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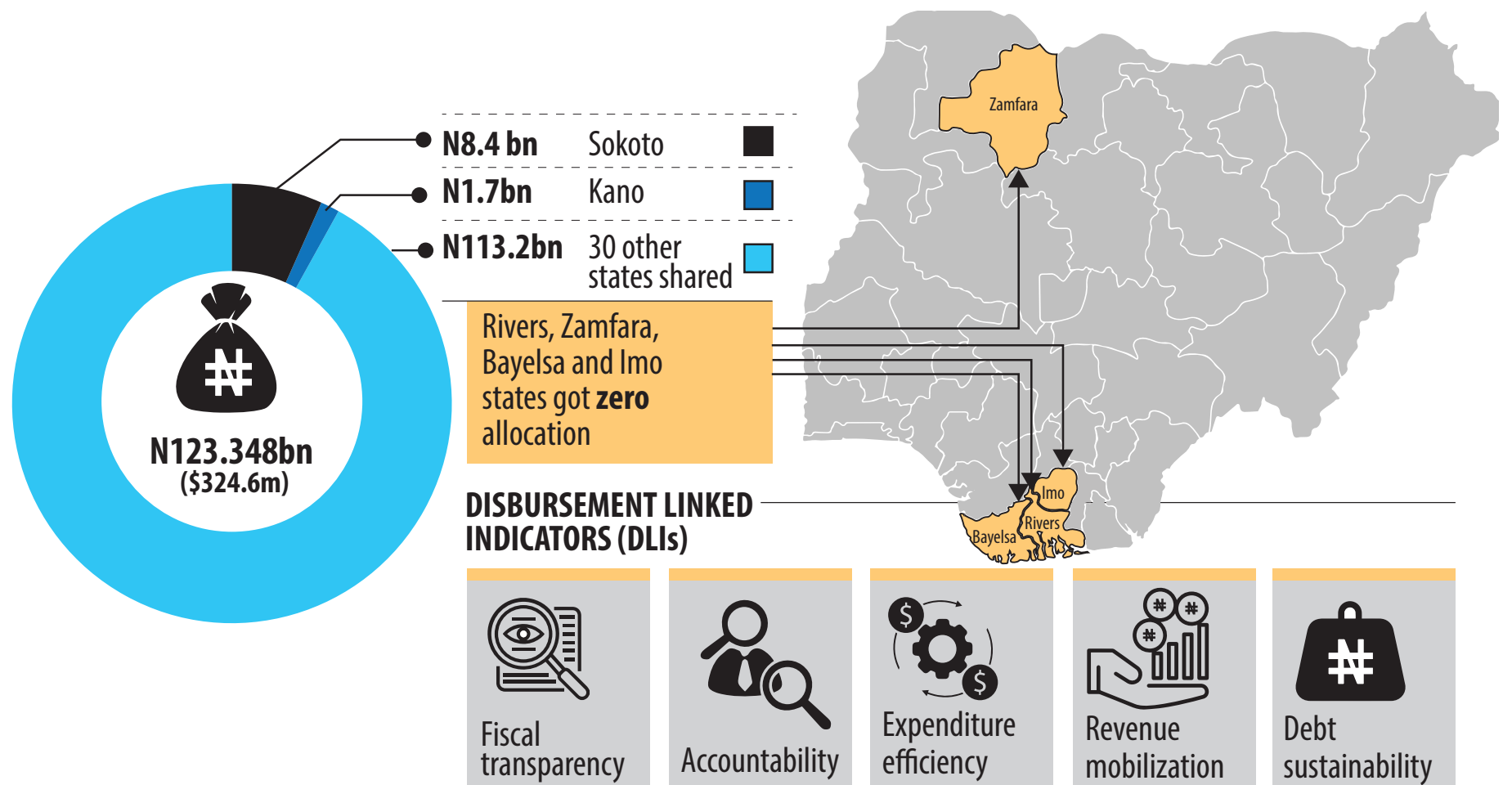
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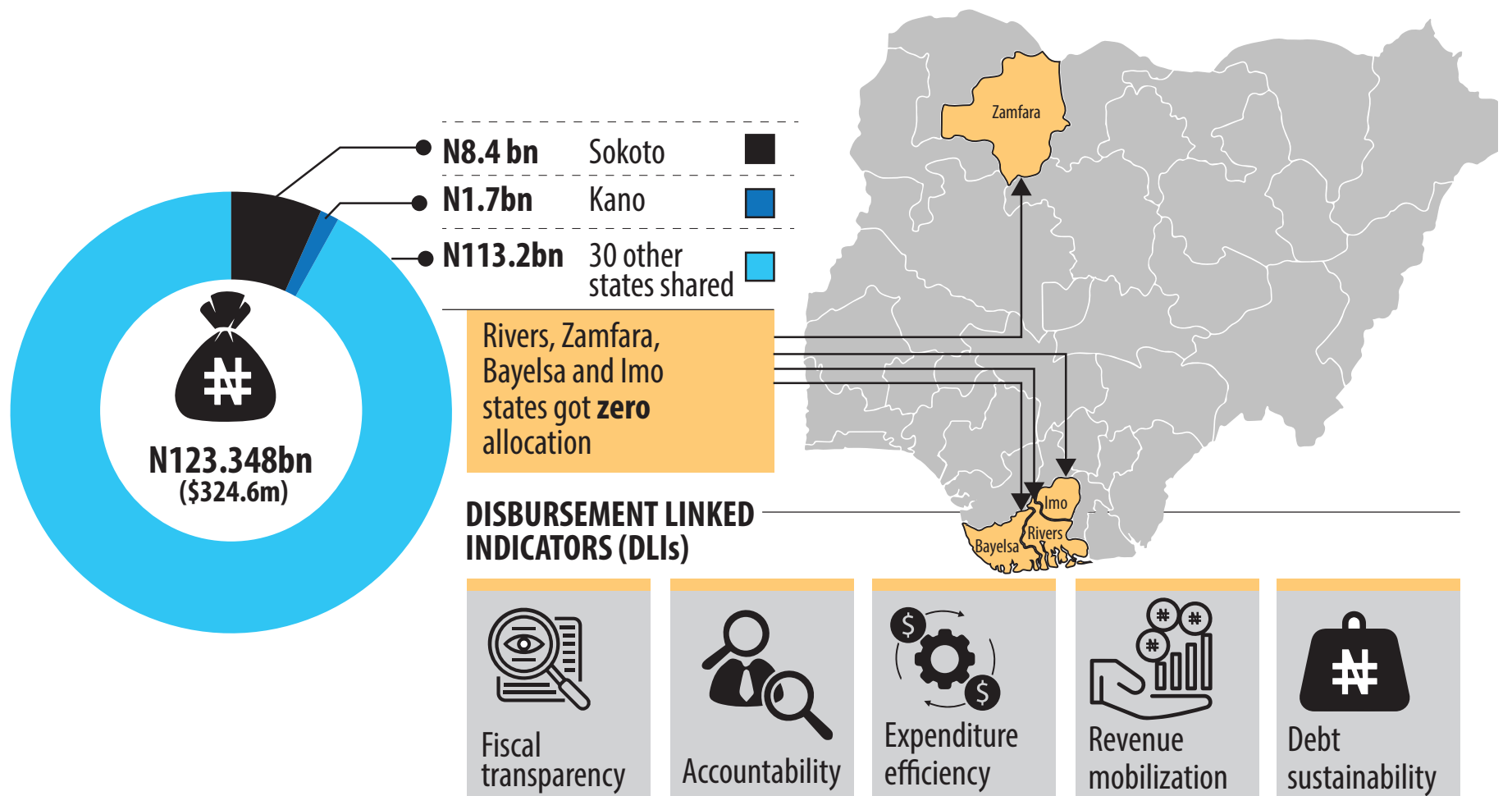
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KADUNA SUNNY 35 MAX 17 MIN	MAIDUGURI SUNNY 34 MAX 15 MIN
ENUGU PARTLY CLOUDY 38 MAX 22 MIN	P/HARCOURT PARTLY CLOUDY 29 MAX 18 MIN
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(Temperature in centigrade)

Basic protective measures against coronavirus (COVID-19)

 Wash your hands frequently with soap and water	 Maintain social distancing	 Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
 Practice respiratory hygiene	 If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early	 Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

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Don't insult the midwife if you still intend to give birth

(South Africa)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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"Done is better than perfect"



- Sheryl Sandberg

PHOTO OF THE DAY >>



■ A labourer dismantles old shoes for recycling at a workshop Karachi, Pakistan Photo: AFP/Getty Images

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KADUNA	5:37	12:44	3:59	6:27	7:31
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KATSINA	5:34	12:45	4:00	6:31	7:35
LAGOS	5:55	1:01	4:16	6:42	7:46
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	ACADEMY	SOVRENINS	VERITASKAP	BOCGAS	CHAMPION
OPEN	0.33	0.22	0.22	12.52	1.12
CLOSE	0.03	0.02	0.02	1.13	0.10
CHANGE	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.92	9.80
LOSERS	CHELLARAM	LIVESTOCK	CHIPLC	FTNCOCOA	CUTIX
OPEN	2.26	1.76	0.31	0.64	2.09
CLOSE	-0.25	-0.19	-0.03	-0.04	-0.11
CHANGE	-9.96	-9.74	-8.82	-5.88	-5.00

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IN-DEPTH

INTERVIEW

It was painful watching 6 sets graduate ahead of us—KASU's best medical student

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

How do you feel topping your set?

At first, it was an exciting feeling but later it turned out to be a humbling experience. I was excited about the fact that I was doing good in school but in the end, when I was identified and given the award as the best graduating student, it became more of a humbling experience with not much excitement because of the burden of responsibility, but I felt very good about it.

Was it something you worked towards becoming?

No, I was just trying to stay in the system when we started, nobody wants to be kicked out of the system because that is one of the things with medical training. But subsequently, you get to start loving what you are doing. So, I wouldn't say I wanted to be the best student but subsequently, somewhere between my fourth and fifth year, I wanted to.

Did you face stiff competition from course mates that were also good?

Trust me, it was a flock of talents. You know the admission criteria were two best students from each of the local government areas. If you pick two of the best in each local government of the state, you can imagine what you are getting. You must be having great minds so, yes, they didn't make it easy.

Which of the sets did you graduate from?

My set was the third because there were two sets before me. The very first set was sent to Uganda to complete their studies while our own set and the second set had to be merged in our third year to make one class due to some challenges with accreditation.

Was there any student who graduated and received a similar award?

Well, I'm not sure because the first set went to Uganda so I'm not aware.

What was your GPA like?

In the medical line, we don't use GPA after your first professional examination, we don't use grade points. We only use the pass or fail. The pass mark is 50 although, we use other things like credit, distinction, etc.

What were the criteria used to identify you as the best graduating student?

Although the courses are not graded using points average

Auta Goodwill James graduated top of his class with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the Kaduna State University (KASU), in November 2020. In this interview with Daily Trust, Auta, how accreditation problems meant that their studies were suspended in year three and how they watched half a dozen sets graduate ahead of theirs.

but with your scores in different courses like internal medicine, surgery, and a whole of others. So out of the grading of the best student in each category, I had more courses where I was the best student.

Was medicine your first course of choice?

As a child yes, you know the dream of most children especially those from my generation is either to become a doctor or pilot. At a point, I filled for Petrochemical Engineering but I later realized that Petrochemical Engineering is not as big as being a doctor. So, I applied for medicine immediately after secondary school. I was unlucky the first time in 2010 because I ended up with Chemistry here in KASU, I spent a year and re-applied again the next year and got admission to study medicine.

During graduation, your father described you as a miracle child, do you think you are a miracle child?

(Laugh) I wouldn't be able to use the word to describe myself but I think I will agree with him if he thinks I'm a miracle then I'm one. I always thank God for my family for describing me as such, it's an honour. I'm the only surviving child of my mother, she had four kids, I was the third and only surviving child.

So, after graduation what next?

I have to do my housemanship for a year after which I have to serve for another year then there would be examinations here and there. Go for residency training after the whole thing and then specialization.

How prepared are you for all these?

So far, I'm just recovering from the rigorous exercise of writing the final examination. I'm prepared to start a house job but for any of the examinations, my level of preparation is not encouraging. It's something that I should have time to do.

I understand there was a time you felt discouraged at the pace of your studies and felt like changing courses, what happened?

The normal duration for studying medicine in Nigeria is six years but in 2013 I think, ASUU went on strike for almost a year, so that added a year to our programme. When we resumed, we studied till 300 level then we discovered we could not write exams and we couldn't progress. We were stagnated for a while because the accreditation of medical schools in Nigeria is quite a tedious task. During that time, we saw the same students within the same university graduating, we saw almost six sets of students graduating. So, we wondered if it will ever be our turn to graduate. That was when the thought came to me as to whether I will ever graduate or if I should just switch to another course to graduate like other students.

What will you like to specialize in?

I have a special interest in orthopaedics and trauma. So most likely, I will want to specialize in that area. I have a lot of exposure in trauma and so I will truly like to look into it. So far, I will say the practice of orthopaedics and trauma in Nigeria is almost competitive and the result is encouraging. I will like to be somewhere, where my knowledge and skills will make an impact.

Any advice for other medical students?

It is easy to get carried away by the fact that you are in medical school, that you forget that there is a lot of hard work that is required of you and it's also easy to be carried away by the fact that you are talented. Any student you see in medical school is an excellent student but some fail on the way and some succeed. The trick to being successful doesn't depend on talent because we are all talented. It's all about hard work for me. I believed in hard work and determination. Once you set your goals and define them early and work hard towards them, you will likely succeed. So, all they need is hard work and let them set their goals early not to wait until a week or month

to the exam before they start thinking of whether they want a pass, credit, or distinction. You need to start that from the very beginning if you can do that, you may likely succeed.



■ Auta Goodwill James

Presidency warns Islamic group over Kukah

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Presidency yesterday said it was wrong and unconstitutional for an Islamic group, the Muslim Solidarity Forum (MSF), to have asked the Bishop of Sokoto Diocese, Most Rev Matthew Hassan Kukah, to leave his base over what the group termed “malicious comments against Islam.”

A presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement, said Kukah must be allowed to practise his faith and politics as every citizen has the right

to freedom of speech and expression and move freely without inhibition.

The MSF had, Tuesday, asked Kukah to either apologize to the entire Muslim ummah or leave Sokoto over his “malicious comments against Islam” in his Christmas message.

But Shehu noted that under Nigerian laws, groups or factions must neither give quit notices nor unilaterally sanction any perceived breaches, saying “Where they occur, it is the courts of law that should adjudicate.

Unilateral action is not the way to go.

“Groups such as the Muslim Solidarity Forum must be seen to share and uphold the country’s multi-religious principles. And individuals like Father Kukah must respect the feelings of his fellow Nigerians in his private and public utterances.”

He said though Kukah had “greatly offended many with his controversial remarks against the government and the person of President Muhammadu Buhari, responsible leadership in any

society must exercise restraint.

“Under our constitution, every citizen has the right to, among others, freedom of speech and expression, the right to own property and reside in any part of the country, and the right to move freely without any inhibitions. Nigeria’s strength lies in its diversity. The right for all religions to co-exist is enshrined in this country’s constitution. The duty of the government, more so, this democratic government, is to ensure that the constitution is respected.

“On matters such as these, responsible leadership in any society must exercise restraint. Knee-jerk reactions will not only cause the fraying of enduring relationships, but also the evisceration of peaceful communities such as Sokoto, the headquarters of the Muslim community as beacon of pluralism and tolerance. The Sultanate has historically had good relations with followers of all faiths. That is why Father Kukah was received on his arrival in Sokoto with friendship and tolerance.

Northern elders to Nigerians: Resist religious incitement

By Idowu Isamotu

The Northern Elders’ Forum yesterday appealed to Nigerians to shun religious incitement that could cause crisis in the land, saying it was disturbed with distinctly religious undertones causing anger and fear in the public domain.

The forum said it would be cruel and tragic if communities were set up against each other in the names of their faiths, noting that there were no threats to any religion under current circumstances that would justify action which will threaten peace and harmonious co-existence in this country. The Department of State Services had recently said it had uncovered plots by some forces to cause mayhem in Lagos, Kano, Oyo and other places in the name of religion.

But the Director, Publicity and Advocacy of NEF, Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, in a statement in Abuja yesterday, asked Nigerians to be wary of mischief makers and subversive elements

hell-bent on worsening the difficult situation under which Nigerians live today.

The statement read, “Northern Elders Forum (NEF) is concerned over disturbing comments with distinctly religious undertones which are causing anger and fear in the public domain.

“The forum’s concerns have been compounded by published warnings from the Department of State Security (DSS) over attempts to cause breaches in security and peaceful co-existence through incitement in many parts of the country.

“The forum invites attention to multiple pressures and stresses under which Nigerians of all faith live. It will be cruel and tragic if communities are set up against each other in the names of their faiths.

“If there are indeed reasons that could be exploited to engineer religious conflicts, the forum demands that governments deal decisively with them.”

Buhari hails Lawan at 62

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday rejoiced with Senate President Ahmad Lawan on his 62nd birthday.

Buhari, in a statement by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, appreciated the maturity and purposeful leadership that the lawmaker had brought to the upper chamber, handling every issue with years of experience and wisdom.

He joined members of the All Progressives Congress, National Assembly, staff, family, friends and associates of Lawan in celebrating “another age, heralded by lofty achievements, which

include years of research and sharing of knowledge as a lecturer, eight years in House of Representatives, before his election to the Senate in 2007.”

Buhari, who said Lawan’s steady progress on the ladder of leadership showed his empathy, tenacity and focus on improving the lives of Nigerians, added that the cordial relationship between the executive and legislature had fostered faster and better results in the development of the country.

He prayed that the almighty God grant Lawan good health, wisdom and longer life to keep serving the country and humanity.



■ Children warm their hands around a fire at a refugee camp Idlib, Syria

Photo: Getty Images

Bandits kill 2 in Kaduna village

From Lami Sadiq, Kaduna

Armed bandits yesterday attacked Garu village of Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State and killed two locals identified as Aliyu Daiyabu and Safiyanu Muhammad.

The state’s Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan confirmed the attack.

He said Governor Nasir El-Rufai had sent condolences to the families of the two victims.

He said the governor also condoled with the family of a hunter found dead in Chikun Local Government Area.

Earlier, Aruwan said troops of Operation Thunder Strike had continued fighting patrols in Gwagwada general area of Chikun LGA which connects with the Kaduna-Abuja Highway. He said an operational feedback to the state government revealed that the troops conducted clearance patrols to Napayako and Dajin Wuya, during which several

bandit camps were destroyed.

The commissioner said the patrol followed an earlier attack by bandits on hunters in the forest when two hunters were left with gunshot wounds.

“During the clearance operation, the troops mobilized to the location with some hunters who escaped the prior attack. While the camps were dislodged, one of the wounded hunters, Yohanna Yakubu, was found. The other hunter, Isuwa Tanko, was eventually confirmed dead,” he said.

NLC to Ganduje: Stop cuts in workers’ salaries or face crisis

By Idowu Isamotu

The Nigeria Labour Congress yesterday urged Kano State Governor Abdullahi Ganduje to forthwith stop cuts in workers’ salaries to avoid industrial crisis in the state. NLC President Ayuba Wabba, in a letter dated January 4 and addressed Ganduje, also

demanding that the shortfalls in salaries be reimbursed immediately.

“We also demand that the Kano State government goes back to the lawful discharge of its obligation to pay the New National Minimum Wage of N30,000.

The consequential adjustment is a product of

Collective Bargaining which the Kano State Government is duty bound to honour,” Wabba said.

“While we look forward to your immediate intervention to stave off a looming but unnecessary industrial unrest in Kano State, please accept the renewed assurances of our highest esteem,” he added.

...mourns Ndubuisi Kanu

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday condoled with the family and friends of former military

administrator of Lagos and Imo States, Rear Admiral Ndubuisi Kanu, who died at 77. Buhari, in a statement by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, prayed for God’s

covering over all his loved ones and the repose of the soul of the elder statesman.

The president also commiserated with all professional colleagues of

the gallant military officer.

He said the deceased distinguished himself in all positions and responsibilities during service, taking up more

daunting but historically rewarding challenges like speaking up for the weak and vulnerable, and the struggle for the country’s return to democratic government.

Rivers, Zamfara, Bayelsa, Imo fail FG's transparency test

By Chris Agabi, Abbas Jimoh (Abuja),
Jude Owuamanam (Owerri),
Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt) &
Shehu Umar (Gusau)

Rivers, Zamfara, Bayelsa and Imo states did not get a kobo from the N123.348 billion grant the federal government shared to states because they failed a transparency test, which seeks to encourage those in the position of authority to be accountable.

Sokoto got the highest grant of N8.4 billion because it led others in meeting the criteria for the grant while Kano got the least among the winners with a grant of N1.7 billion.

The remaining 30 states shared N113.2 billion based on their performance. It means each of them got more than N1.7 bn.

How winners, losers emerge

The federal government yesterday announced the disbursement of another round of performance-based grants to states totalling N123.348 billion (\$324.6 million) under its States Fiscal Transparency Accountability and Sustainability (SFTAS) Programme for Results.

The Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Mrs Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, who disclosed this in a statement signed by Hassan Dodo, the ministry's Director of Press and Public Relations on Wednesday in Abuja, explained that the disbursement followed the achievement of results by the states in the just concluded 2019 Annual Performance Assessment (APA).

The assessment was carried out by the Office of the Auditor-General for the Federation (OAuGF) as the Independent Verification Agent (IVA) and approved by the Programme Coordination Unit (PCU) of the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning.

According to Mrs Ahmed, the disbursement included N91.048 billion (USD239.6 million) of performance-based grants for the 2019 APA results achieved by 32 Eligible States across various Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) covering fiscal transparency, accountability, expenditure efficiency, revenue mobilisation and debt sustainability.

According to the statement, "Bayelsa, Imo, Rivers and Zamfara states got zero allocation due to their inability to meet the 2019 eligibility criteria, which required states to publish online approved annual budgets and audited financial statements within a specific timeframe.

The minister further noted that the 2019 APA results were a significant improvement on the 2018 APA results where the total performance-based grants of N43.416 billion



Retired military soldiers during a protest demanding payment of their pension and arrears at the entrance of the Ministry of Finance in Abuja yesterday
Photos: Felix Onigbinde & Faruk Shuaibu

(USD120.6 million) were received by 24 eligible states, demonstrating the substantive progress states have made on fiscal reforms. She disclosed that the second part of the disbursement involved a new COVID-19 response DLI: The implementation of a tax compliance relief programme for individual taxpayers and businesses by states by September 30, 2020, where 34 out of 36 states (only Anambra and Zamfara states missed out) were able to achieve the results for this new DLI for the total of N32.3 billion (USD 85 million) of grants.

The disbursement came after the recent one in November 2020 by the federal government where the sum of N66.5 billion (USD175 million) was granted to 35 states, which achieved results under another new COVID-19 response DLI: the passing of an Amended COVID-19 Responsive 2020 Budget by July 31, 2020.

N233 billion disbursed since April

The minister observed that since the first disbursement in April 2020, the federal government had thus far disbursed the total sum of N233 billion (USD620.6 million) to the states under the US \$750 million World Bank-Assisted States Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability (SFTAS) Programme-for-Results.

The finance minister reiterated that the World Bank-assisted SFTAS Programme was principally meant to strengthen fiscal management

at the state level to ensure effective mobilisation and utilisation of financial resources to the benefit of their citizens.

She noted that the SFTAS programme could not have come at a better time, given the dwindling government revenue occasioned by oil price volatility and coupled with the current impact of COVID-19, which has further intensified the need for improved practices in fiscal transparency, accountability and sustainability as enunciated in the SFTAS ideals.

The minister said that with the disbursement of the total sum of N233.264 billion (USD620.2 million) since the beginning of the Programme for Results, "we have thus far successfully adapted and implemented the SFTAS Programme to provide timely support to states to strengthen their fiscal capacity for responding to numerous fiscal challenges in their respective domains."

"The increase in the number of benefitting states and results achieved is indicative of the wider acceptance of SFTAS ideals by all states of the federation and this would herald a new era of transparency and accountability in fiscal governance at the sub-national level," the statement said.

When contacted, Oguwike Nwachuku, who is the Chief Press Secretary/Media Adviser to Imo Governor, Hope Uzodimma, said the state government had nothing to say because the present

administration was not in power then.

Efforts to get to Chibuike Onyeukwu, the spokesman of former Governor Emeka Ihedioha were not successful.

On his part, the Rivers State Commissioner for Finance, Mr Isaac Kamalu asked our reporter to call him back much later because he was in a meeting.

The Special Adviser to Zamfara governor on Public Enlightenment, Media and Communication, Mallam Zailani Bappa, referred our correspondent to the Commissioner of Finance, Alhaji Rabi Garba Gusau.

However, the commissioner could not be reached for comment as his phone number was not going through.

The Bayelsa State government did not respond to the development as the Commissioner for Information, Ayibina Duba, did not respond to calls nor reply a text message sent to him. Our correspondent reports that because of the political developments in the state occasioned by litigations in courts, Governor Douye Diri presented the budget proposal to the state House of Assembly in March after his swearing on February 14.

CSOs harp on accountability

The Executive Director, Resource Centre for Human Rights and Civic Education (CHRICED), Dr Ibrahim M. Zikirullahi, said that the organisation had always drawn the attention of authorities to "the financial recklessness,

lack of accountability and opaqueness that has characterised the governance of states."

According to him, it was not a surprise that the states had failed key tests on open governance and financial solvency.

"It is all a reflection of the ineffective governance that has been on offer in the states. Even the federal government, which is busy conducting the assessments has neither fared better nor led by example.

"The way forward is for Nigerians to understand that everything rests on the leadership they elect. From LGA to states to federal levels, Nigeria urgently needs leaders who will show a commitment to prudent and accountable management of scarce public resources," he said.

On his part, the leader of Moving Nigeria for the Better, Hassan Ismail Yusuf, said the government should adopt a carrot and stick approach.

"It is not enough not to give anything to states that failed woefully. The government should find a way of sanctioning them by denying them some privileges like federal projects until they change their attitude.

"Accountability is the key to responsive leadership. I believe some of the states would not mind if they didn't get anything from the transparency bonus because they have other options of getting free money. A good example is Rivers State and you need to adopt another method to force them to do the right thing," he said.

Military airstrike kills scores of terrorists in Borno

Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole on Tuesday eliminated scores of Boko Haram terrorists and destroyed three of the terrorists' gun trucks in an air raid at Mainok in Borno,

Defence Headquarters says. Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. John Enenche, disclosed this in a statement yesterday in Abuja. Enenche said the air

operation was executed sequel to intelligence reports which indicated that the terrorists were traversing the Jakana-Mainok axis of the state in several gun trucks. He said the Air Task Force

scrambled the Nigerian Air Force helicopter gunships to engage the convoy of the terrorists' gun trucks and logistics vehicles.

He said the helicopters delivered accurate hits in the

target area, resulting in the destruction of three of the vehicles, some of which were seen engulfed in flames.

"Several of the terrorists were also eliminated in the process," he said. (NAN)

Trump impeached for second time

The House yesterday voted to impeach President Trump for the second time - making him the only US president to ever be impeached twice. The resolution passed 232 to 197.

The impeachment resolution the House voted on charges Trump with a single article, "incitement of insurrection" for his role in last week's deadly Capitol riot.

There is no such thing as a routine impeachment but this one is unprecedented in all sorts of ways.

The overall impeachment process laid out in the Constitution is relatively simple:

A president commits "high Crime or Misdemeanor" The House votes to impeach The Senate conducts a trial.

This impeachment process will feel entirely new and different from the one we saw in late 2019 around the Ukraine investigation, most notably because the Senate trial is expected to occur after Trump leaves office.

Here's why that's important:

New President Joe Biden will be asking the Senate to vote on his Cabinet nominees and act on legislation to address the COVID pandemic as well as relief for Americans hurt by the troubled economy.

In 2020, Senate business ground to a complete halt during the trial. This time, incoming Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is hoping to pursue a half-day

schedule to conduct the trial part of the day and business the rest of the day.

The charges this time are much simpler to convey and understand, however. It should still take some number of days with Chief Justice John Roberts presiding and senators sitting in judgment. When both of the new Democratic senators from Georgia are seated, it will take 17 Republicans voting with Democrats to reach a two-thirds majority and convict Trump.

The swift effort to impeach him certainly puts Trump in the position of wanting to keep Republican senators on his side. In that regard, it would keep him in check during the last week of his presidency.

Remember: Impeaching Trump in the House does not remove him from office. Neither a second House impeachment nor even a Senate vote to convict Trump and remove him from office would prevent him from running again, in 2024 or beyond.

Rather, after two-thirds of senators present voted to remove Trump, a simple majority of senators present would have to approve an additional vote to bar him from the presidency in the future.

Barring him from further office could also cost him his more-than \$200,000 per year pension if the Senate wants to take that way. CNN

Abacha loot projects: Court orders AGF, BPP to maintain status quo

By John Chuks Azu

A Federal High Court in Abuja on Tuesday ordered the Attorney-General of the Federation and the Bureau of Public Procurement to maintain status quo in the appointment of a consultant for monitoring of the Abacha loot projects.

Justice Inyang Ekwere directed the AGF and the BPP not to take any steps in the matter pending the hearing and determination of the motion for injunction.

Earlier, the AGF was absent in court while the counsel to the BPP sought an adjournment to enable the agency to file its defence in the matter.

But counsel to PPP Advisories Consortium, who brought the application, Daniel Bwala, told the court that unless it made an

order for status quo, the federal government might proceed and award the consultancy contract to Cleen Foundation who scored the lowest combined technical and financial score among the four prequalified consultants.

The case was adjourned until January 21 for hearing.

The federal government had in February 2020 entered into a tripartite agreement with the Island of Jersey and the United States for the return of the \$300m funds recovered from former Head of State, General Sani Abacha.

The agreement included the use of the recovered funds for ongoing infrastructure projects in Nigeria such as the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kano Road and Second Niger Bridge.



■ Newly appointed Judges, Justice Rahman Oshodi (left) and Justice Olubukola Aigbokhaevbo, taking Oath of Office, during their swearing-in in Lagos yesterday

Allow schools to resume Jan 18, proprietors tell FG

By Chidimma c. Okeke

Some private school owners have asked the federal government to allow schools to resume a new session on January 18 as earlier fixed.

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, had, on Monday, reportedly said the January 18 resumption date would be reviewed in view of the rising cases of COVID-19

infections in the country.

Chairman, Voyage International School, Abuja, Yussuff Oriyomi, told Daily Trust yesterday that the federal government should allow schools to resume because the children had lost a lot.

"They should allow schools to resume. We are fine and God is protecting us and we are also taking adequate protection," he said.

The proprietor of Mic-ray Progressive School, Lokoja, Kogi State, Michael Ojonugwa, said: "Closing schools will continue to worsen the situation. Children have lost a lot in terms of learning and so many are trying to catch up with and adjust to learning after staying home for long. If the schools are shut down again, that will further affect the students".

COVID-19: PDP wants PTF disbanded

By Saawua Terzungwe

The People's Democratic Party yesterday urged President Muhammadu Buhari to dissolve the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 for alleged incompetence.

The party, in a statement by its spokesman, Kola Ologbondiyan, called for a convergence of experts in a special department under the purview of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control to professionally

tackle the pandemic.

It alleged that the PTF had not demonstrated any capacity beyond mere announcement of figures of infected persons, deaths, recoveries, discharges and issues of local protocols.

It said the PTF should rather engage in epidemiology, researches and production of equipment, drugs, therapeutics and other medical palliatives that could help stave off the impact of the pandemic.

"Also, rather than allow the Minister of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Affairs to carry bundles of cash to the streets, under the guise of palliative measures, as was recorded during the first wave, the PDP demands that the federal government should channel such resources directly to the respective state governments to cushion the possible effects of the pandemic on the people," it said.

Empower youths to end crime -NCAC

By Maureen Onochie

Director General, National Council for Arts and Culture, Otunba Olusegun Runsewe, says if crime must end in Nigeria, the youth should be empowered with skills that will enable them to become self-employed.

He said this in Abuja yesterday when the Director General

of the National Youth Service Corps, Brigadier-General Shuaibu Ibrahim, visited him in his office.

Runsewe decried that some schools were importing their uniforms thereby making the local tailors and textile producers redundant.

On his part, the NYSC DG said only corps members and staff who tested negative to

COVID-19 would be allowed into the camps; while those who tested positive would be handed over to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control for treatment.

He stressed the need to promote a relationship between the NYSC and the NCAC to bring out the talent from corps members both in culture and entertainment so that they could be self-reliant.

Nigeria, Poland to strengthen ties on technology devt

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Minister of State for Science and Technology, Abdullahi Mohammed, yesterday said Nigeria would leverage the technological capacities of Poland for development of science, technology and

innovation.

Mohammed said this in Abuja while receiving in a working visit, the Ambassador of Poland to Nigeria, Joanna Tarnawaska.

He reiterated the government's determination to diversify the economy, advance

technology, create employment and lift millions of Nigerians out of poverty.

In her remarks, Tarnawaska said her country was actively seeking avenues to cooperate with Nigeria, especially in the areas of science, technology and innovation.

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COVID-19: Death toll surging in Plateau - Lalong cries out

From **Dickson S. Adama, Jos & Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi**

Plateau State Governor, Simon Lalong, yesterday said the state was witnessing an increasing number of coronavirus-related deaths.

He described the situation as worrisome, saying there was urgent need for compliance to the laid down preventive measures aimed at curbing the spread of the disease.

Speaking during a stakeholder meeting in Jos, the state capital, the governor said: "Sadly in

Plateau State, we are also recording an increasing number of deaths, and that is very worrisome. In the past weeks, we have seen some prominent persons in Plateau State and indeed across Nigeria die from COVID-19. Also, the state is recording more daily cases than previously.

"So, I have invited you here for us to rub minds on very important issues that border on the security and well-being of our people. A worrisome issue here is that despite this situation, most citizens appear to be careless and reluctant to observe

the COVID-19 protocols. In fact, many have abandoned and refused to observe simple protocols of wearing face masks, maintaining social distance and washing of hands regularly."

"While we have no intention of imposing another lockdown to avoid further damage to the economy, some members of the public are not helping us. But I hope everyone knows that as a government, we cannot fold our arms to witness people dying over a situation that is largely preventable. I hope we shall see a change of attitude going forward as we resume a more

vigorous level of enforcement of all the protocols," he said.

He warned those who were denying the existence of the virus and continue to misinform others to desist.

He, therefore, directed his commissioners and other senior government officials to go down to the grassroots to enlighten the people.

Similarly, Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has urged residents of the state to go for testing and know their COVID-19 status in order to avail themselves early treatment of the disease.

Ortom advised the people not to doubt the existence of the virus, stressing that "COVID-19 is real."

He said residents would be complementing the government's efforts in fighting the pandemic only by going for the test which will further determine the status of people.

The governor gave the advice in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Terver Akase, yesterday.

He added that the second wave of the pandemic was deadlier and required the collaboration of everyone to contain it.



■ Managing Director Federal Housing Authority, Senator Gbenga Ashafa and Executive Director Business Development, Abdulmumin Jibrin on a recent inspection of FHA Mass Housing Estate in Zuba, Abuja yesterday.

UNILAG resumes Jan 25, to begin online lectures

From **Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos**

The management of the University of Lagos (UNILAG) has announced January 25, 2021, as resumption date for the first semester, 2019/2020 academic session.

According to the Revised Academic Calendar for 2019/2020 session made available to our reporter, the first semester is expected to commence from

January 25th to March 5th, 2021 with online lectures.

The proposed resumption date for the second semester is April 12, 2021 when lectures are expected to commence immediately and end on July 16, 2021.

The first semester for the 2021/2022 academic session is proposed to begin on October 11, 2021.

The Chairman, UNILAG

chapter of Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Comrade Dele Ashiru had earlier told our reporter that his members are ready to work only if the University can guarantee their safety and that of the students.

He said, "Given the population of students in UNILAG, the level of compliance to COVID-19 protocols is not adequate to bring the students back now."

Kidnappers demand N60m ransom for petrol dealer in Ekiti

From **Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti**

The abductors of a popular petrol dealer in Ekiti State, Mr Suleiman Akinbami, have made a N60 million ransom demand for his release.

Akinbami was kidnapped on Sunday around 8:30 pm by four gunmen in one of his filling stations in Ado-Ekiti, the state capital.

A family source, who does not

want his name in print for security reasons, told newsmen yesterday that the kidnappers called on Tuesday night to demand the amount before they would release the victim.

Contacted, the Ekiti State Amotekun Corps Commander, Brig. Gen Joe Komolafe (rtd.) said he was not aware of the ransom but added that his men were trailing the gunmen.

He expressed optimism that

the victim would soon be rescued with the combined efforts of Amotekun, police and vigilante in the state.

Komolafe urged residents to give timely and useful information on the activities of criminals in their domains.

According to him, "Let me tell you that our personnel are very much in the bush trailing the kidnappers in a bid to rescue the victim."

Zulum orders employment of more doctors for Borno hospitals

From **Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri**

Borno State Governor, Babagana Umara Zulum, yesterday approved the employment of 40 additional medical doctors.

There are a number of hospitals in the insurgency-ravaged areas of the state without a medical doctor.

The governor's directive was given at a meeting with the chief executives of seven public hospitals and related institutions located in

Maiduguri Metropolitan Council and Jere Local Government Area.

The meeting, held behind closed doors, was meant to improve health care system and ensure qualitative service delivery to the citizens, a statement signed by Isa Gusau, Special Adviser to the Governor on Public Relations and Strategy has said.

In the past, the government had approved the recruitment of 594 health workers, among them, 86

medical doctors, 365 nurses and midwives, 45 pharmacists and 100 health technicians and other support staff.

Gusau said the governor was conducted round the Specialist Hospital, Maiduguri, where he directed the construction of an additional ward to address overcrowding. A land acquired by the government, located near the hospital, would be utilised for the new ward.

Farmers allege diversion of FG loans

● **RIFAN mum**

From **Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos**

Farmers in Plateau State have accused the leadership of Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN) in the state of extortion and diversion of farm inputs including fertilizers provided by the federal government.

The farmers said farm inputs such as fertilizers, seeds, chemicals among others, collected on their behalf were not distributed to them accordingly.

They, therefore, called for the intervention of the federal government.

Alhaji Sule Yusuf, a farmer in the state, said despite registering with the association as required, he had not been given the inputs.

Another farmer, Paule Talmuk, lamented that rice farmers were being shortchanged in the

distribution of farm equipment.

"Our leaders in RIFAN are cheating us. They use our names and all other information but would divert whatever is collected on our behalf," he said.

Another rice farmer, Aliyu Musa Sura, said the distribution of the inputs was just a deception because "people would be asked to register with the association and all requirements would be made but always problematic to get the equipment. This habit would undoubtedly hinder the FG's efforts to boost agriculture in the country."

Contacted, the RIFAN's chairman in the state, Joshua Bitrus, declined to comment.

"I have to know the persons making the allegations before responding," he said.

Borno student gets N10m for kidney transplant

From **Misbahu Bashir, Maiduguri**

Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum has approved the release of N10 million to Mbahi Sarki Suleiman, a 29-year-old 300 level student of Geography at the University of Maiduguri for a kidney transplant surgery.

The student from Yara, Hawul Local Government Area of the state has got a living donor but had no monies for the transplant surgery. He appeared in a radio programme in Abuja where he sought for N9 million from well-meaning persons to cover the cost of the transplant.

The matter was said to have been brought to the governor's attention on Tuesday.

The governor's spokesman, Isa Gusau, said the sum of N1 million was added to the initial amount requested "in case of unforeseen circumstance."

Gusau further said, "Saratu Sarki Bitrus, mother of the student confirmed that she had received a bank alert of N10 million as directed by Governor Zulum and she had already made payments to a hospital in Abuja, which is to undertake the transplant scheduled to hold this week."

5 die, 14 injured in Lagos-Ibadan road crash

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Five persons yesterday lost their lives while 14 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a road crash involving a truck and Mazda bus along Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

Our correspondent gathered that the accident occurred at 2:51pm around

Kara turning near Lagos.

It was further gathered that the driver of the speeding bus with registration number, EPE575XA lost control of the wheels and rammed into the truck marked APP397YA from the rear.

Both the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the state-owned Traffic Compliance and

Enforcement Corps (TRACE) confirmed the incident separately to our correspondent in Abeokuta yesterday, but differed on the figures of the injured victims.

The FRSC Sector Commander, Ahmed Umar, said 19 people were involved in the accident, out of which five died while 14 others

sustained varying degrees of injuries.

However, the TRACE spokesman, Babatunde Akinbiyi, said 21 persons were involved in the accident, out of which 16 were injured, including a toddler, while five died.

Umar explained that the speeding bus hit the truck from the rear while

the articulated vehicle was making a turning at Kara.

Umar disclosed that injured victims have been taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), and Idera Hospital, both in Sagamu for treatment.

He added that corpses of the victims have taken to Fakoya Mortuary in Sagamu.



■ From left: Corps Legal Adviser, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ann Marjah; newly appointed Ag. Chief Justice of FCT, Justice Salisu Garba; FRSC Corps Marshal, Boboye Oyeiyemi and Corps Public Education Officer, FRSC, Bisi Kazeem, during the Corps Marshal's visit to the Justice on his new appointment in Abuja yesterday.

Benue: Cholera death toll rises to 14

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The death toll of the cholera outbreak in some parts of Benue State has risen to 14.

Daily Trust earlier reported that the outbreak of the disease in Agatu Local Government Area of the state had killed seven persons.

The state Commissioner for Health and Human Services, Dr. Joseph Ngbea, told newsmen yesterday at the end of the state's

Executive Council meeting in Makurdi that more deaths were recorded, bringing the death toll to 14.

Ngbea noted that 10 of the victims died in Agatu LGA while the four others died in Abinsi, Guma LGA.

He added that 25 of the victims had been treated successfully.

"As we speak, aside from the medical personnel, we have also supplied consumables and drugs to the affected

areas in line with the directive of Governor Samuel Ortom to ensure the speedy treatment of all those infected.

"The governor has also directed the Benue State University Teaching Hospital (BSUTH) to provide an additional 10-bed spaces to take care of those infected," he said.

The commissioner urged the residents to always get their drinking water from safe sources.

Police probe Amotekun, herders' crisis in Oyo

From Abdullateef Aliyu and Jeremiah Oke who were in Ibarapa

The Oyo State Police Command has taken over the full investigation of the alleged clash between the operatives of the state security network known as Amotekun corps and some herdsmen in Ibarapa North Local Government Area, Daily Trust reports.

The case has been transferred to the homicide department of the state police command, it was gathered.

A special team in the homicide unit was said to have been detailed to unravel the circumstances and the complexities surrounding the case.

The state Governor, Engr. Seyi Makinde has also dispatched a fact-finding team to the Fulani settlement allegedly raided on Saturday.

Daily Trust reports that the alleged clash left four Fulani herdsmen dead, including one Alhaji Usman Okebi, who was said to be the Deputy Serikin Fulani of the state.

The herdsmen in the Okebi

town, where the incident happened, insisted it was a premeditated attack on the Fulani settlement by the Amotekun Corps.

The corps however claimed there was a clash between its men and some suspected kidnapers, which led to the death of the herdsmen.

Amidst the claim and counter-claim, the state police command has detailed a team in its Homicide Department to investigate the case.

The team, according to sources, will similarly probe another incident also involving Amotekun Corps and the Youth of Tapa Community on January 3, where two youths died.

The team led by the officer in charge of homicide in the state police command yesterday visited the crime scene, which is about two kilometres from Aiyete Divisional Police Headquarters.

Meanwhile, the state governor has sent a team from Ibadan to the scene where the alleged clash took place at Okebi.

The team was in the

company of the State Commander of Amotekun, Col. Olayinka Olayanju, as well as police officers from Aiyete Police Station and visited the Okebi Fulani settlement.

The delegation also visited Fedegbo village where another incident occurred also between the herdsmen and Amotekun operatives.

A government source, who confirmed the development to our correspondent, said Governor Makinde was interested in unraveling what really transpired on Saturday.

"This is why he has asked his Executive Assistant on Security Matters, Sunday Odukoya to go to the villages where these incidents happened so that he can have first-hand information on the alleged crises between the herdsmen and our Amotekun security outfit," the source said.

When contacted on the latest development, the Police Public Relations Officer, Olugbeniga Fadeyi did not pick his phone while a text message sent to him was not replied as of press time.

Man arrested for defiling 5-year-old girl in Kano

From Habibu Umar Aminu & Nana-Hauwa Sule, Kano

An 18-year-old man, Isma'eel Abubakar, has been arrested by Operatives of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Kano Command (NSCDC) for allegedly defiling a 5-year-old girl (name withheld).

Abubakar residing in Kofar Ruwa quarters in Dala Local Government Area of the state was arrested last Friday, the same day the crime was committed.

Daily Trust gathered that the accused lives in the same area with the victim.

Confirming the incident, the spokesman of the state command of NSCDC, ASC Ibrahim Idris Abdullahi said: "The 18-year-old Isma'eel confessed to the crime while being interrogated by the Corps detectives."

"Investigation into the case has since been

concluded and the suspect will be charged to Senior Magistrate Court, Filin Hockey in the metropolis by tomorrow, Thursday," he added.

In a related development, the police in the state have arrested a 20-year-old Halifa Bala of Sani Mainagge Quarters, Gwale LGA of Kano for alleged burglary and phone snatching.

The spokesman for the command, DSP Abdullahi Haruna, who revealed this, added that another suspect, one Dini Abdullahi of Gwale Quarters, Kano, was arrested for allegedly using a sharp animal horn to stab one Ahmad D. Ahmad of the same address, on his chest, face and neck, and took away his N200 and fled to an unknown place.

The victim was rushed to Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital, Kano, for treatment, he added.

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OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

NAAT'S N30,000 NATIONAL LEVY MISCONSTRUED AS BRIBE FOR MEMBERS TO GET PAID THROUGH IPPIS

The attention of the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation has been drawn to a publication by an online medium - the Sahara Reporters - on January 4, 2020 that members of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) were tasked to contribute money to bribe the Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System (IPPIS) so that their allowances could be paid.

According to the report, members of the Association had complained that their hazard allowance was stopped immediately they enrolled on IPPIS. The report said the Association thus resolved that members should pay levy of N30,000 each to bribe the IPPIS to commence the payment of their hazard allowance.

The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF) finds the media report very misleading and is an unprovoked and unnecessary smear campaign against the IPPIS and the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF). The media report deliberately chose an angle to project the idea that the levy of N30,000 imposed on members of the NAAT was for the benefit of the IPPIS. This is unfortunate, regrettable, and reprehensible.

It is pertinent to make clarifications on the involvement of the IPPIS in the N30,000 levy on members of NAAT. The Association, in a letter dated 7th October 2020, with reference number NAAT/GS/L. AGF/vol 1/08/20 signed by Comrade Hon. Ibeji Nwokoma (President) and Comrade Engr. Abubakar Yusuf (General Secretary); addressed to the Accountant General of the Federation (AGF); had requested the deduction of N30,000 per member in three installments of N10,000 for the construction of their National Secretariat. In the letter, NAAT requested that the deductions be remitted to its commercial bank account with the United Bank for Africa (UBA), with Account Number 1003101015.

The Association's letter was accompanied by

extracts of the minutes of its 43rd national executive meeting held on 24th September 2020 with signed attendance list of 128 members, where the decision/resolution was reached on the mandatory contribution on N30,000 per member for the NAAT's National Secretariat Complex. The IPPIS honoured the Association's request and commenced the deductions with the first deduction made in December 2020 and duly remitted into NAAT's bank account with the United Bank for Africa (UBA), with Account Number 1003101015.

On the hazard allowance; it should be noted that IPPIS can only pay salaries and allowances that have been approved by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (NSI&WC). This is because the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (NSI&WC) is the only body authorized by law to prescribe salary structure and issue circulars for all Federal Government employees in Nigeria. As it is, hazard allowance, including that of NAAT is yet to be approved by the Commission.

The IPPIS does not require and has never asked for bribes or gratification of any kind to either capture individuals or pay their salaries and allowances. At no point did IPPIS request/demand any gratification of N30,000 from NAAT members to pay their hazard allowance which is yet to be approved by the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission (NSI&WC). It would have been expected that in packaging the report, the medium should have shown professionalism and confirm the facts.

The Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF) is transforming and reforming the IPPIS to meet the yearnings and aspirations of Nigerian workers and is committed to ensuring efficient and effective management of the IPPIS to consolidate on the huge gains already recorded by the policy.

SIGNED:

Ahmed Idris FCNA

Accountant-General of the Federation



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Attention
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IN THREE (3) INSTALLMENTS OF TEN THOUSAND NAIRA (N10,000.00) EACH**

Above subject matter refers please.

At the end of the 43rd National Executive Council (NEC) meeting held on Thursday 24th September, 2020 at the National Secretariat Complex, University of Abuja. The meeting ratified the decision of the National Executive Committee for a National Levy of Thirty Thousand Naira only (N30,000.00) per member to be deducted from source in three (3) installments of Ten Thousand Naira (N10,000.00) from the months of October, November and December, 2020.

The total amount deducted be remitted to the NAAT National Account details as follows:

- Account No. 1003101015
- Bank: United Bank for Africa (UBA) Bank Plc.
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This letter supersedes the earlier one submitted. Attached herewith is the extract from the minutes of the 43rd NEC meeting and a copy of the attendance sheet.

Please accept the renewed assurances of our highest esteem.

Yours Comradely,

Comrade (Hon.) Ibeji Nwokoma
President

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Annexure II

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 43RD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
(NEC) MEETING OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGISTS
(NAAT) HELD AT NAAT NATIONAL SECRETARIAT UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA
ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

On the Agenda, Item 16: Update on National Secretariat Building Project.

On the issue of National Secretariat Building Project, the President presented the matter and stressed the need to put a Levy so as to generate the required funds for the Project to be completed as soon as possible to avoid the possible increase in cost of building materials.

After exhaustive deliberations, the house unanimously resolved that a Levy of Thirty Thousand Naira only (N30,000.00) per member be applied and to be deducted from source through IPPIS effective from October, 2020. Thereafter, a formal motion for adoption of the Levy was moved by Comrade Joseph Olurunde, Chairman NAAT, Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB) and Zonal Coordinator SW and was seconded by Comrade Adam Mansur, Chairman NAAT, Usman Danfodio University Sokoto (UDUS) and Zonal Coordinator NW. There was no any counter motion raised.

Comrade (Hon.) Ibeji Nwokoma
President

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Ending former governors' official swindle

All humans are selfish. Politicians everywhere appear more so than most. But when it comes to greed, Nigerian politicians are in a class of their own. And in that class, former governors occupy the front row.

Nothing demonstrates this better than the Pension Rights of Governor and Deputy Governor laws. This legislation, midwived and signed into law by many governors towards the end of their terms, pays them and their deputies humongous sums and benefits for life. Such laws, so nakedly self-serving, were passed by 25 states of the federation from 2001 onwards. To save you the trouble of looking them up elsewhere, they are: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Anambra, Borno, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Gombe, Jigawa, Sokoto, Kano, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Imo, Lagos, Niger, Ondo, Osun, Plateau, Ondo, Rivers, Yobe and Zamfara. In most cases, the very same persons that orchestrated and oversaw its promulgation just before leaving office became the first beneficiaries.

Such shamelessly self-serving legislation compounds the illicit rewards of politicians, who spent their terms luxuriating and enriching themselves and cronies.

Take the Kano State version for example. It gives former governors and deputies sums equal to the emolument of their incumbent counterparts. Further, a former governor is entitled to a furnished six-bedroom house and an office each in a location of their choice, all bills and utilities to be paid from public funds. It further awards ex-governors two administrative staff and two drivers to be chosen by him and paid by the state government. The law gifts past governors two cars that should be replaced every four years, 30-day annual 'leave' (not that the payment is conditional on doing any work) and medical treatment for themselves and their immediate family at home or abroad at the expense of the taxpayer. Former deputy governors get a four-bedroom house, an office, a car replaceable every quadrennially, two administrative staff and a driver, in addition to payment of bills, annual leave and medical treatment. All this will continue for life.

Some states' version makes even more outrageous provisions. In Lagos State, the law provides ex-governors and deputies two houses, in Lagos and Abuja, six cars replaceable every three years, biannual furniture allowance at 300% of annual salary, a housing allowance at 10 per cent of the annual salary, a utility allowance at 20 per cent, a car allowance at 30 per cent (on top of the six cars already provided for) and an entertainment allowance worth 10 per cent of their annual salary. On top of this, they are given a personal assistant, paid 25 per cent of the governor's basic salary. In Sokoto and Gombe, the enactment estimated the salary of incumbent governors and made the pension in monetary terms. In addition to all the other benefits like houses, cars and staff, former Sokoto and Gombe governors are doled out N200m every four years and their deputies N180 and N100m respectively.

With N50m as the estimated annual emolument of incumbent governors, all past governors go home with the same amount annually, beside other benefits, while their former deputies bank about half that amount or more. Today, every

state has at least four former governors and deputies; some have up to 10. Thus, taxpayers are paying vast bills, which will only grow with each election. As State Houses of Assembly leaders in states like Kano scramble to add themselves to this list of free money receivers, those in states like Zamfara are already on it as the speaker and deputy speaker are also beneficiaries.

To ensure that they get paid before anyone else, the architects of the law, who are also its beneficiaries, made the payments chargeable to the Consolidated Revenue Fund meaning they would be deducted even before the money leaves Abuja. This legalised bare-faced thievery is committed at a time states are complaining of being unable to pay a minimum wage of N30,000 and when aged pensioners, who have served us for the best part of their productive lives are paid peanuts in months-long arrears. It is happening when schools lack basic materials, primary healthcare centres lack functional first aid kits and most communities lack potable drinking water.

The beneficiaries of this official rip-off argue that as the constitution provides for pension for ex-presidents and vice-presidents, they should be awarded pensions too, but that doesn't even come close to justifying their behaviour. Even if the constitution did give the legal authority, it provides only for pension payments, not assorted expenses and benefits. And while the law envisages pensioners as senior citizens that don't earn money elsewhere, many former governors receive these payments while at the same time receiving a salary from the same taxpayers! Fifteen former governors are currently being paid as serving senators and over 10 former governors and deputies are ministers. From 2015–2019, a former governor of my state was paid as a senator and as a former governor while his wife, who had been a member of the House of Representatives for eight years, was being paid as a minister having been appointed by President Buhari. This sounds like Nigeria works only for a tiny few.

Thankfully, some governors have recently started seeing this colossal legal swindle for what it is. The governor of Lagos State told the state legislature in his 2021 Budget presentation that he wants them to repeal the law from this year to "cut the cost of governance" while Imo State has already abolished it. Similarly, the Zamfara State Assembly scrapped it in November 2019 in the wake of a controversy generated by his predecessor who wrote to request his N10m 'unpaid monthly upkeep.' Some say this step was taken by the current governors to settle a political score against their predecessors. If this is the case, I pray that the relationship between every governor and his predecessor may deteriorate. Any association that diverts Nigerians' scarce resources to the pockets of a few is a conspiracy that should be disrupted, if not by humans, by divine intervention.

Doling former governors and deputies humongous sums and other benefits in the name of pension in a poverty-stricken country like ours is beyond reprehensible. It is bare-faced thievery in legal disguise; it's robbery without arms: a fraud on the taxpayer that must be stopped. Every single Nigerian has a moral duty to call for an end to this massive scam. I do so.

LINE OF SIGHT

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Amotekun, Chinese sparrows and the rise of ethnic militia

In 1958, the Chinese government of Mao Zedong designed a campaign to rid the country of four undesirables—mosquitoes, flies, rats and sparrows. China's quest for rapid industrialisation, or the 'Great Leap Forward' must not be hindered by these 'pests,' believed to be affecting crop production. The sparrows were targeted because they ate grains and fruits and shortened food supplies. Millions of Chinese took up the campaign with gusto. They went out with their drums and pans and everything else they could use to generate noise and made so much racket to frighten the sparrows and keep the birds from settling down to rest. Traumatized, the birds flew around and around until exhausted, they would fall out of the sky, dead. In this way, millions of sparrows were killed, at least three million in Beijing alone.

By 1960, it was discovered that instead of increasing, crop yields were declining at pace. Rice harvests were paltry and fruits were measly and soon it became clear, China was heading for a disaster. The cause? Well, the sparrows ate grains and fruits but they also ate a lot of insects and locusts. With the annihilation of the sparrows, the swarms of locust and insects multiplied and ate far more crops than the sparrows would have eaten over several lifetimes. The Great Leap Forward became the Great Chinese Famine and by 1961, official figures say 15 million Chinese died from hunger. Others estimate that the true figures were closer to 40 million people. All because someone thought it was a good idea to get rid of the sparrows.

Last week, a viral video surfaced of a man claiming they were evicting Fulani people from Ebonyi State. Several groups denied that such an incident happened. The BBC reported that it spoke to the people who insisted they were sacked from Ebonyi. The focus of my Line of Sight last week was on the manifesting hate for different groups across the country, as was captured in that video. The dust raised by that clip had hardly settled when the even more militant *Amotekun* vigilante attacked a Fulani settlement in Oyo State, killed a father and his two sons on the day one of the man's sons was going to wed. They partly destroyed the Fulani settlement and reports say they might have killed more.

Amotekun, the South West regional security network, was established last year to primarily tackle the excesses of criminal "herdsmen." The agitation that triggered this formation was ignited by the July 2019 killing of Mrs Funke Olakunrin, daughter of a prominent Yoruba leader, Pa Rueben Fasoranti. The suspects? Fulani herdsmen.

In the months since its formation (and we are speaking only months here), *Amotekun* by its actions and utterances—including extrajudicial killings of civilians, university students, morality policing and claims that it would crack down on indecent dressing and people who 'bastardize' Yoruba, is quickly transforming. It is taking on the form and shape of the ethnic militia that triggered and executed the Rwandan Genocide of 1994.

Ostensibly, it was set up to protect a certain ethnic group from another certain ethnic group. Of course, the leadership of the Fulani group have questions to answer about the descent of members of the group into new and dangerous levels of criminality for which they were hitherto not known. But setting up vigilantes like *Amotekun* to

counter the criminalities of one tribe could result in the kind of profiling that dominated World War II and what the Nazis called "The Jewish Question."

As if that is not recipe for disaster already, *Amotekun* is behaving like the wild animal it was named after, the leopard, a feral, ungovernable thing. The longer these infractions go on, the bigger this beast becomes. Considering the powers members of *Amotekun* are keen to abrogate unto themselves, the danger of the group becoming a full-scale ethnic militia without any pretence grows by the day.

With growing criminality among the Fulani, the fact that they have vulnerable populations living in various parts of the country, fear and resentment for them will only grow. One commentator to my column last week suggests that the Fulani are facing the same kind of envy the Igbo faced after the January 1966 coup, considering that Buhari, a Fulani man, is in power. I think the scenarios are different, especially considering the culpability of some herdsmen in the tainting of their own tribesmen. This has led to the rise of anti-Fulani vigilante groups across the country and has provided the raison d'être for their various existence. IPOB, a few weeks ago, was reportedly training its own militia designed to "protect Igboland from herdsmen." A convenient excuse, if you ask me.

None of this, of course, would happen if there were no gaping holes the size of a small country in governance. The fact that criminal gangs of Fulani and other decadents are running wild and unbridled across vast swathes of the country, wreaking havoc, committing mass murders, mass rapes, mass abductions and destroying farms, and decimating farming communities without the government arresting them and bringing them to face the law makes the government culpable. The president's nonchalance of course doesn't help. The absence of government action has empowered and in some cases mandated communities to rise and protect themselves. Yet, the government has remained unconcerned about these developments, even in the face of glaring ethnic fragmentation of the country and the militarisation of ethnic groups.

Ahead of elections that we all know have the potential to be incendiary in this country, this is akin to sitting comfortably on a keg of gunpowder while picking your teeth.

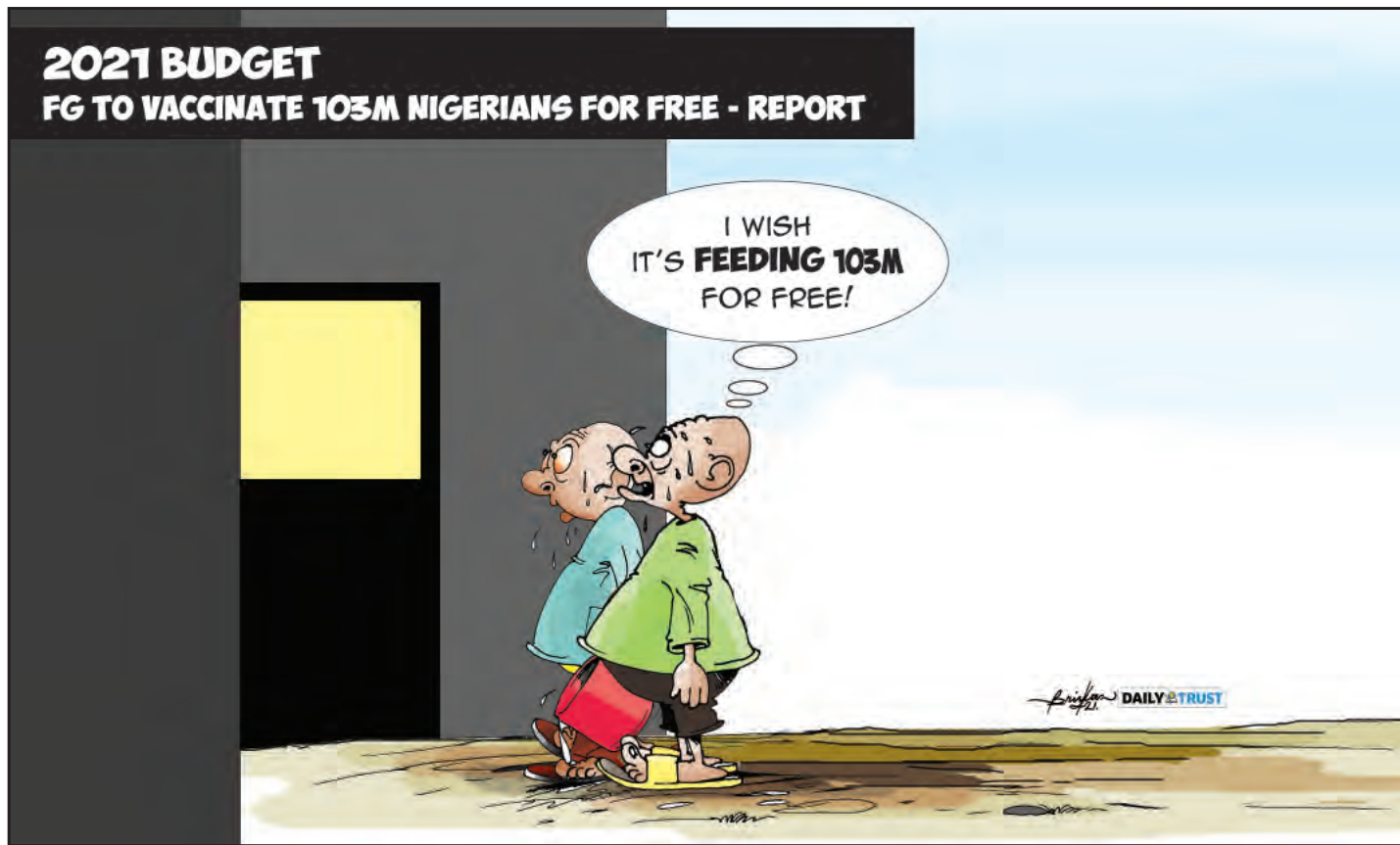
What has all this got to do with the Great Chinese Famine of 1961? Well, the fact that people are desperate to get rid of something they have been made to fear will not necessarily guarantee their safety and may, in fact, create a problem far greater than the one that they are trying to solve. The Chinese killed off millions of sparrows but ended up importing 250,000 from the Soviet Union to help return the ecological balance that their bad policy induced. (Not that they seem to have learnt their lessons with their persecution of the Uighur people). The growing desperation to evict certain ethnic groups from certain parts of the country might just equally be disastrous. Peace, unlike wealth or power, cannot be exclusive to a few.

If there is someone in charge of the affairs of this country, this is the time to step up and provide the much-needed governance that would end the criminalities and banditry of certain groups and stem the rising tsunami of hate. Is that too much to ask?

Letter to the Editor

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Confusion at Idu Rail station as NRC introduces e-ticketing

As is always characteristic of Nigeria, complete confusion and frustration has been created by the Nigeria Railway Corporation Management in the name of implementation of online payment. It is unheard of that the management decided to start online payment today and completely stopped cash payment. The confusion includes:

1. Not many people have smartphones and the internet to access their website, so they are wondering in confusion compromising the government social distancing COVID-19 protocol.

2. NRC has no way of verifying payment through a terminal. Those who paid and their telephone goes off cannot be verified hence cannot travel.

3. They have to physically collect everybody's telephone thus compromising the social distancing promoted by the same government.

4. The handheld instrument is not effective. It takes up to three minutes and sometimes a longer time to verify payment.

5. The management has completely stopped cash payment. So, no alternative to their web-based payment.

6. Though global practice online payment are usually cheaper since it reduces the risk of handling cash, allows the organisation to get money in advance etc. The NRC increased the ticket price by more than five per cent because of online payment.

7. After creating confusion, they eventually allowed cash payment long after the departure time.

8. NRC eventually sold tickets through cash payment for seats already sold through online payment because they have no means of verifying those who paid online.

9. Inside the train, confusion and fighting all over.

All this is happening not because Nigeria does not have intelligent, patriotic and reasonable people to manage its affair. It is because we have a system that consistently promotes the most useless and visionless people to lead and manage us. It is very unfortunate.

Mohammed Shehu

COVID-19: Neglect also kills

I am not in any way doubting the existence of coronavirus or its killing capacity but believably, it is not, and can never remain the only agent of destruction in my country.

Education is one of the means through which hopes are rekindled and lives are saved. Where the opposite manifests, the reverse is always the case. People who lose hope may seek for another alternative, which in most cases is through jungle justice or destruction. That has a repercussion, as we are witnessing in banditry, kidnapping, insurgency and a lot of deviations.

For over decades and under the watch of various successive governments, both civilian and military, education has been deliberately subjected to gross neglect and lack of focus.

What is more glaring and touching is that it is still very common across the public primary schools in the federation to see children taking lessons on the bare floor!

In universities and other tertiary institutions of learning one can only differentiate them by their nomenclature but the neglect and operation is the same. Their classes and hostels are too congested. What keeps students busy is lectures, which in most cases are being interrupted by highly avoidable strikes.

Today, FG hides under the cover of COVID-19 to prolong the resumption of schools. On the other hand, officials attend marriage rites and engage in political campaigns without their audience wearing facemasks.

Mohammed Bella Umar writes from Azare, Bauchi State

No political party should cede 2023 presidency to South East

If the 2023 presidency is relieved of competition and reduced to an ethnic contest, then we are consciously backtracking to the mistakes of 2015. Ethnic considerations brought President Muhammadu Buhari to power. And I am sure most Nigerians have witnessed the calamity that this current administration is.

When leadership is robbed of progressive competition, competence is impaired. We will keep chasing the will-o-the-wisp of progress as a country for as long as the tribe of a citizen matters more than his antecedents, competence level and abilities.

"Turn-by-turn" presidency will only yield "turn-by-turn" misery. Nepotism here thrives largely because a leader selected on the basis of where he represents generally seeks to protect the interest of that base he feels solidified his claim to power.

So, we are only reinventing a broken wheel by putting more premium on where the next president should come

from rather than on "what he had done, what he is doing; his leadership qualities, academic background, mental state and health condition". And with the entitled perception that "it is our turn; the president is our brother", nepotism is systematised.

Really, why should a leadership position that defines and determines the future of the country be ethnicised? Why is there no campaign for the basics of leadership? Why is there no clamour for the qualities, credentials and competence level the next president of Nigeria should possess? Why is it always about ethnicity?

It is revolting that presidency in Nigeria is designed in such a way that every ethnic group, particularly the predatory political class, sees it as an entitled offering that must be acquired for the sake of promoting individual and sectional interest. The base mindset of -- "it is our turn to take a crunch at the cake, so pass it!" If the ethnic-based presidency is so important to us, why

can we not fragment the centre and return power to the federating units? So, every group can decide how to bake and eat their own cake.

On January 6, 2021, some Igbo political leaders emerged from a meeting and asked all political parties to zone the 2023 presidency to the South East.

To make it clear, the "struggle" for the 2023 presidency by some South-East leaders is not in the pursuit of the Igbo interest. Rather, it is in the pursuit of the interest of the ruling elite of the region. The overarching interest of the Igbo is a restructured Nigeria where every region can grow at its own pace. I argued in a previous article titled, 'Ndi Igbo forget 2023 presidency; it's a trap', that restructuring is not achievable with a president of Igbo extraction and I gave my reasons.

No political party should cede the 2023 presidential ticket to the South East on the basis of nothing but "ethnicity". The process should be competitive to

allow the best minds to take charge of the country – even if candidates from the zone are specially considered. There should be less emphasis on ethnicity and more stress on competence, credentials, antecedents, and ability for leadership.

And even if the South East gets a go at the presidency, the next president should not be from the pool of the perpetrators of the region's underdevelopment.

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CORRIGENDUM

In our yesterday's editorial, we erroneously listed Kaduna State as one of the states that are yet to implement the N30,000 minimum wage. We have discovered that the state only implemented a salary cut for two months during the pandemic last year. We regret the mix-up

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Before the COVID-19 vaccines arrive

The Executive Director of the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency, Dr Faisal Shuaib, said that Nigeria would receive the long-awaited approved COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the month, bringing hope that the dreaded pandemic, which has ravaged Nigeria and the world, would now be on the reverse trend.

Dr Shuaib stated that about 100,000 doses of the vaccines from Pfizer and BioNTech will come under the first phase of the delivery from the COVAX facility which is an initiative run by the global vaccine alliance GAVI.

In the second phase, Nigeria will get a further 42 million doses of the vaccines which he said would be a combination of all the vaccines currently in the market.

In all, the vaccines will only cover about 20 percent of Nigeria's population. To be able to completely eradicate the virus, about 70 percent of the population needs to be covered. This means that even with the delivery of the first and second doses of the vaccines, there still remains a deficit of 50 percent more of the Nigerian population to be covered before it can be reasonably certified that the virus has been eradicated in the country.

We believe the schedule of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, which gives priority to frontline health workers, first responders, strategic country leadership, the elderly and those with co-morbidities is the right thing to do. Not only are those in this category the most exposed to the dangers in the fight against the pandemic and hence the most vulnerable, but the inclusion of those in leadership positions will also help clear doubts in the mind of a populace already sceptical about the efficacy of the vaccines.

But the critical stage of the vaccination will be when it comes to involving the Nigerian public.

To meet the threshold of 70 percent vaccination of the populace in order to eradicate the virus requires rigorous diligence from the authorities. This calls for concerted action across the board from Dr Shuaib's agency to the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on the pandemic, the ministries of Information and Health and their agencies as well as state governments.

The first task in this respect is the need for publicity and enlightenment on the vaccines and the vaccination against the pandemic.

It has been observed that a lot of scepticism exists in the mind of the populace about the source of the COVID-19 vaccines. In order to secure the cooperation of Nigerians for the exercise, these doubts must be properly addressed and laid to rest.

The vaccination exercise itself must proceed with the utmost diligence and attention to detail. The requirement for 70 percent vaccination compliance necessary to eradicate the virus must be seen as a national target that must be met.

There must be no cutting of corners in getting the vaccines to the people and in carrying out the vaccination. There must be no hoarding of the vaccines or diversion to be sold elsewhere beyond the reach of Nigerians to whom it is meant. The necessary mobilisation and training of health personnel for the exercise must be done rigorously and timely.

It must be stated that this is one exercise in which literally the future well-being of Nigeria depends. From our experience with the pandemic, it is not just the health effects that should worry us but its impact on the other sectors of national life as well, especially the economy.

Accordingly, we must approach the vaccination exercise with all the seriousness it deserves. Having worked thus far to contain the COVID-19 from last year to date, enduring its worst moments and coming out fortuitously better off than others we cannot afford, through negligence, to invite its devastating wrath now that we have the means to stem if not totally eradicate it.



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COVID-19 R-factor and weak links in Nigeria

By Oseloka H. Obaze

A chain is as strong as its weakest link. That cliché underlines certain assumptions, oftentimes, dangerous and egregious. As a public figure and member of the Nigeria's attentive public, I took some measures, personal and otherwise, to protect my family, staff and myself from COVID-19. I shut my office well before the federal government announced a nationwide lockdown in 2020. Thereafter, my office had zero tolerance for casual visitors; non-mask-wearing guests and guests not attuned to social distancing rules.

Personally, I wrote and commented publicly on the limitations of federal and state governments' COVID-19 preventive measures and our lack of a national resiliency strategy. I tried to influence proactive and pre-emptive policies. All these were borne out of experience from a pandemic simulation exercise I was involved in many years back at the United Nations. On December 16, 2020, I closed my office after a rather rough business year, bypassing the usual Christmas party. Rather, my staff and I met for 30 minutes. I wished them well, shared pies, cookies, drinks and presents and sent them away for three weeks holidays with vehement cautions to stay safe and avoid large holiday's gatherings and COVID-19. On December 22, I underwent a routine pre-travel COVID-19 test. The next day, December 23, 2020, my result indicated I had tested positive for COVID-19. It was a rude shock. By any measure, I was an unlikely COVID-19 candidate. Yet all my efforts had come to naught.

In reality, neither federal nor the 36 state governments can say categorically the number of Nigerians infected with COVID-19. As per Nigeria's R-Factor (Infection Risk Factor), NCDCs extant national figures of 97,478 confirmed cases; 17,584 active cases; 78,552 discharged cases and 1,342 deaths are a gross and grotesque underestimation of reality. They represent an outlier. These prevalent estimates are way off base, buttressed by ambivalence, scepticism and flawed public policy responses and implementation. These numbers are also not in tandem with global COVID-19 demographics.

Because Nigerians are not being broadly tested, it is assumed that the national rate of infection is low – a faux premise and narrative. Of those tested, contact tracing is at best abysmal. Meanwhile, Nigerians are being infected daily in hundreds of thousands, if not millions. Many continue to die, most deaths hardly ever documented. Indeed, for every prominent Nigerian who has succumbed fatally to COVID-19,

there are thousands of unknown Nigerians befallen by such fate. Hence, the high COVID-19 infection rate in Nigeria is perhaps the best kept national secret. Meanwhile, COVID-19-related ameliorative efforts remain essentially transaction-driven.

So here I was. I had joined the global league of 89.7 million COVID-19 afflicted. It was not a badge of honour. Yet as a matter of obligation, I took personal measures to make my infection public. My constituents and people close to me had the right to know. I personally did the contact tracing- reaching over 75 people to forewarn them of my status as I went into isolation and consulted my personal physicians in Nigeria and the U.S. And then, of course, my wife, an Emergency Room Attending Physician in the U.S. who had been in the COVID-19 frontline from March to November 2020 at Hackensack University Hospital in New Jersey, was on hand to do the needful. Interestingly, never for once, did I consider going into any federal or state hospital or isolation centre. My confidence in them was short, if not totally lacking.

Because I was asymptomatic, I naturally worried about my spouse. As per her possible exposure, we assumed the worst-case-scenario. After consulting our physicians, she went into isolation and commenced aggressive prophylactic measures. On her return to Nigeria in early December 2020, she had tested negative. When we did our pre-travel test three weeks later, she was also negative. Yet, she tested positive eventually and like me, remain in strict isolation, as I write.

COVID-19 is real and brutal. It is festering in Nigeria. As I struggled with acute and bruising challenges of COVID-19, and tried to manage anxieties amongst family, kith and kin, friends and well-wishers, the policy wonk in me analysed the possible weak link in the chain. Where was the chink in my protective amour; the index case, from whence I contracted the virus? It could have been any source; public, church, office and less so, family. My home was almost impregnable. But then, there were statistical realities. How many Nigerians, political associates, friends, acquaintances and relatives do I interface with daily, that were COVID-19 infected unbeknown to me?

As a nation, despite our best intention and efforts, Nigeria had done poorly in her per capita testing capacity and social orientation. In the South East and Anambra State where I reside, the pervasive cavalier mentality remains numbing. Anambra governorship aspirants and their cohorts seemed to care less. Indeed, one governorship aspirant and I had met up close at an event two days before I tested positive. When I

did, I contacted him personally by SMS to forewarn him to take precautionary measures; he ignored my communication and went about his public events, even though he knew full well he had possible exposure. And such a person wants to be the next state governor? Go figure!

Naturally, I did a mapping of my possible index case. I had narrowed it to a newly appointed staff, who tended to treat COVID-19 with benign levity and youthful exuberance; and possibly, a domestic staff. I ordered my entire staff tested, at my expense. My new staff and one other staff member tested positive. I immediately placed them in isolation and under a managed medical regime. But there was the weak link. For every unsuspecting principal, like me, it could be a domestic, a driver, security staff or office staff. So long as you don't control their after-office-hours activities, they pose the weak link in your protective chain. Untested, they pose grave danger to you, your family and community. In an unguarded moment, an unwashed hand, a sneeze, cough or whisper in close proximity without masking up, could prove lethal.

But here is the upshot: Many Nigerians are unaware of their COVID-19 status. Testing is very limited and testing costs ranging from presumably free, to N15,000, N37,000 and N50,000 and millions of Naira for hospitalisation are prohibitive. If most Nigerians are not testing, it's because they can't afford to. On January 6, when the bulk of my staff went to UNTH, Utuku, Enugu, to be tested, 32 other Nigerians were tested. Twenty-two or so, I reliably gathered, tested positive on that single day. The positivity rate is well over 75 percentile. We can extrapolate those numbers into weeks, months and years. If someone were to suggest that 50 to 70 percent of Nigerians were COVID-19 positive without being aware, such analysis would be considered tendentious and alarmist. But that probability is plausible.

If the federal government plans to leapfrog a shaky COVID-19 response foundation to invest N400 billion to vaccinate 70 percent of Nigeria's 200 million people, the result will be equally dismal as were the COVID-19 unused isolation centres, hoarded palliatives, and the lacklustre testing regime. The first time around, in 2020, Nigeria dodged the COVID-19 bullet. In 2021 and beyond, she might not be so lucky. There's still time to turn back the hand of the clock, even if it means another lockdown. For now, two scenarios seem plausible; either that the federal government is in utter denial or has surreptitiously opted for the herd immunity approach.

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NEWS

PIB: Move to develop oil, gas industry – Osinbajo

By Muideen Olaniyi

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has said that the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) should be seen as an opportunity to transform the oil and gas industry.

The Vice President said this at a virtual meeting on the PIB with stakeholders in the industry under the auspices of the Oil Producers Trade Section (OPTS) in Nigeria, and Independent Petroleum Producers Group (IPPG).

Osinbajo said stakeholders needed to find and agree on cheaper means of producing oil while also ensuring a more competitive environment.

“Businesses would like to invest and invest more in this environment. So, that is the point of convergence. We want more investments and obviously state governments like more investments, and you (private companies) would like to invest so that you can make more money.”

In a statement by presidential spokesman,

Laolu Akande, the vice president said the new PIB, which was presented to the National Assembly by President Muhammadu Buhari in September 2020, has already passed the second reading in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Mr Timipre Sylva said the interaction with the stakeholders is indicative of their commitment to the transformation of the industry through the PIB.

The Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mr Mele Kyari, said that most of the concerns raised by stakeholders have been addressed in the proposal before the National Assembly.

The Chairman of OPTS and Managing Director of Total E&P Nigeria Ltd, Mr Mike Sangster, said stakeholders remain committed to making Nigeria the “preeminent hydrocarbon province” in the region and the world.

Sacked outsourced Access Bank workers protest

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

Dozens of outsourced workers disengaged by Access Bank in 2020, stormed the entrance of the Bank headquarters in Lagos, demanding complete payment of their entitlements.

The protesting staff were outsourced by different companies on behalf of the bank but were sacked in May, 2020 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of the protesters, Ojo Abiola, said that N30,000 was paid per year of service, which he said was too small and was also not paid

fully.

When contacted, the bank did immediately provide a response but a management staff who preferred anonymity commented.

“These are staff of other organizations whose services the bank sought for a period of time and have discontinued that service. They have decided to scar the bank’s image by drawing us into this controversy.”

“We are meeting with the aggrieved party later today (Wednesday) and we hope this issue will be sorted once and for all.”



■ From right: Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Muhammad Nami with Markus Meinzer, and Javier Garcia-Bernardo of Tax Justice Network (TJN) at a workshop on geographic risk assessment tool for transfer pricing audit held in Abuja recently.

New airline plans to acquire operational licence

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

A proposed low-cost airline, Green Africa, is set to commence operations soon as it is on the verge of acquiring its Air Operator’s Certificate (AOC).

The AOC issued by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) authorises an airline to commence flight operations.

It was learnt that the Green Africa Airways is on the final leg of the process of acquiring the AOC preparatory to launching into the domestic space.

Green Africa owned by Babawande Afolabi, has a leadership team, which includes two well-experienced leaders in the global aviation industry; Neil

Mills - President and Chief Operating Officer and Kiran Koteswar - Chief Financial Officer.

The airline in a statement said it would soon be unveiling its crew uniform tagged “The Runway” which will be made public in due course.

Daily Trust reports that the airline in 2018 took the industry by storm with its order of 100 Boeing 737 Max but as at that time, it was yet to commence the process of acquiring the AOC, which encompasses five rigorous stages.

But gradually the airline is said to be fulfilling the requirements, which would enable it to join the league of nine scheduled domestic airlines.

Findings by *Daily Trust* indicate that

25 AOC applicants are at various stages of processing with the NCAA while Green Africa has virtually completed the process.

In December 2020, the airline sent its pilots on a type-rating training. The pilots are Folu Oladipo (Chief Pilot), Victor Yem, John Ayerume, Stephen Okereke, Ladi Ogun, and Israel Eloho.

It is anchored by a group of senior industry leaders led by Tom Horton, former Chairman & CEO of American Airlines, Wale Adeosun, Founder & CEO of Kuramo Capital, William Shaw, CEO of InterJet, Virasb Vahidi, former CCO of American Airlines and Gbenga Oyebo, Founder & Chairman of Aluko & Oyebo.

Special works: Bauchi gives tools to 20,000 youths

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Bauchi State Government has provided working tools and protective gadgets to 20,000 selected youths for the Extended Special Public Work programme of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) for 774,000 youths across states.

Governor Bala Mohammed who disclosed this Wednesday during the flag-off of the scheme in Bauchi said arrangements have been made for all the participants in their working environments while their details have been captured by the designated banks.

Represented by the state Commissioner for Small and Medium Enterprises, Modibbo Ahmed, the governor said for effective monitoring of the programme, supervisors have been appointed in all the projects sites.

The acting Director General of NDE, Malam Abubakar Fikpo explained that participants are expected to be paid with a monthly stipend of N20, 000 each from January 2021 to March 2021 as the programme commenced from January 5, 2021, to April 4, 2021.

Represented by the Bauchi State Coordinator of the Directorate, Aliyu Lawal Yaya, said the programme is very significant in reducing the effect of COVID-19 pandemic and was designed to fast-track the achievement of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (2017-2020).

Ehingbeti Lagos summit to hold Feb

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

Ehingbeti, the private sector-centred economic transformation conference will hold in February 2021 after it was postponed in November 2020.

The three-day summit, which will be a hybrid of virtual and live events, will draw participation from different sectors of the economy and across the globe.

Sam Egube, the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget and Co-chair of the Steering Committee, said: “Deploying Ehingbeti as a recovery strategy from the shockwave of COVID-19 and as a socio-economic reinforcement tactic at this period in the history of our State is timely.”

While explaining the role of Ehingbeti 2021 in the Rebuild Lagos Agenda, “In the last two decades, Ehingbeti has played a pivotal role in the transformation of Lagos State, with useful inputs into the Lagos State Development Plans (LSDP).”

“Our realities from 2000 when the first Ehingbeti held, exactly 21 years ago, have significantly changed. Now, we have to cater to the infrastructural needs of more than 22 million population and ensure that Lagos remains on the path of continuous growth”.

November last year, Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu constituted an eight-man team led by the Chairman of Citibank Nigeria and Co-Chair of Ehingbeti, Mr. Olayemi Cardoso to coordinate recovery of Lagos State assets lost to the #EndSARS protest in October.

Onne, Apapa Customs generate N637bn in 2020

From Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt) & Eugene Agha (Lagos)

The Area 11 Command of the Nigeria Customs Onne in Rivers State and Apapa Customs in Lagos generated N637 billion in 2020.

While Customs at Onne generated N119bn, that of Apapa generated N518bn. The Onne head, Comptroller Muhammed Auwal said the figure was N11.6bn higher than the N107.3bn collected in 2019. He also said the

Command achieved N13bn monthly collection for the first time in its 37 year history.

Auwal said the Command made 37 seizures with the total Duty Paid Value (DPV) of N1bn while two suspects were arrested. The items seized include 6,249,900 tablets of tramadol, 5,615 kegs of 25 litres of vegetable oil, 817 bags of rice, 3,047 bales of second-hand clothes, 86 bales of used hand bags and 3, 440 pieces of donkey skins.

At the Apapa command,

the Customs Area Controller, Comptroller Mohammed Abba-Kura, said the N518.1bn revenue in 2020 was N94.4bn higher than the N422.6bn generated in 2019.

Abba-Kura added that the Command seized 318 items with DPV of N21bn. It was about three times the 112 seizures of N12.5bn for 2019.

He highlighted the seized items to include 133 containers of unregistered pharmaceuticals, which include tramadol, 58

containers of foreign parboiled rice and 30 containers of vegetable oil.

Other seized items include 31 containers of used clothes and shoes, 13 containers of used tyres, and other sundry items.

The Command boss also said export was boosted from 262,095 metric tonnes in 2019 to 1.311 million MT in 2020 with a value of N104.3bn. The items exported include steel bars, agricultural and mineral products among others.

NEWS

Slashed vehicle import duty threatens 54 assembling plants

From Kehinde Abdulsalam

The approval for the reduction of tariff on the importation of vehicles in the 2020 Finance Act is threatening 54 local assembling plants, auto manufacturers have said.

At a press briefing in Abuja by the automotive manufacturers under the auspices of the National Automotive Manufacturers Association (NAMA), the Chairman of PAN Nigeria Limited, Ahmed Wadada Aliyu said the minister of finance, budget and national planning was misled with statistics that eventually led to the decision to

review the tariff. He added that NAMA made efforts to present the correct data but was shocked that the bill has become an Act.

He said: "There is also imminent closure of the 54 assembling plants in Nigeria with a total of installed capacity of 471,690 units per annum and loss of over 6000 jobs."

He appealed to President Muhammadu Buhari to reverse the review of the Act. Aliyu, however, maintained that the tariff review will become more detrimental. "Under the National Industry Development Plan (NAIDP), the import duties and levy on Fully Built Units (FBU) at 35% was to discourage

imports and encourage imports of Semi Knocked Down (SKD) for the local assembly of vehicles at 10%.

"We are now faced with disincentives for investments in the automotive sector with the review of tariffs in the 2020 Finance Act. The implication of these spells the imminent death of all auto assembly plants," he noted.

He added that with the tariff reduction, "Nigeria will not be able to compete in the AfCTA trade in the region and become a dumping ground for vehicles, especially with Ghana being poised already as the likely automotive hub of the region."

Firm empowers 10,000 women farmers in Kaduna, others

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

About 10,000 women farmers in Kaduna, Benue, Kano, Katsina and Niger states will, within two years, gain access to quality inputs for maize and rice as part of the Value Seed-Master Card Foundation's COVID-19 recovery and resilience intervention.

Speaking at the launch, yesterday, in Kaduna, the Project Lead, Value Seed Limited, George

Kabutha, said women between the ages of 20 to 60 as well as youth between 18 to 35 years will benefit from the two-year intervention.

He also said the programme is expected to significantly increase the volume of premium maize and rice grains in the market by about 450,000 tonnes.

"It will also create direct jobs in the crop value chain, including input dealers, farm labourers, transporters, logistic officers, marketers' off-takers,

feed millers and staff in the agro-processing industry."

The Country Head, Mastercard Foundation, Chidinma Lawanson said, "The goal of the project is in alignment with the Mastercard Foundation COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience programme, which focuses on the provision of direct support to companies in the agricultural value chain, specifically to ensure that smallholder farmers have access to markets and to

maintain food security."

A farmer from Makarfi LGA, Amina Micah, said she has benefited from the training.

"In the past, I used to lose a huge portion of my farm because I did not have the technological know-how, but since I started relating with the company, their counselling and seedlings have helped my farm grow to the extent that I have become an employer of labour," she said.

Outage in Sokoto as TCN expands power line

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

Kaduna Electric has alerted customers about the planned outage by the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) as it continues the re-expansion of the 132 kilovolts (kV) Birnin Kebbi to Sokoto state transmission line.

TCN in a statement also notified the public about the expansion works which it said will boost the national power grid and improve power supply quality to the state and its environs.

A statement by the Head Corporate Communication, Abdulazeez Abdullahi, said the project began last Tuesday and will last till the end of February 2021, during which there would be interruption of power supply to Sokoto from 8:00 am to 5:00pm daily.

"This would enable the company to increase bulk power transmission to Kaduna Electric for onward distribution to the State," it said.

The re-conductoring work would also rectify the low voltage and consequent poor power situation and enable customers to enjoy more stable and quality power supply, it noted.

"We sincerely apologise for the inconveniences this would cause our valued customers while assuring that electricity supply would be restored daily from 6pm to 8am."



The Kaduna Geographic Information Service (KADGIS) wishes to inform applicants who attended the competency test conducted by KADGIS on 18th November, 2020 that the names of shortlisted candidates have been placed at No. 10 Zanna Dujima Road (KADGIS Annex Office) U/Rimi Kaduna. Those recommended are hereby invited to attend Oral Interview scheduled as follow:-

SN	BATCH	DATE	TIME	VENUE
1	Batch A	19-01-2021	10:00am	KADGIS Conference Hall
2	Batch B	20-01-2021	10:00am	KADGIS Conference Hall

Note:-

All the applicants are required to come along with original copies of their credentials.

Signed:
Director-General KADGIS

Plateau to deepen drive for IGR

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

Plateau State Internal Revenue Service (PSIRS) has said it would intensify its revenue drive across the 17 local government areas of the state in order to boost its Internally Generated Revenue (IGR).

Speaking with newsmen yesterday in Jos, the state capital, Chairman of the Service, Dashe Arlat, said an Explosive Revenue Drive (ERED) is the solution to meeting the IGR target in 2021, assuring that regardless of the challenges of COVID-19 disease, the service would do its best to continue generating revenue for the running of government businesses.

"With an

unprecedented drop of crude oil prices that resulted in the drop in statutory revenue allocation to the state, taxation and charging fees and fines and levies for services and other forms of documentation have become a readymade alternative source of revenue.

"This however has become a challenge with the attendant lockdowns and semi lockdowns across the states and county stifling economic activities in an effort to keep citizens safe on the dreaded COVID 19."

He also added that the government would not take likely the issue of revenue theft and leakages in order to comprehensively ensure that the IGR is well boosted.

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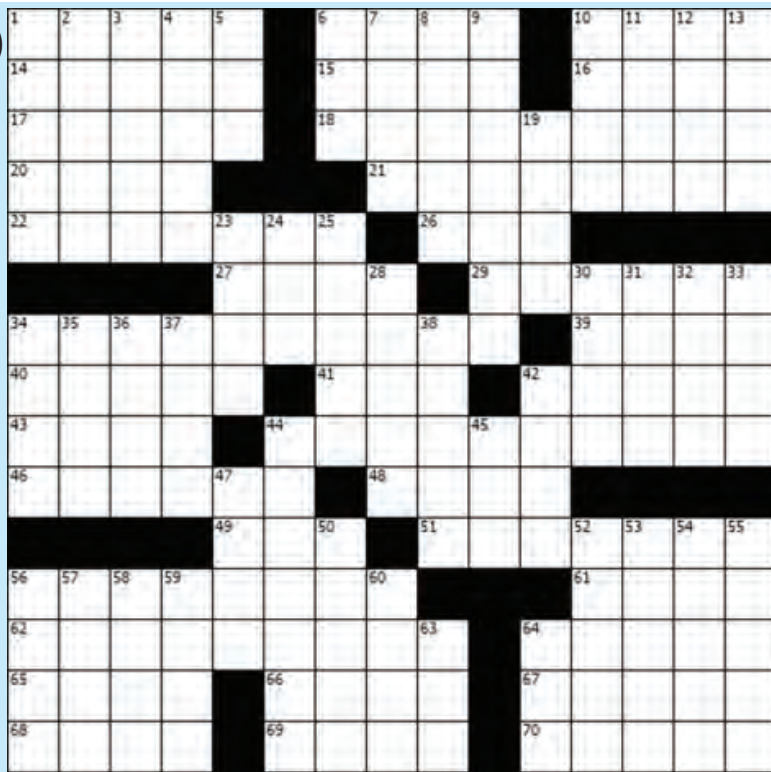
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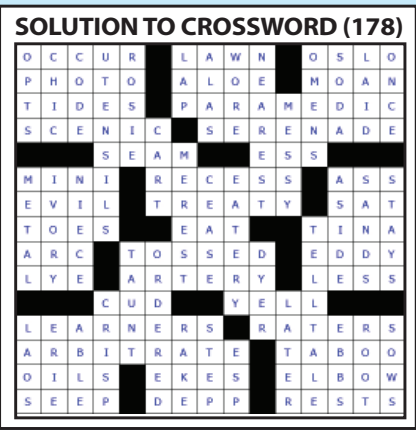


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- 6. Green citrus fruit
- 10. Trim
- 14. Andean animal
- 15. Drifting
- 16. Cooled
- 17. Sudden fright
- 18. Patched a ceiling
- 20. Clue
- 21. Completely
- 22. Gathered
- 26. ___-gallon hat
- 27. Proper
- 29. Dried grape
- 34. Change
- 39. Decorator's advice
- 40. Host ___ King
- 41. Knock
- 42. Juliet's beloved
- 43. Continually
- 44. Small, yappy dog
- 46. ___ Salad
- 48. Persia, now
- 49. Tennis term
- 51. Cherubic
- 56. Told (a story)
- 61. Climbing plant
- 62. Startling revelation (2 wds.)
- 64. Hair dye
- 65. Throne

Down

- 1. First Greek letter
- 2. Allege
- 3. Heavenly food
- 4. Gives forth
- 5. Pouch
- 6. Baby's seat
- 7. Capri or Wight
- 8. Signified
- 9. Opposite of western
- 10. Fishing spot
- 11. Land measure
- 12. Whirl
- 13. Whirlpool
- 19. Songstress ___ Turner
- 23. Lively
- 24. Period of note
- 25. Duplicate
- 28. Florida metropolis
- 30. Wrought ___
- 31. Half (prefix)
- 32. Mental image
- 33. High ___
- 34. Actor ___ Baldwin
- 35. Volcanic outpouring
- 36. Family chart
- 37. Blunders
- 38. "Phantom of the ___"
- 42. Sounded a bell
- 44. Make believe
- 45. Hurried
- 47. Office acronym
- 50. Choir member
- 52. Occurrence
- 53. Actress ___ Blair
- 54. Not outer
- 55. Desist
- 56. Bird's home
- 57. Favorable votes
- 58. Gather crops
- 59. Decomposes
- 60. ___ Moore of "Indecent Proposal"
- 63. Agent (abbr.)
- 64. Holds



SUDOKU >>

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

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 178

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SNAPSHOT >>

Indian Athlete Does 85 Four-finger Push-ups In One Minute, Sets World Record



Former weightlifter Laithangbam Vidya Sagar Singh made the Guinness World Record for doing 85 four-finger push-ups in just 60 seconds. In a video posted by ANI, Singh can be seen supporting himself with only four fingers – the index finger and the thumb of each hand. While talking to the news agency, the former weightlifter said he has been weightlifting since he was in Class 6 and was primarily focussed on physical training and push-ups. Singh eventually ramped up to achieve the record with kickboxing coach at AZTECS Sports in the Manipur capital. The officials were present where he was preparing to achieve the world record and was also seen greeting his coach's feet before starting his record-breaking attempt. The founder, Thangjam Premananda said, "The previous record was held by a man named Deepak Sharma from India who did 70 pushups in one minute. Sharma hails from Dehradun and held the world record in September 2018". By Aanchal Nigam

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Commodity	Kano (Dawanau mkt)	Funtua Mkt, Katsina	Bwari (Abuja)	Idah, Kaduna	Wadata market Markurdi, Benue
Maize (100kg)	N18,000	N14,000	N19,000	N16,500	100kg of Maize - N20,000
Beans (100kg)	N32,000	N22,000	N24,000	N22,000	100kg of small Beans - N27,000
Sorghum (100kg)	N18,000	N12,000	N15,000	N15,500	100kg of Soghurm - N22,000
Rice (100kg)	N56,000	N40,000	N48,000	N44,000	50kg of Local rice - N48,000
Millet (100kg)	N18,000	N16,500	N16,500	N15,500	100kg of Millet - N25,000
Wheat (100kg)	N30,000	N35,000	--	--	--
Tomatoes (B/basket)	N2,500	N3,500	N6,500	N5,500	Big Basket of tomatoes - N8,000

Quote

As climate change increases the uncertainty around rainfall patterns and creates moisture deficits across the continent, it is imperative to implement low-cost solutions to increase smallholder resilience.

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Agric projects FG will fund in 2021

By Vincent A Yusuf

The total budgetary allocation to the agricultural sector, which includes the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and its 43 agencies, is about N280.415 billion.

Out of the amount, recurrent expenditure for the ministry and its agencies takes about N69.2 billion while capital expenditure will gulp N211.077 billion.

The figure represents less than one per cent of the nation's budget of N13.5 trillion and grossly falls short of the July 2003 Maputo Declaration for African countries to allocate at least 10 per cent of their national budgets to agriculture.

The parent ministry, which is the engine room of the sector, has a paltry N71 billion to implement all its capital (both new and ongoing) projects for the 2021 fiscal year.

Many observers believe this does not speak well of a nation that seeks to strengthen its agro-economy that hinges on diversification and self-sufficiency in its major food items.

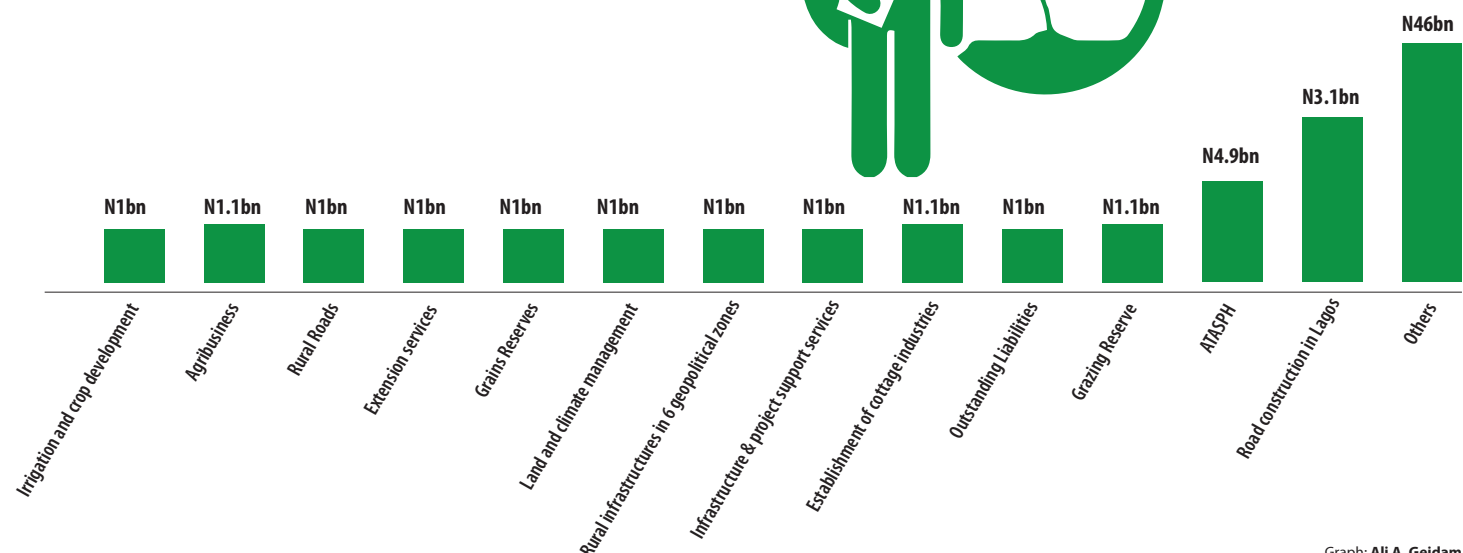
The ministry, which shoulders two responsibilities of developing agriculture and rural communities in the country, has accorded more prominence to certain projects, which experts like Mr Akomuye John, an agricultural economist, consider a misplacement of priorities.

One of such projects is the N3.5 billion completion of Epe-Ketu-Itoikin road and bridge construction in Lagos, which is a new project of the ministry. It is one of the third highest projects that will take such an amount in the capital expenditure.

The highest is the N5.005 billion project tagged 'Rural Infrastructure Development in six Geopolitical Zones', among their ongoing projects. This is apart from the N1 billion budgeted for the construction of selected rural roads within Nguru/Machina/Yusufari/Jakusko/Bade and Karasuwa LGAs in Yobe State and N900

Agric projects that will drain billions in 2021

Total capital budget (FMARD Hqtrs) ▶ **N71bn**



Graph: Ali A. Geidam

million for the construction of rural roads in selected states.

The second highest in their menu is a N4.948 billion project known as the Agricultural Transformation Agenda Support Programme - PHASE 1. This is a new project in the ministry though it has been running in the last five years. The programme is a multilateral and bilateral project funded by the federal government and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

With regard to the country's Food and Strategic Reserves, the ministry intends to spend only N1.003 billion. This is less than what was spent on it last year (N1.4 billion).

With the lessons learnt from the high cost of food witnessed during the first wave of the COVID-19 and the apparent lack of good quantity from the silos to cushion rising prices, one would have expected more in the budget to stock the country's food reserve to avoid a repeat.

The country has 33 silos with a total capacity of 1.3 million metric tonnes, although about 19 have been concessioned to the private sector. However, most of the silos are empty.

Last year, the food reserve had less than 15 per cent of the total capacity of the silos

- a situation that made it very difficult for the government to intervene in the grains markets as prices hit the roof.

In livestock development, which will assist in mitigating the devastating herders-farmers conflicts, the federal government has reduced the budgetary allocation to the National Grazing Reserves Development from N1.6 billion last year to N1.084 in the 2021 financial year.

Even the National Livestock Development Plan champion by the presidency has not seen any significant light since 2019, leaving the subsector stagnant.

The attempt by the Central Bank of Nigeria to intervene in the subsector is creating more crises between the multinational big players and the small scale players in the country.

On grains, however, with flood incidents, drought and shortage in major grains in 2020, experts have called for more focus on irrigation to mitigate the shortfall in supply. Government plans to spend only N1.032 billion on irrigation and crop development as part of its ongoing projects.

Last year, the Livelihood Improvement Family Enterprise (LIFE), designed to help women and youth in

the rural areas, gulped N1.01 billion. This year, a total of N1.024 billion is budgeted for the establishment of cottage industries through the programme.

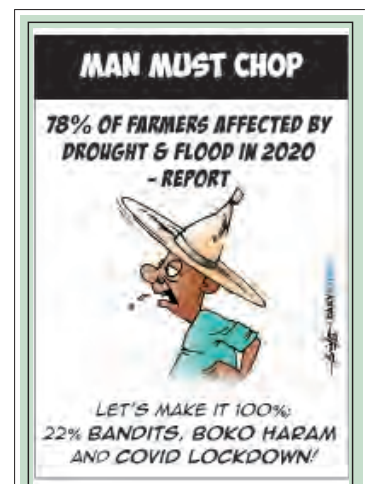
Other projects that will take one billion Naira each from the ministry's coffers this year include the payment of outstanding liabilities (N1 billion), land and climate management, extension services ongoing (N1.014bn), agribusiness and market development (N1,095bn) and infrastructure and projects support services (N1,040bn).

Apart from these projects, there are others that will consume hundreds of millions in 2021 and they include among others, engineering and mechanization (N840m), counterpart funding of agricultural projects with donor agencies (N828m), development and implementation of national fertilizer quality control programmes (N747m) and promotion of rice production for self-sufficiency and import substitution (N734m).

A look at other proposed spending indicate that policy coordination, projects/programmes monitoring and evaluation will take N706 million; provision and

installation of solar street light nationwide ongoing N720m; promotion and development of cashew value chain N550m; promotion and development of sesame/acha value chain N542 million; promotion and expansion of oil palm production towards self-sufficiency and import substitution in 24 oil palm producing states N442m; and National Soil Sampling and Mapping N450m.

Besides the projects above, there are hundreds of others the ministry hopes to make an impact on this year if it achieves at least 90 per cent budget release. Until that happens, the journey to a better agricultural sector is still far.





EDUCATION

#EndSARS: 233,000 to resit NECO exams

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of the National Examination Council (NECO), Prof. Godswill Obioma, has said that owing to the #EndSARS protests which prevented a total of 233,000 candidates from taking the examination in some states, the management has pledged to accommodate such candidates in the external

examination slated for Monday, February 1, 2021, to Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Obioma, who disclosed this while announcing the release of the 2020 Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) internal results, yesterday, in Minna, Niger State, gave the list of states affected by the protest to include Abia, Enugu, Edo, Rivers, Ondo, Ekiti, Osun and Lagos.

Others are Oyo, Kano, Ogun and the FCT.

He also said the affected subjects were Chemistry practical, Economics, Technical Drawing, Food and Nutrition, and Further Mathematics.

He said the results of the affected candidates would be pending until supplementary exams were conducted for the papers missed.

“These special arrangements will be at

no extra cost to these candidates.

Upon release of the 2020 SSCE internal results, those of the affected candidates will be pending for those papers missed and would be subsequently updated after the supplementary examination results are released,” he explained.

Meanwhile, a total of 1,221,447, candidates registered for the examination, nationwide and 1,209,992, sat for the examination.

Stop de-marketing our university, VC tells FUNAAB ASUU

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Vice Chancellor of Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof Felix Kolawole Salako, has warned the leadership of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in the university to desist from de-marketing the institution on the altar of “personalised unionism.”

The Chairman of ASUU FUNAAB, Dr Adebayo Oni, had reportedly said the institution cannot resume academic activities now because there was no preparation on COVID-19 safety protocols.

Oni, in a report published by a national daily (not Daily Trust), said “The lectures halls are overcrowded. As of today, in my own campus, I have not seen any facility for hand washing. Who is to provide sanitisers? Do you expect lecturers to provide sanitisers for themselves?”

But Salako, while addressing newsmen at the university in Abeokuta, Ogun State, described the comment as shocking and a disservice to the institution.

The VC said contrary to the ASUU narrative, the institution has made adequate preparations; both medical equipment and infrastructure, to ensure students receive lectures virtually and physically in compliance with the safety protocols.

He said apart from the provision of hand sanitisers made by the university and handwashing facility at every point, the management had fumigated the campus and hostels over 10 times since the outbreak of the virus in Nigeria.

Ekiti employs 600 primary school teachers

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

Ekiti State government has employed 600 primary school teachers to work in various schools in the state.

The SUBEB Chairman, Prof. Femi Akinwumi, who made this known in Ado-Ekiti, explained that the newly engaged teachers were the first batch to be employed from successful applicants in the recruitment exercise and documentation process carried out by the board recently.

He said the 600 successful applicants, as well as the already notified 100 newly recruited teachers under the Federal Teachers Scheme would undergo a 4-day induction training next week at designated centres across the state under strict compliance with the COVID-19 protocols recently announced by the state government.

The SUBEB boss however pointed out that the recruitment exercise was devoid of political, religious, ethnic or gender bias, stressing that the exercise was strictly based on merit.

Akinwumi charged the newly recruited teachers to see their employment as a call to duty, stressing that they should judiciously utilize the opportunity given to them by being diligent, loyal and dedicated to their duties.

TETFund hands over roads to UniJos

From Dickson S. Adama, Jos

The University of Jos is now wearing a new look following the completion of several projects by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) in the institution.

The projects included two road projects which grant easy access to the university's Naraguta Campus and expanded road network linking different facilities on the campus.

Another is the newly constructed and rehabilitated Academic Loop Road B1 and Access Road to the Faculty of Engineering.

Speaking at the taking over ceremony of the road projects from the project contractors, Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Seddi Sebastian Maimako, expressed satisfaction with the quality and timely delivery of the jobs.

Professor Maimako named the newly constructed and rehabilitated Academic Loop Road B1 and Access Road, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro Road, saying, the gesture was in recognition of the magnanimity and generosity of the TETFund Executive Secretary, who also facilitated many projects and infrastructural interventions in the institution.

Briefing the principal officers of the university on the projects earlier, the Director of Physical Facilities, Architect Halima Auta, represented by a Senior Deputy Director, Adesina Akande, said the access road linking the Econometric Laboratory was designed to cover over 0.23 kilometres, but that the contractor extended it beyond that distance without charging the university for the additional N5,000,000 cost incurred.

He said the work comprised site clearance and earthworks, construction of lined drain and access culverts, laying of concrete kerbs, surface dressing and overlaying with asphaltic concrete, among others.

In their separate remarks, representatives of the project contractors, Maren Jonah of Jodalsam Global Limited and Pam Bok of MJD Ventures Limited, both expressed gratitude to the university administration for the opportunity to contribute their quota to the development of the institution.



■ Director General National Youths Service Corps (NYSC), Brigadier General Shuaibu Ibrahim (left) and Director General, National Council for Arts and Culture (NCAC), Otunba Olusegun Runsewe during a courtesy visit by NYSC DG to NCAC in Abuja, yesterday

UniAbuja to commence diabetes education programme

By Chidimma C. Okeke

The University of Abuja has entered into a partnership with Diabetes Africa, a network of health professionals, to establish a top-class educational programme on diabetes education to improve the quality of care offered diabetes patients across Africa.

The partnership, which will also address the dearth of diabetologists and other health care professionals who play a critical role in the study and management of diabetes, would lead to the award of master's degree in Diabetes Education by the University of Abuja with support from Diabetes Africa in the form of experience, expertise and fundraising.

The virtual signing of the Memorandum

of Understanding (MoU), which took place simultaneously in the United Kingdom and UniAbuja, was also witnessed online by the Eastern African Diabetes Study group from Kenya, a statement from the varsity said.

Vice Chancellor Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, said at the signing of the memorandum that with the initiative, UniAbuja would be a pacesetter in the programme.

The VC added that the university would ensure that the collaboration brought about the strengthening of health services, especially concerning the treatment of diabetes in the country.

The facilitator of the partnership and Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Professor Felicia

Anumah, said it had been the dream of the College of Health Sciences of the university to make an impact in that area by starting a diabetes programme.

She said the programme in diabetes education, which would also have international faculties, would be run on a dual-mode with virtual lectures and clinical which would take place in some identified centres across the country.

The CEO of Diabetes Africa, Dr. Greg Tracz, said people living with diabetes were at high risk of contracting a range of communicable diseases so “we believe strongly in tackling diabetes in all possible ways and the most impactful way to tackle diabetes as early as possible is through education.”

QUOTE OF THE DAY

A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers - Helen Keller



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Candidates are to submit four (4) recent coloured passport photographs (taken in proceeding two weeks) while returning the completed application forms.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED FORMS: FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2021

EXAMINATION DATE: MONDAY 1ST OF MARCH, 2021

TIME 10:00AM

VENUE: SCHOOL OF NURSING

SIGNED:
JOSHUA I. UWAILA, ESQ.
Head, Public Relations and Protocol Unit



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Effective Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services (E-WASH) Program

INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION

The four-year USAID funded Effective Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services (E-WASH) Program provides technical assistance to state governments to improve urban water service delivery by strengthening the governance, financial, and technical viability of five (5) state water boards (SWBs) in Nigeria. This is part of the United States Government's (USG) efforts, working with the Government of Nigeria to address challenges faced by the urban water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) sector.

The Government of Nigeria has received a grant from the USG administered through USAID toward funding the E-WASH Program in Nigeria and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments for.

PACKAGE I REF: E-WASH/CW/001- ABIA WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- a. Lot 1 - Rehabilitation & improvement of Ubakala Water Supply Scheme complete with treatment plant and provision of 5 km distribution pipe network. Ubakala.

PACKAGE II REF: E-WASH/CW/002- DELTA WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- a. Lot 1 - Rehabilitation and Pipeline Extension of Ogwashi-Uku Water Supply Scheme
- b. Lot 2 - Refurbishment of Water Treatment Chambers for 5 Schemes (Ozoro, Obiaruku, Koko, Sapele, Umunede) in Delta State.

PACKAGE III REF: E-WASH/CW/003- IMO WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- a. Lot 1 - Improvement of Otamiri headwork, Owerri

PACKAGE IV REF: E-WASH/CW/004- NIGER WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- a. Lot 1 - Supply & installation of pipes for Minna township network improvement
- b. Lot 2 - Design and Implement proposed Minna Pilot District Metered Area (DMA), Minna,

PACKAGE V REF: E-WASH/CW/005- TARABA WATER SUPPLY CONSTRUCTION WORKS

- a. Lot 1 - Rehabilitation and Extension of 55km distribution network in Jalingo City
- b. Lot 2 - Design and Implement proposed Jalingo Pilot District Metered Area (DMA), Jalingo, Taraba State.

APPLICANT MAY PREQUALIFY FOR ONE OR MORE CONTRACT PACKAGES/LOTS.

1. USAID E-WASH (with RTI International as the procurement agent) intends to prequalify competent contractors and/or firms for water supply construction works. The works will comprise the repair or replacement and construction of critical components of the water supply located in five SWBs of Abia, Delta, Imo, Niger, and Taraba State, to restore operations and increase capacity. It is expected that Invitations for the Bid will be issued in February 2021.
2. Prequalification will be conducted through prequalification procedures specified in the prequalification document.
3. A complete electronic set of the Prequalification Document in English may be obtained by interested applicants through the submission of a written application to the email address procurement@ewash.rti.org. No fee is due.
4. Applications for Prequalification should be submitted electronically to the above email address by **28 January 2021** and be clearly marked "Application to Prequalify for E-WASH Construction Project," followed by the number and title of the contract package(s) and lot(s) for which prequalification application is/are being made.
5. Applicants will be advised, in due course, of the results of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures prequalified under this procedure will be invited to bid.

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BORNO STATE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT

IDRIS ALLOMA STREET, OLD GRA, MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE.

INVITATION TO TENDER

The Borno State Government through the Borno State Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement in compliance with the Borno State Bureau on public procurement law 2019, wishes to invite interested, reputable and competent contractors to submit tender for **The Construction of 4No. Blocks of 2 storey building comprising of 6 units of 3 bedrooms flat** each in Mafa town of Mafa Local Government Area of Borno State.

1. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Evidence of registration with corporate Affairs Commission.
2. Evidence of registration with Borno MRRR as contractor.
3. Evidence of registration with Borno State Bureau on Public Procurement and payment of relevant fees.
4. Reliable list of similar work executed (letter of Award/certificate of completion photo copy attached).
5. Tax clearance certificate for the last three years.
6. Evidence of VAT registration/ VAT remitted.
7. List of Corporate management and technical staff.
8. Audited financial Report and Account for the last three years.
9. Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (ECS Clearance Certificate)
10. National Pension Commission (Pension Clearance Certificate)
11. Affidavit of Compliance with Public Procurement law, 2019
12. Sworn affidavit that the company is not in receivership

List of the pre-qualified bidders will be placed on the notice Board of the Borno State Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Idris Aloomaa street, Maiduguri Borno State.

2. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENT

Interested Bidders may collect Tender documents from Desk officer, **Mallum Alumai Izge**, Director Planning, Research and Statistics from **14th January, 2021 to 4th February, 2021** from Monday – Friday upon payment of appropriate administrative charges and non-refundable Tender fees

3. SUBMISSION OF TENDER

Tender are to be deposited in the Tender Box at the Ministry Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement located along Idris Aloomaa Street, Old GRA Maiduguri, Borno State from **14th January between 8 am to 4 pm, and closed at 12 Noon on 4th February, 2021.**

The Tenders documents should be clearly marked "tender" for **The construction of 4No. Blocks of 2 storey building comprising of 6 units of 3 bedrooms flat** each addressed to the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement located along Idris Aloomaa Street, Old GRA Maiduguri, Borno State. The tender documents shall be opened immediately after the date line for submission.

4. Note:-

- i. Tenders submitted after dateline of submission will not be entertained.
- ii. Borno State Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, will not be liable for improper submission or unregistered tenders.
- iii. Any tender that does not comply with the above requirements or any form of Deviation from the requirements will be rejected.

Signed:
CHAIRMAN MINISTERIAL TENDERS BOARD/PERMANENT SECRETARY,
BORNO STATE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT



CITY NEWS

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Veterans protest nonpayment of minimum wage arrears

By Faruk Shuaibu

Veterans and ex-servicemen of the Nigerian Army, on Wednesday, protested the failure of the federal government to pay their minimum wage arrears and other welfare packages.

The aged protesters, in their numbers, held a peaceful demonstration at the Federal Ministry of Finance, in Abuja, singing solidarity songs.

Some of them, tying black bandanas on their arms, held banners and placards conveying their grievances.

A banner read: "Pay us our adjusted salary arrears of minimum wage approved since May 2019, Veterans are dying."

Another stated; "Our appeal to

President Muhammadu Buhari to graciously pay all retired ex-officers and soldiers their security department allowance."

Speaking on behalf of the group, the President, Ex-servicemen and Family Welfare Association, Mwo Anthony Agbas, stated that the protest was to appeal to the federal government to improve their welfare as they are suffering from neglect.

Agbas, while noting that some servicemen who fought during the Nigerian civil war are yet to be enrolled in pension, pleaded for payment of their Security Department Allowance (SDA).

While explaining that SDA is money paid to servicemen not to use their

military prowess against the country after retirement, he said only a select few are being paid from November 2017 to date by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The veteran also decried the deduction of pension of medically discharged officers and soldiers.

"We want the refund of money deducted from the pension of medically discharged officers and soldiers who have been receiving pensions for over 40 years.

"They spent their youthful years fighting the Nigerian civil war to unite this country. Sadly, some of them are receiving N10, 000 as pensions and were told they were overpaid for the last 40 years."



■ Monkey Village residents in makeshift shelter after recent demolition in the area, in Lagos

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

We will prosecute Lagos club owners who violate COVID-19 protocols – CP

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has vowed to prosecute club owners who violate COVID-19 protocols.

Odumosu who frowned at the attitude of club owners said the state command has deployed detectives who are now on the prowl looking for violators of the protocols.

Odumosu spoke against the background of the arrest of Owede Bruno, the owner

of Play Empire, in Ajose Adeogun Street, Victoria Island. Speaking on the deployment, Odumosu said the violation of COVID-19 protocols could actually aid the spread of the pandemic in the state.

"The owners of clubs found wanting henceforth would not be spared but would be arrested and prosecuted along with the clubbers, fun seekers and, in some places, strippers. If the club owners don't operate, these fun-seekers would not

patronise them. We have one of them, Mr Bruno Owede, the Owner of Play Empire, VI. He is in the custody of the legal department of the State Criminal Investigative Department (SCID) of the Lagos State Police Command. "He would be arraigned at the Magistrate Court, Ebutte Meta, according to the provisions of the Law.

In his response, Mr Bruno Owede, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Play Empire, Victoria Island, Lagos, said he was away when the police

raided his club last week Friday but rushed back after the raid was carried out.

"It was my manager that opened on that day without my consent. I advise other club owners to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols and take them seriously in order to curb the spread of the state.

I am very sorry for the actions and any inconveniences the negligence of the manager might have caused the state and country as a whole," he said.

Edo teachers to commence indefinite strike Monday

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Edo State chapter of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) yesterday directed primary school teachers in the state to embark on an indefinite strike beginning from January 18, 2021.

The union gave the directive in a communiqué issued at the end of its State Wing Executive Council (SWEC) meeting and signed by the State Chairman, Pius Okhueigbe, Assistant

Secretary General, Moni Mike Itua, and three others.

The union said the indefinite strike followed the failure of the Edo State government to meet its demands.

It added that the strike order was due to the expiration of the 21-day and 14-day ultimatums earlier given to the state government.

The union expressed dismay over the nonchalant attitude of the state government by not initiating attempts

at meeting with the union during the period of the ultimatums to dialogue on the issues. While urging parents to keep their children and wards away from schools throughout the period of the indefinite strike, it advised school-heads to disregard any form of propaganda, blackmail, announcements, pronouncements and intimidation against the "lawful decisions" of the union for the period of the strike from any quarter.

QUICK READ

OSUN

Motorcyclist killed by hit-and-run driver

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Tragedy struck in Osogbo, Osun State capital, yesterday, as a hit-and-run car killed one person on a motorcycle.

The accident occurred near Sekona community along the Osogbo-Gbongan-Ibadan road yesterday.

Eyewitnesses told *Daily Trust* that the motorcycle was hit by the vehicle and that the driver of the vehicle did not stop.

Operatives of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were seen evacuating the remains of the deceased and clearing the road.

The Sector Commander, Mrs Kudirat Ibrahim, confirmed the incident. She spoke through the Public Relations Officer of FRSC in the state, Mrs Agnes Ogungbemi.

The corpse of the man was taken to the mortuary at the Osun State University Teaching Hospital with an FRSC ambulance.

Ogungbemi said N6,800 was recovered from the victim. The FRSC ensured normalcy was restored on the road.

KATSINA

6,800 rural women get FG's cash grant

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

No fewer than 6,800 women in Katsina State will benefit from the federal government's cash grant aimed at their empowerment and upliftment.

The Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiya Safiya Umar Farouk, disclosed this in Katsina on Wednesday, saying over 160,000 women will benefit across the country.

The minister, who was in the state to flag off the distribution of the cash grant, said each of the beneficiaries would receive the sum of N20,000, as part of the social investment project of her ministry to cushion the effect of COVID-19 on poor and vulnerable households.

The minister then enjoined the beneficiaries of the programme to judiciously utilise the opportunity to increase their income, enhance their food security and contribute towards improving their living standard.

In his remarks, the Governor of Katsina State, Aminu Bello Masari, represented by his Deputy, QS Mannir Yakubu, thanked the federal government for its numerous social interventions which lifted millions of people out of poverty.



CRIME

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Police recover mutilated genitals of 6-year-old girl in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Bauchi State Police Command has recovered mutilated genitals of 6-year-old girl in a raid at the house of suspected ritualists in Jama'are town in Bauchi State.

The Command Public Relations Officer DSP, Ahmed Mohammed Wakil, who disclosed this to newsmen during a media briefing

yesterday, said that the fleeing suspect, 19-year-old Abdulkadir Wada Haladu, has been arrested in Mararraba, Nasarawa State, where he voluntarily confessed to the crime.

Wakil said, "Exhibits recovered from the suspects' hideout include; two knives, one Mirinda bottle containing suspected genital organ (complete Vulva; Libia Majora, Libia Minora

and clitoris), three bottles containing native medicine, one carton containing some native dry medicines tied inside polythene bags; one dry animal skin, two Islamic native black boards, one calabash, one hoe and two locally made dishes"

In a brief chat with newsmen, the arrested suspect, Abdulkadir Wada Haladu, said, "I am not the one that removed the genital

part of the victim; it was my friend who cut off her Virginia but I accompanied him and took part in the operation.

"While he was removing the genitals, an Almajiri entered the uncompleted building, so we rushed out of the building and ran away to the ritualists who instructed us to bring the genitals to make money."

"I met my friend in the house of ritualists and the

man collected the two knives used in the operations and wrapped them. My friend also removed the cloth he used in the operation and the ritualists asked us to go. When I heard that the police came to our house looking for me, I ran away because I knew the ungodly act we committed but regret my action because I cannot do this to my younger sister," Haladu said.

Police arrest 19 for sex party in Bauchi

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

Bauchi State Police Command has arrested 19 members of a gang for allegedly organising a sex party in Dass Local Government Area of the state.

The Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Ahmed Mohammed Wakil who paraded the suspects yesterday, in Bauchi, said the command has had a crackdown on the popular gang which conspired to terrorise residents of Dass with phone snatching, and indecent acts including sex parties.

He added that

the Commissioner of Police, CP Lawan Tanko Jimeta, raised a team of detectives led by the Commander Rapid Respond Squad (RRS) who immediately embarked on a round-the-clock operation which resulted in the apprehension of the following suspects: Ishaya Adamu, 19, Mohammed Abdullahi Lawwali, 22, Ayuba Adamu, 19, Aminu Tago, 19, Mubarak Baba, 22, Anas Sulaiman alias Danarna, 16, Yusuf Ahmed, 20 and Abba Abdullahi, 20.

He noted that the suspects will be profiled and charged to court.

Kidnappers of Akeredolu's Chief of Staff's wife remanded

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

A magistrate court in Ondo State has remanded nine suspected kidnappers at the state custodial centre.

The men were arraigned before the court for allegedly abducting Mrs Olubunmi Eunice, the wife of Chief of Staff to Ondo State Governor, Rotimi Akeredolu.

The accused persons are: Ibrahim Yao Malu, Bamo Yusuf Mohammed, Umaru Abubakar, Umaru Aliu, Abubakar Haruna, Suraja Umaru, Kiro Mohammed, Gambo Yusuf and Umaru Sanni. The State Counsel, Mrs O.T. Akeredolu, who led the prosecution team from the office of

the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP), told the court that the accused persons committed the offence on November 26, 2020, at Owena-Akure road, Ondo.

She told the court that the accused persons conspired with others still at large to abduct Mrs Ake and also robbed one Ayelaja Olalekan of his Itel phone.

The offences, she said, contravened section 530 of the Criminal Code Cap 37 Vol I Laws of Ondo State, Nigeria, 2006.

Akeredolu said the accused persons intentionally committed the offences not minding the consequences.

The accused were not legally represented.



■ The victim, Alex Ekwueme

Missing lecturer found dead in Ebonyi

From Nabob Ogbonna, Abakaliki

A lecturer with Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (AE-FUNAI) in Ebonyi State, Kyrian Nwoke, who went missing few days ago, has been murdered by unknown assailants.

Nwoke, before his death, taught in the Department of Physiology in AE-FUNAI.

His remains were found along Abakaliki Rice Mill axis of Ogoja road on Monday, with bullet wounds.

His car was also taken away by the unknown assailants.

Daily Trust gathered that the deceased was using his car for a taxi so as to fend for himself and his family following the hardship and tussle between the federal government and ASUU, which has led to the withholding of salaries of lecturers for months.

"The deceased was said to have gone missing on Sunday night after yet-to-be-identified persons phoned him to come to Udemezue in Abakaliki to pick customers to a popular eatery

along Ogoja road.

"The young man was a lecturer in Physiology Department, Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu Alike-Ikwo, Ebonyi State, Nigeria.

"So he started using his car for a taxi business owing to the withheld salaries of lecturers for some months.

"He left behind his wife and his two-year-old daughter.

"He didn't return as his lifeless body was found the next day near the Rice Mill along the same Ogoja road with bullet wounds on his body and his car missing.

"My prayer is that the perpetrators of this evil act will never go unpunished. Ebonyi State government and indeed security agency should sit up and bring the culprits to book," the source said.

Although, the State police spokesman, DSP Loveth Odah, when contacted, said the command was not aware of the alleged murder of the lecturer.

"And if there is anything like that, we must get to the end of the matter", she said.

Man docked over alleged abduction, fraud

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A 31-year-old man, Dominic Atunde, has been docked before an Ado-Ekiti Magistrate Court over alleged abduction and fraud.

The prosecutor, Inspector Johnson Okunade, told the court yesterday that the defendant and others, at large, committed the offence in Ado-Ekiti, Ibadan and Lagos.

Okunade alleged that they conspired and abducted Fatima Osupa Adini.

He also alleged that they fraudulently obtained the sum of N250,000 from Alhaji Osupa Adini.

According to him, the offences contravened Sections 516, 419 and 361 of the Criminal Code, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012.

Okunade told the court that the defendant told the parents of the lady that he would enroll her in his school, but later relocated to Ibadan and took the lady along.

He said that later, the defendant called her daddy and demanded money with the pretext to defraud him for her upkeep.

The prosecutor added that the lady's parents did not see their daughter, and when they asked the defendant about her whereabouts, he said he could not find her.

He told the court that the defendant was tracked by the Lagos State police and was brought to Ado-Ekiti.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges.

His counsel, Mr. Sunday Balogun, urged the court to grant his client bail, with a promise that he would not jump bail.

The Magistrate, Mr. Bankole Oluwasanmi, ruled that since the defendant did not reside within the jurisdiction, and the abducted lady has not been found, bail cannot be granted.

Oluwasanmi later ordered the remand of the defendant at the correctional centre in Ado-Ekiti.

He adjourned the case until February 9, 2021, for mention.

INSIDE POLITICS

PoliQuote

APC will not just be the largest party in Africa but we're going to call on even the developed nations to come and learn from APC in Nigeria - **Kogi State Governor, Yahaya Bello**

PDP goes to court as APC, 11 others set for Kano LG polls

From Clement A. Oloyede, Sani I. Paki & Zahraddeen Y. Shuaibu, Kano

● 528 seats up for grabs

The Kano State Independent Electoral Commission (KANSIEC) has said preparations are in top gear for the smooth conduct of Saturday's local government election in the state with 12 political parties poised to slug it out.

This is even as the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state said it has filed a suit before the state high court for contempt proceedings against the chairman of KANSIEC, Prof. Garba Ibrahim Sheka and the Ambassador Aminu Wali-faction of the party.

The PDP, led by Alhaji Shehu Wada Sagagi as its chairman, with the backing of the party's national headquarters and Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso, had earlier withdrawn from the election. The Wali faction, led by Muhammin Bako Lamido, however, insists it will participate.

Ahead of the January 16 election, the chairman of KANSIEC, Professor Sheka, had on Tuesday told members of civil society organisation that PDP and 11 other political parties, "are contesting in the election and have



■ Prof. Garba Ibrahim Sheka all filed candidates for the 44 LG chairmanships and 484 councillors."

Reacting to this development on Wednesday, Sagagi told journalists that the case instituted before the state high court, which is still awaiting to be assigned to a judge, is to commence contempt proceedings against the KANSIEC chairman and Lamido faction of the party of "impersonating the authentic PDP" and the use of PDP logo on the ballot as declared by the KANSIEC chairman.

"We have also filed before the court whether KANSIEC has the right to accept a candidate other than the one from the legally recognized executive of the party. This is what we want the court to determine," he added.

He said the declaration by Sheka showed that "the chairman of the Kano State Independent Electoral Commission is either ignorant of the extant laws or he is just behaving like a politician."

The KANSIEC chairman and factional group of the PDP in the state could not be reached for comments as of the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Chairman of APC in Kano, Alhaji Shehu Maigari, said the party is fully prepared for the election, adding that the fact that the "Kwankwasiyya faction" of the PDP withdrew from the election does not delegitimise it.

On its part, Kano State Police Command through its spokesman, DSP Abdullahi Kiyawa, said it is ready for the poll duty.

Meanwhile, APC has said it disqualified 13 candidates for failing drug tests.

Contest for presidency in 2023, Bauchi gov urged

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

The Coalition of Civil Society Organisations for Transparency and Good Governance (COCSOTRAGG), yesterday, called on Governor Bala Mohammed of Bauchi State to contest for the presidency come 2023.

Addressing a news conference in Makurdi, the Benue State capital, the coalition noted that the call was aimed at ensuring the emergence of a good leader who will take Nigeria out of the woods.

The Benue State coordinator of COCSOTRAGG, Comrade Raphael Terkula, stressed the need for a competent leader to confront the myriad of problems bedeviling the nation as the 2023 presidential election draws closer.

PDP: 31 opposition parties honour Adamawa factional leader

From Kabiru R. Anwar, Yola

Thirty-one political parties in Adamawa State have come together to recognise Dr. Umar Ardo, leader of a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) faction - rPDP - for 'standing in defence of democracy.'

Addressing journalists in Yola on Wednesday, the spokesman of the chairmen of the 30 political parties in the state, Comrade Ja'afar Baba Gire, said the parties were impressed by Ardo's unrelenting struggle to entrench internal democracy in the party system.

Ardo, a leading voice in the PDP, has on many occasions opposed decisions by the PDP at state and national levels, instituting court cases that sometimes ended at the Supreme Court.

The political parties are APDA, ASD, ANN, DA, GPN, NCP, WTPN, PRF, NNPP, JMPP, PANDE, MPN, UPC, PDM, ANDE, APN, CNP, AD, NDCP, NPC, ZM, APP, PTP, ACCORD, ACD, NDLP, NPM, AA, MRDD, JMPP and NCP.

Edo gov'ship: Tribunal bars APC spokesman from testifying

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Edo State Election Petition Tribunal, yesterday, disallowed the spokesman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Chris Azebamwan, from testifying before it in the petition filed by Allied Peoples Movement (APM).

APM had filed a petition challenging the declaration of Godwin Obaseki of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) as winner of the September 19, 2020 governorship election in the state on the ground that the governor and his deputy, Philip Shaibu, were not qualified to contest the election.

Chris Azebamwan was to testify before the tribunal as a subpoenaed witness for the APM.

At the resumption of hearing, counsel to PDP, Chris Uche (SAN), argued that allowing the witness to testify amounted to introducing fresh evidence through the "backdoor and smuggling" witness statement on oath.

Ondo gov'ship: Court dismisses suit against Akeredolu

By John Chuks Azu

A Federal High Court in Abuja has dismissed a suit challenging the validity of the primary election that produced Governor Rotimi Akeredolu as the governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ondo State.

Justice Inyang Ekwo, on Wednesday, held that the suit instituted by one Mrs. Olajumoke Anifowose, was statute-barred having been filed outside the 14 days allowed by law for a pre-election matter.

Anifowose, in the suit filed on her behalf by her counsel, Adesina Oke, had contended that the primary election which produced Akeredolu violated Section 87 of the Electoral Act and Article 20 of the APC constitution and other relevant election guidelines.

But Justice Ekwo upheld the preliminary objection against the suit by Akeredolu and APC that the court action was grossly incompetent since it was not filed within 14 days as required by law and by that, that the court lacked jurisdiction to entertain it.

Although Justice Ekwo noted that Akeredolu was nominated by APC on July 20th, and Anifowose filed the suit on July 29, which fell within 14 days stipulated by law, the suit, however, became incompetent due to the withdrawal of the initial originating summons and its substitution on August 20 by the plaintiff.

The court held that the substitution of the second originating summons was done outside 14 days required by law, and therefore became an invalid suit by the provision of Section 285 of the 1999 Constitution.

My visit to Wamakko not political - Bafarawa

By Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

A former governor of Sokoto State, Alhaji Attahiru Bafarawa, yesterday said his recent visit to Senator Aliyu Wamakko had no political undertones as being insinuated in the state.

"My visit to the leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Sokoto has no political undertone whatsoever as I remain loyal to my party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)," Bafarawa was quoted in a statement by his media consultant, Yusuf Dingyadi.

The former governor, who was reacting to a report of the Daily Trust headlined, 'Why Bafarawa's visit to Wamakko is raising dust', insisted that the visit was purely for condolence.

"I remain loyal to my government under Aminu Waziri Tambuwal and committed to the PDP and have nothing to do with APC or its activities.

"Those publishing stories or lies about the condolence visit are nothing but mischief-makers, seeking cheap attention for their news outfits.

"This is not the first time that I am visiting to condole with Senator Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko during such trying times.

"Our political differences, no matter how they go, can't affect mutual relationship and sympathy for each other, especially when one is faced with such challenges," he said, adding that Wamakko had also visited him for condolence.

Kwara APC crisis deepens over 'removal' of chairman

By Saawua Terzungwe

The crisis rocking the Kwara State chapter of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) has worsened over the purported removal of Bashir Omolaja Bolarinwa, as the state chairman by the party's caretaker committee led by Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni.

The action is alleged to be on the directive of the state governor, Abdulrahman

Abdulrazaq.

A group of 19 stalwarts of the party in the state led by Akogun Iyiola Oyedepo, during a press conference at the APC National Secretariat in Abuja on Wednesday, said unless the decision is reversed the state chapter of the party will not know peace.

But reacting, a loyalist of the governor, Kunle Suleiman dispelled the claim and backed the decision of the party's national caretaker committee.

NECO releases 2020 exam results, derecognises 12 schools

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

The National Examinations Council (NECO) has released the internal Senior Secondary School Examination (SSCE) results.

The results show a two per cent increase in the number of candidates who made five credits and above in all subjects.

The Registrar, Professor Godswill Obioma, announced this at the NECO Headquarters in Minna yesterday.

The Council also derecognised 12 schools for their involvement in mass cheating and wholesome cases of malpractice.

Obioma placed the number of candidates who are involved in various examination malpractices at 33,470, representing a 2.61 per cent of the total 1,209,922 who sat for the examination. The Registrar,

who reiterated the long-standing zero tolerance for malpractice said the malpractice incidence in 2020 dropped compared to the 2019 figure that is put at 40,730.

He attributed the improvement to the deployment of biometric verification devices and strengthening of the examination monitoring strategy in terms of scope and depth.

"Arising from the above, schools derecognised are; 4 from Adamawa, 2 in Kaduna, 2 in Katsina, 2 in Niger, 1 in Taraba and 1 in FCT and they would be derecognised for two years for their involvement in mass cheating and whole school cases," he said.

He added that 24 supervisors were also blacklisted for various offences ranging from poor supervision, aiding and abetting, connivance with non-candidates to write answers on

the chalkboard and so on.

Out of the 1,209,922 candidates who sat for the examination, 1,112,041 made 5 credits and above representing 91.91 per cent irrespective of English and Mathematics while 894,101 candidates made 5 credits and above including English and Maths, representing 73.89 per cent with an increment of 2.3% and 2.01% compared to 2019. Also, 974,331 representing 82.68% had credit and above in English language while 1,060,100 representing 90.08% made credit and above in mathematics.

The Council, however, announced that it had made special arrangements for those candidates who missed some papers due to the EndSARS protest in some states which include; Abia, Enugu, Edo, Rivers, Ondo, Osun, Ekiti, Lagos, Oyo, Kano, FCT and Ogun.

Ex-Lagos military administrator, Kanu, dead

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

A former Military Administrator of Lagos and Imo States, Rear Admiral Ndubuisi Kanu (rtd) has died. The cause of his death could not be ascertained but it was gathered that he died at a Lagos hospital after a brief illness. He was 77.

Late Kanu was appointed military governor of Imo State in March 1976 during the military regime of General Olusegun Obasanjo. He was the first governor after the decree that established the state from part of the old East Central State.

He also served as military governor of Lagos in 1977, leaving office in July 1978. After retirement, he became part of the defunct National Democratic Coalition

(NADECO), an advocacy group calling for the return of democracy to Nigeria.

In a related development, a Nigerian socialite and billionaire businessman, Aare Boluwatife Akin-Olugbade is dead.

It was gathered that Akin-Olugbade died yesterday of COVID-19 complications at an Isolation centre in Lagos. He was 64. The deceased, who hailed from Owo in Abeokuta, Ogun State, was in the news recently when he took delivery of his 10th Rolls Royce to open the new palace he built in Abeokuta.

Sources close to the deceased's family said that the late billionaire fell ill after attending a wedding ceremony in December, 2020, where he served as Chairman of the occasion.

No second wave of COVID-19 in Oyo - Makinde

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, has said that the COVID-19 data available in the state was not indicating a second wave but a continuation of the first outbreak of the pandemic.

Makinde disclosed this at a press conference in Ibadan yesterday.

He said though the curve since the outbreak of the pandemic was never flattened,

his government was exploring other means of getting the vaccine for the people.

He said the federal government had allocated 1,800 vaccines to the state, out of about 100,000 vaccines procured for the country.

He, however, said that the number of vaccines allocated to the state was grossly inadequate.

Makinde said the state recorded 696 COVID-19 positive cases out of 13,000

tests from December 2020 to date.

He stated that 20,000 COVID-19 tests were conducted between March and December 2020 with 3,000 results confirmed positive.

"I have always said that all our responses to COVID-19 in Oyo state will be guided by data, science and logic. So, as far as Oyo state is concerned; the data we have is not pointing to the second wave as the curve never flattened.

Kwara gov seeks constitutional roles for traditional rulers

By Romoke W. Ahmad

Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, has advocated constitutional roles for traditional rulers, saying they are the closest leaders to the grassroots.

The governor stated this yesterday in Ilorin, the state capital at a one-day sensitisation programme on community policing, organised by the Kwara State Police Command.

"In the last meeting of Northern Governors held in Kaduna, there was the idea

that the roles of the traditional rulers should be amplified and embedded into the constitution. This means that we should give them constitutional roles in the society. That is an ongoing process, and I am a supporter of this initiative," he said.

The governor said community policing was long overdue to strengthen the security of lives and property, urging every stakeholder to support the initiative.

A former Inspector General of Police, Tafa Balogun, said the initiative climaxed his eight points agenda while in office.

Innalillahi wa inna illaihi rajiun

We the management & staff of **Vital Products Plc** regret the passing away of our Chairman **Alhaji Dr Bashari Aminu OFR (OON) Iyan Zazzau**, who passed away on 1 January 2021 and he has been buried according to Islamic rites.

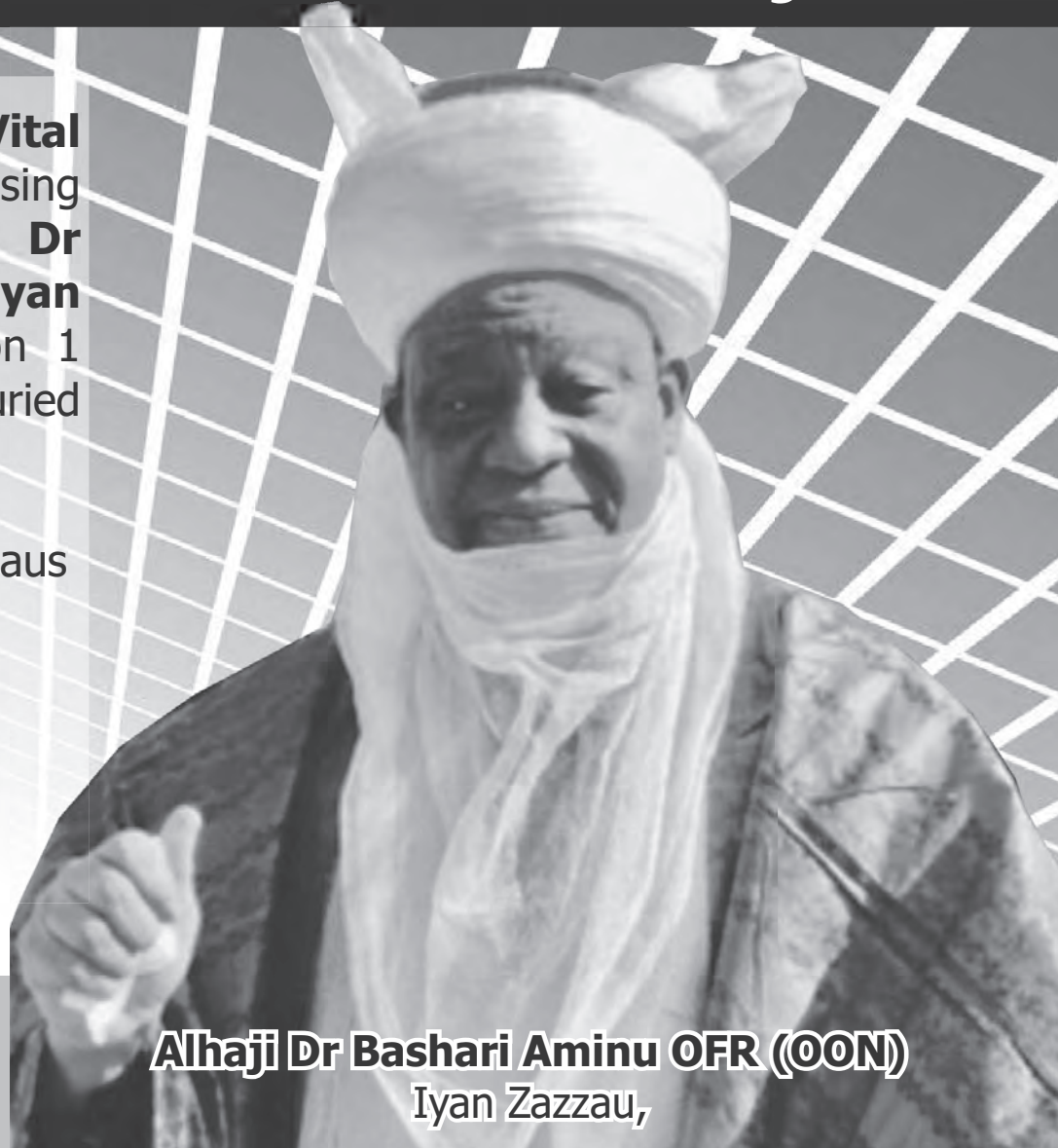
May Allah grant him Aljanah Fridaus Ameen.

• Signed: •

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Alhaji Dr Bashari Aminu OFR (OON)
Iyan Zazzau,

NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP ▶ N21,093.93TR (0.11%) ↑ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 40,341.05POINTS (0.11%) ↑ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 468,146,022BN SHARES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

OIL AND GAS	BANKING	CONSUMER GOODS	INSURANCE	INDUSTRIAL
 262.51 1.74%	 404.19 0.08%	 593.66 0.11%	 222.23 4.12%	 2,026.58 0.08%

NSE GENERAL INDEX					COMMODITIES PRICE									
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME	CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	NATURAL GAS	COPPER	GOLD	SILVER	SUGAR	COCOA	LIVE CATTLE	COTTON
FINANCIAL SERVICES						\$50.87	\$2.63	\$7,764.50	\$1,877.59	\$25.77	\$0.15	\$1,710.0	\$1.12	\$0.76
1 ACCESS BANK PLC	325,238.81	9.15	1.10	249	14,035,178									
2 UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	300,954.91	8.80	0.57	233	31,816,005									
3 ZENITH BANK PLC	813,169.19	25.90	0.39	486	45,772,768									
BANKING				968	91,623,951									
4 FBN HOLDINGS PLC	263,830.40	7.35	-0.68	223	15,713,458									
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				223	15,713,458									
FINANCIAL SERVICES				1,191	107,337,409									
5 MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,358,494.65	165.00	3.03	174	13,410,602									
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES				174	13,410,602									
INDUSTRIAL GOODS				68	1,124,657									
6 DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	3,919,316.70	230.00	-	100	1,309,204									
7 LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	364,036.18	22.60	1.35	156	9,430,601									
BUILDING MATERIALS				256	10,739,805									
INDUSTRIAL GOODS				256	10,739,805									
OIL AND GAS				68	1,124,657									
8 SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	292,162.72	496.50	0.08	68	1,124,657									
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION				68	1,124,657									
OIL AND GAS				5	194,858									
9 CHELLARAMS PLC	1,633.81	2.26	-9.96	5	194,858									
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				5	194,858									
CONGLOMERATES				5	194,858									
CONSUMER GOODS				0	0									
10 MCNICHOLS PLC	166.62	0.51	-	0	0									
FOOD PRODUCTS				0	0									
CONSUMER GOODS				0	0									
FINANCIAL SERVICES				0	0									
11 LIVINGSTON MORTGAGE BANK PLC	3,000.00	0.60	-	0	0									
MORTGAGE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES				0	0									
FINANCIAL SERVICES				0	0									
SERVICES				0	0									
12 THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	0	0									
WASTE MANAGEMENT				0	0									
SERVICES				0	0									
GROWTH BOARD TOTALS				5	194,858									
13 FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,408.00	0.64	-5.88	55	6,563,977									
14 OKOMI OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	-	17	16,403									
15 PRESCO PLC	72,000.00	72.00	-	6	7,505									
CRDP PRODUCTION				80	6,587,885									
16 ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0									
FISHING/HUNTING/TRAPPING				0	0									
17 LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	5,280.00	1.76	-9.74	157	18,775,076									
LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL SPECIALTIES				157	18,775,076									
AGRICULTURE				237	25,362,961									
CONGLOMERATES				1	7									
18 JOHN HOLT PLC	198.47	0.51	-	1	7									
19 S C O A NIG PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0									
20 TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	38,615.59	0.95	-1.04	75	10,018,375									
21 U A C N PLC	21,609.72	7.50	-	60	3,317,102									
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES				136	13,335,484									
CONGLOMERATES				136	13,335,484									
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE				0	0									
22 ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0									
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION				0	0									
23 JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	28,036.80	17.70	-	26	148,799									
24 ROADS NIG. PLC	165.00	6.60	-	26	148,799									
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION				26	148,799									
25 UACN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	14,847.98	0.80	1.25	31	1,915,022									
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT				31	1,915,022									
CONSTRUCTION/REAL ESTATE				57	2,063,821									
26 DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0									
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS				0	0									
27 CHAMPION BREW. PLC	8,769.04	1.12	9.80	11	1,192,726									
28 GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0									
29 GUINNESS NIG. PLC	41,398.24	18.90	1.61	60	645,267									
30 INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	182,662.07	6.80	-3.82	51	982,802									
31 NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	463,820.32	58.00	-	55	3,082,458									
BEVERAGES - BREWERS/DISTILLERS				177	5,903,253									
32 DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	238,686.16	19.65	-	159	2,701,725									
33 FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	120,141.12	29.30	6.93	177	10,502,489									
34 HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,516.24	1.20	-	41	1,098,165									
35 MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0									
36 N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,201.07	6.74	-	5	57,800									
37 HASCOK ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	42,258.54	15.95	-	33	352,193									
38 UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	3	4,433									
FOOD PRODUCTS				418	14,716,805									
39 CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	16,903.82	9.00	-	30	149,724									
40 NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	43	15,537									
FOOD PRODUCTS - DIVERSIFIED				73	165,261									
41 NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0									
42 VITAFAM NIG. PLC	11,257.60	9.00	-	42	580,391									
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES				42	580,391									
43 P Z CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	20,646.48	5.20	-	62	582,633									
44 UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	77,557.57	13.50	0.75	114	2,206,829									
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS				176	2,789,462									
CONSUMER GOODS				886	24,155,172									
FINANCIAL SERVICES				43	1,181,061									
45 ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	117,437.13	6.40	-1.54	43	1,181,061									
46 FIDELITY BANK PLC	7,652.46	2.68	-0.74	112	14,909,016									
47 GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	953,570.21	32.40	-0.31	422	18,247,259									
48 JAZZ BANK PLC	21,214.26	0.72	-1.37	40	1,006,112									
49 STERLING BANK PLC	57,292.93	1.99	2.05	34	3,240,898									
50 UNION BANK NIG. PLC	155,796.03	5.35	-	36	96,378									
51 UNITY BANK PLC	8,182.54	0.70	2.94	14	503,552									
52 WEMA BANK PLC	27,002.13	0.70	-5.71	50	2,730,886									
BANKING				751	41,915,162									
53 AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,117.00	0.20	-	2	342,532									
54 AICO INSURANCE PLC	24,394.45	1.18	2.61	66	10,607,952									
55 AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	49,680.00	1.38	9.52											

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CHANGE OF NAME

ANEBI: I formerly known and addressed as **ANEBI AUDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ANEBI AUDU OLEYIBLO**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

FRANCISCA: I, formerly known as **FRANCA ENIGWANA** now wish to be known and addressed as **FRANCISCA ETSE ENIGWANA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

OKEJI: I, formerly known as **OKEJI YETOMI OLAREWAJU MKAH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YETOMI NENE OKEJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ENANG: I, formerly known and addressed as **ITOBO FAVOUR ENANG** now wish to be known and addressed as **ITOBO EFAEMIODEH ENANG**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

RACHAEL: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED **RACHAEL NKECHI NWORGU** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **RACHAEL NKECHI SUNDAY**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

ZAKI: I Formerly known and address as **AISHA ABUBAKAR ZAKI**. Now wish to be known and address as **AISHA ZAKI**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

RUTH: I formerly known and addressed as **RUTH OMOLOSEN UANKHOBA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RUTH OMOLOSEN USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

TOKULA: I, formerly known as **SILVER TOKULA ENYO**, now wish to be called and addressed as **TOKULA SILVER ENYO**. My date of birth is 11/11/1996 not 11/11/1995. All former documents remain valid. GTBank and the general public should take note.

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

HADIZA: I, formerly known and addressed as **KHADIJAT ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ADAMU MAMMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

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

I formerly known as **BAIRO ABDULLAHI** now to be called as **BAIRO NDIDA**. All my documents remained valid. General public to note

MORRIS: I' formerly known as **MISS. UGORJI MORRIS JOYCE ADANNE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. MORRIS JOYCE ADANNE**. All former documents remain valid. General Public and authorities concern should please take note.

YUSUF: I, formerly known as **YUSUF DIYO**, now wish to be called and addressed as **YUSUF ABDULSALAM DIYO**. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

EDAFIOKA: I, formerly known as **DAVINIA DOUGLAS EDAFIOKA** Now wish to be known as **DAVINIA ESEOGHENE NGOZIKA EDAFIOKA** All former documents remain valid. GTBank and General public should take note.

NAFISATU: I formerly known and addressed as **USMAN NAFISATU IBRAHIM**, now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN NAFISATU**. All former documents remain valid. The authority concerns and general public should please take note.

UGONDO: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED **SALEMA NGUNGENEN GRACE** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **UGONDO NGUNGENEN GRACE**. MY WRONG DATE OF BIRTH WAS 20th FEB 1984 WHILE CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 20th AUGUST, 1992. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known and addressed as **LAWAL KADO KAITA** now wish to be known and address as **LAWAL KADO**, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ELIZABETH: I, formerly known as **ALOZIE ELIZABETH ODINAKACHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **INA UKEFI ELIZABETH ODINAKACHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARK: I, formerly known as **PATIENCE MARTINA MARK**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GREATNESS MARTINA MARK**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

JALO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AHMED GANGA** now wish to be known and addressed as **JALO GANGA AHMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

ALI: I formerly known as **USMAN ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN ABUBAKAR BABA ALI** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

SAUDATU: I formerly known and address as **SAUDATU USMAN** now wish to be call and address as **SAUDATU USMAN BUNGUDU**. All former documents remain valid, authority concern and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **SAMAILA GUGUWA** now wishes to be known and addressed as **SAMAILA G BAGNA** former documents remain valid general public to take note

OLOCHE: I formerly known and addressed as **OJONUGWA BLESSING METIWO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLOCHE BLESSING GREAT-DAVID**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

BITRUS: I, formerly known as **BITRUS MESHAK**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YAKUBU MAFENG BITRUS**. my correct date of birth is 24th/11/1993 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

BABANGIDA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ADAMU GALADIMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ADAMU BABANGIDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **BAKAU MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **BAKAWU MOHAMMED DOB 1/1/1994** NOT 1/1/1993 All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

GBANYAM: I formerly known as **TERNGU GREGORY IORWUESE**, now wish to be known as **GBANYAM CHRISTABEL KWAGHDOO**. All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as **ZAINAB ABDULLAHI** now wishes to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB ABDULLAHI DANTAGAGO** former documents remain valid general public to take note

NWAFOR: I formerly known and addressed as **NWAFOR JENNIFER**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWAFOR JENNIFER CHIZOBA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

This is to inform the General public that **ADEBAYO OLAOLU MICHEAL ADEBOWALE**, **OLEBAYO OLAOLU MICHEAL** and **ADEBAYO OLAOLU ADEBOWALE**, is one and same person. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

WISDOM: I, formerly known and addressed as **NDUBISI WISDOM fbn** and **NDUBISI WISDOM IGWEBUIKE** as bvn now wish to be known and addressed as **NDUBISI IGWEBUIKE WISDOM fbn**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

YUSUF: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED MOHAMMED YUSUFU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED YUSUF DOB 5/3/1994** NOT 7/3/1994 All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

ADAH: I formerly known as **Abubakar Folashade Blessing**, now wish to be known as **Adah Folashade Blessing**. All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

MOHAMMAD: I am **MOHAMMAD BABAGANA**. My real date of birth is 27/02/1959 not 10/12/1968 as erroneously captured during my Driver's License enrollment. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

AGBA: I formerly known and addressed as **AGBA NGUEMO** and **AGBA NGUEMO EMMANUELLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AGBA NGUEMO EMMANUELLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

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

OCHENI: I, formerly known and addressed as **USENI HANNAH ARABA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OCHENI HANNAH**. DOB 3-6-1963. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

SULEMAN: I formerly known as **AUWALU SULEMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWALU DANBABA SULEMAN DOB 27/11/1972** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

HARUNA: I formerly known as **RABI ALHAJI HARUNA**, but now wish to be known and addressed as **RABI HARUNA**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **SALIHU MUSA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SALIHU MUSA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

LUCY: I formerly known and addressed as **CHINWENDU LUCY UGWUEZE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHINWENDU LUCY EJIKEME**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **TANI YUNANA** now wish to be known and address as **TANI AUTA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public, NIMC and all commercial banks should take note,

MODUPE: I formerly known and addressed as **OYEWOLE MODUPE FIDELIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BEYOR-OWU FIDELIA MODUPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

ABDULHAMID: I formerly known as **HAUWA ZAKARIYYA ABDULHAMID** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWAU ABDULHAMID** All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

I was formerly known as **SHEHU MARYAM USMAN, USMAN MARYAM SHEHU, MARYAM USMAN SHEHU, MARYAM USMAN ADO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM SHEHU USMAN** all documents remain valid. Authorities Concerned and the general public should please note.

DUGABE: I, formerly known and addressed as **DR YOHANNA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **DR. YOHANNA GAYYA DUGABE**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities, NIMC, FCMB and the general public should please take note.

EKWEFI: I formerly known and addressed as **NONSO SABASTIAN EKWEFI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHINONSO SABASTIAN EKWEFI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

SASETU: I, who was registered with access bank as **STEPHEN ILIYA SHEKWOAGA SASETU** captured on my BVN wish to correct my name and be addressed officially as **STEPHEN ILIYA SASETU**. All documents bearing the former name remain valid. Access bank, GTB and general public to take note.

FAVOUR: I formerly known and address bank as **IKWUAGWU IFEYINWA FAVOUR** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWUEMEKA IFEYINWA FAVOUR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as **MUHAMMAD BELLO** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SALISU BELLO DOB 1/1/1988** NOT 18/8/1988 All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **CECILIA BUKOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **CECILIA ABLOLADE**. all my documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note

BINTA: I, formerly known and addressed as **BINTA MAIWADA DAYYABU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **BINTA MAIWADA**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

MIDDLE: I' formerly known and called **MUHAMMAD MUNIR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD MALAM MUNIR**. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **PWACHOM RWANG** now wish to be known and addressed as **PWACHOM JOOJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABEL: I formerly known and addressed as **ABEL GEORGE OLIME**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABEL GEORGE EHALEUDU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I, Formerly known and addressed as **TERNA MNGEGENGER PRISCILLA**, BUT NOW KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **TERNA MNGEGENGER PRISCILLA** All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

I, formerly known **HABU KHADIJA** Now wish to be Called and addressed as **HABU KHADIJA KUDA**, All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

AUWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **ALIYU AUWAL IBRAHIM**, now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

MICHEAL: I' formerly known and called **OGUNDOKUN MICHEAL ADEBOWALE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MICHEAL ADEBOWALE**. All formal document remain valid. General public should please take note.

HAIJIYA: I, formerly known as **HAIJIYA LAWAN YERIMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAIJIYA LAWAN YERIMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

FESTUS: I formerly known and addressed as **KOYENIKAN ORIMOLADE** now wish to be known and addressed as **KOYENIKAN FESTUS**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **Shekwony Helen Daniel**, now wish to be known as **MUSA HELEN**. All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note.

I, formerly known as **FAUZIYA MUHAMMED** Now wish to be known and addressed as **FAUZIYA MUHAMMED BAKO** All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

ADAM: I formerly known as **MUTTAKA MUSA**, wish to be known and addressed as **MUTTAKA MUSA ADAM**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

ONEHI: I formerly known and addressed as **ECHEWODO EVANGELINE EKWUTOSI**. now wish to be known and addressed as **ONEHI EVANGELINE EKWUTOSI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

OWOICHO: I, formerly known as **AJUMA GLORIA OWOICHO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OWOICHO JOSEPHINE**. My date birth was wrongly captured as 8th day of May, 1978 instead of 9th day of July, 1990. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

SAMUEL: I formerly known and addressed as **MISS DAVID BLESSING MESSIAH** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS SAMUEL BLESSING MESSIAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

TERSOR: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **ABUNDE IGBO SIMON**. NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **TERSOR IGBO SIMON**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I, formerly known as **AHMED UMAR IBRAHIM** Now wish to be Called and addressed as **UMAR IBRAHIM** and my DOB is 11/01/1981 All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public. Should take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **HADIZA MUSA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

I hereby wish to notify the public that the names **HALIMA TANIMU** and **TANIMU HALIMAT SA'ADIYYA** referred to same person and henceforth wish to be known as **HALIMA TANIMU YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

DAHIRU: I formally known as **AUWAL UMAR**, now wish to be called **DAHIRU LAWAL KOKEI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

EDISON: I Formerly known and addressed as **OFULUE JULIET EKENE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EDISON JULIET EKENE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

SUNDAY: I formally known and addressed as **CHRISTIAN OBIKUDU DUBEM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SUNDAY IMEH FRANCIS**. All former documents remain valid any authority concerned and general public take notes.

I formerly known as **SHALDAM MARY YAKUBU** now wish to be known as **SHALDAM MARY**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

AISHA: I formerly known as **FAUZIYA MUSA** with DOB 01-01-1991, now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA MUSA ADAM** with DOB 04/04/1999 All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

LIMAN: I formerly known as **IKRAH IMAM YA'U** now wish to be known and addressed as **IKRA LIMAN YA'U**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DENNIS: I, formerly known as **MEGBULEM AMBROSE DENNIS HARLEM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWUWOKEN AMBROSE DENNIS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MELVIN: My name has been captured as **AHANEKU OBINNA MELVIN** in some documents, while the complete one is **AHANEKU OBINNA MELVIN CHIBUIKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

Ibrahim: I formerly known and called Ibrahim Bin Musa, now wish to be known and addressed as Ibrahim Musa. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **DAHIRU USMAN** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **DAHIRU MANDEDE** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

ABENG: I formerly known as **INNOCENT OJRIA ABENG**, now wish to be known and addressed as **INNOCENT ABENG**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

EJEMBI: Formerly I was bearing **HASSANAT ABDULLAH ABULKADIRI**, after my marriage on the 2nd/2/2008, I now change my name to **HASSANAT ADAKOLE EJEMBI**, now I wish to change my name from **HASSANAT ADAKOLE EJEMBI** to **HASSANAT ROSELINDA EJEMBI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TAIWO: I, formerly known as **OGUNSANWO TAIWO OLUWATOSIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OGUNBIYI TAIWO OLUWATOSIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SADO: I, formerly known and addressed as **CHUKWU HAPPINESS FELICIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SADO FELICIA WETANA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

YAHAYA: I formerly known and called (first name) **YAHAYA** (middle name) **SANI** (surname) **SADA**, now wish to be known and addressed as (first name) **YAHAYA** (surname) **ABUBAKAR**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

MARYAM: I was formerly known and addressed as **MARYAM LAWAL ABUBAKAR** That I now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM UMAR** all documents bearing former names remain valid and the general public should please take note.

AISHATU: I, formerly known and addressed as **AISHATU SHEHU**, now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHATU SHEHU AHMAD**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

OGBONNA: I, formerly known as **CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY OGBONNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OGBONNA ANTHONY OKAFOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AINA: I, formerly known as **FOLASHADE OYINKANSOLA FAJUJI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FOLASHADE OYINKANSOLA AINA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ATANDA: I formerly known and addressed as **GOLD RABIAT AJIKE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ATANDA RABIAT AJIKE**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

SURAJA: I formerly known and called **MAMMAN SALIHU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SURAJA SALIHU**. All other documents remain valid. The relevant authorities concerned and the general public to take note.

I formerly known as **DANLADI BAGAI** now wish to be known as **USMAN USAINI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

FATIMA: I, formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA HARUNA** on BVN/Account and **FATIMA USMAN** on National ID card, now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA HARUNA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities, UNITY BANK, NIMC and the general public should please take note.

Bank Details

Pay into any of our Accounts:
Account Name: MEDIA TRUST LTD,
Send your payment mandate to our email addresses

Bank: Stanbic IBTC Plc
Account No: 0000913253
Sort Code: 221081552

Bank: First Bank Plc
Account No: 2002911690
Sort Code: 011084060

Bank: UBA Plc
Account No: 1007117397
Sort Code: 033080013

Bank: GTBank Plc
Account No: 0024570856
Sort Code: 058083231

Requirement for Change of Name
Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

DAILY TRUST Classifieds made easy

NAFIU: I, formerly known and addressed as ADAMU HASSAN, now wish to be called and addressed as NAFIU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MUSA AHMED now wish to be called and addressed as MUSA AHMAD YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

AMINU, I formerly known as SULAIMAN ABDU now wish to be called and addressed as AMINU IBRAHIM SHU'AIBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

Verification of name, I formerly known as GARUBA SODIK now wish to be called and addressed as BABA GARBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ROSELIMA: I Formerly known as ROSELIMA ANTHONY Now wish to be called and addressed as ROSELIMA ZUGWAI ANTHONY To correspond with my BVN ACCESS BANK PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

GAMBO: I Formerly known as OMO GARBA KASIM Now wish to be called and addressed as GAMBO MAGAJI To correspond with my credentials All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

MARIYA: I, formerly known and addressed as MARIA FOLAKE ELIJAH and MARIYA SURAJU, now wish to be called and addressed as MARIYA SURAJU, and correct DOB is 23/03/2000. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

Formerly known as ABDULAZEEZ JINJIRI MUSA & MUSA ABDU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULAZEEZ MUSA ISHAQ. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

HASSAN, I formerly known as HASSAN SALIHU SULEIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as HASSAN SALIHU SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AUWAL, I formerly known as MAHMUD AUWAL S/FULANI now wish to be called and addressed as AUWAL MAHMUD S/FULANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I, formerly known as YUNUSA MUSTAPHA, now wish to be known and called MUSTAPHA YUNUS. All former documents remain valid. FCMB, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

HASANA: I formerly known as HASANA ALIYU now wish to be called and addressed as HASANA HARUNA all former documents remain valid. Eco Bank and general public should please take note.

REJOICE: I formerly known as USHIWA PATRICK KWAGHE, now wish to be known as REJOICE PATRICK KWAGHE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as FIDDAUSI IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as FIDDAUSI IBRAHIM RABIU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

SAIDU, I formerly known as SAIDU HARUNA now wish to be called and addressed as SAIDU HARUNA SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BASHIR, I formerly known as BASHIR LAWAN ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as BASHIR LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AHMED: I, formerly known as AHMED MOHAMMED YA'E, now wish to be known and called AHMED MOHAMMED JA'E. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OJONIMI: I, formerly known as AHMED MOHAMMED BABA, now wish to be known and addressed as OJONIMI OMOJO BABA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BEM: I formerly known as TSETIM BEM FIDELIS BEM, now wish to be known as DAMAKI FIDELIS BEM. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

I formerly known as Mani Nasiru Abubakar now wish to be known and addressed as Nasiru Mani Abukur. All Former documents remain valid. Authority concern to please take note

JIBRIL, I formerly known as JIBRIN B SHEHU, JIBRIN BELLO now wish to be called and addressed as JIBRIL BELLO SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM AHMED ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AKILU: I Formerly known as AKILU BADARU Now wish to be called and addressed as AKILU BADARU IDRIS To update my BVN DOB to AKILU BADARU IDRIS My correct DOB is 23/Nov/1975. All Former documents remain valid ACCESS BANK PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

OGU: I, formerly known as GERALD OGILI, now wish to be known and called OGU GERALD. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

LINDA: I formerly known as MISS. AGBECHA HEMBADOON LINDA, now wish to be known as MRS. BUCKNALL HEMBADOON LINDA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

ALIYU, I formerly known as ALIYU BALA now wish to be called and addressed as ALIYU HARUNA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as TALATU ISHAKU. Now wish to be called and address as TALATU NENFOT SUWA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and General public should please take note.

SUNA, I formerly known as WADATA GARBA now wish to be called and addressed as SUNA GARBA WADAYYE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE I, TINA TIMOTHY ACHI Was Married to WINSTON BULUS On the 30th Dec 2020 that the marriage was performed According to Native Law and custom Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

MOH'D: I, formerly known as MOH'D YUNUSA, now wish to be known and called MOH'D YUNUSA TSAKUWAWA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ABDULKAREEM: I formerly known as ABDUL KAREEM FARUQ on my Account, now wish to be known as ABDULKAREEM UMAR FARUQ. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should take note.

HASSAN, I formerly known as ISMAIL ABBA now wish to be called and addressed as HASSAN ABBA ALHASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MUHAMMAD BELLO. Now wish to be called and address as UMAR BELLO UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and General public should please take note.

NAFISA, I formerly known as NAFISA NURA AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as NAFISA NURA HAFIZU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

TEMITOPE: I formerly known as TEMITOPE OLAYEMI now wish to be called and addressed as TEMITOPE OPEYEMI ADENIYI all former documents remain valid. my date of birth was wrongly captured as 14/02/1990 the correct date of birth is 15/05/1993 Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

ABDULKARIM: I, formerly known as ZARI ABDULKARIM ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and called ABDULKARIM ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ALEXANDER: I formerly known as ALEXANDER TIMOTHY MUDUTGAP, now wish to be known as MUDUTGAP, ALEXANDER TSENYEN and my date of birth was wrongly captured on my Voter's card as 26th October, 1991 instead of 26th October, 1990. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

KABIRU, I formerly known as KABIR DANHIRU now wish to be called and addressed as KABIRU DAHIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAMAILA, I formerly known as USMAN MA'AZA now wish to be called and addressed as SAMAILA ABDU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as AHMAD BELLO now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI AHMAD BELLO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABDULRAHMAN: I formerly known as ABDULRAHMAN MUSA AHMED now wish to be called as ABDULRAHMAN MUSA OJAPA all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

EVELYN: I, formerly known as OBIAGERI OLEKANMA, now wish to be known and addressed as EVELYN OBIAGERI ECHIBEH. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

RHODA: I formerly known as AFAN RHODA ABUS, now wish to be known as NYAM RHODA ABUS. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

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

SHAREHU, I formerly known as SHAREHU SHEHU now wish to be called and addressed as SHAREHU SHUAIBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

KABIRU, I formerly known as Kabir Muhammad kabir now wish to be called and addressed as KABIRU MUHAMMAD Abdullahi. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known as SAUDATU IBRAHIM MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM SAUDATU MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

SALISU: I, formerly known as UMAR KHADIJA, now wish to be known and addressed as SALISU KHADIJA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA M. ADAMU, now wish to be known as BOHO MUSA NANZHWA. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

ALIYU, I formerly known as ALIYU ADAMU YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU ALIYU YUSUF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ABIGAIL, I formerly known as LARAI YAKUBU now wish to be called and addressed as ABIGAIL BULUS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SULAIMAN, I formerly known as SULAIMAN HUSAIN now wish to be called and addressed as SULAIMAN USAINI HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MAIMUNA: I, formerly known as MAIMUNA ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MAIMUNA MAMMAN LAGOS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SADIYA: I, formerly known as SADIYA MUSA BARAU, now wish to be known and addressed as SADIYA BUHARI TANKO. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AGNES: I formerly known as BULUS AGNES, now wish to be known as PAUL AGNES DECHI. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

RECONCILIATION OF NAMES, I am informing the General Public particularly I.B.T.C Pension Managers that I am bearing the following names: SANI IBRAHIM or IBRAHIM SANI.

KAMILU, I formerly known as KAMILU SULE SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as KAMILU SULE USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BUBA, I formerly known as BALASSE AHMADU now wish to be called and addressed as BUBA UMARU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

OJO: I formerly known as OJO DELE Now wish to be called and addressed as OJO OLADELE ISAIHAH DOB is 09/04/1974 not 09/04/1976 All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

SARATU: I Formerly known as SARATU PHILIP Now wish to be called and addressed as SARATU KATUNG Because of Married to KATUNG ILIYA All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

JOSEPH: I formerly known as JOSEPH SANI and JOSEPH GINI, now wish to be known as BANDOMA, JOSEPH GINI. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

ESTHER, I formerly known as ESTHER OMOLOLA OLUGBAMI now wish to be called and addressed as ESTHER OMOLOLA DARE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD ABDULWAHAB now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD ABDULWAHAB DATE OF BIRTH 14-02-1972. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LIZZY, I formerly known as LIZZY JOHN IMONITIE now wish to be called and addressed as LIZZY ATUAJIE IMONITIE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BALA: I Formerly known as MALLAM BITRUS ATU Now wish to be called and addressed as BALA BITRUS MALLAM All Former documents remain valid ZENITH BANK PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

MOHAMMAD: I, formerly known as MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and called MOHAMMAD MAMMAN LAGOS. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

DEBORAH: I formerly known as DEBORAH AZONG WAZIRI, now wish to be known as ATANG DEBORAH AZONG. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

MANNIR, I formerly known as MUNIR LABARAN old new date of birth 1-8-1999 now wish to be called and addressed as MANNIR LABARAN AHMAD new date of birth 3-8-1998. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

FATIMA, I formerly known as FATIMA MUHAMMAD MUTAWAKKILU now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as RILWANU YUSUF IBRAHIM now wish to be called as IBRAHIM RILWANU YUSUF all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note.

ZAMANI: I Formerly known as ZAMANI ILIYA Now wish to be called and addressed as ZAMANI ILIYA WILLIAMS All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

ANEBI: I Formerly known as JACOB TARAH Now wish to be called and addressed as ANEBI JARUMI TARA DOB From 26/Dec/1997 To 25/Dec/1997 All Former documents remain valid The General public and any authority concerned to please take note

GBEM: I formerly known and addressed as MR GBEM EPHRAIM, now wish to be known and addressed as MR GBEM MHUNGURGA. All former documents remain valid. The constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

ALAMIN, I formerly known as AMINU ABDULLAHI UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as ALAMIN ABU MAMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as BARIRA MOHAMMED UMAR. Now wish to be called and address as BARIRA MOHAMMED. That my correct Date of Birth is 31/5/1998 not 1/1/1999. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and General public should please take note.

GADDAFI: I, formerly known as GADDAFI ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known and called GADDAFI ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

PAUL: I Formerly known as SANI BAKUT Now wish to be called and addressed as PAUL ANTHONY All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

AMOS: I, formerly known and addressed as ILESANMI AMOS TUNDE. Now wish to be known and addressed as AMOS BABATUNDE EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as AHMAD AHMAD IDRIS & AHMED IDRIS AHMED now wish to be called and addressed as MANNISIRU AHMAD MUHAMMAD All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note remain valid Authority concern and general public note

HUSSAINI, I formerly known as HUSSAINI MUSA ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAINI MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SALISU, I formerly known as SALISU SADIQ. Now wish to be called and address as SAFIYANU SALISU. That my correct Date of Birth is 16/7/1994 not 16/6/1994. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI: I, formerly known as ABDULLAHI DANKANO SHEHU, now wish to be known and called ABDULLAHI SHEHU. Wrong Date of birth 17January 1957 Correct Date of birth 12JULY 1957 All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as IBRAHIM AHMED now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM AHMED MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

ANTHONY: I, formerly known and addressed as ANTHONY DJOSSOU AUSTINE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ANTHONY ENIOLA JUSTINE. That I was born on 16th day of April, 1980 not 16th day of April, 1979. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as BASHIR USAINI now wish to be called and addressed as BASHARI USAINI ALBASU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

HABIBU, I formerly known as HABIBU ABDULKADIR now wish to be called and addressed as HABIBU ABDULKADIR ADAM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

ASHIRU, I formerly known as ASHRU MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ASHRU YAHUZA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

AMINU: I, formerly known as MOHAMMED SANI, now wish to be known and called AMINU SANI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

JAAFAR: I formerly known as JAFAR MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as JAAFAR MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AKUEJIONWU: I, formerly known and addressed as AKUEJIONWU BELLA OLUEBUBE. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKUEJIONWU ABRIELLE OLUEBUBE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as ADAMU Naubba Ballota now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU Naubba. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

MUSTAPHA, I formerly known as MUSTAPHA SAID now wish to be called and addressed as MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM SAID. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

NASIRU, I formerly known as SANI KAWO NASIRU now wish to be called and addressed as NASIRU HABIB. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

OLALOYE: I formerly known as JOY MICHAEL now wish to be called and addressed as OLALOYE JOY TOYIN all former documents remain valid. general public should please take note.

BENJAMIN: I formerly known as KWAGHE HARUNA BENJAMIN now wish to be called and addressed as BENJAMIN HARUNA KWAGHE all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

ELIZABETH: I, formerly known and addressed as AYOMIDE OMOWUNMI OGUNNIYI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ELIZABETH ABOSEDE OGUNNIYI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as HASSAN ABDULHAKIM now wish to be called and addressed as MUKTAR UMAR. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

ABBAS, I formerly known as ABBAS AHMED now wish to be called and addressed as ABBAS AHMAD ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as UMAR SANI now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR SANI AYUBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

USMAN: I, formerly known as USMAN ALI, now wish to be known and called USMAN ALIYU YUSUF. All former documents remain valid. First Bank plc and the general public to please take note

ISYAKU: I formerly known as SANI IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as ALH ISYAKU A. BAYARO all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

NWACHUKWU: I, formerly known and addressed as JOSHUA GLORIA RAKIYA. Now wish to be known and addressed as NWACHUKWU GLORIA RAKIYA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as MOHD ABBAS HAMZA 01/01/1990 now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMAD HAMZA ABBAS. 13/02/1995. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as SULAIMAN SHAFIU now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR HASSAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JAMILA, I formerly known as JAMILA IRMIYA now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILA SAIDU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

JACOB: I, formerly known as JACOB NDAH DANIEL, NDAH JACOB DANIEL, now wish to be known and called JACOB NDAH. WRONG DATE OF BIRTH : 16-02-1985. CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH : 20-02-1985. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

HELEN: I formerly known as HELEN PAUL now wish to be called and addressed as HELEN FRIDAY all former documents remain valid Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

AJE: I, formerly known and addressed as FAKOREDE OMOLOLA DORCAS. Now wish to be known and addressed as AJE DORCAS OMOLOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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OLUYEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUYEMI ESTHER ADUNNI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUYEMI MUJIDAT ADUNNI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YUSUF: I, formerly known and addressed as **LAWAL OLUFUNMILOLA DEBORAH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSUF OLUFUNMILOLA DEBORAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKOLADE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MARY NDIDI ONWORDI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKOLADE MARIAM ONWORDI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known as Umar Ibrahim Kusada Now wish to be called and addressed as Umar Ibrahim. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

ALI: I formerly known as **ALI BUKAR**, now wish to be known as **ABUBAKAR GONI ALI**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note

SHAMSIYYAH: I formerly known as **SHAMSIYA MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHAMSIYYAH ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

This is to inform the public that my correct name is **ODUKOYA SUNDAY ADEOLU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

DEJONWO: I, formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM OMORINSOLA OLAYINKA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **DEJONWO OLUFUNMILAYO MORINFAT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IGWE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MBAME NGOZI MARYANN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IGWE NGOZI MARYANN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

LIVINUS: I formerly known as **OKAFOR AUGUSTINA IJEOMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **LIVINUS AUGUSTINA IJEOMA**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

ALAJIRAM: I formerly known as **MAJIRAM MUSTAPHA MOMODU** now wish to be known as **ALAJIRAM MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

FALMATA: I formerly known and addressed as **FALMATA DALA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA DALA MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

OLUWOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OGUNSOLA OLUWANISOLA ABOSEDE MARY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLUWOLE OLUWANISOLA ABOSEDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OTEMOYE: I formerly known and addressed as **Sopekan Oluwabunmi Biliki** Now wish to be known and addressed as **Otemoye Oluwabunmi Esther**. All former documents remain valid general public to please take note.

ABDULMUMINI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss WUGA ZAINAB OLUWAFUNMILAYO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ABDULMUMINI WUGA ZAINAB**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SULEIMAN: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED SULEIMAN** now wish to be known as **SULEIMAN GARBA YUSI**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

USMAN: I formally known as **SAIBU USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRISA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

AISHATU: I formerly known and addressed as **AISHATU ALIYU UMAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU ALIYU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

JESUFUNWA: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNFUWA BUKAYO JOSEPH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JESUFUNWA BUKAYO JOSEPH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OYEWUSI: I formerly known and addressed as **ISAAC FUNMILAYO** Now wish to be known and addressed as **STELLA FUNMI OYEWUSI**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

JIDA: I formally known as **MOHAMMED JIDDA**, now wish to be known as **MUHAMMED JIDA**. All my former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as **MOSES UMARU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA MOSES**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

ZAINAB: I formerly known as **ZAINAB ALHAJI MAKINTA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAINAB BABAGANA MARTE**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

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

ODEBIYI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss EBITA BLESSING RUTH**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ODEBIYI BLESSING RUTH**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGU: I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS. OZOR HANNAH NDIIDIAMAKA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OGU HANNAH NDIIDIAMAKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note

MUHAMMED: I formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MUHAMMED** All former documents remain valid. 25/10/1992 to 25/02/1986 All concern and authority General public should please take note.

JIBRILLA: I formerly known as **JIBRILLA SAADU** now wish to be known and addressed as **JIBRILLA SAADU UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

GONI: I formerly known as **MAIZAFI ABASS DAUDA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GONI ALI DAUDA**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

ESTHER: I formerly known as **HILLARY ESTHER BAYALBUT N.C.E. READING HILLARY ESTHER MICHAEL KURE** now wish to be known and addressed as **ESTHER MICHAEL KURE** with **D.O.B, 17-04-1985** All former document remain valid. General public and any authority concern should take note.

OLAOLU: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLAOLU YEMI SUNDAY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLAOLU OLAYEMI SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLADEPO: I, formerly known and addressed as **AGBEDEYI AKINTAYO PETER**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLADEPO TEMITAYO DAVID**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UMAR: I formerly known and addressed as **USAINI UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINI UMAR** All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 25/10/1992 to 25/02/1986** All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as **MUHAMMED BELLO TUKUR** now wish to be known as **MOHAMMED BELLO TUKUR**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as **BUKAR MODU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUKAR MODU MAINA**. All former documents remain valid. With **DOB 21/03/1993**, general public should please take note

CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH: I **MOMOH JIMOH OMENESA** with **DATE OF BIRTH 6th JANUARY, 1962** not **6th JANUARY, 1956**. All former documents remain valid and general public particularly; **FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, KATSINA (PENCOM), (IPPI)** should take note

OLUDOLAMU: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLUDOLAMU ELIZABETH IBUKUNOLUWA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUDOLAMU ELIZABETH BLESSING**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AGUNLOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **YUSUF OLAMIDE MOJISOLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AGUNLOYE MOJISOLA OLAMIDE**, due to change in marital status. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned should please take note

MUHAMMED: I formally known as **ADAMU IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU IBRAHIM MUHAMMED**, **DOB/ 17/01/1993**, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

RACHEL: I formerly known and addressed as **RACHEL AMEESOMI PIUS** now wish to be called and addressed **RACHEL AMEESOMI AIGBONA**. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please

IDRIS: I formerly known as **YUSUF IDRIS USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IDRIS YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME ON MY NED RESULT: I **LENNAYIA BETTER HUNDAN** that I sat for the June 2009 National Examination Council (NECO) with Registration No: **93021014EB** and Certificate No. **500845070**. That on the release of the said NECO Result, my name was wrongly written as **LENNAYIA BETTER IHUNWAH** instead of **LENNAYIA BETTER HUNDAN**. That my correct name is **LENNAYIA BETTER HUNDAN**. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ADINNU: I, formerly known and addressed as **ANENE CHINENYE JULIANA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADINNU CHINENYE JULIANA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: I formerly known and addressed as **OPALEYE MUKAILA** want to add "**AMOBI**" to my name. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OPALEYE MUKAILA AMOBI**. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formally known as **SALAMATU YUSUF**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAMATU ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ANKALE: I, formerly known as **ANKALE KAPSIYA DAUDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ANKALE KAPSIYA**. All former documents remain valid. And my correct **DOB** is **03-04-1992** not **04-04-1992** and **04-12-1992**. As wrongly captured on **BNV** and Account details. General public should take note.

ABDULSALAM: I formally known as **ABDULSALAM GARBA** now wish **DOB 01-01-1995** to be known and addressed as **ABDULSALAM ABUBAKAR** all former documents remain valid **DOB 01-01-1998** general public should please take note.

I, AMADI OPARELI, OBINUCHI CHAMBERLIN: That during the registration of my (BVN) with Sterling Bank plc my middle name **CHAMBERLIN** was omitted. That I now wish to add my middle name **CHAMBERLIN** to my name on my (BVN) That I now wish to be known called and addressed as **AMADI OPARELI, OBINUCHI CHAMBERLIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ADEOYE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss KOLAWOLE FUNMILOLA BOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ADEOYE FUNMILOLA BOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADISA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MUTIYAT BOSE ADIO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADISA MUTIATU BOSE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

USMAN: I formerly known and addressed as **ILIYA SHEHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ILIYASU USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public to note.

MAGAJI: I, formerly known as **ABDULAZEEZ MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULAZEEZ MUHAMMAD MAGAJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

SADIAT: I formerly known as **SADIAT YETUNDE TIJANI** now wish to be known as **SADIAT YUSUF TIJANI**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

AWENE-AMADI: That I was formerly known as **EDNA EWONUBARI ESAENWI**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **EDNA EWONUBARI AWENE-AMADI**. All documents bearing my former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SULAIMON: I, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs SULAIMON-MUFUTAU SAKIRAT OMOWUNMI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs SULAIMON SAKIRAT OMOWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKOREDE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OMISORE OLUWAKEMI KUDIRAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AKOREDE KUDIRAT OLUWAKEMI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SARKI: I formally known as **USMAN SARKI ABDULKADIR** and now wish to be known and addressed as **USMAN SARKI LEWE**. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note

SULEIMAN: I, formerly known as **SULAIMAN ZUBAIRU LADAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN ZUBAIRU**. All former documents remain valid. And my correct **DOB** is **08-12-1956** not **01-05-1953**. General public should take note.

LANDU: I Formerly known as **BALA HASKE HENRY** and **HASKE B. HENRY** Now wish to be known and addressed as **LANDU ADAN** All former documents remain valid General public to please take note

IWUALA: That I was formerly known as **CHUKWUNAZA MICHAEL**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **IWUALA THELMA CHINAZA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

BABALOLA-UGBO: I, formerly known and addressed as **UNANAH UGBO IYABO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IYABO SAFURATU BABALOLA-UGBO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AZONDEDJROHOUN: I, formerly known and addressed as **AZONDEDJRO JOHN-CLAUDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AZONDEDJROHOUN JEAN-CLAUDE**. That I was born on 1st day of January, 1991 not 1st day of July, 1991. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BALA: I formally known as **ABDULLAHI BALA AUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUDU BALA** all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

JARMA: I formerly known as **JARMA MOHAMMED**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **JARMA MOHAMMED SALEH**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as **BUBA MOHAMMED**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

AISHA: I formally known as **Aisha Umar Mu'azu** and now wish to be known and addressed as **Aisha Umaru Mu'azu**. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of original certificate of occupancy of a land situated on Gusau Road, opposite Giginya Barrack bearing the name of Alh abdu maidala of POBox 66 Sokoto Nigeria, with certificate number SS 1188 Issued to him by Commissioner for Housing and environment sokoto state of Nigeria in the year 1978. All efforts made to trace the said missing document proved abortive. If Found kindly Return to the nearest police station. Authority Concern and General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Letter of Grant Plot No. 22RDKW400 File No. RES/2002/6512, Issued by Burea for Land Management, bearing the name of BINTA NUHU BICHI, of Tukuntawa Municipal L.G.A. Kano.
All effort made to trace the original Letter of Grant proved abortive. Members of the General Public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

PUBLIC NOTICE
National Groundnut Producers, Processor and marketers Association of Nigeria (NGROPPMAN) has innugrated five members electoral committee which include chairman and secretary on 12th January, 2021 for the election of its executive members.
The Association also fixed 19th January, 2021 as a day to elect its executive.
Venue :Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment conference hall, old federal sectariate area 1 Garki Abuja.
Time 10am.
For more information contact the following numbers: 08033087637 or 08035185063.
SIGN:
Alhaji Yahuza Abdullahi Dabai,
Chairman electoral committee.

LEGAL NOTICE:
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, JIGAWA STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column.
AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of "Letters of Administration" of the personal properties of the said deceased.
NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, "UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Jigawa State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice.
DECEASED
HASSAN GALADIMAO of NPF Jigawa Who died on the 7/12/2020 at Hospital
MOHAMEED YAU of INEC Jigawa Who died on the 29/12/2020 at Hadejia
ISA SANI FALALU of Jahun, Who died on the 7/2/2020 at Jahun
STEPHEN ABRAHAM of NPF Jigawa Who died on the 25/11/2020 at Hospital
APPLICANTS
HABU HASSAN Of Beguwa Town The Proposed Administrator
ABDULLAHI MAS'UD of Hadejia Town The Proposed Administrator
TASIU FALALU Of Jahun LEA The Proposed Administrator
HYELLANATI STEPHEN & CLIFFORD IBRAHIM of Hong LGA, The Proposed Administrators
DATED 7th JANUARY, 2021
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA
(AISHA AHMAD BABURA ESQ.), AG. PROBATE REGISTRAR

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
ALHAJI SANI GONDA Whose Address is No. 38/142 Darbejiya Street, Sani Mainagge Quarters, Kano State, is hereby Notifying the General Public that, Right of Occupancy No. LKN/RES/92/1155 Covering Plot No. 1218 At Dorayi Babba Quarters, Kano State is Missing, Therefore if found, Kindly return it to the nearest Police Station.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KANO STATE PROBATE DIVISION KANO.
WHEREAS the person whose names to set out in the first column here under died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column.
AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and address/es is/are set out in the second column hereunder claim relationship to the said deceased and has/have applied to the High Court of Justice Kano State for the grant of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the personal Properties of the said deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to the said applicant unless a NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry of High Court of Justice Kano within TWENTY ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this Legal Notice.
DECEASED
AMINA BALA KABIR, Late of No. 45A Na'ibawa Qtrs. Kano. Died on 17th Day of September 2020 at Abuja Hospital.
APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT
KABIRU ISA DUTSE and **YAKUBU AMINU BELLO**, All of No. 45A Na'ibawa Gabas Qtrs. Kano. The Proposed Administrators of the Said Deceased.
DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021
PROBATE REGISTRY HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KANO STATE. SGD: ABDULLAHI ADO BAYERO PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died interstate on the date and at the place stated in the said column.

AND WHERE AS the person/person (s) whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for a grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" of the personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" will be granted to such person/persons unless "NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" is filed in the Probate Registry, High Court of Justice Katsina within TWENTY-ONE DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

DECEASED
MOHAMMED LAWAL OF NIGERIA
POLICE FORCE DIED ON 20/8/2018
AT PORTHARCOURT

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
FIDDAUSI MOHAMMED LAWAL &
FATLMA MOHAMMED ALL OF UNG.
DABINO, DUTSINMA WIDOW &
DAUGHTER.

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED
LATE NURA AMINU OF NIGERIA
POLICE FORCE DIED ON 26/9/2020
AT MAIDUGURI

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
BILKISU MUHAMMAD & ABDULLAHI
BELLO ALL OF TUDUN MATAWALLE,
KATSINA, MOTHER AND BROTHER.

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED
LATE GAMBO LAWAL OF A B U
TEACHING HOSPITAL ZARIA DIED ON
1/12/2019 AT SAMURU

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
FARIDA BA TURE & ABDULRASHEED
ABUBAKAR ALL OF FAYAMASA,
MALUMFASHI LGA DAUGHTER & SON

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED
HASSAN HAMISU. DIED ON
17/06/2020 AT DAURA. WORK AT
DAURA LOCAL GOVT. SECTERAT,
KATSINA STATE.

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
SANI MANZO OF UNGUWAR KWARI
DAURA LOCAL GOVT. BROTHER OF
THE DESEASED.

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED
BASHAR SALISU. DIED ON
08/06/2020. AT GENERAL HOSPITAL
KATSINA. WHO WORK AT DAURA
LOCAL GOVT. SECTERAT KATSINA
STATE

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
HAMISU SALISU DAURA OF
UNGUWAR YANDIN WALAI DAURA.
THE BROTHER OF THE DESEASED.

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

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DECEASED
AMINU WADA NIGERIA MOBILE
FORCE NO. 52 SQUADRON NPF
CHALAWA KANO. DIED ON
22/8/2019 AT MALUMFASHI

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
KABIR YAHUZA OF DAYI TOWN,
MALUMFASHI LGA BROTHER

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY,
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the person/persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died interstate on the date and at the place stated in the said column.

AND WHERE AS the person/person (s) whose addresses claimed relationship to the said deceased is/are set out in the second column hereunder have applied to the High Court of Justice Katsina for a grant of "LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION" of the personal property of the said deceased.

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DECEASED
LATE HAMISU SANI OF KATSINA
STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD (KTSSB).
DIED ON 20TH APRIL, 2019 AT
KATSINA

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
AMINU HAMISU OF UNGUWAR YARI,
KATSINA L.G.A.
THE SON OF THE SAID DESEASED.

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DECEASED
LATE UIMAMTU SALISU OF ZANGO
LOGAL GOVTT. DIED ON 22ND
FEBRUARY, 2018 AT ZANGO

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
ABUBAKAR HALIJU OF BLOCK M2
KOFAR MARUSA LOWCOST, KATSINA
L.G.A.
THE SON OF THE SAID DESEASED.

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DECEASED
LATE SAMAILA SALISU, WHO DIED
ON 27/01/2020 AT HOME DAURA.
WORK AT DAURA LOCAL GOVT.
SECTERAT.

APPLICANT FOR GRANT
IBRAHIM SALISU WORKS AT
INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE KATSINA
STATE. BROTHER OF THE SAID
DESEASED.

DATED THIS 13TH JANUARY, 2021

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HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
KATSINA.

(KABIR SHUAIBU)
PROBATE REGISTRAR

STELLA - I was formerly known as **MISS. STELLA E. IHEGIRIKA**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. STELLA CHARLES OPARA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

IDAGU: That I was formerly known as **MISS. OGBOR AGATHA OHOTU**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. IDAGU AGATHA OHOTU**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

PETER = I, formerly known as **PETER PETER EMMANSON**. Now wish to be known as **PETER EMMANSON ETOKENING**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

BRAIMAH - I, formerly known as **JIMOH NURUDEEN**. Now wish to be known as **BRAIMAH NURUDEEN JIMOH**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MUSA MUHAMMAD** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA BELLO WITH D.O.B 01-01-2000** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **KABIR MOHAMMAD SAHABI** Now wish to be known and addressed as **SAHABI MUHAMMAD KABIRU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

DOMINION - I was formerly known as **IROH GIFT PRINCESS**. That I now wish to be known as **DOMINION PRINCESS**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

IKEDICHI: That I was formerly known as **MISS. IHENAKARAM NKIRUKA JULIA**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. IKEDICHI NKIRUKA JULIA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MRS. EMEGHARA - I, formerly known as **MISS. OKEZIE CALISTHA NNEOMA**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. EMEGHARA CALISTHA NNEOMA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. SUCCESS - I, formerly known as **MISS. SUCCESS CHINOYEREM CHIBUZO**. Now wish to be known as **MRS. SUCCESS CHINOYEREM HUMPHREY ARUMODUM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **SUNDAY OYETAYO OYETAYO OYETORO** Now wish to be known and addressed as **OYETORO SUNDAY** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ABDULRAHMAN HAMZA** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ZAYYANU UMAR** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SALIFU - I was formerly known as **MISS. GIFT JAPHET**. That I now wish to be known as **MRS. SALIFU GIFT PRINCE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, UDOETUK HOPE SUNDAY, That during the registration of my BVN my name was wrongly written as **ETUK HOPE SUNDAY** instead of **UDOETUK HOPE SUNDAY**. That my correct name is **UDOETUK HOPE SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

OFEHE = I, formerly known as **MISS. AWAH OLUCHI RUTH**. Now wish to be known as **OFEHE OLUCHI AUSTIN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MUNACHI = I, formerly known as **miss. Ogbuagu Sandra**. Now wish to be known as **MUNACHI ISRAEL-EKANEM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **ADAMU UMAR UMAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU FARUK UMAR** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **MUHAMMAD ALIYU** Now wish to be known and addressed as **JUNAIDU UMAR BUNZA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME - I, **JOSEPH CHIBIERE OMEIRE**, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written as **JOSEPH CHIDIEBERE OMEIRE** instead of **JOSEPH CHIBIERE OMEIRE**. That my correct name is **JOSEPH CHIBIERE OMEIRE**. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS AUGUSTINE: I, formerly known as **MISS EJIKE AUGUSTINA OGECHUKWU**, now wish to be known as **MRS AUGUSTINE OGECHUKWU AUGUSTINA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONWUHARONYE : Formerly known as : MISS. ONWUHARONYE MERCY TONY. I wish to be known as : **MRS. POPOOLA ADENIKE SOLA**. That all documents bearing my former names remains valid, General public should please take note.

OKORO - That my details on my NIMC Identity Card was wrongly captured as : ALUM OKORO, JOHN. That my correct details and arrangement of my name is **OKORO JOHN ALUM**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note.

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THOMPSON: That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **JOSEPH BASSEY UDO** and **UDO BASSEY JOSEPH**. Henceforth, I wish to be known as **JOSEPH BASSEY THOMPSON**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

ONUOHA: I, formerly known, addressed and called **AMECHI NWEBONYI**, now wish to be known, addressed and called **AMECHI PASCAL JOSEPH ONUOHA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

POPOOLA : Formerly as : MISS. SOLA ADENIKE BEPO . I wish to be known as : **MRS. POPOOLA ADENIKE SOLA**. That all documents bearing my former names remains valid, The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as **NAFISA SANUSI** Now wish to be known and addressed as **RABI AHMAD** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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Francesca Jones
qualifies for
first Grand Slam
tournament



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■ Romelu Lukaku

Lukaku books Inter Italian Cup quarterfinal clash with AC Milan

Romelu Lukaku headed in an extra-time winner as Inter Milan set up an Italian Cup quarter-final clash with city rivals AC Milan on Wednesday with a 2-1 last-16 win over Fiorentina.

Belgian Lukaku connected with

Nicolo Barella's cross in the 119th minute to beat Fiorentina goalkeeper Pietro Terracciano and snatch a late triumph.

Chilean Arturo Vidal had given Inter the advantage five minutes before the break in normal time after a VAR review judged Terracciano to have fouled Alexis Sanchez.

But Christian Kouame blasted in a superb equaliser 12 minutes

after half-time to take the match to extra-time.

Lukaku came off the bench on 69 minutes and with a minute to go ensured Inter avoided going to a penalty shootout with his 17th goal this season in all competitions.

"It was an important win for our confidence against a strong team," said Lukaku days before Inter host champions Juventus in Serie A.

"We are a young team, we need to learn, but we're growing and we have shown the desire to improve."

AC Milan won 5-4 on penalties on Tuesday after their match against Torino ended 0-0 after extra time.

Title-holders Napoli are at home against Empoli later Wednesday with record 13-time winners Juventus taking on Genoa in Turin.

NPFL21: Heartland stun Enyimba to secure first league win

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

Enyimba has suffered its first loss of the ongoing 2020/21 Nigeria Professional Football League following a 2-0 defeat to a troubled Heartland in the Match Day 4 fixtures yesterday.

Heartland who in their own rights have not won a single match prior to this clash have further maintained an unbeaten record against Enyimba.

The Oriental Derby at the Dan Anyiam Stadium saw Shedrack Oghali scoring his second goal of the season in the 33rd minute to open scoring for his side while Adachi Emmanuel made its 2-0 for the Naze Millionaires in the 53rd minute to secure maximum points.

Following this victory, Heartland became the first team this season to breach Enyimba defence while retaining the unwanted record of not defeating their opponent in the NPFL since 2013.

In the other matches, Adamawa United played out a 0-0 draw against visiting Nasarawa United while Kano Pillars shattered a recovery process of Plateau United by a lone goal.

In Bauchi, Wikki Tourists defeated Rivers United 1-0 to also become the first team this season to score against the Port



■ L-R: Enyimba's duo of Philip Ozor and Anthony Omaka chasing the ball off Wikki Tourists' Chinedu Udeagha in Match Day 3 clash last week.

Harcourt-based side.

In Ilorin, Kwara United shared the points with Awka United as the game ended 1-1 while Abia Warriors' woes continue as they lost 1-3 at home to Jigawa Golden Stars.

At the hallowed grounds of Enugu Rangers, The Cathedral, it was another loss for the visiting Ifeanyi Ubah FC as they lost 1-2 to their host while Dakkada FC

played out a 1-1 game with MFM at the Nest of Champions.

In Akure, Sunshine Stars who lost their long-serving cameraman, Tubosun Alade to the cold hands of death were held to a 2-2 draw by Lobi Stars while Warri Wolves devoured visiting Katsina United with a 3-0 scoreline.

Following the conclusion of Match Day 4 fixtures, Rivers

United despite the loss, top the table with 9 points closely followed by Rangers who are also on 9 points.

Abia Warriors remain the only team in the league yet to win or even draw a game and are bottom of the table with no point while Adamawa United who are also yet to win a game but have drawn two games have two points and are 19th on the table.

Man City beat Brighton to extend unbeaten run

Manchester City extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches in all competitions with a hard-fought win over struggling Brighton.

Phil Foden grabbed the only goal just before half-time when he collected Kevin de Bruyne's pass, created space and fired into the bottom corner.

The hosts had chances to extend the lead, Riyad Mahrez shooting just wide, Ilkay Gundogan seeing an effort saved by Brighton goalkeeper Robert Sanchez and Bernardo Silva hitting the crossbar. Most culpably, Raheem Sterling sent an injury-time penalty over the bar after Sanchez had fouled De Bruyne.

Alexis Mac Allister had perhaps the Seagulls' best chance to equalise but shot over the top.

City's fourth straight win in the league moves them up to third, although they will drop back to fourth if Tottenham win at home against Fulham in the late game on Wednesday.

Brighton, meanwhile, have not won in nine league matches and could find themselves in the bottom three if 18th-placed Fulham come out on top at Spurs.

FAME Foundation signs MoU with FCT FA

By Olusola 'Jide @jide_olusola

FAME Foundation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with FCT Football Association under the PLAY it DREAM it Initiative, to mentor and equipped under-served and Internally Displaced Girls within the FCT with life skills.

Present at the occasion, which held recently at the Area 3 football pitch, Garki, Abuja, was thr

FCT FA Chairman, Alhaji Abbas Moukhtar, who was represented by Mr. Paschal Dogo, a board member of the FCT FA; Secretary, FCT FA, Coach Haruna Ilerika; Mr. Andrew Abah; other FCT FA board members; S.A Technical to the Minister of State, FCTA, Alhaji Mubiyu Mustapha; S.A Special duties to Minister of State FCTA, Alhaji Abubakar Ibrahim, FAME staff, volunteers and girls' representatives from Durumi IDP Camp, Abuja.

Both parties involved in the partnership signed the MoU in the presence of witnesses, to activate the boot-camp, which is to kick off on January 30, 2021, and expected to hold every last Saturday of the month for 3 years as stated by the MoU.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Paschal Dogo, a member of the FCT FA Board, thanked those in attendance, on behalf of the FCT FA Chairman.

He also appreciated

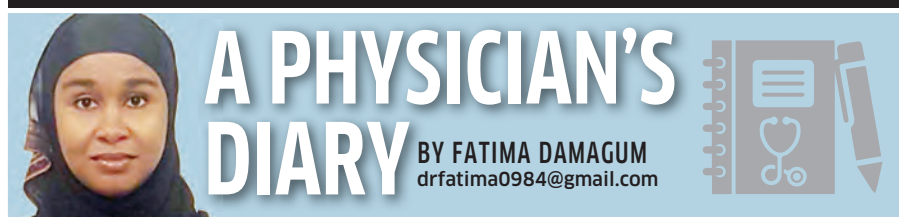
the FAME Foundation for their efforts and all they have been doing for the empowerment of women and girls in Nigeria, especially within the FCT.

Ms. Aderonke Bello, Executive Director, FAME Foundation, stated that Nigeria is a heterogeneous country with religious differences, language barriers, different geo-political zones and cultures, and football is the only activity that unifies us as a

country.

"FAME Foundation is using sport as a tool to address the Sustainable Development Goals. These girls will be trained on hygiene, leadership skills, personal development, and life skills, which will empower and educate them, and also enable them to compete with their equals".

The First edition of Play it Dream it Initiative Bootcamp will commence



A fate worse than death

Written for the Medical Women Association of Nigeria (Kano Branch), with permission of the patient.

As humans, we are taught to be grateful for the gift of life. Whether you are among those who hold lavish thanksgiving ceremonies and testimonies of survival or fall into the category of those who silently give alms to the poor in gratitude to God for sparing your life, the common denominator remains the same; we are thankful to the Almighty for being alive. But is it not true that one may suffer a fate worse than death itself? Do we not fathom that one may be better off dead than to continue living in some situations?

When the officials of the Medical Women Association of Nigeria (MWAN), Kano State chapter, called me on that Sunday morning, with the news, my heart sank. Not again, I thought. It is too early in the morning for this type of gruesome news. And for the umpteenth time, I cursed this profession that exposes us to terrible ailments and societal ills.

The patient is a six-year-old girl referred from FMC Azare, Bauchi State. She lay on the hospital bed, naked except for bandages covering her genitals and upper thighs. Her face had this sullen expression, and I imagined her already tired of being confined to a hospital bed. The child's mother, merely a girl herself, sat by her side, fiddling with her phone, watching Hausa home videos. The girl's paternal aunt, also her guardian, was present in the room. Together they narrated Hauwa's story.

On the 30th of December, 2020, while many were making preparations for the New Year, little Hauwa went outside to play with her peers in a small village in Jama'are LG in Bauchi. She lived with her paternal aunt as her parents had divorced and since re-married. The children were approached by two men, who wanted to send them on an errand. Some of the children ran away, while others pretended not to hear them and continued running around playing hide and seek. Little Hauwa volunteered and she was sent to call one popular 'mallam' in another street. Innocently, she ran to the house and was told by his wife that he was not home. She returned to tell the men who were standing near an abandoned building about her

findings, but was grabbed by them instead.

What followed next is something I never want to ever hear narrated again. I watched Hauwa's mother's face as she narrated how her child was gagged and restrained by the younger man, while the older man proceeded to remove the girl's entire genitalia. The man had scraped away everything with a knife, from one thigh to the other. All that was left was muscular tissue. I had heard the story from my colleagues but nothing prepared me for the brazen way in which the mother and aunt described Hauwa's condition. Their voices were flat, nonchalant, as if one was discussing the price of tomatoes in the market. Ignorance is bliss, they say.

The men eventually released the child and ran off, leaving her screaming and soaked in blood. Her aunt was immediately alerted and they rushed to the General Hospital, from which they were referred to the Federal Medical Centre. There, little Hauwa was transfused and stabilised before the decision to refer her to a teaching hospital was taken. A diagnosis was made: Unclassified Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)- and a team of Gynaecologists, Urologists and Plastic surgeons were immediately set up. As expected after such a traumatic injury, her complications started almost immediately: inability to pass urine i.e urinary retention. A catheter was passed with difficulty and a protocol for her management was outlined. None of the doctors had ever seen this type of butchery in their lives.

If anything, Hauwa's family history was even worse off. Her case highlighted all the societal ills that have plagued Northern Nigeria since time immemorial. Her story is reminiscent of the typical, rural Arewa lifestyle. Our high rate of divorce: already, at age 21, Hauwa's mother is in her third order of marriage. The cause of divorce? A trivial quarrel about the woman going out without her husband's permission. Teenage pregnancy and marriage: Her mother was 15 years old when she gave birth to Hauwa. Poverty and illiteracy: Unable to care for her two children, she dumped them with their aunt and immediately married another man. Insecurity and moral decadence: the

men who cruelly cut out her privates for ritual purposes.

While listening to their narration and watching little Hauwa with her sullen expression, I was suddenly overcome with guilt. The truth is simple: We failed her. Her parents failed. Her society failed her. Nigeria failed her. How terrible can a society be that an innocent little girl cannot play with her peers in the streets? How heartless can parents be such as to abandon their primary responsibility; the safety of their child? How desperate can we be to get rich that we would cruelly butcher a young girl for financial purposes?

What about the culprits you ask? The young man was allegedly captured the day it happened after the local vigilante group saw him running with blood stained clothes, while the older man was caught five days later in Mararaban Jos. They have since been detained in police custody and are awaiting trial. However, the most dangerous of them all, the 'mallam' that requested they obtain 'mafitsaran karamar mace' loosely translated to mean 'the urinary opening of a young virgin girl' is still at large. The older man confessed that he contracted the young man to help him procure the part, promising him N500,000 when he eventually 'hammered'.

The horrific manner of Hauwa's mutilation has made sensational headlines no doubt. The Bauchi State government immediately donated a million naira for her medical treatment. Kudos to them! The Kano State chapter of MWAN was also quick to take up her case, supporting her financially, legally and medically; and for this I am immensely proud. The management of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) has also approved a hefty sum towards her medical bills, all in a bid to curtail the tragedy.

However, It is not enough to get goose pimples after reading this. It is not enough for us to wipe away our tears and drop the newspaper only for our minds to return to other frivolous things. It is also not enough for us to express anger; curse the society we live in and continue to carry on as if all is well. All is NOT well! Hauwa's treatment has just started. She will require multiple reconstructive surgeries if she is to ever have the semblance of a normal life. Complications we are yet to fathom may emerge as she grows older and she may just have to live with this scar for the rest of her life. What scares me the most is that we may have many more like her in the near future. Many more battered and physically traumatised people who have had various body parts removed because of stupid get-rich-quick-ritual- schemes.

Therefore, it is for people like Hauwa that we will continue to talk until our voices are hoarse. That societal ills, hiding under the pillars of culture and religion be addressed and ultimately reformed so that we may halt this evil spreading in our land. So that our children may have a chance.

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England's oldest living male Test cricketer, Don Smith dies



■ Don Smith

England's oldest living male Test cricketer Don Smith has died aged 97, his former county Sussex have confirmed. Smith played three Tests against the West Indies in 1957 and had a spell as Sri Lanka coach in 1984 before retiring to Australia with his wife Lyn.

He passed away peacefully at his home in Adelaide on Sunday.

A left-handed opening batsman and medium pace bowler, he scored just under 17,000 runs and took 340 wickets in a 16-year first-class career.

Smith was also the second oldest living Test player from any country, with South African all-rounder John Watkins two months older.

Francesca Jones qualifies for first Grand Slam tournament



■ Francesca Jones

Britain's Francesca Jones overcame a "wee mental breakdown" because of cuts on her fingers to qualify for a Grand Slam for the first time. The 20-year-old booked a place at the Australian Open with a crushing 6-0 6-1 victory over China's Lu Jiajing in the final round of qualifying in Dubai.

"I'm just super happy to qualify and really looking forward to getting out to Oz," she said.

The Australian Open starts on 8 February in Melbourne.