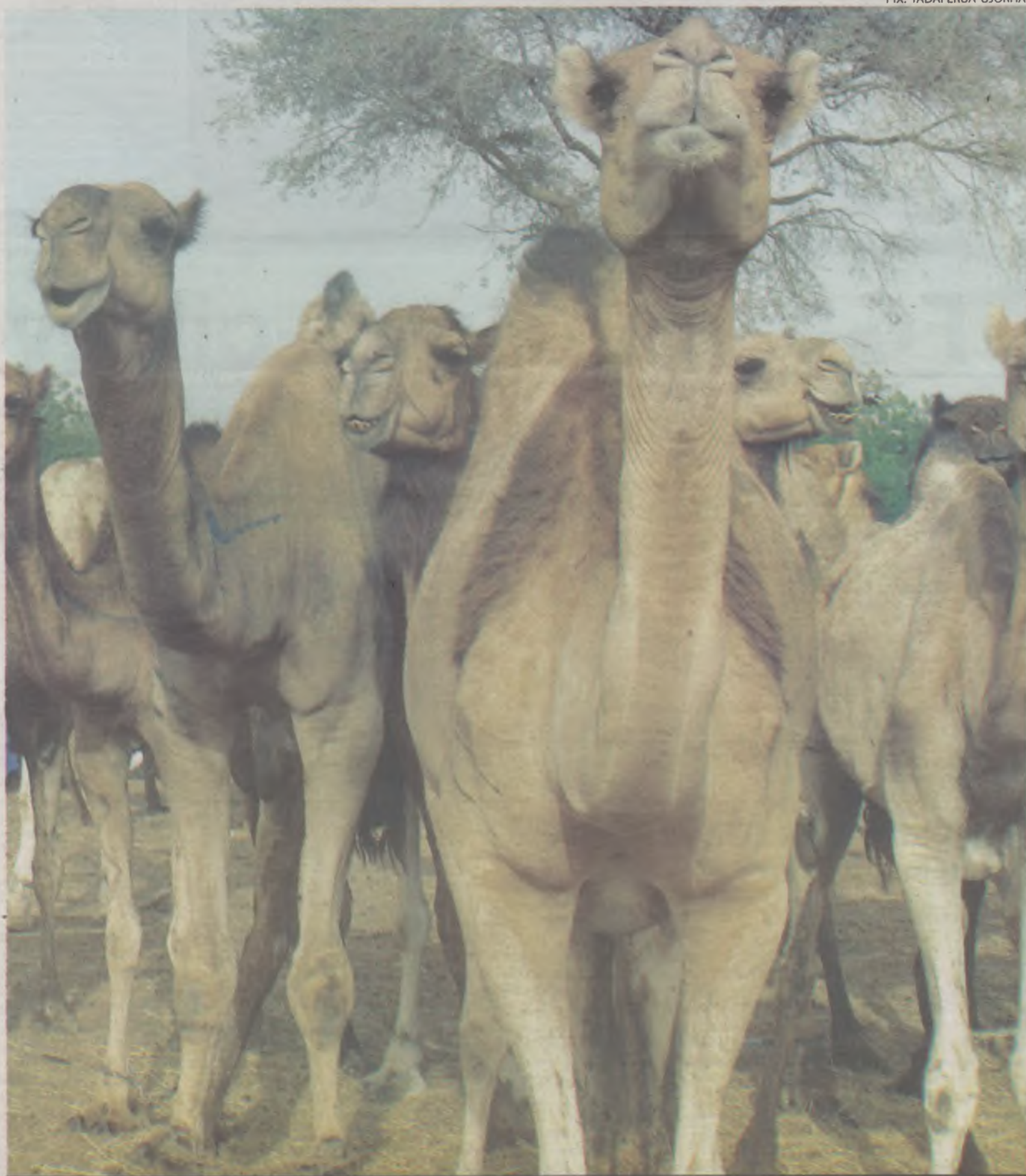
# Maigatari: The

Maigatari market in Jigawa state is an endlessly fascinating place, sitting on the border with Niger Republic. Tadaferua Ujorha visited recently.

**M**AIGATARI market in Jigawa state excites the visitor. Cows seem to outnumber the human population, but the humans control the cows. Cows, in great numbers, extend into the distance, as far as the eye can see, and their large horns define the horizon in a curved, unforgettable way. Then there are donkeys standing quietly under the sunlight with their heads bent, as though in protest at something unseen by the watcher. An infinity of items is available for sale here. Then there is the ever present dust, as well as a number of powerful aromas which rise from all these items. Maigatari is a place to visit. Alhaji Ardo Isa has been involved in the camel trade for 20 years, and he says its good business. There are camels aplenty here. Camels are brought to the market from Tanis, Gada Magarya and Subdu in Niger Republic. He says the prices range from 40,000 to 100,000 Naira. He boasts 'there is no market in Nigeria that has a population of camels, like the Maigatari market. I have heard

“Camels are brought... from Tanis, Gada Magarya and Subdu in Niger Republic.”

a similar boast at other border markets. Every market day, 400 camels are taken to the market, and 300 of this number are instantly sold. If 300 persons buy camels, 200 of this number are from Niger, and the remaining 100 are from Nigeria. Maigatari shows the powerful commercial and cultural link between Nigeria and Niger. There were quite a number of Nigeriens present, in their colourful turbans and flashing eyes. According to a group of traders interviewed by *Daily*



PIX: TADAFERUA UJORHA

“AT Maigatari, the noble camel strides around, making regal movements.”

*Trust*, Kano, Kaduna, Zaria, Katsina and Lagos are 'hot' destinations in Nigeria, for the consumption of camel meat. They explain that the Tozo or hump of the camel is sweeter than cow meat, and makes for very good sales. The camel traders say that the sale of camels is

# re's none like it



BABANDI Maigatari

or damaged, because there is no heat. There is a Camel Sellers Association at Maigatari. It has 55 members who are naturally drawn from Jigawa and Kano states. Babandi Amaru Maigatari is the Secretary of the association. He says that one of the problems faced by the camel sellers are small insects which predominate where the camels are kept. His words 'Our main problem is the small insects present here. When they bite, the camels suffer and may die'. He adds that last year the Maigatari local government sprayed the market to free it of the insects. But he laments that this has not been done regularly. The camel traders will also like the government to assist with funds from time to time, for some of them sometimes run out of cash to buy camels, which pushes them to borrow from friends. Babandi Amaru also wishes that the site where the camels are kept and inspected could be roofed by the government, for during the rainy season the camels suffer whenever there is a storm. His words 'We hope that this place would be roofed, for during the rainy season there is no place for the camels to retire to. The government should assist us with shelter and drinking water'. He

their sole activity, and that unlike other traders in Maigatari, they do not engage in farming as an alternative occupation. Many have become millionaires simply by being active in the camel trade. It seems that April is not a good time for the camel business, as they complain that the inflow of camels has reduced somewhat. Camels are categorized as small, medium and big in terms of size, and this affects the price that is fixed. The small camel goes for between 40-50,000 Naira. The medium sized one between 60-75,000 Naira, and the large type is put at 85,000 Naira and above.

This reporter is told that harmattan is a good season for the sale and slaughter of camels, simply because there is no heat at that time of the year. They explain 'When people buy camels in the harmattan season and it is slaughtered, it cannot be lost



ALHAJI Ardo Isa



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explained that when the camels are being brought across the border, they are quarantined for a while by the health authorities

to determine their fitness, before being allowed into the country. At Maigatari, the noble camel strides around, making regal

movements, as traders and buyers gather near it, murmuring gently, making signs with their eyes, as they try to fix a price.



"THEY explain that the Tozo or hump of the camel is sweeter than cow meat, and makes for very good sales."

## Business/Finance

## Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Thursday, May 13, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
ADSWITCH PLC	1	2.00	7,000	13,300.00
CAPITAL OIL PLC	8	0.50	305,253	152,626.50
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>312,253</b>	<b>165,926.50</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROC. PLC	23	0.91	2,119,496	1,961,368.64
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	8	0.93	129,300	120,649.00
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	7	14.38	31,300	427,871.00
PRESCO PLC	8	7.50	40,400	288,052.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>2,320,496</b>	<b>2,797,940.64</b>
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIRL/SERV/LOGISTICS PLC	6	3.55	94,500	335,475.00
NIG/AVIAT. HAND. COY PLC	225	13.65	2,013,245	27,573,787.94
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>231</b>		<b>2,107,745</b>	<b>27,909,262.94</b>
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	4	0.50	1,057,863	528,931.50
R. T. BRISCOE (NIGERIA) PLC	35	5.40	452,884	2,370,482.62
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>		<b>1,510,747</b>	<b>2,899,414.12</b>
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	119	9.24	4,872,416	45,021,123.84
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	52	2.35	1,183,453	2,816,056.82
DIAMOND BANK PLC	70	9.00	7,671,649	68,108,428.28
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	62	6.00	1,276,086	7,710,349.81
FIRST CITY MON. BANK PLC	55	8.41	2,176,624	18,275,675.68
FIDELITY BANK PLC	188	3.05	11,901,891	36,419,797.42
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	721	15.36	11,193,843	172,226,774.95
FINBANK PLC	74	0.59	4,717,197	2,796,810.55
GTBANK PLC	523	17.72	11,641,469	205,855,306.01
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	84	11.59	2,588,011	29,995,047.49
INTERCONT. BANK PLC.	77	2.02	1,482,124	2,960,095.69
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	106	1.92	1,554,936	3,011,564.54
BANK PHB PLC	68	1.37	4,324,639	6,145,637.78
SKYE BANK PLC.	178	8.55	7,447,955	64,669,596.35
SPRING BANK PLC	21	0.99	457,627	454,724.50
STERLING BANK PLC	57	2.39	2,879,038	6,988,248.36
UNT. BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	279	12.80	9,550,455	121,548,450.41
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	140	5.98	2,014,562	11,952,807.74
UNITYBANK PLC	8	1.11	827,100	918,081.00
WEMA BANK PLC	34	1.09	3,487,614	3,820,514.80
ZENITH BANK PLC	305	15.98	7,309,079	115,485,571.24
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>3,221</b>		<b>100,557,758</b>	<b>927,180,663.30</b>
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	118	22.55	1,125,653	25,537,666.59
BENUCE CEMENT COY PLC	53	68.00	375,196	25,724,345.18
CEMENT CO. OF N/NIG. PLC	86	23.00	1,370,087	31,600,052.59
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	59	44.00	1,423,041	62,568,434.07
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>316</b>		<b>4,293,977</b>	<b>145,430,498.43</b>
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	19	8.55	253,644	2,181,940.00
CHEM/ALLIED PROD. PLC	2	31.15	2,050	67,035.00
DN MEYER PLC	10	5.51	140,000	778,940.00
NIG.-GERM. CHEM. PLC	5	14.29	12,000	162,960.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>407,694</b>	<b>3,190,875.00</b>
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC	22	3.99	114,585	451,795.80
PZ CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	53	30.20	134,072	4,037,302.93
TRANS. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	31	0.50	5,966,559	2,983,279.50
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	71	58.48	1,824,727	106,710,034.96
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	63	28.51	512,253	14,680,781.64
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>240</b>		<b>8,552,196</b>	<b>128,863,194.83</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	55	8.22	408,584	3,339,608.78
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	24	58.55	104,578	6,006,324.90
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	4	0.50	104,000	52,000.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>83</b>		<b>617,162</b>	<b>9,397,933.68</b>
<b>ENGINEERING TECHN.</b>				
CUTIX PLC	9	4.00	145,650	580,070.00
NIG. WIRE AND CABLE PLC	10	1.15	405,380	466,187.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>551,030</b>	<b>1,046,257.00</b>
<b>FOOD/BEV. &amp; TOBACCO</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	16	44.54	10,093	449,038.68
BIG TREAT PLC	24	0.89	1,876,970	1,658,370.32
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	131	33.19	3,356,885	110,598,171.44
DANG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	300	23.74	3,190,720	74,245,237.92
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	122	19.30	2,483,986	47,475,060.31
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	108	68.90	1,221,299	85,148,775.19
H/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	23	8.85	334,715	2,952,277.75
NAT. SALT COY NIGERIA PLC	54	9.50	668,541	6,353,215.50
NIG. BOTTLING COY PLC	22	36.00	30,801	1,126,493.20
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	20	314.00	18,573	6,123,518.10
N/NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	5	33.58	83,123	2,814,406.34
TANTALIZERS PLC	23	1.05	1,415,188	1,490,256.28
UTC NIGERIA PLC	30	1.70	824,069	1,503,650.64
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>876</b>		<b>15,514,963</b>	<b>341,938,471.67</b>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	21	1.79	185,608	329,243.68
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	50	3.20	1,992,509	6,256,183.21
GLAXOSM. CONS. NIG. PLC	10	26.58	69,361	1,843,615.38
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	27	7.59	265,399	1,924,448.78

NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	8	3.08	33,857	99,201.01
UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	53	0.80	2,531,212	2,025,614.30
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>61</b>		<b>2,565,069</b>	<b>12,478,306.38</b>
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>				
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	53	2.09	3,880,870	8,149,368.30
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>3,880,870</b>	<b>8,149,368.30</b>
<b>INDUST/DOM. PRODUCTS</b>				
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	8	10.73	17,424	188,262.38
NIG. ENAMELWARE PLC	1	43.06	72,000	3,100,320.00
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	15	6.61	150,992	996,767.13
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>230,416</b>	<b>4,285,349.51</b>
<b>INF. &amp; COMM. TECH.</b>				
CHAMS PLC	84	0.84	15,974,441	12,855,482.30
STARCOMMS PLC	36	2.20	11,242,466	25,668,529.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>120</b>		<b>27,216,907</b>	<b>38,524,011.30</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
AFRICAN ALL. INS. PLC	2	0.50	242,000	121,000.00
AICO INSURANCE PLC.	64	1.43	2,785,180	3,985,437.40
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	4	1.28	311,450	398,656.00
C/STONE INS. CO. PLC.	24	0.73	3,010,700	2,230,362.20
CUST/ALLIED INSUR. PLC	24	3.51	1,946,565	7,012,778.90
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	3	0.50	27,500	13,750.00
GR/NIG. INSUR. COY PLC	1	0.50	5,000	2,500.00
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	14	0.80	1,180,675	941,488.00
GUARANTY TRUST ASS. PLC	42	2.63	1,268,550	3,506,986.00
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	3	0.50	41,706	20,853.00
CONSOL. HALLM. INS. PLC	3	0.50	765,750	382,875.00
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	43	0.63	6,519,555	4,102,422.92
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	31	0.51	2,965,151	1,542,337.22
L/UNION & ROCK INS. PLC.	46	0.67	3,311,912	2,182,558.04
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	4	0.50	475,200	237,600.00
MUT/BENEFITS ASS. PLC	29	0.51	1,584,750	810,882.50
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC	51	0.66	5,875,412	3,921,333.36
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	2	1.25	32,000	38,080.00
OASIS INSURANCE PLC	2	0.77	33,924	25,103.76
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	7	4.00	46,517	195,371.40
SOV. TRUST INSUR. PLC	8	0.50	1,000,000	500,000.00
STACO INSURANCE PLC	22	0.54	1,977,000	1,084,980.00
STAND/ALLIANCE INS. PLC	29	0.52	1,719,028	896,789.56
UNIC INSURANCE PLC.	5	0.87	202,190	176,905.30
UNIVERSAL INS. COY PLC	1	0.50	100,002	50,001.00
INTERC. WAPIC INSUR. PLC	13	0.84	908,441	800,540.79
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>477</b>		<b>48,388,158</b>	<b>35,181,592.35</b>
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAP/OIL & MARIT. SERV. PLC	327	1.86	14,978,343	28,634,029.75
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>327</b>		<b>14,978,343</b>	<b>28,634,029.75</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>				
AFROMEDIA PLC	26	0.62	2,064,700	1,243,833.00
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	8	1.04	75,300	74,547.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>		<b>2,140,000</b>	<b>1,318,380.00</b>
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>				
ASO SAV& LOANS PLC	84	0.56	6,197,588	3,429,635.62
RES. SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	3	0.50	40,006,000	20,003,000.00
UN/HOM. SAV. & LOANS PLC	24	0.89	1,491,050	1,295,335.36
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>111</b>		<b>47,694,638</b>	<b>24,727,970.98</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC.	9	0.92	1,355,700	1,246,430.00
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	3	0.74	26,163	20,124.78
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>1,381,863</b>	<b>1,266,554.78</b>
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
NIG. BAG MANUF. COY PLC	342	3.40	9,059,389	29,683,410.97
NAMPAK NIGERIA PLC	11	6.01	50,000	285,500.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>353</b>		<b>9,109,389</b>	<b>29,968,910.97</b>
<b>PETROLEUM(MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC.	78	41.99	274,091	11,482,498.72
BECO PETR. PROD. PLC	34	1.61	186,203	299,786.83
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	12	73.27	41,932	3,225,828.76
CONOIL PLC	31	50.00	34,012	1,644,441.60
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC.	52	8.84	1,200,212	10,582,109.77
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC.	21	150.90	26,286	4,095,552.64
OANDO PLC	184	118.00	3,686,079	427,591,916.05
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	23	225.75	173,625	39,195,843.75
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>435</b>		<b>5,622,440</b>	<b>498,117,978.12</b>
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	8	9.90	86,898	865,136.20
UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC	28	7.13	523,176	3,691,561.38
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>610,074</b>	<b>4,556,697.58</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
UACN PROP. DEV. COY. PLC	14	27.45	124,700	3,423,015.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>124,700</b>	<b>3,423,015.00</b>
<b>ROAD TRANSPORTATION</b>				
ASSOCIATED BUS COY PLC	6	1.05	239,848	251,840.40
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>239,848</b>	<b>251,840.40</b>
<b>TEXTILES</b>				
UNITED NIGERIA TEXT. PLC	1	1.42	504	715.68
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>504</b>	<b>715.68</b>
<b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>				
ECOBANK TRANS. INCORP.	24	19.95	436,844	8,782,056.50
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>436,844</b>	<b>8,782,056.50</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>7,666</b>		<b>301,191,476</b>	<b>2,437,100,771.06</b>

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## Facts about autism

By Akor Ojoma

**A**UTISM is a little understood brain development disorder that appears with varying degrees of severity in children before they reach the age of 3, impeding the development of communication skills and the ability to function socially. The level of awareness about autism in this country is very low and some attribute it to spiritual problems.

According to Mr Okey-Martins, national coordinator of Autism Associates & CADD in Medical News Today "There is an estimated 190,000 children in Nigeria who may be living with this condition. In February, 2007, the American Centres for Disease Control (C.D.C) released an official estimate reporting an increase in cases of autism spectrum disorders from 1 out of 166 to 1 case per 150 children. Usually, children with autism have no physical feature that sets them apart from others. Many children with this puzzling condition whose cure and causes are largely unknown are not being identified early in Nigeria."

People with autism have said that the world, to them, is a mass of people, places and events which they struggle to make sense of, and which can cause them considerable anxiety. In particular, understanding and relating to other people, and taking part in everyday family and social life may be harder for them. Other people appear to know, intuitively, how to communicate and interact with each other, and some people with autism may wonder why they are 'different'.

Dr Miriam Muktar, a consultant paediatrician at the National Hospital Abuja said parents can know if their children are autistic "Autistic children put up some behavioural abnormalities, like tending to be alone rather than play with others.

They tend to be indifferent to communicate with other children, intense and absorbing interest in some things different from what their peers will engage in. Others have compulsive and ritualistic behaviour meaning they follow the same pattern of activity and an attempt to disrupt such pattern evokes a tantrum or rage reaction from them, there is diminished response to pain and external stimuli, speech is often delayed and when it is present, they usually make a nonsensical rhythm. Some engage in head banging, teeth grinding and rocking. Also they don't like eye contacts and some display violent behaviour."



**Who is affected by autism?**

The national autistic society United Kingdom says Autism is much more common than most people think. People from all nationalities and cultural, religious and social backgrounds can have autism, although it appears to affect more men than women. It is a lifelong condition: children with autism grow up to become adults with autism.

**What causes autism?**

The exact cause of autism is still being investigated. However, research suggests that a combination of factors - genetic and environmental - may account for changes in brain development. Autism is not caused by a person's upbringing, their social circumstances and is not the fault of the individual with the condition.

**What is the diagnosis?**

**A** diagnosis is the formal identification of autism, usually by a health professional such as a paediatrician or a psychiatrist. Having a diagnosis is helpful for two reasons: it helps people with autism and their families to detect and intervene early or understand why they may experience certain difficulties and what they can do about them. It allows people to access services and support.

According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Autism Facts, United States of America, "a doctor should definitely and immediately evaluate a child for autism if he or she: Does not babble or coo by 12 months of age, Does not gesture (point, wave, grasp, etc.) by 12 months of age, Does not say single words by 16 months of age, does

not say two-word phrases on his or her own rather than just repeating what someone says to him or her by 24 months of age, has any loss of any language or social skill at any age."

It also said there are a number of things that parents, teachers, and others who care for children can look for to determine if a child needs to be evaluated for autism. The following "red flags" could be signs that a doctor should evaluate a child for autism or a related communication disorder.

The child does not respond to his/her name, The child cannot explain what he/she wants, Language skills or speech are delayed, The child doesn't follow directions, At times, the child seems to be deaf. The child seems to hear sometimes, but not other, The child doesn't point or wave bye-bye, The child used to say a few words or babble, but now he/she doesn't, The child throws intense or violent tantrums, The child has odd movement patterns, The child is hyperactive, uncooperative, or oppositional, The child doesn't know how to play with toys, The child doesn't smile when smiled at, The child has poor eye contact, The child gets "stuck" on things over and over and can't move on to other things, The child seems to prefer to play alone, The child gets things for him/herself only, The child is very independent for his/her age, The child does things "early" compared to other children,

The child seems to be in his/her "own world." The child seems to tune people out, The child is not interested in other children, The child walks on his/her toes, The child shows unusual attachments to toys, objects, or schedules (i.e.,

always holding a string or having to put socks on before pants), Child spends a lot of time lining things up or putting things in a certain order.

**Treatment**

At present, there is no 'cure' for autism. However, there is a range of interventions - methods of enabling learning and development - which people may find to be helpful.

Dr Muktar said autism is not an ailment that requires drugs." It is a spectrum, meaning at a point, it is mild or even normal, or the extreme of all the behaviours stated above. It could however be managed between a paediatrician, psychiatrist and the speech therapist."

She further said there is no drug you can give an autistic person to make them behave well. But behaviour modification is very helpful. These children can be taught to think from point one to the end. They should be taught to behave in an appropriate way just like other children. They can also be trained to learn a trade, an art or a skill which will be useful to them in life. She said some have peculiar love for music; some are good in mathematics, so parents should identify the strength of these children and build on it.

The doctor also said the autistic child could talk and live a normal life eventually. "Even if it takes them a longer time than usual most of them are able to communicate, but that also depends on the severity of the autistic spectrum, whether mild or extreme. But again an autistic child can grow up to be useful to himself and the society in general. We have seen autistic children that have grown up to become artists, computer analysts, and award winning medallists."

# Affirmative action: Women want 50% representation

By Akor Ojoma

**W**OMEN have called on government to reserve 50% of leadership positions and strategic appointments for them to offset current under-representation in politics and public life.

The population of women voters for example is not matched by the degree of women participation and representations in public life.

According to Barrister Olivia Agbajoh, President of Women Empowerment for Advancement (WEFA), a group of women politicians, and also a former member of the House of Representatives "In 2010 Nigerian women remain marginalised and whatever little progress that have been made since 1999 amounts to sheer tokenism and a far cry from the objectives of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)."

Barrister Olivia Agbajoh said Women demand 50% because

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that is what is obtainable in other parts of the world. "Apart from South Africa, smaller African countries like Tunisia and Uganda have taken the lead in establishing and enlarging the platform for women's proper location in decision-making and in political processes and leadership structures. In Rwanda, more than half of the parliamentarians are women."

While thanking the federal government for promising 30% representation for women and President Goodluck Jonathan for giving the women 15% in the recently constituted Federal Executive Council with the appointment of 6 women ministers, an improvement from previous percentage the women said government needs to improve on gender balance.

She said: "The board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) is composed of



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10 men no women so also is the Delta State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission which has 10 men and no women. Are there no women in the Niger Delta and Delta state?"

The group of women politicians said women demand 50% representation of women in all sectors at all levels, both elective and appointed of government bodies and regulatory agencies, reflection of women's 50% representation in all new legislation and making of laws based on international conventions ratified by Nigeria.

The women said the present voter's register is highly flawed and called for another Voter Registration exercise that will include the display and validation of vot-

er's register.

The women also demand 50% representation at ward, village, LGA, state and national levels. 50% representation within political party hierarchies and 50% representation in cabinet, ambassadorial appointments, and other organs of government, 50% representation within the hierarchy of political parties at all level and elimination of women wings in political parties among others.

Improvement in health care, education, development and maintenance of basic infrastructure and services and accountability on the part of those in power and decision-making position for providing people's basic needs, among others are also prayers by the women.

## FRAGMENTS

By Safiya I. Dantiye  
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### Yarima's marriage and the grand hypocrisy of our time (1)

**T**HE reported marriage of Senator Ahmed Sani, *Yariman Bakura*, and also the former Governor of Zamfara State to a thirteen-year old girl (though he has denied that she is 13) has generated a wave of condemnation with a media frenzy from so-called women groups and many more.

Even though most of these criticism came from non Muslims due to ignorance, or just to discredit Islam, the surprising thing (may be not so surprising) are some Muslims joining the bandwagon of condemning an act our noble Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) himself did, which makes it an acceptable thing in Islam. He married Nana Aisha at a very young age, about nine years of age. The prophet brought the religion of Islam, and those Muslims that question his deeds and sayings (Hadith), are as good as questioning the very religion, and they might as well denounce it, and carry on with their un-Islamic way of life.

Many non governmental organisations (NGOs) have anti Islamic agenda and some Muslim women in this NGOs have become so indoctrinated that if you hear them speak, you would wonder if they are indeed Muslims. Some say these women 'sell' their faith to donor agencies, as they are well paid. These type of Muslims are called, *Musulmiya* or *Muna Musulmi*, a questioning term of their faith as Muslims.

However, why must Muslims that have the Qur'an and Hadith as a law and guide in conducting their lives be made to conform to man-made laws, concocted apparently to undermine Islam? The so-called Child's Right Act has many loopholes that are in contradiction with the teachings of Islam, like where a marriage age for a girl is seventeen or eighteen, and in inheritance, among others.

However, I have attended many workshops on reproductive health, where doctors tried to sell the idea of legalising abortion and promoting safe sex among youths with condoms and contraceptives. In fact some even advocate for sexuality education in our secondary schools, some say from primary school, so that the students will protect themselves against HIV/AIDS and unwanted pregnancy. In fact in one such workshop, the medical doctor told us that a lot of girls in their early teens were having sex, and narrated a story in one of the southern states. He said he tried to convince Catholics to accept the issue of abortion and contraceptive, which they are against, so he went to a Catholic boarding school for girls, but the school authority were appalled and refused, but he said they later agreed and found out to their consternation later that the students actually went out at night to sleep with men!

A friend who lives in Kaduna once told me that they had to vacate their area and bought another house, because hotels were built around the area and girls as young as twelve and thirteen go there as prostitutes and as her own sons have started to grow up, they wanted to protect them from such bad influence. Many an NGO in the cause of fighting AIDS will distribute condom to such young girls, and they would be even hailed for saving lives. In other words they are given tacit approval to have sex, after all, the slogan is 'use condom if you can't abstain', and it is not a crime. Besides, prostitutes are given a veneer of respect, just in the name of human right, which in fact is just to encourage promiscuity. They are now called commercial sex workers. It always irks me when people feel that Muslims must conform to whatever the so-called civilized world does or says, like a divine law, while we are expected to discard the divine law and embrace the very things that Islam forbids. And if we are to copy the way of life of the 'civilized' world, pray, what is there to copy; the free sex, homosexuality, lesbianism, nudity, same sex marriage, pornography, atheism (a lot don't believe in God) and other bestialities, just so that Muslims will be seen as civilised? Because in those societies, being religious is seen as akin to living in primitive time.

The very West people here try to ape, is dearly paying for her freedom, even if they may not say it. For example, UK has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in Europe. And these teenagers are not married, and it is OK by their standard. But if such teenagers are married in the Muslim World, their media will broadcast it as if it is a story about another planet, while ignoring the moral decadence in their societies. At least in the Muslim World, it is a legal marriage, but in their own case it is free sex. Is it not waging moral war against everything Islam stands for?

Recently, there was a news item in one of the UK media website. The story was about the marriage of a thirteen-year old girl in one Arab country. In the comments below the story, many people condemned the marriage, but some did not, truthfully citing their own shameless case.

(To be concluded next week)

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## Advice by Dr Aminu Magashi

### I suffer breast pain

I am 18 years old. I often develop breast pain especially around my armpit about two weeks to my menses. What can I do about it?

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What you are experiencing is premenstrual swelling and tenderness of your breasts that occurs during the second half of the menstrual cycle. Symptoms of premenstrual breast tenderness may range from mild to severe. Symptoms typically peak just before each menstrual period and improve immediately after or during the menstrual period.

Breast tissue may have dense, rough, "cobblestone" feel to the fingers – usually more marked in the outer areas. There may also be an intermittent or persistent sense of breast fullness with dull, heavy pain, and tenderness.

During the menstrual cycle, estrogen production increases and peaks just prior to midcycle. This causes enlargement of the breast ducts. Premenstrually, progesterone peaks near the 21st day (in a 28-day cycle) and causes growth of the breast lobules (milk glands).

Premenstrual breast tenderness and swelling probably occur to some degree in nearly all women. Symptoms severe enough to cause concern or limit function may occur in many women during their childbearing years. The rate may be lower in women taking birth control pills. Risk factors may include family history, a high-fat diet, and too much caffeine.

### Causes

1. Menstrual cycle
  2. Estrogen medications
  3. Adolescent pregnancy
  4. Early pregnancy
- Some tips you can use are;
1. Eating a lower fat diet
  2. Avoiding caffeine
  3. Avoiding salt 1 - 2 weeks before your period starts
  4. Daily exercise
  5. You can also perform a breast self examination every month.
  6. A well-fitting bra should be worn day and night to provide good breast support.
  7. The effectiveness of vitamin E, vitamin B6, and herbal preparations such as evening primrose oil are somewhat controversial and should be discussed with your health care provider.
  8. Pills and analgesics may be prescribed to decrease symptoms.
- Visit your doctor if

1. You have new, unusual, or changing lumps in breast tissue.
2. You have one-sided (unilateral) lumps in breast tissue.
3. You do not know how to properly perform breast self-examination.
4. You have discharge from your nipple, especially if it is a bloody or brown discharge.
5. Your symptoms are interfering with your ability to sleep, and diet changes and exercise have not helped.

### Need information about enlarged spleen

A colleague of mine was recently diagnosed as having swelling of the spleen. What are the causes, symptoms and treatment? Thanks for the good job.

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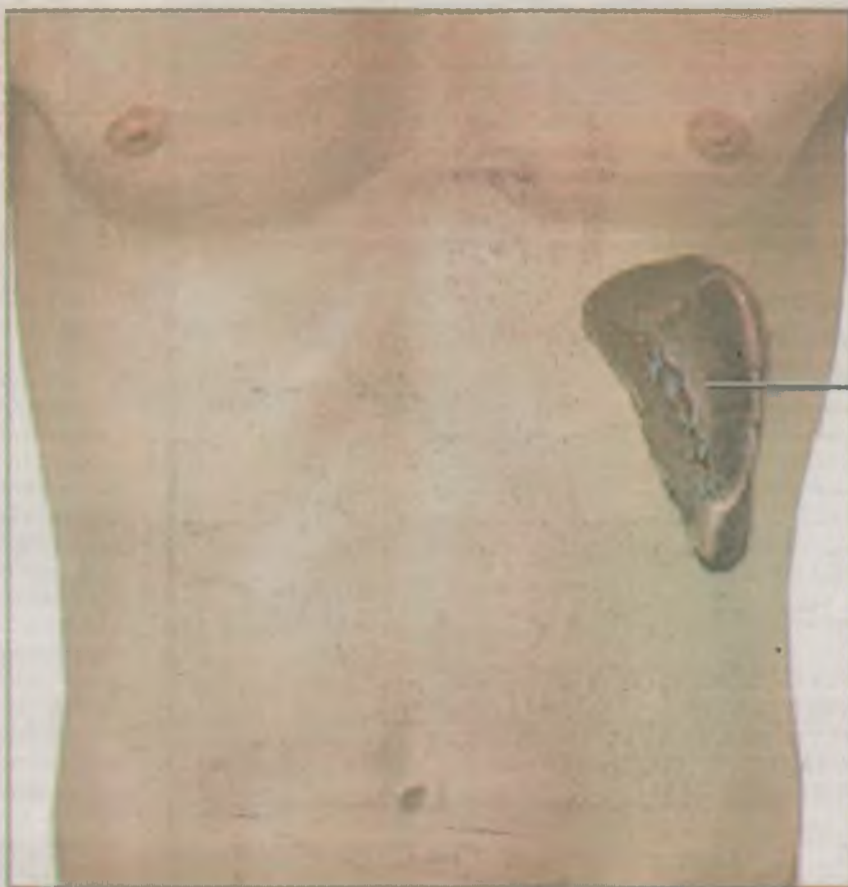
The spleen is an organ located in the upper left quadrant of the abdomen just below the diaphragm and protected under the lower left ribs.

The spleen has a couple of important functions involving blood cells within the body.

1. It filters blood and removes old and damaged red blood cells, bacteria, and other particles as they pass through blood vessels within the spleen.
  2. It produces lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell that produces antibodies and assists immune system.
- The filtration system is part of the red pulp while the white pulp of the spleen contains the immune functioning cells.
- Normally, the spleen is a small organ about the size of a small fist or orange. Splenomegaly describes the situation where the spleen enlarges in size.

### What are the causes of an enlarged spleen?

- Abnormal red blood cells:**  
Since the spleen filters abnormal blood cells and removes them from the circulatory system, diseases that result in abnormal red cells will cause the spleen to enlarge such as Sickle cell disease
- Viral and bacterial infection:**  
The spleen is involved in making cells that fight infection and part of that response is to enlarge. This is commonly seen in viral infections such as AIDS and viral hepatitis.
- Splenic vein pressure/blockage:**  
Blood enters the spleen through the splenic artery and leaves through the splenic vein. If the pressure within the vein increases or if the splenic vein becomes blocked, blood cannot leave the spleen and it



Spleen

may swell. Congestive heart failure may cause both the liver and spleen to swell because of increased venous pressure.

Cancers: such as Leukamia

### What are the symptoms of an enlarged spleen?

An enlarged spleen itself usually causes no symptoms; the symptoms of an underlying disease are often the reason a patient might seek care. These may include weakness and fatigue from anemia, easy bleeding from decreased platelets in the bloodstream, or recurrent infections from poor white blood cell function.

However, as the spleen enlarges, it can press up against the diaphragm, the muscle that separates the chest and abdominal spaces. Diaphragm irritation may refer pain to the left shoulder. An enlarged spleen also can push toward the stomach and cause loss of appetite and a sense of early fullness when eating.

Since the enlarged spleen grows beyond the protection of the ribcage it becomes more likely to be injured, thereby increasing the chance that abdominal pain may occur.

### How is an enlarged spleen diagnosed?

Most often an enlarged spleen is found incidentally on physical examination by the health care practitioner. The spleen usually is small enough to hide underneath the left rib cage in the upper abdomen. The enlarged spleen tip can be felt in the left upper quadrant of the abdomen and as it

continues to enlarge the tip moves towards the right lower quadrant.

If there is concern that the spleen is enlarged, blood tests may be considered to assess the cause of the enlargement. Common tests may include a complete full blood count looking for abnormal red or white blood cells, a peripheral smear to assess the types and shapes of blood cells.

An abdominal ultrasound or CT scan of the abdomen may be used to evaluate the size of the spleen and to look for other abnormalities in the abdominal cavity that may be associated with splenomegaly.

### What is the treatment for an enlarged spleen?

Treatment for an enlarged spleen is usually directed at the underlying medical condition that resulted in the splenomegaly. Depending on the underlying problem, treatments can be with antibiotics, chemotherapy or radiation. These treatments are for the underlying disease and may allow the spleen to reduce in size; however, in some cases, the spleen will remain enlarged.

On some occasion, the spleen may need to be removed surgically.

### What are the complications of an enlarged spleen?

When the spleen enlarges, it loses some of the protective covering of the lower rib cage and becomes more vulnerable to injury. The enlarged spleen is fragile and can be damaged with relatively minor blows to the upper abdomen. It is a relatively solid organ and

can fracture or crack causing significant and potentially life threatening bleeding.

The enlarged spleen can also trap an excessive number of blood cells within it causing:

1. Anemia (decreased numbers of red blood cells), which may lead to weakness, shortness of breath, and easy fatigue;
2. Leukopenia (decreased white blood cells), which may lead to increased risk of infection; and
3. Thrombocytopenia (decreased platelets), which may lead to infection or to bleeding problems.

If the spleen needs to be removed, there is an increased risk of infection.

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**INVITATION FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL BIDS FOR LIQUID WASTE SEWAGE LINE REHABILITATION/MAINTENANCE & DISTILLATION AND PROCUREMENT OF COVER FOR SEWER AND WATER MANHOLES IN FEDERAL CAPITAL CITY**

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) has provisions in the 2010 budget for the rehabilitation of the FCC sewer network and is therefore inviting competent and interested companies/contractors to submit Technical and Financial Bids for Rehabilitation and Distillation of the City Sewage Network covering 10 (Ten) Districts and supply of sewer/storm water manhole covers. No single company should bid for more than two lots.

LOTS NO	ACTIVITY	DISTRICT
LOT 1	REHABILITATION AND DISTILLATION OF SEWERLINE NETWORK	WUSE I
LOT 2	"	WUSE II
LOT 3	"	GARKI I
LOT 4	"	GARKI II
LOT 5	"	C.B.D
LOT 6	"	UTAKO
LOT 7	"	JABI
LOT 8	"	ASOKORO
LOT 9	"	MAITAMA
LOT 10	"	GUDU/LIFE CAMP
LOT 11	SUPPLY OF SEWER/STORM WATERLINE MANHOLE COVERS	
LOT 12	SUPPLY OF SOIL PIPES FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF CITY SEWER LINE & SEWER CONNECTION	

**BID REQUIREMENTS**

Interested, competent and the reputable companies must forward copies of the following documents and original to be made available for sighting during the tender opening:

- Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Articles of Memorandum of Association.
- Interested companies should have up to date returns with the CAC and be informed that due diligence could be conducted.
- Evidence of audited Account prepared by a Chartered Accounting firm and Tax Clearance for the last three years.
- Company's bank statement for the last 12 months.
- Company profile showing list of key personnel/officers to be attached to the project stating their roles, designation, qualification and experience. Enclosed photocopies of professional certificate and Curriculum vitae (CV) where applicable.
- List of verifiable documentary evidences of jobs of similar scale and type successfully executed within the last five years.
- Any bid above N50,000,000 (Fifty Million Naira) should be accompanied with bid security of 2% of the bid price.
- List of equipment to be used for the project available for immediate inspection and their locations. Also state whether the equipment is on lease or owned.
- Verifiable evidence of remittance of pension fund contributions in line with Section 16, subsection 16(d) of the Public Procurement Act 2007.
- A sworn affidavit confirming that none of the company Directors has ever been convicted in any Court of Law in line with the provisions of Part IV, Section 16(6e-f) of Public Procurement Act 2007.

**COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**

Interested, competent and reputable companies should collect tender documents from the office of the Director, Abuja Environmental Protection Board, Plot 776 Cadastral AO off Zakari Maimalari Street, Central Business District, upon the presentation of a evidence of payment of non refundable Tender fee of N20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira) paid to Abuja Environmental Protection Board through Sterling Bank PLC, Account Number 312133709110.

**SUBMISSION**

The Tender documents (Technical and Financial), SIX copies each (ONE Original and FIVE other copies) should be in a sealed envelope labeled as "Bid for the Rehabilitation and Distillation of City sewers at ..... District of Federal Capital City (Lot.....)" for lots 1-10, while for Lot 11 & 12 should be labeled as "Bid for Supply of ..... (Lot.....)". All pages of the bid documents (Financial & Technical) must be duly endorsed by the bidders and should be submitted at the office of the Director, Abuja Environmental Protection Board, Plot 776 Cadastral AO off Zakari Maimalari Street, Central Business District, Abuja, not later than 12.00noon on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The representatives of the bidding companies are invited to witness the opening of the tenders on the same day by 2.00pm at the Conference Hall of Area Councils Service Commission, Area 3, behind Abuja Open University.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- No single company/contractor should bid for more than two lots.
- Late submission will be rejected.
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# The importance of fun in cementing the family

By Tosin Omoniyi & Akor Ojoma

**M**OST people these days hardly spend quality time with the members of their family. In this era where work plays a major role in the success of marriages, the place of fun has been sadly relegated to the background. A central pre occupation for most parents is how to provide their respective families with the good things of life.

A psychologist, Catherine Mbase believes that having recreational time clearly crafted out in the family schedule has the timeless ability to create an unbreakable bond between family members.

She said most modern families have to struggle with the economic realities of the time which is further aggravated by competing demands on the little time they may have. Despite this, she says it is pertinent that families create ample time to have unlimited fun.

"Many people believe that work and more work is needed to create a sense of prosperity and happiness in the home. In the mornings you see the father rushing out to work with hardly time to say a proper good morning to the kids. The wife is also in the same mad rush to make ends meet. The kids, the meantime are also on their way to their respective schools. The circle is repeated every day in the same monotonic manner. The place of fun and bonding is absent in this scheme of things. Nobody even believes that it should be discussed at all." She said

Mrs Mbase added that the major problem which accounts for most of the social vices in our society today can be traceable one way or the other to the absence of quality time shared between parents and their children especially in their formative years. "When time for fun is set apart, it affords every member of the family the chance to let down their guards and shed every form of pretence. Children tend to open up more during such leisure period and thus parents can adequately know the challenges their children are facing such as peer pressure and negative societal influences that can mar their future. On the other hand spouses

can actually use these periods to cement their love for each other again and this has a positive effect on the kids. But sadly in today's fast flowing world such periods of fun and camaraderie appears totally lacking and this is not good enough."

Hajia Memuna, a mother of three said she always sets aside time to spend with her family member. "I am a business woman and most of the time I have to travel around the country. My husband also due to the nature of his job also hardly has time to stay at home. But we have made it a tradition to always set aside some weekends when we stay with the kid and do nothing except have fun.

Usually during such weekends we do not do any cooking at home. We simply order take away and just sit back at home and relax. In the evenings we may decide to go to the movie house to watch latest films. Or on the alternative we may just buy such CDs and go home to watch. We watch the films eating pop corn and canned drinks and generally have a beautiful time together. Even the house helps are allowed to join us at moments like this as their work schedules are lifted considerably. I have noticed that during such moments, the happiness and friendship amongst every member of the house in greatly increased."

A civil servant who simply identified himself as Fidelis also said his family also knows the importance of spending quality time with one another but due to the nature of work and the limited time available to them such periods are few and far between. "A situation where one has to go early to work and arrive quite late at nights, how do you have time for fun?" he queries adding that, "the best one can do is at the weekends when there is relatively free periods to spend together. Then we simply go to any of the numerous gardens and parks around town and generally have a good time but such times are few to be sincere," he said.

However family fun does not necessarily have to be cumbersome or expensive says an online resource, e.how.com. Its sees family fun as an intrinsic part of family bonding which should not be toyed with and suggests that families

have what is called, 'family nights.' It notes inter alia: "Most families are hard-pressed for time to spend together. Between your work commitments and your kids' activities, life seems to run on a schedule. And that's exactly why you have to actively schedule family fun at home. Pull out your calendar, pick a night, turn off the phones and TV and let the good times roll. And despite what your kids may think, there are plenty of fun things that you'll all enjoy... Most families are constantly on the move throughout week. All of the activities leave little time to reconnect and just enjoy being with one another. Family fun can help. Make sure to schedule it regularly on your calendar. There are many great ways to spend family fun nights."

It goes on to prescribe some channels through which families can have such periods.

"As a parent who wants to host a successful family fun, it is important to make sure that this event is scheduled on an evening when your child is able to attend. With young kids, that's fairly easy. With older kids, that can be more of a challenge. Consider hosting family fun night on a weeknight, so it won't be competing with the time that children want to spend with their friends.

Let the child or children select what they want for dinner. Even if that means you'll have to eat pizza for dinner and ice cream for dessert, it will be fun to watch your kids enjoy the meal. You can always eat something else, of course, but give the kids what they want. It's a fun night - let the kids look forward to it and enjoy it." It also advises: "Talk about fun stuff, and fun stuff only. Family fun night is not fun for kids when you try to talk about homework or tough topics. Keep conversation fun and light, and try to involve the kids in the conversation as much as you can."

It concludes: "plan family fun night every so often, but not too often. Having too many of these evenings will make them boring, so keep them fresh by having them infrequently. Accept input from your child about what he or she wants to do during family fun night. Your child might have great ideas that you never thought about."

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Ogechi Ohalee

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## RE: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE 2010 EDUCATION SECRETARIAT CAPITAL PROJECTS

The FCT Education Secretariat wishes to announce the extension of submission of Technical and Financial bids for projects under the Education Secretariat and its Agencies earlier advertised in the Daily Trust and Tribune Newspapers of 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 and Tenders Journal of 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

The pre-qualification requirements, collection and submission of tender documents are as contained in our earlier advertisements of 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

**Closing:** All submissions must be received at the Procurement Unit of Education Secretariat located at Ayangba Street Behind Mangal Plaza, Area 11, Garik-Abuja on or before 12:00noon on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010. All bids will be publicly opened on the same day at 2.00pm in the presence of Bidders or their representatives.

**Please Note:** Interested Bidders for Lot 7 (Construction of FCT UBEB Headquarters) under Education Secretariat and Lot 2 (Furnishing and Equipping of Library Complex) & 3 (Construction of School of Sciences at the Permanent Site) under College of Education, zuba should tender for pre-qualification only.

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## COMMUNIQUÉ

Of the Conference held in commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arewa Consultative Forum. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**Theme: Fighting Corruption & Social Conflict for Development.**

Arewa Consultative Forum marked its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a civic ceremony on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, in Arewa House, Kaduna. The ceremony which was chaired by the Chairman of its Patrons, General Yakubu Gowon but who was ably represented by Justice Muhammed Lawal Uwais drew a large attendance by people from all parts of the country.

Eminent leaders addressed the gathering and listened to lectures with the theme: **"Fighting Corruption and Social Conflict For Development"**. Speakers include Professor Bolaji Akinyemi, Professor J.O. Irukwu (SAN), Mrs. Farida Waziri and Professor Abubakar Siddique Mohammed. Based on the discussions and the issues raised by the main speakers, the conference agreed to issue the following communiqué:-

1. Corruption in Nigeria is unacceptably high and this has been attested to by international agencies and local observers. The corruption is in many forms, namely political corruption, bribery, trading of influence, graft and undue patronage. Other forms of corruption include nepotism and cronyism, electoral and voter fraud, embezzlement, kickbacks, unholy alliances, organized crime and quiet corruption. These occur in almost all facets of the country's national life. Very distressing is the fact that many African countries-Mozambique, Mauritania, Libya, Tanzania, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Togo, SaoTome and Principe, Mali, Senegal, Madagascar, Liberia, Rwanda Lesoto, Just to mention a few, - are doing better in containing corrupt practices.
2. The conference took note of the continuing flow of illicit financial resources from Nigeria as from 1970 to 2008, estimated at over \$400b. This has been matched almost in equal measure by declining standards of living, low life expectancy of Nigerians, stunted growth of children, high maternal and infant mortality rates, increases in the spread of HIV/AIDS, high death from malaria scourge, surge in criminality and lawlessness, especially among the youths. Also growing in parts of the country are violent crimes such as armed robberies, kidnapping and drug trafficking, which are escalating.
3. The upshot is the lack of capacity of the governments and institutions in Nigeria to deliver on services and the leading poverty in the country. It is therefore the position of the anniversary conference that campaigns against corrupt practices must be the biggest priority of all government agencies and civil groups in Nigeria. States and local government across the country have to get very committed to the campaigns. The fight against corruption must not be left to federal agencies alone.
4. The conference called on all authorities, socio-cultural organizations, political parties as well as NGOs across the country to join in the fight against corruption in a most determined way. All Nigerians are urged to work towards the return of cultural values that emphasize personal integrity and honesty and condemn corrupt practices. Nigerians should be made to feel a sense of shame for acts of dishonesty. The law must also be amended to allow for the confiscation of assets whose acquisition cannot be explained by their owners. The practice of discontinuing projects by new governments leads to huge but needless waste of resource in the country and has to stop.
5. Accordingly, the conference called on ethnic nationalities, traditional rulers, universities and places of worship not to glorify corrupt people through award of traditional titles, honorary degrees or thanks-giving prayers and services to people known or suspected to be corrupt.
6. The conference condemned the long delays in the trial of corruption cases. This gives people the impression that judges and lawyers are not interested in helping the nation fight corruption for our collective good. It is against this backdrop that ACF appeals to the nation's judges and lawyers to accelerate trial of persons arraigned for corruption and to replace technical justice with substantive justice.
7. The Anniversary Conference has observed the proposed amendment of the constitution designed to allow indicted persons contest elections. This provision seems to contradict the spirit of the fight against corruption. It is the position of the conference that all people standing trial should be barred from contesting public offices until they are cleared. All efforts must be taken to reduce and eliminate the role of money in politics and the so-called big-man syndrome that renders prosecution of indicted people exceedingly difficult.
8. The Anniversary Conference took a careful note of the recurring ethnic, religious and political violence across the nation. To stop the escalation of these crises, the conference called on the authorities at all levels to ensure justice to all and to deliver on the promises of democracy. Perpetrators of violent clashes must be made to face the full weight of the law.- It also called on religious, ethnic, community and political leaders at all levels to uphold the provisions of the constitution and to work to promote tolerance, accommodation and good neighborliness among the diverse communities and nationalities that have nowhere to call home but Nigeria.

Signed:

**Mr. Anthony N. Z Sani**  
 Publicity Secretary

# DIGEST

## Gout, Heart attacks: They used to be male problems, so why are so many women getting 'men's' diseases?

**K**AY McCaw was under unbearable pressure. She was going through a divorce, selling her home and working 16 hours a day.

'I was coming home from work, crying with exhaustion and stress, then pulling myself together and getting onto the computer until two in the morning,' says the 45-year-old from Frimley, Surrey. 'My job as a PA for an international tobacco company involved dealing with people across different time zones all over the world and there was no respite from the e-mails and faxes. I loved the fast pace, but I also had a real terror of getting something wrong. My smoking had shot up to 40 a day, which was a direct result of the stress.'

Finally, after a day of feeling inexplicably nauseous and sweaty, she suffered three heart attacks. 'I felt increasingly bad throughout the day and by evening I was grey and pallid,' she says. 'I also had chest pain which I just thought was indigestion. Luckily, a friend had come to see me and she called an ambulance because I looked so grey. I thought she was overreacting but I had the first heart attack while the ambulance men were putting me on the stretcher, the second in the ambulance and a huge attack in A&E. The pain was excruciating and I could see that the doctors were worried.'

Scans showed that one of her arteries had gone into spasm, most likely as a result of stress. 'When a nurse told me I had suffered a heart attack I burst into tears. I couldn't believe it could happen to a fit 40-year-old. Heart attacks were for old men, not young women.' While it's well-known that job stress is linked to heart problems in men, as the Mail reported last week, researchers have found it affects women, too.

A Danish study showed that women in high-pressure jobs are twice as likely to suffer from heart disease, with those under 50 at greatest risk. Stress is thought to have a direct effect on the heart rate. It's also indirectly linked to heart disease.

'People who are stressed are more likely to drink too much, to smoke, to eat junk food and to avoid exercise,' explains Fotini rozakeas, a cardiac nurse at the British Heart Foundation. These are all classic risk factors for heart disease. 'My cardiologist told me



GAIL Porter developed alopecia five years ago

becoming increasingly common in women, says hair transplant surgeon Dr Peter Williams from The Hospital group citing stress and low oestrogen, particularly as women go through the menopause, as possible causes.

**Treatment:** 'The most important thing is to establish whether your hair loss has a medical cause and if so, to get that treated,' says Dr Peter Williams. 'For instance, if your hair loss is related to polycystic ovaries, it should improve once this is treated.'

'There is a very good ointment called Minoxidil that helps with hair loss. It's thought to work by improving blood supply to hair follicles. Finally, on a cosmetic front, you can use special coloured sprays such as Coverup which thicken the hair and add colour to wispy strands, or opt for a hair transplant.'

### GOUT

**G**out is a form of arthritis which until recently affected nine times more men than women. However, since the Seventies, cases among women have doubled. It's caused by a build up of uric acid crystals in the joints.

The crystals are a by product of eating certain foods such as red meat as well as the breakdown of old cells. Gout can cause enormous pain and inflammation.

'One reason women are more prone to gout is that they are living longer,' says Dr Michel Snaith a rheumatologist and trustee of the UK gout Society. 'Oestrogen helps ensure urate or uric acid is excreted from the

body but after the menopause oestrogen levels drop and so a woman's level of uric acid rises as she gets older. 'Women are also drinking more, eating more and are more prone to obesity and diabetes all of which raise the risk of gout. They are increasingly suffering from high blood pressure too which affects the rate at which uric acid is excreted from the kidneys.' Warning signs: In the under 60s gout typically first affects the big toe causing a sudden intense pain and swelling. The skin may look shiny and peel. In the over 60s gout is more likely to also appear in other joints such as the wrist, knee, hand or elbow. The pain will usually be worst at night and does not respond well to paracetamol. A bout of gout normally lasts a week without treatment but may recur at intervals.

**Treatment:** Gout is diagnosed with a blood test to check for levels of uric acid and treated with strong anti-inflammatory drugs such as colchicine.

### IT HAPPENED TO ME

When mother of three Shelley Rees-Langley, 38, an administrative assistant from Midsomer Norton, Somerset, awoke in the night in agony to find her toe hugely swollen she presumed she had broken it. So she was shocked to discover she had gout.

She says: 'I woke up out of the blue at 2am one morning with an excruciating pain in my toe that took my breath away. My immediate thought was that I must have broken it, but I couldn't work out how, as it had been fine when I went to bed.'

'I went to the local minor injuries unit and saw a triage nurse, who asked me what I'd been eating and drinking in the previous few days. 'It was the day after Boxing Day, so I'd eaten more rich food than normal and I'd had a few glasses of wine, and it seems that even one episode of over indulgence can spark it off.'

'I phoned my mum to tell her and she laughed and said gout was an old man's disease that affected port drinkers who were overweight. 'I wasn't a boozier or a man and, at 38, weighed only 8st 10lb, so I was stunned.'

### LIVER DISEASE

Liver disease - where the liver becomes scarred as a result of alcohol, obesity and other factors - is now rising sharply in women. 'Liver cirrhosis is no longer an old man's disease,' says Professor Humphrey Hodgson of the British Liver Trust. 'We're seeing more and more women in their thirties and forties with liver disease. Twenty years ago, that would have been very rare. 'Having six units of alcohol on two consecutive days puts the liver under metabolic strain.'

Alcohol packs the liver cells with fat, making them susceptible to damage and meaning they don't do their other jobs as well. Within ten years, alcohol-related liver disease could kill more women in Britain than breast cancer. Since 1991 the number of women between the ages of 35 and 54 dying from alcohol-related causes, including alcoholic liver disease, has more than doubled.

**Warning signs:** Symptoms are non-specific - tiredness, general feeling of being unwell, flu-like.

**Treatment:** Focuses on repairing the liver and salvaging what is still useful. Avoiding alcohol is essential and often after abstinence the liver will regenerate itself to a functioning level very quickly. Very occasionally transplant may be offered.

“ People who are stressed are more likely to drink too much, to smoke, to eat junk food and to avoid exercise

that women are particularly at risk of heart attacks because they refuse to listen to their body, and push themselves to the limit in order to please other people,' says Kay.

Five years on she now works as a dog-walker and trainer. 'I knew that if I didn't change my lifestyle and reduce my stress levels I was in serious danger of another heart attack. Next time I might not be so lucky.'

But heart disease is not the only traditionally 'male' disease now affecting women.

Changing lifestyles mean that work stress, increased alcohol intake, and poor diet - risk factors for many diseases - are taking their toll on countless thousands of women, too.

### HAIR LOSS

Receding hairline and thinning hair are

The rise could also be related to environmental factors, suggests Dr Matthew Harries, a clinical research fellow at the University of Manchester. He points to the emergence of a new type of hair loss, 'frontal fibrosing alopecia', where the immune system attacks the hair follicles, causing women to gradually lose hair from their hairline and even eyebrows.

This is more common in older, post-menopausal women. As conditions such as frontal fibrosing alopecia are relatively new, it's possible an environmental trigger - and that includes stress - is at work somewhere, too, suggests Dr Harries. Warning signs: Hair becoming increasingly frail and wispy; bald patches.

### Sign Language



Who is blocking the intersection now?  
 Photo location: Kailua-Kona, USA, by Dennis Fahringer  
 Culled from www.signspotting.com

### SPELL TO SCORE

Fill in as many blanks as you can to form 11 different words starting with the given letters. Proper nouns, plurals, and present-tense verbs ending in "s" (such as "rings") are not allowed. No letter may be repeated in the word itself or in the word above or the word below. For each word, the number of letters needed to earn the maximum score is indicated by the number of blanks.  
 In this sample, the word ROCKY cannot be ROAST because the letters A, S, and T appear above in STAPLE. Likewise, PLATED cannot be PATROL because of the O and R in ROCKY.

STAPLE 6  
 ROCKY 5  
 PLATED 6

TO SCORE: Each letter you use is worth one point. Give yourself a bonus of 11 points if you use all 26 letters of the alphabet, include the given letters in your score. Subtract 5 points from your score for every word you form of less than 4 letters.

	WORDS	POINTS
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### SOLUTION TO LADDERGRAMS 2

P	CARPET	CRATE	RACE	T
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V	CAVERN	CRANE	NEAR	C
A	HEATER	THERE	TREE	H
T	BLEAT	RALE	LAB	E
E	ERODE	REDO	DOE	R

# SUDOKU

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

149

4			3	1				9
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### Solution to Sudoku 148

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

## News Extra



**MIRACLE survivor:** The unnamed Dutch boy who was flung to safety by the explosion as the flight disintegrated in Tripoli Wednesday



**LUCKY escape:** The boy's face and some of his body appears bruised as he is looked after in the hospital



# How did a boy of ten survive Libyan plane crash that killed 103?

- Al Afriqiyah Flight 8U771 from Johannesburg was due to stop in Tripoli
- Two Britons on board flight, says airline
- Seven passengers had been due to connect to another flight to Gatwick
- Flight 'exploded and disintegrated' just one metre from runway
- Dutch boy miraculously survives after he is flung from wreckage

**A** boy of ten was the sole survivor after a plane exploded as it came into land Wednesday, killing 103 people on board.

Incredibly he was flung clear as the plane disintegrated just a metre from touchdown.

The Dutch boy was picked from the wreckage of the Libyan-owned Airbus A330-200 at Tripoli airport. Doctors operated on him for four hours last night.

His legs were broken in several places and he is still unable to move parts of his body. It is believed that his brain may have

“ He appears to have been miraculously flung to safety from the wreckage His parents both died in the crash



**EXPLOSION:** The debris of the Afriqiyah Airways plane crash, which a ten-year-old boy miraculously survived

been bruised during the crash.

**W**hen doctors asked him where he was from, he managed to dazedly mumble: 'Holland, Holland'.

He is thought to be only the 14th sole survivor of a major plane crash.

Libyan TV last night showed the Dutch boy, who is yet to be named, apparently conscious.

He appears to have been miraculously flung to safety from

the wreckage

His parents both died in the crash.

'It's an absolute miracle that he got out,' a source said. 'He's been rushed to hospital in Tripoli, but it's hard to tell what kind of condition he's in.'

'The plane crashed next to the runway. It was around a metre away.'

'The body of the plane completely disintegrated, meaning most people would have died

straight away.'

The pilot was said to have warned air traffic controllers of a problem as he approached the capital's airport.

**Y**esterday the investigation into the cause of the crash has begun. The plane's black box flight data recorders have been recovered, and it is hoped the information on them will shed some light on what happened.

## News Extra



JULIUS Malema

**A**youth leader in South Africa who yelled "bastard!" and "bloody agent!" at a BBC journalist has been ordered to take anger management classes.

Julius Malema, president of the African National Congress Youth League, pleaded guilty to sowing division between the two bodies, the ruling congress said following a disciplinary hearing.

There had been calls for Malema's expulsion after he sang protest songs containing the words "Shoot the Boer", backed Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe, and racially abused the BBC journalist at a press conference.

**T**hese charges were withdrawn during proceedings after a plea bargain was reached. But Malema was found guilty of criticising South African

# ANC youth leader forced to apologise

## ...And take anger management classes

president Jacob Zuma's decision to rebuke him, by comparing him unfavourably with former president Thabo Mbeki.

"The national disciplinary committee ruled ... Julius Malema shall make a public apology to the president of the ANC, the ANC and the public in general," congress spokesman Brian Sokutu said.

His punishment includes attending "programmes on effective leadership communication and anger management", or other classes ANC leaders deemed appropriate. He also was fined 10,000 rand (£890) and asked to make a public apology. He would be suspended from the ANC if found guilty again within two years.

A statement from Malema read: "I make this apology unconditionally as I accept that as a leader of the ANC and of the

ANC Youth League my conduct and public utterances should at all times reflect respect and restraint ... I have learned from this mistake and therefore submit myself to the discipline of the ANC."

Zuma publicly criticised Malema last month after months of pressure to rein in the younger leader. This was followed by the disciplinary procedures that started last week.

**T**he verdict is likely to be seen as more than a slap on the wrist but rather less than hoped for by those who called on Zuma to show strong leadership.

The ruling may initially damage Malema's image but, since he retains his post, he will remain at the heart of South African politics. Malema's inflammatory statements have unnerved foreign investors and many white South

Africans. He has no policy-making role but has become prominent through his racial rhetoric.

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**Malema was found guilty of criticising South African president Jacob Zuma's decision to rebuke him.**



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## News Extra



**BAHIA Bakari, who survived the Yemenia plane crash off the Comoros islands.**

# Sole survivors of plane crashes

The rare miracle cases of people who have survived airliner disasters that killed everyone else on board

**B**ahia Bakari, who survived the Yemenia plane crash off the Comoros islands.

Sole survivors of plane crashes are rare but not unheard of. Over the last 40 years there have been

at least 20 such incidents, many involving children. But experts say that luck, nous and sitting at the

back of the plane, not age, are more likely to improve your chances of survival.

"It just depends what kind of impact there is and where damage to airframe takes place," said David Learmount, an air safety expert. Statistically, he said, young, fit, male passengers in rear seats had a slightly better chance.

"The best equipped people to survive are fit young men. If you survive an accident, often a fire takes place and the first out are the ones who survive – and they tend to be young men who are frequent travellers. They are fit, young and healthy and know where the exits are."

**S**ome of the more remarkable sole survivor stories include:  
29 June 2009

Bahia Bakari, 12, was plucked from the sea when a Yemenia Airlines Airbus crashed off the Comoros islands – she had been clinging to wreckage for 13 hours. In all, 152 passengers and crew died. Bahia escaped with cuts, bruises and a broken collarbone.

6 March 2003

An Air Algeria flight crashed on takeoff in the southern city of Tamanrasset. The sole survivor was 28-year-old soldier Youcef Djillali.

15 December 1997

A Tajik Airlines Tupolev ploughed into a river close to Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. All 77 passengers were killed, but Sergei Petrov, a crew member, survived.

16 August 1987

Four-year-old Cecelia Cichan was the only survivor of Northwest Airlines flight 255, which crashed after takeoff near Detroit.

26 January 1972

Perhaps the most debatable of all survival stories. Serbian flight attendant Vesna Vulovic became famous in the Soviet bloc after supposedly falling 10,000 metres when her aircraft exploded in mid-air. Investigations have challenged the official version of events, however; the alternative view is that Vulovic's heroic escape was manufactured to divert attention from a friendly fire incident.

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# UNSUNG HEROES 2010

**I**n the course of our work of reporting and analyzing events in Nigeria, we have come across many people that are shining examples in their communities. In spite of the deep cynicism that pervades the country, there are many Nigerians who go beyond the call of duty in their various fields of endeavour.

We know that among the unreported millions there are many whose contributions are exceptional and whose example is uplifting. They are the unsung heroes of our society, toiling in relative obscurity perhaps waiting for their reward in heaven.

But before we get there, DAILY TRUST wants to celebrate such people, if for no other reason, to hold them up as examples and promote the feeling of optimism about our country.

You know such unsung heroes better than us because they live quietly amongst you. Please send us their

names, and if possible the full stories of their lives with pictures so that we can tell the world about them. Our editors and reporters will visit the nominees in order to vet their stories and also do a full profile on them for publication.

Continuing with the first edition last year, we are calling for nominations for 2010 Unsung Heroes of Daily Trust. This will be our yearly 'happy birthday' to Nigeria as it adds another year of independence. We want to show that this country, and especially its people, are worth celebrating and that indeed progress is being made even if some of us are too busy complaining to notice.

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## Experts want FMBN board reconstituted

By Nasir Imam

STAKEHOLDERS in the housing industry have drawn the attention of the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development on the need to re-constitute the Board of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN).

A petition to the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, states that Section 2(1) of the FMBN Act states that the Board of Directors shall comprise a Chairman, and a representative of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing.

Other members of the Board should include two representatives of the CBN, one person to represent the general interest, the FMBN MD, and three executive directors of the bank.

However, according to the petitioners, the current Board of FMBN comprise the Chairman, the MD/CEO, 5 Executive Directors for Policy and Strategy, Securities Issuance and Market Development, Loan Set up and pay off, Loans Production, Organizational Resources, and one non-Executive Director.

The petition also states that the constitution of the FMBN Board is also at variance with the CBN's code of corporate governance for Banks and Other Financial Institutions Paragraph 4:10 which states that "the number of non-executive directors should exceed that of the executive directors."

FMBN Board, which the petitioners said does not have board committees, has 8 members out of which 2 are non-executive directors while 6 are executive directors, which is

at variance with the boards of FERMA and FHA that were constituted on the same day.

"FHA has 16 board members in which 11 are non-executive while 5 are executives, and FERMA has 19 board members with 13 as non-executives and 6 as executives. Why then is the constitution of FMBN different?" the petitioners queried.

While calling for a probe of the finances of FMBN, the petitioners want the minister to dissolve the current board of FMBN and constitute another one in compliance with the provision of FMBN Act, CBN code of corporate governance and best practices.

Head, Public Affairs of FMBN, Dauda Yusuf, when contacted said already the bank has made the necessary move to correct the anomalies in the composition of the Board.

### Bulama takes over as COREN president

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Council for the Regulation of Engineers in Nigeria, COREN, has elected Engineer Mustapha Bulama as her new president.

Bulama takes over from Engineer Habu Gumel who has successfully completed his term as president.

Bulama is a past president of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and is also an Executive Council Member of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO).

He is a graduate of Ahmadu Bello University and later Imperial College, University of London.

The new president has wide experience in Engineering Consultancy spanning over 32 years. He is happily married with children.

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MINISTER of Works, Senator Sanusi Daggash, with Governor of Kaduna State, Arc. Namadi Sambo, during the Minister's inspection tour of Kaduna State on Tuesday

### BAUHAUS emerges estate developer of the year

By Mustapha Suleiman

ONE of the leading Real Estate Developing companies in Nigeria, BAUHAUS International limited has emerged as the "Estate Developer of the Year" during the recently concluded 4th Abuja Housing Show/Housing Development Award 2010 which took place in Abuja.

The award was received by Mrs Dorothy

Echeozo, Executive Director, Administration and Financial Services of BAUHAUS on behalf of the Executive Chairman, Dr. Victor C. Onukwugh.

The two-day Stakeholders' Conference attracted Estate Developers, Mortgage Bankers; Building Materials Manufacturers/Dealers has the theme: "Global Economic Crisis and the Challenges of Real Estate Financing".

According to the organizers of the event, Fesadeb Communications Ltd, the event was packaged to provide a forum for exchange of views on Housing Development in Nigeria.

Towards this end, a number of erudite scholars/experts in the Real Estate sector delivered papers on a wide range of topical issues bordering on the provision of quality houses for Nigerian.

### Land dispute: Community wants KWSG to uphold findings

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

SHARE community in Ifelodun local government area of Kwara State has cautioned the state government to uphold its findings of report addressed to the Chairmen of Ifelodun and Edu Local Government Areas on January 13, 2010.

The community, in a letter addressed to Governor Bukola Saraki and signed by Wale Bamidele and Hon. Bello Abdullahi, praised the government's efforts in seeing that

peace and tranquility reign in Share and Tsaragi over the boundary dispute.

The statement added that state government should not go against implementing Justice Mamman Nasir Commission's advice of 1976 on the disputed land between it and the neighbouring Tsaragi Community.

"This report was not different from what the GPS indicated when Igbomina - Ekiti and Lafiagi-Patigi divisions were created. It was the same thing that was brought out in

1967 when Kwara State was created and at the same time in 1967 when Ifelodun and Edu Local government Areas were created."

"The use of the GPS, the accepted scientific instrument used worldwide for identifying the locations of places, have no doubt in us that your Excellency meant well on the matter and this shows that your administration is transparent and honest and that you are ready to uphold justice and equity," the letter noted.

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# Estate surveyors tasked on professionalism

From Sunday Ejike Benjamin, Lagos

PROFESSIONAL advice of the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) to governments at levels on global best practices would ensure sustainability of high standards in the real estate sector, the immediate past Director-General and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) Dr. Ade Dosunmu has said.

Dosunmu who was speaking Thursday at the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner of the institute

held in Lagos also identified high cost of land use charge, poor land administration and uncontrolled infiltration of quacks as some of the factors militating against housing delivery in the country.

The former NIMASA boss tasked NIESV to institute measures that will enhance and protect the integrity of the building profession by ensuring that members of the institute act and conduct themselves in accordance to the ethics of the profession.

Dosunmu, who congratulated the institute and its members for maintaining unity and cohesion over

the last 40 years, said: "One must also commend you for ensuring that the Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers (NIESV) stands out in the comity of professional bodies in Nigeria and that it is a clear testimony of the quality of the leadership of the institute."

President of NIESV, Chief Emeka Onuorah, in his speech applauded his predecessor for honouring the institute's invitation and for speaking eloquently at the 40th anniversary celebration adding that Dosunmu's advice and admonition will be taken to heart and implemented for the benefit of the real estate industry and the Nigerian economy.



BLOCK of apartments nearing completion in Maitama, Abuja

## FG seeks Word Bank support for procurement advocacy

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Federal Government has sought for more Institutional support from World Bank to give fresh impetus to the ongoing capacity building for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) that aims to sustain public procurement in the country.

The Special Adviser to the President on Relations with Civil Society, Prince Ume-Ezeoke disclosed while addressing a meeting attended by the Public Sector Management Specialist in the Public Reform and Capacity building section in the African Region

of the World Bank shortly after the Spring meeting of the Bank in Washington DC recently.

According to him, though his office has commenced advocacy training for CSOs in the six geopolitical zone of the country with World Bank support additional partnership has become necessary to expand the scope.

A statement from his office yesterday quoted the Special Adviser as saying that his office recently secured a partnership deal after series of meetings with the Nigerian Country office of the Bank for the involvement of the

Civil Society in Economic Reform and Governance Project (ERGP).

The Civil Society, he remarked has appreciated the programme with enthusiasm stating that a dissemination workshop on the mapped CSO partners for the programme was recently concluded in Abuja, Nigeria.

He noted that the programme would include capacity building workshops in six pilot states. He however emphasized on the need for the Bank to provide additional support to enable his office extend the programme in the rest 25 States.

## Benue cement plans N50bn coal, grinding mills

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

THE managing director of Benue Cement, Shree Junnarkar said the company's management has concluded arrangements to construct a N50 billion cement grinding and coal mills that would increase daily cement production as well as ensuring stable power supply to BCC.

The two projects, Junnarkar said would be completed within the next 18 months. To that extent, he said letters of credit have been set up for the purchase of the coal mills.

He said as part of effort to improve on the cement production from the current capacity of 2.6 million tons per day, a new technology grinding Mills would be erected in BCC. He said when completed, the new plant would push cement production of the company to over 3.8 million tons per day

Junnarkar said the major concern is transportation. He said due to bad road network and poor railways system, the company had spent huge amount of money on

haulage services adding that in order to curb the problem, the company on its own has acquired its own fleet of trucks.

"We have acquired our own fleets of trucks and we have also gone into warehousing in all our main market areas. So right now cement is now going directly to the market so customers who cannot afford to take cement from our plant can get it them through our warehouse close to them. And these we believe would go a long way to increase our sales," he said

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# C'ttee on Ekiti airport inaugurated

EKITI State Government has taken a major step towards the construction of the proposed Ado-Ekiti airport with the inauguration of an 8-man committee on the implementation of the project by Governor Segun Oni.

Speaking at the ceremony in Ado-Ekiti, Governor Oni said though the state government has received so many offers from investors interested in the project, it was yet to decide whether to construct the project directly or enter into a build-operate and transfer

agreement with some of the major firms that have indicated interest in the airport project.

He disclosed that a suitable piece of land for the project stretching from Ijan Road in Ado-Ekiti to Igbemo and Afao in Irepodun/Ifelodun Local Government Area has been identified for the project.

Oni who said he and other top functionaries had already met with traditional rulers of the affected communities on the need to allow Government surveyors have access to the proposed site said the owners of

the land of the project site would be adequately compensated.

While stressing that the project was germane to the economic development of the state he urged members of the committee to put in their best in order to ensure speedy completion of the project.

Responding, the chairman of the committee who is also the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Mr. Samuel Adekunle, assured that the committee would take steps to ensure the project is delivered within three years.

## NSE moves to curb corruption in engineering projects

By Nasir Imam

WORRIED by the increasing level of corruption in the execution of engineering projects in the country, the Nigerian Society of Engineers is sensitising its members across the country on the need not to allow themselves be used by corrupt politicians for various vices ranging from contract inflation and overdesigning in the execution of engineering projects.

A statement from Ikenna Emeka Okpani, NSE's Head of Media and Publication, said as part of this initiative, the society is organising workshops on Ethics and Business Integrity Management in Procurement for its members across

the country. Speaking in Uyo on Monday at the opening of the series of workshops, the President of the Society, Engr Olumuyiwa Alade Ajibola, called on members of the society not to allow themselves be used by politicians to foster corruption in the execution of engineering projects. He said the World Federation of Engineering Organisations, (WFEO) the umbrella body for all engineers in the world was concerned about the rising level of corruption in engineering projects across the globe and had directed all its affiliate bodies to sensitise their members on the need to ensure professionalism and ethic in all their activities.

He charged engineers in public service to divest themselves of any conflict of interest, which he said, was the

major driving force of corruption in engineering services and procurement. He said some engineers in the public service sometimes have companies which they also use to bid for jobs where they are part of the decision making process. He said such was unprofessional and should be stopped.

"If as an engineer in the public service, you have an interest in a job; you must step aside in the process of bidding and make your interest public. I am happy to announce that the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has set up an Investigative panel headed by the President of the NSE to deal with investigate cases of professional misconduct among engineers" he said.

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The Inspector-General of Police, Ogbonna Okechukwu Onovo, OQN, NPM, OPA, mni, and the entire officers, personnel of the Nigeria Police Force deeply commiserate with the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan GCON, the Government and good people of Nigeria, the Government and people of Katsina State, and the entire Yar'adua family, over the passing away of the former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman, Police Council, late Alhaji Umar Musa Yar'adua, GCFR,

There is no doubt that Nigeria has lost an astute leader whose vision and mission for the Nigeria Police greatly influenced Police reform. He also strongly identified with the welfare of the Nigeria Police Force, making it an enviable organization in Nigeria.

May Allah (SWT) grant his soul the eternal rest in Aljannat Firdausi and may He grant all his family and Nigerians the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

**OGBONNA OKECHUKWU ONOVO, OON, NPM, mni, DPA**  
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

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# Driver survives miraculously from ghastly accident



PIC: OGECHI OHALEE

THE scene of the accident at Wuse 2, Abuja yesterday.

By Ogechi Ohaalee

A middle-aged driver, Innosa Ahmed, yesterday morning escaped death when the Honda Civic car he was driving had a

brake failure, somersaulted thrice and crashed inside a bushy valley near Silverbird office at Wuse 2, Abuja.

Tony Bally, an eyewitness said the car with registration number

PK 908 KJA was on motion when he had the brake screech and the vehicle hit a pole and somersaulted.

"The driver in the trapped car came out of the vehicle bleeding

from his nose and eyes but was helped by motorists, who organised to rush him to Wuse General Hospital. He was panicking that his madam will sack him and gave a motorist the phone to call her

before he slumped," the witness said.

An official of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) who arrived with a policeman described the victim as a personal driver to an NNPC staff.

Mr S. D. Danjuru, an official of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), said a distress call was placed to them by a motorist and on getting to the scene, they met the victim had been rushed to the hospital.

"We are trying to remove the accident vehicle from a ditch and drivers should be advised to drive carefully," he added.

Mr. Yahaha, a motorist, criticized the equipment used by the FRSC officials to pull out the mangled left over of the car, adding that government should equip them properly for them to give good services during accident cases.

At Wuse General Hospital, a nurse confirmed that the victim was admitted there and is responding to treatment.

"Our concern now is to save the life of this young man who has internal injuries and we must stop the bleeding," she said.

## Driver jailed two months for damaging car

By Usman A. Bello & Romoke W. Ahmad

AN Abuja magistrate court Wednesday sentenced a 26 years-old driver to two months imprisonment for damaging a car belonging to one Muhammed Ali.

Ezekiel Anayo, of Aso Pado, at Mararaba, was arraigned on a count charge of causing an accident through dangerous driving.

Prosecutor David Udeh had

earlier told the court that on March 13, the accused drove his Nissan Sunny car with registration number XD 261 KUJ in a dangerous manner along Ibrahim Babangida way and crashed into a Toyota Camry with registration number BS 623 ABJ, adding the Camry was badly damaged.

When the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded guilty and begged for leniency, saying he had been trying to settle with the complainant but to no avail.

The prosecutor urged the court to try the accused' summarily under Section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC).

Magistrate Fatima U. Malo sentenced the accused to two months imprisonment or an option of N2,000 in the alternative

"The accused is also given two months to repair the damaged car and the case adjourned to July 12 for report of settlement," the magistrate ruled.

## Man agrees to settle with aggrieved wife

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A man, Benjamin lakalla, Wednesday pleaded through his lawyer at Jikwoyi Customary Court that he should be allowed to settle with his wife without court interference.

His wife Mrs Abigail Benjamin Lakalla had filed a divorce petition before the court accusing her husband of drinking heavily and abandoning her in their matrimonial home for days.

She told the court that her husband sent her to leave with his sister when she was heavily pregnant but refused to go and instead took permission to go and deliver at her maternal home town in Kaduna.

"My husband accented to my request, gave me names for the baby and my husband grew angry after the naming ceremony and

never allowed me to return to our matrimonial home," she said.

Mrs Lakalla also informed the court that they got married in December 2006 under Igala native law and customs, adding that the marriage was celebrated at Grace Baptist Church in Kaduna.

She appealed to the court to dissolve her marriage and grant custody of the only child to her as well as order her husband to send money for the child's upkeep and education.

Benjamin Lakalla, who spoke through his counsel, urged the court to give him time to settle with his wife.

Presiding Judge Jamilu Jega granted their request and adjourned the case to June 8 to hear from both parties on their resolution.

## Police arraign suspected 'one chance' operators

By Bunmi Omolehin

THE police on Tuesday arraigned four men before an Abuja Upper Area Court for alleged criminal conspiracy and attempt to commit an offence of cheating on April 27.

Peter Oke, Eze Ugwu, Chinedu Nwatanaka and Egwu Augustine of Chika village along Airport road Abuja, were accused of committing offences punishable under Sections 97 and 95 of the Penal Code.

Prosecutor Bulus Samuel told the court that one Emmanuel

Onyi, a police officer reported to the police that he boarded a Toyota Starlet with registration number XD 971 YAD from Kuchigoro to Garki and in the process encountered the accused persons who attempted to cheat him of his money.

He said the accused persons engaged in a discussion of how to share dollars that was in the boot of the car among themselves in order to make him part with his money.

"When they stop the vehicle to share the money, the policeman discovered there was no money in the boot and introduced himself

as a police officer, which made the accused persons confess they were fraudsters," the prosecutor said.

When the charges were read to the accused persons they pleaded not guilty and requested for bail which was objected to by the prosecutor on the ground that the offence is very rampant in the city

Judge Umar Kagarko granted the accused persons bail in the sum of N100,000 with one surety each, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and have a fixed address

The case was adjourned to June 23 for hearing.

### Corrigendum

On page 50 of our yesterday's edition, we carried a news story with the headline 'Robbers attack Briscoe Ford Motors, steal vehicles', instead of 'Hoodlums attack Briscoe Ford Motors'. We regret the inconveniences the headline must have caused the Life Camp Police Station.

# Gishiri residents troop out for HIV test

By Sunday Williams & Bunmi Omolehin

GISHIRI residents yesterday turned out in large numbers to partake in a free HIV test exercise that was provided by Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative (SLNI).

Our reporters observed fear envelop some of the residents at the initial stage

of the exercise but they later responded after a few of their members went forward and returned with negative results.

Speaking at the event, SLNI's Founder, Hauwa Abbas, said the organisation began by helping orphans and vulnerable children but later developed to offering free HIV tests in rural com-

munities, where members cannot afford the cost for it.

"So far people have come out well and lot of them have tested negative and are happy with their result," she disclosed.

According to her, if anyone test positive to the virus, the person will be counselled on how to get treatment from a friendly centre, while those

negative are encouraged to keep safe.

Abass said the major challenge confronting the organisation is getting funds and appealed to wealthy individuals to assist the organisation with either materials like mosquito nets, test kits or cash in order for them to expand on their programmes.

## Abuja metropolitan mgt to be upgraded

By Nasir Imam

THE FCT Administration has vowed to up-grade its metropolitan management to meet international standard.

FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed, made the pledge while receiving the Coordinator of Honorary International Investor Council, Baroness Linda Chalker, who paid him a courtesy visit in Abuja.

The minister said his

pledge become necessary in order to encourage genuine investors to come and invest in various sectors of the territory.

Senator Mohammed emphasised that all the municipal services provided by the agencies of the administration will be improved upon.

He said the administration has made giant strides in initiating Public-Private-Partnership in order to open-up new districts in the Federal Capital City, thereby decongesting the already developed phase one of the city.

According to him, all encumbrances will be removed to put the territory on a clear path of accelerated development.

Speaking earlier, Coordinator of Honorary International Investor Council, Baroness Linda Chalker, described the organised-private-sector as the engine room of growth in a society and promised to work closely with the leadership of the FCT Administration for the benefit of all.

Baroness Chalker said that she is in the FCT to discuss ways of assisting the administration to get investors into its economy, especially in the areas of power, water and agriculture.

## FRSC to impound rickety vehicles

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) Wednesday warned driving school operators that they will impound poorly maintained vehicles belonging to them.

FRSC Sector Commander, Nsibong Akpabio, who stated this, said only two driving schools have been approved in Abuja by the commission, adding that no driving school approved will be allowed to use rickety vehicle to operate.

"There are hundreds of driving schools in the territory with majority of them using poorly maintained or outdated vehicles," he said.

Akpabio disclosed that the commission has commenced close monitoring of driving schools and warned that those operating unlawfully will be closed down.

"If a vehicle has no side mirror, good breaking system or functional indicator lights for instance, it cannot be used for learning," he said.

The sector commander said people will not be allowed to drive without driver's licence and warned drivers not to use second hand tyres.

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### RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

The Directors of Chemical and Allied Products plc hereby announce the trading results of the company for the year ended December 31, 2009 with comparative figures for the previous year as follows:

	2009 N'000	2008 N'000
Turnover	3,027,604	2,679,857
Trading profit	457,100	538,161
Other income	162,197	226,895
Exceptional item	-	232,220
Profit before taxation	619,297	997,276
Taxation	(278,316)	(261,634)
Profit after taxation	340,981	735,642
Dividend - interim	-	(420,000)
Profit retained	340,981	315,642
Dividend		
Proposed dividend	336,000	273,000

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members of Chemical and Allied Products plc will be held at Golden Tulip Festac (formerly Durbar Hotel) Amuwo Odofin, Lagos State on Friday June 11, 2010 at 11.00am in order to transact the following business:

#### Ordinary Business:

1. Lay before the members the report of the Directors, the financial statements of the company for the year ended December 31, 2009 together with the report of auditors and the audit committee thereon.
2. Declare a dividend
3. Re-elect directors
4. Authorise the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors
5. Elect the members of the audit committee

#### Special Business

6. **Capitalization**  
To consider and if thought fit pass the following as an ordinary resolution:-  
"That the Directors having so recommended, it is desirable to capitalize the sum of N35m out of the amount standing to the credit of the general reserve account in the books of the company, and accordingly that such sum be set free for distribution amongst the members on the register of members as at the close of business on May 21, 2010, in proportion to their respective shareholdings in the company at the time, on condition that the same be not paid in cash

but be applied in paying in full at par of the un-issued ordinary shares of 50kobo each to be allotted, distributed and credited as fully paid to and amongst such members or their respective nominees in the proportion of one (1) new share for every 3 shares held at the close of business on May 21, 2010 and such shares shall rank pari-passu with existing issued ordinary shares of the company and the Directors are hereby authorized to give effect to this resolution accordingly".

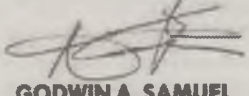
7. Fix the remuneration of directors

#### Proxy

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him and such a proxy need not be a member of the Company. A proxy form is enclosed and if it is to be valid for the purposes of the meeting, it must be completed and deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting.

Dated April 23, 2010

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

  
GODWIN A. SAMUEL  
Company Secretary

REGISTERED OFFICE  
2, Adeniyi Jones Avenue, Ikeja

#### NOTES:

##### Dividend

in view of the results, the Directors have recommended to members the payment of a dividend of N1.60kobo per share. A resolution to this effect will be put to the meeting for the approval of the members.

##### Dividend Warrants

If the dividend recommended is approved, warrants will be posted on June 14, 2010 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members at the close of business on May 21, 2010.

##### Closure of Register and Transfer Books

The Register of Members and the Transfer Books of the company will be closed from May 24, 2010 to May 25, 2010 both dates inclusive, for the purpose of the payment of dividend.

##### Audit Committee

The audit committee consists of three shareholders and three directors. Any member may nominate another shareholder as a member of the audit committee by giving notice in writing of such nomination to the Company Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

# Pastor denies calling woman prostitute

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

AN Abuja pastor yesterday in court denied calling one Mrs. Emily Aboh a prostitute.

Pastor Michael Chukwumeka was arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly defaming the character of the woman.

Police prosecutor Paul Anigbo informed the court that on May 12, one Mrs. Emily Aboh of Lugbe Zone 5 reported to the police that the accused of the same address defamed her character in the presence of her customers.

"When the accused was quarrelling with the complainant's customer, she

intervened in the matter and he called her a prostitute, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 391 of the Penal Code," the prosecutor said.

When the charge was read to the accused, he denied it and requested for bail. The prosecutor, who did not object the bail of the accused, asked the court for a date to

enable the police open its case.

In his ruling, Magistrate Abdul Dogo granted the accused bail in the sum of N50,000 with a reliable surety in like sum, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and swear to an affidavit to produce the accused.

The case was adjourned to June 7 for hearing.

# Kwali council boss urges supporters to pray

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE acting Chairman of Kwali Area Council, Mr. Danlami Saleh Yebu, yesterday called on his supporters to be calm and continue to pray for his success at the election petition tribunal.

Yebu, who contested for the Kwali chairmanship post under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), lost out to the candidate of the All Nigeria Peoples Party and filed a petition two weeks ago, alleging

irregularities in the election.

The acting chairman while addressing PDP elders, executives and his supporters at the council's town hall said the decision to invite them was to thank them as well as express his appreciation for them for standing by him right from the party's primaries up till the council's election.

He told them that the election was inconclusive because two polling units were attacked and the electoral officer was not supposed

to announce that result.

Also speaking, Kwali PDP Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thomas Kure, stated that the party is always committed to the rule of law and will continue to stand firm to ensure justice is done by the election tribunal.

He accused some of the party members for working with the opposition party, saying the PDP will set up a committee to investigate those accused of anti-party activities during the last council poll.

# Students urged to embrace science subjects

By Hussein Yahaya

THE principal of the Fou'ad Lababidi Islamic Academy, Abuja, Hajiya Hadiza D. Joda has called on students to embrace science subjects in order to prepare them for the challenges posed by the advancement of science in the world.

She lamented that Nigeria remains largely undeveloped because science and technology have not been given rightful places in the scheme of things.

The principal, who spoke during a lecture organised for students in Abuja by the United States Embassy, said science constitutes the major tool for the rapid development of any society.

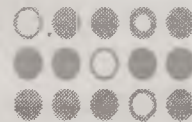
She called on all stakeholders in the education sector to pay more attention to child girl education, especially in science, adding that it remains the vital key for empowering women.

Earlier, the guest speaker, Dr. Sarwat Malik, noted that science is an integral part of education that can make individuals think well at any appropriate situation.

She appealed to Nigerian women to embrace science education, which she described as survival guide that can develop and make them self reliant.

Victoria Sloan, cultural affairs officer, US Embassy, said the lecture was aimed at exposing the students, especially the female ones to the world of science, adding that such lecture is being organised in other northern states.

Some of the participants spoken to thanked the organiser for the lecture and expressed confidence that what they learnt will guide them in their chosen educational careers.



## SUMMARY OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2009.

The Directors of UAC of Nigeria Plc are pleased to announce the results of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 2009 as follows:-

	2009 N=000	2008 N=000
Turnover	16,495,948	53,652,199
Operating profit	7,167,029	8,527,182
Profit before taxation	8,076,451	8,350,704
Taxation	(1,899,343)	(2,004,532)
Profit after taxation before minority interest	6,177,108	6,346,172
Earnings per share before		
Minority Interest (Kobo)	422	535
Proposed dividend per share (Kobo)	130	200

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the next Annual General Meeting of the Members of UAC of Nigeria Plc will be held at the Arthur Mbanefo Hall, Golden Tulip Festac (formerly Durbar Hotel), Amuwo-Odofin, Lagos State on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in order to transact the following businesses:

#### Ordinary Business

1. Lay before the Members the Report of the Directors, the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Company as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009 together with the Consolidated Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on that date and the Reports of the Auditors and the Audit Committee thereon
2. Declare a Dividend
3. Re-elect/elect Directors
4. Authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors
5. Elect Members of the Audit Committee

#### Special Business

6. Capitalisation

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution:

"That the Directors having so recommended, it is desirable to capitalise the sum of N160,072,032.25 out of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account in the books of the Company, and accordingly that such sum be set free for distribution amongst the members on the register of members as at the close of business on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010 in proportion to their respective shareholdings in the Company at the time, on condition that the same not be paid in cash but be applied in paying in full at par of the un-issued ordinary shares of 50 kobo each to be allotted, distributed and credited as fully paid to and amongst such members or their respective nominees in the proportion of one (1) new share for every four (4) shares held at the close of business on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010 and such shares shall rank pari-passu with existing issued ordinary shares of the Company and the Directors are hereby authorized to give effect to this resolution accordingly"

7. Fix the remuneration of the Directors

#### PROXY

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him and such a proxy need not be a member of the Company. A proxy form is enclosed and if it is to be valid for the purposes of the meeting, it must be completed and deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010

By Order of the Board

*Codrina A. Samuel*  
Company Secretary/ Legal Adviser

uac of nigeria plc

Registered Office: uac house, 1-5, odunlami street, lagos, nigeria

#### NOTES

##### Dividend

In addition to the proposed scrip issue, the Directors have recommended to members the payment of a dividend of N1.30 kobo per share. A resolution to this effect will be put to the meeting for the approval of the Members.

##### Dividend Warrants

If payment of the dividend is approved, the warrants will be posted on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Members by 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2010.

##### Closure of Register and Transfer Books

The Register of Members and Transfer Books will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 (both dates inclusive) for the payment of the dividend.

##### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of three (3) shareholders and three Directors. Any member may nominate a shareholder as a member of the Committee by giving notice in writing of such nomination to the Company Secretary at least twenty-one days before the Annual general meeting. Nominators should note that by the Code of Corporate Governance in Nigeria and Code of Conduct for Shareholders' Associations in Nigeria, members of the Audit Committee should be able to read and understand basic financial statements, have knowledge of accounting and internal control processes and should be capable of making valuable contributions to the Committee.

# Controversy trails UTC car park project

By Ben Atonko

"SOMEONE who bought items and left, scurried back a short while later, sweating profusely and completely disoriented! He told us that he could not find his car. He said he had left his vehicle around a school (Government Secondary School Garki)." These were the words of Miss Kate Amoo who is a sales girl in a surgical shop at

the Nobel Shopping Complex at the popular Area 10 business area in Abuja, popularly called UTC.

UTC is one place where space for vehicles is as precious as gold. The space designated for cars in the complex can scarcely accommodate cars of traders and workers, not to talk of vehicles belonging to the numerous visitors that flock the place on daily basis. So it is either a case of a

stolen vehicle or number plate removal by vehicle inspectors popularly called (VIO) for what they usually term "parking on green areas".

To ease the chaotic situation, the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) during the administration of Malam Nasir el-Rufai, gave space in a centre at Lozumba Commercial Complex (Plot 2009 Cadastral Zone A1), Nobel Com-

plex (Plot 2100 Cadastral Zone A1) and UTC Building, Union Bank Building (Plot 2100 Cadastral Zone A1) to D and B Construction Company to develop a car park.

D and B was given the contract to build a multi-level car park on the premises on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) arrangement with the Abuja Investments Property Development Company Limited.

The project which was awarded in 2005 was to be completed in December 2006. However, D and B abandoned the project shortly after starting works. The company had recently told this medium that it lacked the financial muscle to do the job. Different ministers have come and gone, yet the site remains what it has been.

But those who bear the brunt are those doing busi-

ness in these complexes. "You don't expect someone to park their vehicle at a long distance and walk to this place. Non completion of this project is badly affecting business here. We wanted to renew our call for action on this property when the new minister came—he appears to be the radical type that would want to correct these things. Mike Afolabi who does general printing work in one of the complexes stated rhetorically.

Elizabeth Okafor who manages a commercial computer centre narrated, "We that work here do not have where to park. Many visitors have complained of losing their cars here because they parked by the road. We in this Lozumba Complex are mostly affected."

Sam Ike who deals in electronics said he is considering leaving Nobel Shopping Complex for a better place. He said those doing marketing business are badly affected because theirs involves movement of goods. For those doing consultancy, he said they might afford to stay because they can go out and meet their customers.

Efforts to get the Managing Director of the Abuja Investments Company Limited, Dr Abdu Mukhtar were unsuccessful. When our reporter visited, he was asked to fill a form and leave his phone number to be contacted at the appropriate time. That "appropriate time" did not come as at the time of filling this report.

But in a newspaper report in November last year, Mukhtar was quoted as saying that D and B had failed in meeting the terms of the contract agreements. He promised that the contract would be revoked and rewarded to a competent firm. That has remained a promise up till now. When this reporter visited the Transport Secretariat of FCTA, the deputy director in charge mass transport, Engr Wilson Unogwu simply said, "We're not supervising that project. It is under the control of Abuja Investment Company."

A transport expert in the transport secretariat who did not want to be named told this reporter that a lot of things were done under the whims of the minister during the time the project was awarded. He said the project was supposed to be awarded by the transport office. That if the project were under the supervision of the transport secretariat, it would have been completed since.

According to him, a draft of a Green Paper on a proposed urban transport policy for the FCT had been submitted to the FCT council and if approved, will be a tool that would help in eliminating conflicting areas that are working against the good of the general public.

## Diversified Income - Unified Contribution

"I am happy to announce a positive start to the year. The first quarter's success is attributable to the increase in earnings from the midstream and upstream businesses as new project initiatives continue to come on stream. Furthermore our downstream business has performed creditably in line with our financial expectations.

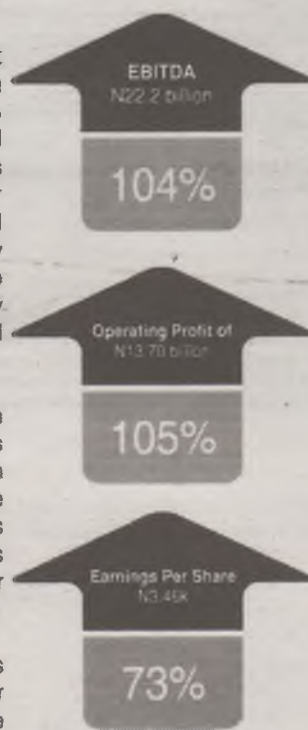
The quarter was heralded by our launching a major capital market transaction - a Rights Issue exercise which received overwhelming support from our shareholders and achieved a 28% oversubscription, the most successful in recent times. Our Gas and Power business commissioned its first captive power plant for Lagos State Water Corporation, and in so doing substantially reduced their operational costs. Furthermore, the project has major social consequences as clean potable water throughput has increased by 300%. Our Energy Services business deployed an additional swamp rig to commence operations with a major International Oil Company and our Exploration and Production business also increased production from our producing Oil and Gas assets.

2010 promises to be a year of tremendous growth for our company. In the downstream, our ability to substantially increase revenue has been assured by the introduction of the Sovereign Debt Note Program which guarantees all Petroleum Subsidy Fund (PSF) payables. In the Upstream, the Local content Policy initiative which promotes indigenous companies has been elevated into Law thus guaranteeing preferential terms, both fiscal and operational for Nigerian Corporates.

As we consolidate our leadership position in Nigeria's indigenous energy landscape, we look forward to consistently delivering superior results to our shareholders whilst championing these progressive initiatives of our enabling environment in their totality.

**Wale Tinubu**  
Group Chief Executive, Oando PLC

### First Quarter Result 2010 (Unaudited)



### Results Highlights

- Turnover of N91.32 billion
- Profit Before Tax of N5.08 billion
- Profit After Tax of N3.13 billion

By order of the Board

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# Inside Politics

## As fight for the soul of PDP rages on

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE race for the 2011 general election has begun and all political heavy weights have started scheming to take control of the soul of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). Before the demise of former President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, notable camps involved in the political manoeuvrings are believed to be two. On the one hand there were those loyal to late President Umaru Yar'adua. This group include members of Prince Vincent Ogbulafor-led National Working Committee (NWC) and PDP governors led by Kwara State Governor Bukola Saraki. The other camp was believed to be working for then Acting President Goodluck Jonathan.

At the moment, many issues are at stake, which include the appointment of a new vice president and the zoning arrangement said to have been agreed upon by the party in respect of the presidency. Already, Jonathan, now president, is said to be plotting to jettison the arrangement and contest the presidential election next year.

Jonathan's response to questions on a CNN interview and his remarks that everyone could aspire for any office, during the 50th National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting of the PDP in Abuja have prompted political observers to believe that he is very much interested in the presidency beyond 2011.

While the serial postponements of PDP NEC meeting had given some clues that Jonathan is warming up for Presidency, former President Olusegun Obasanjo's comment in the United States of America (USA) at a function that there was no zoning arrangement in the PDP further reinforced the belief that Jonathan who hailed from Bayelsa State in the Southern part of Nigeria may actually not recognise the zoning arrangement.

Former president Obasanjo is widely believed to be opposed to the rotational presidency, particularly because of the challenge he faced from the north by late Alhaji Abubakar Rimi, Chief Bernaba Gemade among others during the 2003 party primaries.

PDP National Chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor had declared after a meeting with PDP governors that the North would produce the presidential candidate in 2011, a pronounce-



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan

ment which was seen as too hasty and a direct affront at Jonathan who was the Acting President at the time. Ogbulafor's current travail being is being linked to his statement regarding the PDP internal zoning arrangement. He is presently standing trial over allegations by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) that he and four others defrauded the Federal Government N104 million in 2004 when he was the Minister for Special Duties (Economic Affairs) under former President Obasanjo. Prince Ogbulafor, however, used the opportunities provided by the party's last NEC meeting to say that he was innocent of the ongoing N104 million contract issue he had with the ICPC.

He said: "As for my alleged involvement in a certain N104 million contract case with the ICPC, let me with all sense of responsibility, state that I am innocent of the allegations.

"I was a Minister of Economic Matters in the Presidency while the National Economic Intelligence Committee (NEIC) was an agency of government in the Presidency. It had a Chairman and Committee members. I was not a member of the Committee. I never attended their meetings. More so, decisions were solely made by them," he stated at the meeting attended by President Jonathan, PDP governors, lawmakers and other party bigwigs. Significantly, the meeting passed a vote of confidence on the Ogbulafor-led NWC and President Jonathan in a communiqué read by National Publicity

Secretary Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali.

As part of efforts to dilute the zoning arrangement of the PDP, Jonathan is seen as the brain behind the formation of Senator Ken Nnamani-led 'PDP Reform Forum', a group which is currently seeking for changes within the PDP to capture the ideals of the founding fathers of the party. The activities of this Forum whose membership include former Senate President Adolphus Wabara, former House of Representatives Speaker Aminu Bello Masari, former governors Peter Odili and Achike Udenwa, as well as Prof. ABC Nwosu, among others, have been accused of anti party activities by the Ogbulafor led NWC. When they failed to appear before the NWC to defend the allegations against them, 19 members of the Forum including Senator Nnamani, Masari and Odili were suspended from the party and their case referred to Dr Bello Haliru Mohammed-led Disciplinary Committee. But the suspended members had since gone to court. It would be recalled that the last NEC meeting was almost stalled as a result of the court action initiated by the group.

Ogbulafor spoke on this development at the NEC meeting: "Recently, few members of the party have found a new pastime. A group that calls itself 'PDP Reform Forum' has been holding meetings and spreading falsehood about my person and the NWC in the bid to destabilize the PDP family. "Consequently, the NWC invited the listed members of the so-called



VINCENT Ogbulafor, National Chairman PDP

'PDP Reform Forum' to appear before it on Thursday, 22nd April, 2010 to answer questions on allegations of anti-party activities. Our invitation was rebuffed but a letter was sent to us by their counsel, Chief Fagbemi, stating that his clients would not be able to honour the party's invitation.

"The NWC deliberated on this matter extensively and concluded that the 'PDP Reform Forum's calculated disregard to lawful directives of the party was aimed at ridiculing the party contrary to Article 21.1 of the party's constitution." Although Jonathan, through his spokesman Ima Niboro, has dismissed insinuation that

his boss is planning to run in spite of the PDP zoning arrangement following the demise of Yar'adua, Jonathan's posters have since adorned the streets of Abuja. Analysts still believe that Ogbulafor's corruption case is politically motivated. Ogbulafor himself has expressed the same view.

However, as the battle for the soul of PDP continues, the influence of PDP 28 governors is said to be threatening the alleged presidential ambition of Jonathan. The entrance of former military President Ibrahim Babangida and the rumoured moves by former Vice President Atiku Abubakar and the current National Security Adviser, Gen. Aliyu Mohammed

Gusau to join the race under the umbrella of the PDP have also heightened tension in the party.

But PDP National Secretary Alhaji Abubakar Kawu Baraje dismissed the claim that the governors are in control of the party. He said: "This is not the true position. The relationship that currently exists among the Presidency, National Assembly, the party and the Nigerian Governors' Forum can best be said to be cordial."

At the centre of the power play at the moment is the choice of a Vice President. Several power blocks within the party appear to be testing their strength as they pressure the President to select their candidate. The governors' forum has made its demands; a group in the senate has forwarded its candidate; another group in the House of Representatives has also made its position known. Outside these blocks, powerful political figures like General TY Danjuma, former President Obasanjo and many more have also indicated interest in who becomes the new VP.

But in all these, the NWC appears not to know what is going on. Observers say it's not surprising because if anything, members of the NWC are only currently battling to save their jobs. The question therefore is whether Ogbulafor and his team can withstand the ongoing political heat and remain resolute on its ideals. Events in the coming days will finally determine which group takes the upper hand in the control of the party's machinery.



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The closing date for the collection and submission of Tender documents is now extended to 28th May, 2010.

In view of this development the Tender documents would be opened on 28th May, 2010 at same venue.

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# Inside Politics

## Past misdeeds are haunting PDP – Party chieftain

ALHAJI Usman Alhaji, former national secretary of the defunct National Republican Convention (NRC), is a PDP chieftain in Kano. In this interview, he speaks on the going crisis in the ruling party, attributing the on-going crisis to past misdeeds of some leaders. Excerpts:

**Aurwalu Umar, Kano**

**H**OW do you view the ongoing internal crisis that is threatening the PDP?

First of all, we must understand that PDP is a very large party and for that reason one should expect the kind of misunderstanding that is going on. However, I will say it is needless because all that is required of any organiza-

tion, political party inclusive, is justice and fairness in all its activities. For some time now, internal democracy within the PDP has deteriorated. The party is being run at whims and caprices of some individuals. People who formed this party; from the group of 8 to 18 and then to 38 have very little or no say in the party today. Many of them have been pushed out from the party, and it is expected that



ALHAJI Usman Alhaji

those who joined the party at a later stage would probably not have the zeal and commitment of those who

formed the party.

During the 8 years of President Obasanjo, so many things were done unilaterally without consultation. And some of the problems we are facing today are the result of those misdeeds of the past leadership. I am one of the people who wrote the party's constitution initially, one of the four, actually. And we did all we could to include provisions that would protect many interests and individuals such that you would have a balanced organization which looks after and protect the interests of all its members. The frequent changes in the party's leadership would no doubt affect the acceptability, popularity and internal peace of the party.

**B**ut the latest misunderstanding in the party has to do with the presidential ambition of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan. What is your view of the situation?

That is correct. You see, because we are human beings, we all have ambitions and we try to push them through. But there must be a system within any organization that would check any unbridled ambition; there must be rules and regulations that would allow people to look for what they want in a uniform and fair way so that nobody is cheated at anytime. The PDP came up with a formula of zoning which made the party popular and acceptable.

Now I think the party should stand firm on this. This arrangement has given the opportunity to a certain section of the country to rule or to present the president for eight years. It doesn't matter whether it is north or south; what is important is the principle involved. Now the other side of the country is meant to have the opportunity to fill or present the candidate of the party, who if voted by Nigerians would also spend 8 years like the previous one did. That is to balance the equation. If after the north has spent 8 years, the arrangement is reviewed, it will be understood and many people will even support the idea.

What is important now is not individual but the party because if the party does not do the right thing, people can decide to go to the other parties. Of course there is no law or rule which says that everybody must remain in PDP. In fact the PDP may lose its popularity and support if it fails to do the right thing.

**W**hat would you say of the emerging divisions in the party?

This is a natural thing that is expected of any human

organisation. It is part of politics. Division occur either because of difference in ideology or because of interests. Ideologies are simpler to manage because you will say our party should be like this; it should implement A, B, C while the other group may be saying it should be less stringent; it should relax in some areas. And this way is healthy. People keep pushing for candidates that would implement these principles or policies. But the more dangerous one is the division that is based on individual interests. In this, people have no regard for the fate of the large body which is the party. It is like an individual who tries to look after or cater for his imam or pastor and forgetting the mosque or church which is the most important place they should cater for. So if the party's leadership would stand firm and ensure the implementation of the party's constitution and ensure internal democratization, I think we will continue to have a very strong PDP that will always come out stronger from any little crisis. In any circumstances leadership plays a very important role and that is why we keep on saying there must be internal democracy; we must be allowed to elect our leaders. We don't want someone to unilaterally appoint leaders for us because when a leader is appointed his loyalty is to the person who appointed him and not the generality of the people.

**H**ow do you look at the battle to remove the party's chairman Vincent Ogbulafor at this time?

This is history repeating itself. Former President Obasanjo did it and succeeded. He removed leaders from the party and nobody really challenged him. Because of this the party has suffered credibility problems. So first, I want to say that we should respect the provisions of the party constitution of the party. Secondly, we should look at the exigency of the time; we are approaching elections and the party needs a stable leadership that would come out with credible, free and fair guidelines for the activities of the party towards election.

If we have all sorts of changes, we are likely to end up in a lot of problems. However, I am not saying that people should not be punished if they do wrong. I think everybody should be equal before the law. We should try to see how best we can make sure our party is peaceful and rancour-free because we know any house divided against itself would not stand.

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# Inside Politics

## Governorship tussle: Ohakim knows fate July 16

THE Supreme Court on yesterday fixed July 16 to deliver judgment on the disputed Imo governorship seat. The apex court gave the date after it adopted written addresses from the parties involved.

Justice Mahmud Mohammad, who presided over the proceedings, said consolidation of the appeals had aided their quick dispensation.

Chief Martins Agbaso, APGA's candidate in the 2007 Imo gubernatorial election, claimed he was denied fair hearing when he approached the Federal High Court, Owerri, for judicial review of the Election Tribunal ruling.

The tribunal, he said, went ahead to uphold the victory of Qhakim as governor of the state.

Agbaso approached the appellant court to obtain an order for fair hearing.

Agbaso, had among other prayers, asked for an "order of mandamus" to compel INEC to stand on the results from the April 14 election instead of the fresh one held on April 21 which Ohakim allegedly won.



GOV. Ikedi Ohakim

He claimed he was leading in 24 out of the 27 local government councils before INEC cancelled the election.

Agbaso submitted that INEC violated the 2006 Electoral Act when it only cancelled the governorship election and upheld that of the State House of Assembly conducted the same day.

The Court of Appeal in Abuja on Nov 11, 2009 had set aside the action of the lower court and

remitted the suit to the court of first instance in Owerri for proper adjudication.

Ohakim, aggrieved by the decision of the appellant court, approached the apex court with an appeal for the ruling to be set aside.

Ohakim's counsel, Chief Bon Nwakama (SAN), argued that Section 285(2) of the 1999 constitution bars the appellate court from granting the relief sought by Agbaso.

Senator Ifeanyi Ararume, a nominal respondent and applicant in the suit, in his motion, prayed the apex court to dismiss all the appeals from the other parties and uphold his own.

Ararume urged the court to annul the entire election and order for a fresh one which would bar Ohakim from contesting on the platform of the PDP.

"I was the candidate of the PDP in that election but Ohakim who originally contested the election on the platform of the Progressive People's Alliance (PPA) is currently usurping my position," he stated. (NAN)

## Plateau PDP c'ttee seeks stay of execution at Appeal Court

By Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE caretaker committee of the PDP in Plateau State yesterday moved its application for a stay of execution of the judgment of a high court which dissolved it to the Federal Court of Appeal in Jos.

The development is sequel to the transmission of all documents relevant to the appeal filed by the caretaker committee to the Court of Appeal by the High court.

Answering questions from newsmen after filing the application marked CA/J/94m/2010,

counsel to the caretaker committee, Solomon Umoh confirmed that his clients are asking the higher court to stop the implementation of the judgment at the lower court pending the determination of the appeal.

The caretaker committee had in the document transferred to the appeal court asked the court to set aside the decision of the lower court concerning it and to dismiss the suit filed by Prof. Dakum Shown at the lower court which brought about the judgment in its entirety.

## Group supports Jonathan for 2011

By Abdulmutallib A Abubakar

A group under the name of Arewa Youth for Goodluck (AYG) has thrown its weight behind President Goodluck Jonathan, promising to mobilise support for him should he decide to contest in next year's general elections.

In a press statement in Abuja yesterday, the group stated that the new president, being an honest and competent man, has every-

thing required to succeed as president of the country. They urged the president to ignore calls from certain quarters urging him not to contest in the 2011 elections.

The statement signed by publicity secretary of the group Yusuf B. Yusuf, picked holes in the zoning formula of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), describing it as unconstitutional and capable of producing incompetent leaders in the country.

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All effort to trace the document have proved abortive. Kaduna Ministry of land and Survey to take note.

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ILYASU E. ABUBAKAR ESQ  
Solicitor (08064992983)

## GLOBAL PEACE ASSOCIATION (GPA)

The public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- |                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. MR. GUJAGHAR DANIEL AMOS | (CHAIRMAN)  |
| 2. MR. NANDOM PETER         | (PRESIDENT) |
| 3. MR. ABUBAKAR ONUCHE      | MEMBER      |
| 4. MR. MOSES ISAAC SHALLOM  |             |
| 5. MISS YABO PETER          |             |
| 6. MR. ZION J. YBOT         |             |
| 7. MR. MICHAEL EMMANUEL     |             |
| 8. MR. OKON JOHN BASSEY     |             |
| 9. MR. HENRY PAM CHUWANG    |             |

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To promote peaceful co-existence among religious and ethnic in our society in our Nation.
- To stampede ethno-religious and political prejudice by sensitizing the youths.
- To encourage all religions to have true love for the supreme God and Man.
- To promote sustainable peace unity and progress in our Nation the world at large.
- To support the Government in promoting peaceful co-existence in the country.

The public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

Signed:  
Mr. Gujaghar Daniel Amos (Chairman)

## AL-MAFATIHU PRAYER ASSEMBLY

This is to inform the general public that the above named association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under the part C of companies and allied matters Acts, 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Sheikh Dr. Muhammed Bashir A. Ahmad
- Alh. Abdul Habeeb O. Anwoju
- Alh. Muftaudeen Fola Agoro
- Alh. Dr. Usman Awwal
- Alh. Tajudeen Ogebulu

### AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

- To propagate Islam, teach and train God fearing muslims.
- To preach the importance of oneness of God and train muslims on the importance of prayers as a tool of overcoming all worldly difficulties.

Any objection to this 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.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as ENDARLINE NNEKA OGUEJIOFOR, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ENDARLINE NNEKA ECHETABU. All former documents remain valid. FCTA, FCDA and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as MISS NSIDIBE DANIEL TOMMY UDOH, now wish to be known as MRS NSIDIBE EFFIONG UDOH. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as MISS UCHENNA PEACE UKAEGBU now wish to be known and addressed as MRS UCHENNA PEACE REGINALD-GAIUS. All former documents remain valid. The Police take note.

I, formerly known as MISS NANJI YOHANA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NANJI DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as PATRICIA OMOATAMA, now wish to refer to as MRS PATRICIA ADERINWALE. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

I, formerly known as MISS ABDUL-RAHMAN JEMILAT, now wish to be called MRS LAWAL ABDUL-AKEEM JEMILAT. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

I formerly known as Rakiya Aminu now wish to be known as Rakiya Ladan. All former documents remain valid. NYSC, NBTE and general public to note.

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS BOLANLE FATIMO ADELEKE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. BOLANLE FATIMO ABDULKADIR. All former documents remain valid. Shehu Shagari College of Education Sokoto and general public take note.

I, formerly as BELLO MUHAMMAD now wish to be known as BELLO MUHAMMAD GALADIMA. All former documents remain valid and general public to take note.

I, formerly known as CATHERINE TAIYE IBITEYE, wish to be addressed as MRS. CATHERINE TAIYE ADEMOLA. General public take notice.

I formerly known and addressed as MISS ASIBI BISSY MAKAMA now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. ASIBI BISSY BANYIGYI. All former documents remain valid. Kaduna State Ministry of Education, National Veterinary Research Institute Vom and the general Public to take note.

I formerly OLALUWOYE LUCY BOLANLE, now wish to be called and addressed as Mrs. BENSON LUCY BOLANLE. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly called GLORIA EJIROGHENE IGUKE now wish to be called GLORIA EJIROGHENE ISOKO. All former documents remain valid. FinBank plc and the public to note.

I FORMERLY SURAYYA LAWAN IDRIS, NOW WISH TO BE CALLED SURAYYA SURAJO BAKO, ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. BUK, NYSC AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MUHAMMAD UMAR YAHAYA NOW WISH TO BE CALLED MUHAMMAD DATI UMAR. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I formerly known as BOSEDE ELEWA, now wish to be called BOSEDE OKUNOLA. All former documents remain valid Mopa Muro L.G. Education Authority Mopa Kogi State and general public to take note.

I formerly Known as THERESA KONDE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. SALAMATU GAMBO. All former documents remain valid. General public and the Dept. of State Service, Abuja take note.

I, formerly known and called MISS MUYIWA BLESSING ALI now wish to be called and addressed as MISS MUYIWA BLESSING ATURU. All former documents remained valid. Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Science University of Abuja and the general public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS PATRICIA OGECHI CHUKWU now to be addressed as MRS PATRICIA OGECHI OKONO. Nigerian Immigration Service and the general public should take note.

I, formerly known as KOMOMMO OKOI OBETEN now wish to be known as KOMOMMO INYANG OKOI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

# TRUST CLASSIFIED

## GLOBAL VINE WORSHIPERS ASSEMBLY

This is to inform the general public that the above named organization has applied for the registration to the Corporate Affairs Commission under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES MEMBERS:**  
1. Apostle Mike Dennis Ukwu  
General Overseer  
2. Barnster (Mrs.) Chinyere Mike Dennis Ukwu  
3. Mrs. Florence Vivian Nguzi Aliu  
4. Onono Austin Oneyebuchi

**AIMS & OBJECTIVES:**  
1. To preach the good gospel of JESUS CHRIST to the broken hearted and deliver those that are appointed to death.  
2. To help man discover and develop himself through the word of GOD and become formidable force to reckon with.  
3. To make more disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ and also prepare humanity for the second coming of our Saviours.

**MISSION:**  
1. To help man create his world and his wealth so that he can walk in financial dignity.  
2. To put man in the place of GOD'S wisdom and knowledge so that he can operate effectively.  
3. To make the world of God manly practical to all mankind so that they can operate in the class of GOD.

Any objection to this 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: Barrister (Mrs.) Chinyere Mike Ukwu

## SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF GIRL'S CHILD EDUCATION

The public is hereby informed that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

**Trustees**  
1. Mannir Haruna  
2. Rabi'u Haruna  
3. Umaru Haruna  
4. Jamila Haruna

**Aims & objectives**  
1. To enlighten the society on the importance of girl's child education.  
2. To promote girl's child education and campaign for gender equality.

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.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly addressed as **MISS TANIMOLA OMOYEMI LILIAN** now wish to be known as **MRS MANN OMOYEMI LILIAN**. All former documents remain valid. Daily Trust Newspaper and general public should note.

I, formerly known as **MISS NKIRU FRANCISCA NWANKWO** now wish to be called **MRS NKIRU FRANCISCA AMOBI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

I, formerly known as **IKELLE OKAMA** hereby wish to be addressed as **MRS OKAMA JOSHUA ONAYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Intercontinental Bank Plc and general public please take note.

I, formerly known as **CHIDINMA CHIZARAM OLIAEZE** now wish to be known as **CHIDIMA CHIZARAM OLIAEZE NWABUGWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS MERCY NGUEMO AGEDE** now wish to be called **MRS MERCY NGUEMO APEL**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC Lafia, ENR/SFH, NASACA and general public should please take note.

I, formerly called **UKEMURE DORATHY E.** now wish to be known as **MRS. DORATHY U. OKEKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **ONOJA SAMUEL ENE MARTHA** hereby wish to be addressed as **ONOJA ENE MARTHA**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as **Alhaji Yusuf Okoh Onuh** now wish to be called **Chief Alhaji Yusuf Okoh**. All other relevant documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS OKORO JULIET UBANNA** now wish to be known as **MRS JULIET UBANNA LUKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly **EVAN OGBUKOROMUDO NONYEREM NWOKE DAVIDSON** now **ISRAEL NONYEREM DAVIDSON**. All former documents remain valid. Northumbria University United Kingdom and general public to note.

I, formerly known as **KINGSLEY UKWANDI UGBECHIE** now wish to be known as **KINGSLEY UKWANDI MICHEAL**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please note.

## RAMAT CARE FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1) Hajija Ramatu Bello  
2) Hajija Aisha Ahmed  
3) Alice A.A. Egga  
4) Mrs. Florence Akala  
5) Mohammed Ibrahim Dahiru  
6) Isaka Magaji

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
a) To embark on care and support programmes, projects and efforts towards mitigating poverty in all its forms, training of people, skill acquisition and donations to indigent women and children.  
b) To embark on development programmes through award of scholarship for education, skill acquisition, computer literacy and basic craftsmanship.  
c) To mount vigorous awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS, and the effects of early marriage among teenagers and women.  
d) To campaign against the scourges of child trafficking and child labour.

Any objection to the above publication should be directed to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission P.M.B 198, Tigris Crescent Maitama Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Secretary

## YOUTH SENSITIZATION AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matter Act No. 1 of 1990.

**The Trustees are:**  
1. Lukman Olalekan Olerukooba  
2. Shukurat Bolanle Shittu  
3. Hamzat Solisu  
4. Abdullahi Kabir

**Aims and Objectives:**  
1. To create awareness and enlightenment for pandemic infections and growths such as malaria, bronchitis, tuberculosis, hepatitis, cancer, meningitis, HIV/AIDS and other sexual transmitted diseases.  
2. To develop the attributes of leadership among the Nigerian youths in order to prevent, control and eradicate ethnic/religious violence in Nigeria.  
3. To provide, empower and improve the health conditions of people through awareness mechanism in collaboration with relevant international organizations.  
4. To sensitize and guide youths on good governance through human right activism.  
5. To create awareness for justice, equity and equality before the law.

Any objection(s) 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.

## AL-IMAMUL BUKHARI CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TRANSLATION

The public is hereby informed that the above named Centre has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

**Trustees**  
1. Muhammad Sani Ynar  
2. Alh. Bello Dalha  
3. Alh. Muhammad Abdulkadir  
4. Alh. Ali Yamani  
5. Mal. Rabi'u Umar

**Aims & objectives**  
1. To Embark on Islamic research activities especially prophetic traditional texts and translation.

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.

## ALIMOSHO ELITES CLUB

The General public is hereby notified that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

**The Trustees are:**  
1. Alhaji Mojeed Adesanya Okunubi  
2. Mrs. Aderonke Okunubi-Awoniyi  
3. Mr. Julius Oluwole Fajana  
4. Alhaji Shamsudeen Yusuf Ogunbare  
5. Alhaji Mohammed Olatokun Olaniran

**Aims and Objectives:**  
1. To promote and inculcate the spirit of love, unity and progress amongst members.  
2. To promote peace and show oneness amongst members.  
3. To have a common platform for members to discuss issues affecting them individually and collectively and proffer solutions to same.  
4. To initiate and undertake development projects anywhere in the country.  
5. To undertake philanthropic projects that will give Alimosho Local Government a face lift and make it a comfortable and habitable place.

Any objection to the registration of the above association should be forwarded to the registrar general corporate affairs commission plot 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed:  
**Ayodele Idowu**  
08023276625, 07028644921

## UNIQUE FRIENDS CLUB OF ISHIAGU

This is to inform the general public that the above named Club has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part C of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

**The trustees are:**  
1. Bruno Nwaigwe - President  
2. Uzoma Chukwu  
3. Dennis Nnanna Ukpai - Gen. Sec.  
4. Justice Iyoke  
5. Offor Ignatus  
6. Ugwu Innocent  
7. Silas Chukwu

**Aims and objectives:**  
1. To promote mutual understanding and social interactions.  
2. To help each other in times of need.  
3. To discuss our welfare and common problems with view to solution where possible.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
**Secretary**

## CENTER FOR PARENTAL CARE OF THE OLD AND VULNERABLE

This is to inform the general public that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. Mrs. Theresa Alser  
2. Bro. Godwin Iwail  
3. Bishop Athanasius Atule Usuh  
4. Mrs. Doosur Dzofo  
5. Barr. Michael Agaku  
6. Mr. David Kwaghtan Tarlunum

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
1. To provide shelter, good and clothing for the old and vulnerable.  
2. To give voice of the needs of the elderly in matters of interactions, health and right.  
3. To create a credible and sustainable volunteer motivating the society in helping the elderly and vulnerable.  
4. To operate a care home.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
**Agaku Michael Saaondo Esq.**  
Secretary

## ISLAMIC REFLECTION TRUST

This is to inform the general public that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. Hakeem Adoroju Majekodunmi - Chairman  
2. Salau Khamideen Rotimi - Secretary  
3. Abdulwasu Gbolahan Taiwo - Member  
4. Haroon Ishaq Adokolekun - Member  
5. Yusuf Olatunde Muhammad - Member

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
1. To Propagate Islam.  
2. To proffer solution to solution to contemporary challenges consistent with Islamic teaching.  
3. To carryout philanthropic and charitable activities.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
**Moshood Shehu**  
26A Lewis Street, Lagos.  
Legal Adviser.

## OBUDU YOUTHS FORUM

This is to inform the general public that the above named Forum has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. Richard U. Adaliku  
2. Arinshaye Beshel  
3. Sylvia Odey  
4. Edward Okri  
5. Valentine Uddia  
6. Jeremiah O. Adie (Jnr)

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
1. To champion the cause of unity and welfare among members.  
2. To foster the spirit of brotherhood emancipation and dignity among members.  
3. To serve as channel for the cross fertilization of ideas among members of the forum.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
**Barr. A. Adie**  
08052416955

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the original acknowledgement receipt of C-of-O in respect of Plot Number 203 located at Cadastral Zone B09 Dated 09/24/97 with new file number OG11237 belonging to Dr. Simi O Johnson is hereby declared missing. All efforts made to trace the said missing documents proved abortive.

## LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the general public that Mr. Antony O. Ekenyong of Block C-17, Flat 1, Karu Site FCT on 20/03/2010 lost two original revenue payment of land processing receipts nos. 415951 and 415325 issued on 12-6-1996 by the Federal Capital Dev. Authority to Mr. Febian A. Imoh and Veronica I. Ita respectively. The purpose of this, after obtaining the applicable police extracts and Court affidavits on the loss, is to obtain the applicable receipts so that FCDA can continue the land processing. All efforts to trace the documents proved abortive. Please if found, kindly return to the nearest police station or call 07030340162.



The Chairman, Board Members, Management and the entire Staffs of the NACRDB Ltd. commiserates with the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Yar'Adua family on the untimely death of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua

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# Nigeria, Egypt plan anniversary match

By Aisha Umar Agaie

AFRICAN champions, the Pharaohs of Egypt may trade tackle with the Super Eagles of Nigeria in no distant time if the ongoing plans sail through.

Egypt edged past Nigeria at the preliminary stage on their way to winning the 2010 African Cup of Nations in Angola.

Egypt Minister of Sports Hassan Sakr yesterday revealed that there are plans to organize an international football match between Nigeria and Egypt as part of activities to mark Nigeria's 50th Independence anniversary celebration.

He however said the decision which is being taken him and Nigeria's minister of sports would be tabled before the governments of the two countries for approval.

Speaking further, Sakr said Egypt is ready to partner with Nigeria in area of sports facilities management as part of the country's contribution to the development of sports in Nigeria.

"Between me and Nigeria minister of sport, we are thinking of organising football match between Egypt and Nigeria to commemorate Nigeria's 50 year anniversary celebration, but it will depend on the decision of our governments, since we don't have the final say on government decision".

He said Egypt can support Nigeria with sport facility management and not construction of sport facilities, in Europe money used for construction of stadium is accumulated back in three years, but Egypt will venture into Nigeria sport facility management through Public-Private Partnership investment, because it is not always the best to channel everything through government.

Sakr also denied claims that Egypt Coach Hassan Shehata turned down request from Nigeria to lead the Super Eagles to the South Africa 2010 World Cup, saying neither Shehata nor Egypt government received any official invitation from Nigeria to coach the Eagles.

The minister who is in Nigeria to attend Supreme Council of Sport in Africa (SCSA), executive committee meeting which started yesterday in Abuja, added that Hassan Shehata was happy when he heard the news and felt honoured but up till now neither Hassan nor Egypt government was yet to receive formal invitation letter from Nigeria.

Shehata was the coach of the Egypt's national team, Pharaohs. The team successfully defended its title in the African Cup of Nation championship in Angola last January.



SUPER Eagles coach Lars Lagerback

## Kickboxing referees, coaches set for refresher course

KICKBOXING referees, coaches and athletes in clubs, primary and secondary schools in Lagos State are to undergo a two-day refresher course this month, the Nigeria Kickboxing Federation (NKF) said in

Lagos.

NKF Technical Director Cletus Okegbe told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Wednesday that the course would start at the National Stadium, Lagos, on May 21.

Okegbe said the participants would undergo theoretical and practical sessions on the fundamental rules and techniques of the martial art so as to impart the knowledge gained to others. He said the resource persons

were technical experts from the National Institute for Sports.

The technical director explained that the seminar was part of the federation's preparation of athletes wishing to participate in the 2010 National

Sports Festival in Port Harcourt.

He added that the number of medals to be won at the festival had been increased from 25 to 35, but did not disclose the participation fee.

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**Q2) Can I stay longer than 5 days and how much would it cost?**

A2) Yes you can stay longer than 5 days. Our Standard World Cup package is inclusive of accommodation, transfers to and fro airport, South African Visa, match day transfers, Category 3 match tickets). Subject to your budget, the categories of accommodation and match tickets are as shown below:

NO OF DAYS IN SOUTH AFRICA	5days	10days	15days	20days	25days	30days	35days
Self Catering Hostel	294,000	388,000	482,000	580,000	688,000	811,000	964,000
Self Catering Private House	380,000	560,000	740,000	924,000	1,118,000	1,327,000	1,566,000
Don Suite Hotel	399,000	598,000	797,000	1,000,000	1,213,000	1,441,000	1,699,000
3 Star Hotel	422,000	644,000	866,000	1,092,000	1,328,000	1,579,000	1,860,000
4 Star Hotel	797,000	1,394,000	1,991,000	2,592,000	3,203,000	3,829,000	4,470,000

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**Q3) How many matches can I watch within each package?**

A3) You can watch any match subject to your arrival date and departure dates. Samples below:

- 5 days Package includes 1 group match ticket
- 10 days includes 2 group match tickets
- 15 days includes 3 group match tickets
- 20 days includes 3 group match tickets + 1 round of 16 match ticket
- 25 days includes 3 group match tickets + 1 round of 16 match ticket + 1 quarter final match ticket
- 30 days includes 3 group match tickets, 1 round of 16 ticket, 1 quarter final ticket + 1 semi final ticket

• 35 days includes 3 group tickets + 1 round of 16 ticket + 1 quarter final ticket + 1 semi final ticket and 1 World Cup 2010 Final Match Ticket

**Q4) When are the departure and return dates?**

A4) You can depart and return on any of these dates below, depending on the number of days (5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 or 35 days) you wish to stay in South Africa. You can also make additional trips to suit your time schedule as your visa will be a multiple entry visa for maximum of 3 months.

Departure Dates	Return Dates
June 10th	June 15th
June 15th	June 20th
June 20th	June 25th
June 25th	June 30th
June 30th	July 5th
July 5th	July 10th
July 10th	July 15th

**Q5) Can I add extra days to the standard Charter Accommodation Package?**

A5) YES! You can add more days to your accommodation in any category of your choice (Subject to availability). Bookable days are in multiples of 5 days. The daily Nigerian Naira Rates are as follows:

- Accommodation 1 Star (hostel in the Nigeria Supporters' Village) N8,400
- Accommodation 2 Star (Group-45 Private accommodation) N25,600
- Don Suite Hotel N29,400
- 3 Star Hotel (Manhattan Hotel, Pretoria) N34,000
- 4 Star Hotel (Protea Group Hotels) N109,000
- 5 Star Hotel (Quotes available by email request)

**Q6) Can I get additional match tickets to those included in the standard package?**

A6) YES! Opening match ticket is excluded from the standard charter match tickets. You can however buy additional match tickets with your package including Opening Match at extra cost as follows:

Match Tickets	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3
Opening Match	85	60	43
Group Matches	35	30	21
Round of 16	42	35	25
Quarter Finals	60	45	35
Semi-Finals	110	85	50
3rd/4th P/Match	60	45	35
Finals	165	125	80

**Q7) What is the cost of return charter airline ticket?**

A7) Airline Charter N165,000

**Q8) What is the cost of airport taxi?**

A8) Airport Transfer (Arr + Dep)  
Group Transfer: N35,000  
VIP Transfer: N45,000

**Q9) What is the cost of match day taxis?**

A9) Match Day Taxis Fares  
Group Transfer: N31,000  
VIP Transfer: N45,000

**Q10) What is the average time required to process South African Visa?**

A10) We need about 7 working days to process South African Visas

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- You will receive an SMS and E-mail notification when your Visa is ready for collection from the same United Parcel Services (UPS) courier office where you submitted your passport for South African World Cup 2010 Visa application.
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# Baribote upbeat on NPL election appeal

BAYELSA United chairman, Victor Rumson Baribote, has expressed confidence that his appeal against the election of Davidson Owumi as chairman of the Nigeria Premier League (NPL) will be upheld.

Baribote, who lost 13-4 to former Rangers boss Owumi, said he was hopeful that he will win his appeal because the NPL board election guidelines and statutes were not duly followed during the polls.

"I believe that the appeal committee will deliver justice in this matter," said Baribote.

Baribote's appeal is hinged on Owumi's eligibility to contest the elections.

"Our prayer is that through the appeal committee this anomaly made by the electoral committee that conducted the elections into the NPL board would be corrected and the rightful winner, Victor Rumson Baribote, be declared the winner of the election," added a member of the Baribote camp.

"Ranch Bees chairman, Abdulazeez Mohammed, is the only candidate eligible to contest for the Chairman of Chairmen, while the chairman of Bayelsa United, Rumson Baribote, is the only one eligible to run for the chairmanship of the NPL."

He also alleged that "Owumi got his nomination from Enugu Rangers secretary, Chibuzor Paul

Ozor while, two other candidates namely Dominic Nwodo and General Okaro (rtd.) were also nominated by same club which did not follow the dictates of the election guidelines and NPL statutes.

"Muti Adepoju of Shooting Stars from South-West Zone also nominated Owumi, even though Section F (i) of the NPL Election guidelines states that 'clubs shall be eligible to nominate and endorse only one (1) candidate, while Section F (ii) states that the nomination/endorsement shall be for only candidates within the zone of the nominating/endorsing clubs except where there are equal numbers of candidates and nominations as well as endorsement. In this circumstance, the election shall be referred and conducted on the floor of the congress."

He also cited the NPL election guidelines Section D (ii) 1 which states that "Elected Zonal representatives wishing to contest for the positions of the Chairman/Vice Chairman must indicate same in their nomination forms in accordance with Article 13(a-f) of the NPL Statutes.

"Election for the position of the Chairman/Vice Chairman shall be conducted by the Congress of the NPL.

"Election of Chairman of Chairmen by the twenty (20) club chairmen."



DODAN Warriors Captain Edwin Jerry, NBBF President Tijjani Umar and Managing Director, MultiChoice Nigeria Joseph Hundah at the Dunk Off of the 2009/2010 DStv Basketball Premier League

## Union Bank talks tough ahead Hockey League

By Orkula Shaagee

TRADITIONAL hockey side, Union Bank Hockey male team is talking tough ahead of the International Energy Insurance (IEI) National League kicking off in Lagos this weekend.

Head coach of the team, one of the favourites for this year's league, Tunde Odedokun said their dream is to emerge the best team in the Atlantic Assembly and go on to secure the lone ticket for the African Club Championship later in the year.

"We have a choice than to emerge tops at the Atlantic Assembly holding at the National Stadium synthetic pitch in Lagos. We have trained hard for this league and our dream is

to win this league. We have quality players with national and international experience and they would not let us down", Odedokun stated.

He added that management of the team has given them all the support needed to excel.

Odedokun revealed that the team would have access to the synthetic pitch of the National Stadium, where they would round off their preparation.

"We have been training on grass pitch all the while and now that we have gained access to the synthetic pitch it would serve as our final preparation towards the league. I'm positive that we would well though teams from Delta and Edo state would attempt to stop us," added Odedokun.

Meanwhile the male and female teams of

six states namely, Edo, Delta, Ondo, Lagos, Imo and Ogun would be hitting Lagos this weekend for the tournament's draw holding Sunday.

Board member of the Nigeria Hockey Federation (NHF), Tunde Popoola informed that the federation has concluded plans to hold an entertaining and competitive league.

"We want to win back the crowd, so we are taking the Lagos opener very serious. We want to make sure that hockey lovers come back to stadiums to watch hockey and enjoy great games like it used to be", declared.

The winner of the 2010 IEI National League would represent the country at the 2010 African Club Champions Cup later in the year.

## Heartland draws Al Ahly, Ismaili

THE draws for the 2010 CAF Champions League were held yesterday, with Nigerian representatives Heartland Football Club of Owerri drawn in group B alongside Egyptian giants Al Ahly and Ismaili.

Egyptian pair will take on JS Kabylie in what is another round of Egypt versus Algeria footballing encounters, as well as last season's beaten finalists Heartland from Nigeria in what looks a tough Group B.

Group A features defending champions TP Mazembe of DR Congo, Esperance of Tunisia, Dynamos from Zimbabwe and Algeria's Entente Setif, who were beaten in the final of last year's CAF Confederations Cup.

The top two sides in each group advance to the two-legged semifinals, with the first matches in group set to be played.



ONE of the rugby matches during the Cresta Kwara Rugby 7's tournament

## THE FRIDAY COLUMN

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## In defence of Jesus Christ (AS)

Last week, Olusegun Obasanjo was quoted and condemned for opening his mouth and lashing out his uncouth and caustic tongue heavenwards. He uttered such an abomination that, except for the sake of comment, I would not have wished to repeat; for, it was an utterance that could cause mountains to crumble to dust.

He said that even Jesus Christ [AS], the Prince of Peace—peace on him at birth, peace on him in life, peace on him at the Ascension and peace abounding on him at the Second Coming—could not conduct free and fair election in Nigeria.

This is a challenge at once stupid and a gratuitous affront to God and a denial of the authority of His chosen agents. But perhaps Obasanjo is not even capable of understanding that, by this, he has declared war on God and against a Dominion that is limitless; against a divine plan that cannot be frustrated; against a power that will never be found wanting, and an omniscience that cannot be successfully disobeyed in the exercise of its authority, from the management of the subatomic world to the smooth administration of the cosmos.

But those without shame can say what they fancy, but God is He than whom there is no other. He it is Who, in every situation and under all circumstances and above the claims of every other power, is able to impose and enforce His Will with majestic ease. The miracles of Jesus, the Christ [AS], which stand as an eternal testimony to the truthfulness of his own ministry, are a demonstration of the power of the One in Whose name he came.

By the leave of God, he cured diseases without medicine. Wasn't this a demonstration of His power and the exercise of direct authority over matter in the microscopic world? And he walked on water and he rose to heaven in glory. Wasn't this an instant of the cancellation of gravitational pull and the abrogation of the very law that keeps the cosmos together? And, miracle of miracles, he raised the living out of the dead. Wasn't this a command to that most elusive and most unknowable of all entities—the human soul? Who is there in the world today who can claim to know what exactly was happening here? Who could claim to understand a spirituality for which Time stopped and for which the space-time dimension was torn aside?

Even if he has no grace enough to accept this, Obasanjo has no right to try to cover up the abject failure of his administration and his glaring personal incompetence by hiding behind this regrettable insult to divine power. Just because he himself has so miserably failed, Obasanjo, blinded by delusion, was, in effect, saying that someone who could order atoms and microbes and elicit instant obedience from them, one who could suspend gravity and reverse death could not conduct a free and fair election in Nigeria. Election my foot!

What is required to conduct a free and fair election in Nigeria or anywhere else for that matter is not to drag holy names into mundane, corrupt national affairs. What is really needed is a dose of competence, patriotism and a healthy respect for the people's will—a dose to which Obasanjo is a complete and eternal stranger. And because he had led an administration that was a deliberately incompetent, unpatriotic, corrupt authoritarian dictatorship in the name of democracy, he didn't and couldn't and would not at any time have been able to conduct a free and fair election.

And, thus, unable to do it and unable accept the fact and appreciate the grandeur of the celestial station of that holy name, Obasanjo, wallowing in the mud of profanity, tried to pull the name down to his level, demoting divine sanctity to his base, heathen level. Once, the late Chief Sunday Awoniyi told me that for the 39 years or so then that he had known Obasanjo, there was no time anyone did one good turn to him that he did not repay with evil. It is certainly not easy or possible for a mind that has grown old in the commission of sin and rebellion against God to appreciate and know divine matters.

When he said he was a born-again Christian who had been delivered from the valley of death, we all trembled. If his life—this dance on the graves of the assassinated, all that promiscuity and incest, all that corruption and all the lies—was a second birth, we all wondered: was it really a birth in Christ [AS] or an abortion in bastardy? And we have wondered for long enough; but now we have our answer; for, no one who truly believes in Jesus [AS] would have mocked his power to perform miracles in such an odiously offensive way.

And one should not sit down, dine and enjoy all the blessings placed at the banquet spread out by God for His bondsmen, as Obasanjo has done, and then have the temerity to belittle, trivialize and insult divine signs—and reckon he will go scot-free. We shall shout and complain even if no one will listen.

Luckily, Christian bishops have already condemned him; and, though not at all surprisingly, he had shot back. I am sure, despite this, the bishops may have already forgiven him, because these people are in the business of forgiving sinners; but, to me, this is one sin that can rend the heavens asunder and for which forgiveness has not been invented and should not be available, especially to someone so unrepentant.

While it may not be surprising if bishops forgive, it is truly shocking that the *ulama* in Nigeria have remained silent as the sanctity of the name and person of Jesus [AS] are trampled underfoot with the jackboots of a retired tyrant. Or, do the *ulama* imagine that the defence of the honour of Christ [AS] is exclusively the responsibility of Christians?

Real God-consciousness is to be seen in the graciousness of conduct and in the haste and immediacy of jumping to the defence of divine sanctities and not in the polemical combativeness of provocative preaching. Or, do the *ulama* think it will be well with them when on the Day of Distress they are asked what they did when the honour of the Word of God was traduced by the demented, dirty and sick mind of a prodigal former president?

After benefiting from ecumenical solidarity from Christians as a result of sanctimonious pretences; after setting Christian and Muslim tempers against each other in the hope of reaping electoral capital out of national misfortune; and after deceiving and short-changing the nation at every turn, Obasanjo has now decided to insult the sensibilities of both Christians and Muslims with that obnoxious utterance.

Some things should never be attempted even in just and certainly not in vain, and should never be tolerated under any circumstance. To associate the hallowed name of Jesus [AS] even with a successful, free and fair election constitutes gross disrespect; to associate that name with an unsuccessful one is unacceptable sacrilege; but to directly impute inability and failure to the owner of that name is unadulterated blasphemy and an insult to the world.

But the truth is that Jesus [AS] is above the limit placed on him by unbelieving agnostics, and no amount of blasphemy from any quarters can subtract a whit from his holiness. And no amount of pitiful blasphemy will cause the slightest anxiety with regard to his holy reputation in his followers and others who believe in him. The traducer—this animal called man—it is who stands cut off and accursed. Would to God that this nation had a law against blasphemy that made the lives of blasphemers forfeit!

Imperfect as it is, this is a defence for Jesus [AS], but it is not a defence that Jesus [AS] stands in need of; for, he is above calumny of any agnostic; it is but this incapable defender who wishes, by the attempt, that he becomes ennobled and blessed. And may the glory be to God, Lord of all the worlds, and peace eternal upon Jesus, the Christ [AS].

*[Note to readers: In addition to maintaining this one, I begin writing another column in People's Daily next Monday.]*

## SPORTS REPORT



TOMAS Sjoberg

## Lagerback appoints another assistant

Lars Lagerback has appointed Tomas Sjoberg, another of his former assistants, to join him as part of the Super Eagles backroom staff.

Sjoberg's role will be to scout Nigeria's opponents during the World Cup and provide a report to Lagerback prior to the games.

Currently a youth team coach with his former club Malmo FF, Sjoberg was one of Sweden's big name players in the 70s, scoring a goal against Brazil in the 1978 World Cup.

He has also previously worked with Lagerback during his tenure as coach of Sweden.



JOSE Mourinho

## I will coach Real - Mourinho

Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho has revealed he will coach Real Madrid, in an interview to be published in Friday's Panorama news magazine.

The Portuguese boss has long been linked with a move to the Spanish giants next season although he has, until now, refused to speculate on his future.

But while the former Chelsea and Porto chief admitted he will be heading to the Spanish capital, he did not say when.

"What they are writing that I have a foot half in Spain and half in Milan is false. It's true I will coach Real Madrid," says Mourinho.

"I've coached a big club in England, I'm coaching a big club in Italy and I will coach one in Spain.

"I've won everything in three countries (Portugal, England and Italy), there's nothing missing for me."