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"You always pass failure on the way to success"



- Mickey Rooney

AFRICAN SAYINGS

"One who has to yet learn to walk cannot climb a ladder"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

WEATHER

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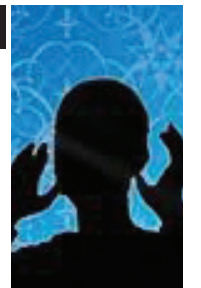
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ASR	4:05	4:05	4:05	4:00	4:04	4:22	3:43	4:08	4:12
MAGHRIB	6:35	6:40	6:37	6:30	6:33	6:58	6:13	6:44	6:44
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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ House Speaker Nancy Pelosi leads other lawmakers outside the US Capitol building in a moment of silence for the 900,000 Americans who lost their lives to COVID-19 Washington, DC, US

Photo: EPA

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IN-DEPTH

Why N800 daily levy on transporters is generating ripples in Lagos

From **Abdullateef Aliyu & Christiana Alabi, Lagos**

The newly imposed levy of N800 daily on all transporters in the state would have been a welcome initiative in an organised transportation setting, but for the chaotic and complex nature of the Lagos transport ecosystem where the agbero (touts) reign supreme, the case is different.

This is the fear of the popular danfo (minibus) drivers which the system actually targets. They said while the government's intention was to harmonise the levy and charges they paid on a daily basis, the proposal did not factor the "settlement" for agbero at each of the parks in the state.

The Lagos Transportation System is fraught with a lot of confusion and uncertainties. In the absence of an enduring transportation master plan and a mass transit system, the danfo has become the face of the state, dotting the nooks and crannies of the centre of excellence.

But for the big boys, the agbero of this world, the commercial buses are their source of income even though they are neither drivers nor bus conductors

On a daily basis, bus drivers and conductors are always at loggerheads with the agbero at every bus stop. As they pick passengers, even if it is one passenger, the driver must compulsorily pay the agbero who rake in millions of naira on a daily basis.

But with the new policy announced by the government during a recent stakeholders' meeting, there are fears that the proposed levy would be an additional burden on the drivers.

The state government and the transport stakeholders last month signed the agreement for the collection of "Consolidated Informal Sector Transport Levy", which according to the government, is designed to harmonise dues collected by government from commercial motorists at parks and garages across the state.

The agreement was signed between the state government on one side and local governments and various transport unions on the other.

The Commissioner for Finance, Dr Rabi Olowo, at the unveiling of the Consolidated Informal Sector Transport Levy Ticket, explained that the levy pegged at N800 covered monies for the local governments, clearing of waste from motor parks paid to the Ministry of Transportation, Lagos State Waste Management Agency (LAWMA), Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA), among others.

According to Olowo, personal



■ Commercial buses

income taxes of the drivers would also be deducted from the consolidated levy, which took effect February 1. The N800 is a single structured collection of the monies payable to all government agencies and parties who are directly or indirectly associated with the transport sector.

With the harmonised levy, each commercial bus driver is expected to pay N800 daily, which accumulates to N24,000 monthly and N292,000 in a year.

Benefits of the levy, according to Olowo, include harmonising the collection process by putting a structure in place, reducing multiple taxes, dues and levies to all agents of state and LGs, providing reliable data, eradicating harassment of bus drivers, as well as bringing collaborative engagements within stakeholders, among others.

"What the government has done is to organise the collection and reduce the multiplicity of levies and all sorts of taxes, dues and monies due to government from the transport unions. Bus drivers will get tax cards, and the issue of arbitrary payments will be eradicated once they pay from the point of their loading each day," he said.

But as it was pointed out at the meeting, the new levy is aside dues collected by the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

The Chairman of the Lagos State chapter of NURTW, Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya (MC Oluomo), clarified that the N800 Consolidated Informal Transport Sector Levy did not deprive the union of collecting its normal statutory levy (national union ticket), while assuring that the union dues would now be collected at only one point in a structured manner.

The Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Mr Toyin Fayinka, stated that the development was the phase one approach towards total restructuring of the transport

sector; saying it was expected to bring sanity to motor parks in line with best practices globally.

Daily Trust further reports that the development is a fallout of a research report by the International Centre for Investigative Reporting (ICIR) which revealed that agbero in Lagos generate an estimated annual revenue of N123.078bn amassed from daily road use taxes levied on bus drivers, tricycle riders and motorcycle operators in the state.

Mr Olowo admitted that bulk of monies collected as levies before now was lost to unknown agents.

He disclosed that research had shown that an average commercial bus paid at least N3,000 as dues per day while some buses paid as high as N8,000 to N9,000.

While he described the new development as a form of revenue assurance; he assured that it would have a strong implication on reduction of levies paid by bus drivers at different points/parks before now.

He further said it would drastically reduce the suffering of the people as it was expected to reduce the cost of road transportation.

Mixed reactions from motorists

Mixed reactions have continued to trail the harmonised levy for motorists introduced by the Lagos government.

While some motorists see it as a welcome development that will help address multiple charges, others kicked against the initiative, describing it as an indirect way of exploiting them in addition to the pressure they suffer from the union.

A driver, who operates Oshodi to Onipan, disagreed with the N800 levy, saying the money they paid to the union on a daily basis was high and that they were forced to pay.

He advised that for the government to implement the harmonised levy, it should negotiate with the union with a view to prevailing on the national body to reduce dues and monies being paid

by motorists daily, noting that, "If that is not done, then government will not be seen to have helped the motorists."

Another motorist who operates in the Ikorodu axis, Mutiu, said the N800 levy was okay if it could be well regulated by the government, stressing the need to regulate activities of agents collecting dues for the union with a view to curbing their excesses.

Mr Waheed Samaila, another commercial driver, said the introduction of the levy would amount to legalising multiple charges, noting that, "We pay the union, we will also pay the council. We are making life difficult for ourselves."

Another bus driver, Ibrahim Ayoola, told our correspondent that the levy was yet to start.

He said, "They have not started collecting the N800 levy yet, but we have heard about it. When they start collecting this money, it will pay us because we will only be paying N800 for a whole day; no additional payment.

"For me to be paying only N800 a day without any other levy is ok. In a day, I cannot even calculate how much we pay.

"When I load passengers in the morning, they will collect N200 from me. I will pay N1,100 for the ticket and another N400 in the afternoon, plus N300 again. When I get to Berger, they will collect N600 from me, then N200, and when I load passengers there, they will collect N150. So paying this N800 will really pay us. One day when I sat down to calculate the money we pay in a day, I calculated close to N5,000 without adding other expenses like fuel and fixing any part of my bus that gets spoiled."

On his part, Ayeni Adeola said he was yet to be informed about it. Adeola said, "They haven't told us the day they will start collecting the N800 levy. Truly, we were told that that will be the only levy we will be paying daily, but we do not know when they will commence.

"It will do us a lot of good because we spend so much on levies per trip. We will be glad if they can start it, but we do not know how these road transport workers will react to it. They might not welcome it and we don't know what it will lead to. But it will be good for us and it will help us to make more money."

Weighing in on the matter, a group of prominent Lagos indigenes under the aegis of Omo Eko Pataki, said the newly imposed levy of N800 daily was cruel, ill-advised and patently outrageous.

A trustee of the group, Maj Gen Tajudeen Olanrewaju (Rtd), described it as a fresh burden on the already suffering people.

He said, "In a time of general economic hardship when many Nigerians can hardly afford three square meals a day, it is unconscionable to impose more burden on the hapless citizens of Nigeria's commercial centre.

"Transporters will naturally transfer this heavy toll to commuters which in turn will cause a multiple spiral effect on cost of foodstuff and general goods.

"The ultimate effect of this pure extortionist policy will vitiate the economic wellbeing of the rich and poor. Nobody will be immune, including those who are turning governance into an insentient money making machine.

"This is unfair. This is unjust. This is unacceptable. The first principle of governance is to protect and serve the interest of the electorate.

"Unfortunately, the Lagos State Government has warped this principle. It is obvious to us now that the Sanwo-Olu government is indifferent to the welfare of our people."

Samuel Odewunmi, a transport expert, said the comment by Oluomo that it did not affect the union dues had put a lie to the plan to harmonise the charges. In addition, he reiterated that the government had no resources to be deployed to all the garages and motor parks.

He said, "The excuse the government used is to cancel other small charges, but the truth is that the government has no resources to collect it for now. They cannot get enough people around those garages, and the method of collection is not what the government can embark upon. I am also aware that what they are thinking is to outsource it. They will now give it to a sub-contractor that would be collecting it on behalf of the government.

"Another challenge is that the government cannot be efficacious like those people collecting. I doubt if those people would agree to collect on the government's behalf. If you send people from the ministry to collect at the motor parks, first of all they cannot face them without the police. Two, if they are able to face them, the money would not be accounted for. I don't think the government has thought it through."

Adulterated petrol unsettles motorists

By Simon E. Sunday,
Chris Agabi, Hamisu K. Matazu
(Abuja), Abdullateef Aliyu &
Eugene Agha (Lagos)

The federal government, through the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), on Tuesday confirmed the circulation of adulterated petrol with methanol quantities above the country's specification.

Though the agency did not give the total volume of the product imported or that is in circulation, sources said at least 100 million litres of adulterated Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) are in circulation in the country.

It was learnt that a European company imported the product on behalf of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited.

NNPC was yet to react or give specific details on how the importer defeated all protocols to bring in the product and the failure to detect it in the ports, or at the depots until after consumers raised the alarm.

However, NMDPRA in a statement, yesterday, confirmed that there was a problem.

"Limited quantity of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), commonly known as petrol, with methanol quantities above Nigeria's specification, was discovered in the supply chain," it said. It explained that methanol is a regular additive in petrol and is usually blended in an acceptable quantity.

"To ensure vehicular and equipment safety, the limited quantity of the impacted product has been isolated and withdrawn from the market, including the loaded trucks in transit," it said.

NMDPRA said its technical teams were working with NNPC Ltd and other industry stakeholders to ensure that quality petroleum products were adequately distributed nationwide.

"The source supplier has been identified and further commercial and appropriate actions shall be taken by the authority and NNPC Ltd," it said.

Speaking to BBC Hausa, the Chief Executive of NMDPRA, Faruq Ahmed, admitted that the adulterated petroleum products were imported into the country but the situation was not as bad as people perceived it.

He said the authority, with the



■ From left: FCT Minister, Mallam Muhammad Bello; Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Mahmood Yakubu and Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC), Yahaya Bello during the enlarged stakeholders forum for 2022 FCT Area Council election held in Abuja yesterday
Photo: Felix Onigbinde

help of relevant agencies, had done much to isolate and withdraw the adulterated product out of circulation.

"Some days back, four ships imported petroleum products to NNPC Limited. On arrival, we discovered that the product is blended with an unacceptable quantity of methanol, so we were able to stop all the ships supplying that particular product and stop the depots where it was uploaded in Calabar and Warri from distributing it.

"We were also able to stop many loaded trucks on transit, but some have already unloaded in filling stations but we succeeded in withdrawing the adulterated fuel out of circulation.

"As I am talking to you now, we have formed a committee with representatives from NNPC, NMDPRA, major marketers and depot owners, currently meeting in Lagos, on how they will rid the adulterated petrol out of depots before supplying the good product into the market.

"We also identified the company that shipped and sold the adulterated product to the NNPC Limited and we will take legal action against the company, and the NNPC will take care of the trade aspect of it," he said.

It's a huge loss - Marketers

Marketers and industry watchers valued the adulterated product at N16.5 billion, raising fears that some vehicles have been damaged already.

Our correspondents report that because of its inability to refine its crude oil, Nigeria exports the product and in turn imports petrol and other products for domestic

use. The "bad" product had already gone across Lagos, Abuja, Cross River, Delta and many other states as of Tuesday, the marketers told *Daily Trust*.

"Some marketers who bought the adulterated fuel from NNPC Ltd are now posting losses when it was later discovered that the fuel is bad following complaints from vehicle owners," said an official of one of the major marketers comprising big names like Total, Mobil, among others.

"So far, NNPC has refused to state reasons for the bad fuel they imported," he said.

The incident is coming just weeks after the petrol subsidy removal saga rocked Nigeria and the federal government had to budget N3 trillion for NNPC Ltd to cover for the 2022 fiscal year as the sole importer of petrol.

At N165 per litre petrol retail price, the adulterated petrol which will cover consumption for two days in Nigeria, according to NNPC figures, is worth N16.5 billion.

While marketers blamed queues being seen in parts of the country, especially Lagos and Abuja for the closure of many dispensing stations over the fear of the bad product, they asked NNPC Ltd to do the needful.

They also accused NNPC of having special agents that import the product on its behalf rather than liberalizing the market in line with the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) to have various importers competing.

Cars grounded as queues mount

Some motorists have also confirmed the effects of the adulterated fuel on their vehicles. Segun Onibiyo, a motorist posted

a video on Twitter of how his vehicle became faulty after buying adulterated fuel.

"Palavar in Lagos; even Abuja is not spared. What kind of country is this?" Onibiyo lamented.

"This is a full tank and this is what we filtered from it," he said, indicating that the fuel pump and filter of the vehicle had gone bad from using the deep brown-coloured petrol.

Another Twitter user, Eniola filmed a fuel attendant in Lagos dispensing petrol in a container and the colour appeared to be dirty and brownish contrary to the popular plain or pink petrol colour.

Meanwhile, queues at petroleum stations have not abated as of Tuesday as only a few of the pumps were dispensing as observed in Lagos and Abuja.

When asked why there were selective pumps in dispensing petrol, a pump attendant at a station in Abuja, said, "Other pumps are linked to the tanks containing the adulterated fuel which we have been instructed to stop selling."

Abdulrasheed Olopade of Bayink Petroleum said the excuse being given by the NNPC was not tenable. He said, "The NNPC has a lab to test the texture of the PMS to be sure that it is consumable to the final consumers.

"This shouldn't happen. I am telling you with all honesty that this is all about sabotage because before product is loaded at the NNPC depot, it must be analysed. It must be with the knowledge of regulatory agencies.

"No PMS will be in circulation without the knowledge of the government agencies. That means something is wrong somewhere,"

he said. The NNPC has not commented on this and other allegations.

IPMAN to seek compensation

The Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) may seek compensation from NNPC Ltd for the adulterated petrol sold to them.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* yesterday, IPMAN's National Vice President, Abubakar Maigandi, said: "It was unfortunate that after reaching their stations, our members discovered that the product they bought from the NNPC depots is bad."

Asked what would happen to the adulterated fuel they had bought from NNPC Ltd, Maigandi said, "The one that we have bought is still in our tanks but we have already instructed our consultant to go round to check the whole fuel stations, and anyone that has complain about this should quickly report it so that we will know how to go about it."

On if the association will get compensation from NNPC, the oil marketer said: "Definitely, if the adulterated product is much in the fuelling stations, automatically we will have to call the attention of the NNPC."

Also contacted, the Executive Secretary of the Depot and Petroleum Products Marketers Association of Nigeria (DAPPMAN), Olufemi Adewole, said NNPC should respond to the issue.

"Talk to them, ask them. They are in a better position to give us the full gist. It is what they give us that we will sell."

The Executive Secretary of the Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria (MOMAN), Clement Isong, said operators had commenced withdrawal of the contaminated petrol.

"While in the process of withdrawing from the system you have to ensure that fresh product is into the system. This process of withdrawal and replacement has disrupted the supply chain.

"This should be concluded by the weekend and all things being equal normalcy should be restored by Monday," he said.

He was also against the role of NNPC as the sole importer of petrol. "We have also said that as a business principle, you don't put all your eggs in one basket. The Nigerian market is too big for you to risk having one supplier."

Oronsaye report: Suspend creation of new agencies, c'ttees tell FG

By Abbas Jimoh

The committees on the implementation of the whitepaper on the restructuring of ministries, departments and agencies has advised the Federal Government to temporarily suspend creation of new parastatals, agencies and commissions.

The chairmen of the subcommittees that produced the reports, including former

Heads of Service of the Federation; Bukar Aji, Amal Pepple and Oladapo Afolabi, gave the advice in Abuja yesterday while submitting their reports to the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha.

The committees also urged the government to direct the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission to adhere strictly to the Act establishing it.

They asked that the wages

commission be made to desist from approving salaries and impress it on political office holders to strictly adhere to the terms of their engagements, especially in relation to appointment of aides.

Pepple, chairman of the Committee on Review of New Parastatals, Agencies and Commissions, said the committee was strictly guided by the terms of reference and focused on reducing cost

of governance, improving cost efficiency, eliminating duplication or overlapping functions and propriety/impropriety of government funding professional associations.

She said it was imperative for the government to address the drivers of high cost of governance.

Pepple said: "Nigeria faced a fierce urgency of yesterday in reducing the cost of governance

to ensure that we improve the living standards of the populace and not use government as a source of avoidable wasteful spending.

"This is made more pertinent when we consider the fact that the year 2022 budget has a recurrent expenditure of 40.3% (N6.91trn) and a capital budget of 31.9% (N5.471); while the balance is made up of debt servicing and statutory allocations."

Bandits kill 10, abduct village head, others in Katsina, Niger

From Tijjani Ibrahim (Katsina) & Abubakar Akote (Minna)

Bandits have killed 10 people and abducted many others in separate attacks between Sunday and Tuesday in Katsina and Niger states.

Police in Katsina said that bandits in their numbers stormed Guga Village of Bakori Local Government Area of the State and reportedly killed eight people and abducted many others including the village head, Dan Alhaji Umar.

The police spokesman, SP Gambo Isah, said the bandits invaded the village around 10pm and killed four people and abducted four others.

He added that on their way out of the village at an area called Unguwar Galadima, members of the local vigilante group engaged the bandits where four of the vigilantes lost their lives and four others sustained injuries, raising the fatality figure to eight.

However, reports from the

affected community indicated that the casualty figure could be higher. One of the sons of the village head was said to be among the people killed.

A source from the area said the attackers burnt down shops in the village while many residents were still missing.

The source added that among the abductees was a family of a politician contesting for local government chairman seat under the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

In a related incident, the police spokesman said gunmen also raided Yar'aikau Village in Musawa Local Government where they abducted one person and rustled animals.

He, however, said the police engaged the bandits in a gun battle and rescued the abducted persons and the animals after killing one of the assailants.

...kill 2, abduct dozens in Niger

In Niger State, at least two persons have been reportedly killed and several others kidnapped as bandits invaded communities in Mariga,

Magama and Wushishi local government areas.

The communities attacked were Mosabo, Zoma, Atabo, Cheji, Akare, as well as Gulbin-Boka and Kwimo.

The attacks on the communities reportedly took place between Sunday and Monday.

A resident of Atabo, Alhaji Noma Atabo, said Mosabo, Zoma and Atabo, about 3km West of Kontagora, and Gulbin-Boka and Kwimo, 5km North of Kontagora had suffered a series of unreported attacks as the communities served as the cattle route that the bandits passed through regularly.

He said, "Anytime they pass through their regular route, they would attack communities. In the last attack between Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, they moved from the Bangi axis to our communities. They killed two persons, kidnapped two others in Gulbin-Boka and Kwimo while several others have been displaced. Some people are currently in Kontagora while

some people have been hiding in mountains around our communities.

"We need security. We have been denied our means of livelihood. We are farmers; we can't go to farm; our markets have been disrupted with a series of attacks. Government should find a way out of this problem that we are facing."

Another source, Yahaya Suleiman, said the terrain of the communities made quick security interventions impossible, calling for a permanent security presence in the area.

"It is rare for them not to attack marketers every Wednesday. The Bangi axis has been very risky for a long time now." He said.

In a related development, gunmen invaded Cheji and Akare communities in Wushishi Local Government Area Tuesday morning where they rustled cows and abducted an unspecified number of villagers.

Sources said the bandits blocked Zungeru-Tegina

Road for hours uninterrupted, robbing travelers of cash and other valuables.

A source, Sadauki Abubakar, who said he was caught in the operation, told our correspondent that the bandits "didn't kidnap anybody" but collected money and other valuables from travelers before setting them free.

When contacted, the Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the attacks on Cheji and Akare and the blockage of Zungeru-Tegina Road.

He said, "On 08/02/2022 at about 0200hrs, suspected armed bandits attacked Akare and Cheji villages via Zungeru in Wushishi L.G.A."

He said the command had dispatched a team of policemen led by the deputy commissioner of police in charge of operations to the area for an on-the-spot assessment.

"Meanwhile, normalcy has been restored and there is a free flow of traffic on the road," he added.

MACBAN opposes Lalong's anti-open grazing bill

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Plateau State Chapter of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) yesterday rejected Governor Simon Bako Lalong's anti-open grazing bill.

The group however called on the Plateau State House of Assembly to suspend the public hearing on the proposed bill and have a rethink.

Two weeks ago, the assembly had invited MACBAN to a public hearing but the leadership of the association asked to be given time to think on the bill.

The state chairman of MACBAN, Muhammad Nuru Abdullahi, at a press briefing yesterday in Jos warned that the bill if passed into law might trigger the state into another round of mayhem which could be avoided.

He said, "When we were invited to give our stance on the bill, we lacked what to say, we told the committee that we were not ready because we didn't know anything about the bill. We needed to study it and put our heads together and

come up with a position.

"Thereafter, they gave us one week. When we returned, we presented our position on the bill. We addressed our position through the chairman public hearing committee who is the deputy speaker of Plateau State House of Assembly. What we tell you today is the stance of MACBAN.

"So, having consulted stakeholders and professionals, we unanimously rejected the bill. Our fears on the bill are centered on the offences and penalties which we believe are meant to rob and annihilate Fulani herders of their lawful belongings through the enactment and enforcement of the bill when it becomes law.

"This will cause revolt and serious breach of law and order, which the Fulani herders are afraid. Look at what is happening in Benue where the law is in practice. We the peace loving Fulani herders wish to appeal to the Speaker and the members of 9th Assembly to have a rethink and suspend the bill for the general interest of the state."

Nigeria sinking in the hands of incompetent leaders – IBB

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

A former Military President, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (Retd.), has said the country is sinking in the hands of autocrats, mediocre, ethnic champions, incompetent and visionless actors.

Babangida stated this when he received the National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Senator Iyorchia Ayu, at his Uphill Residence alongside the members of the National Working Committee of the party.

"If we have failed to adequately manage the complexities of the

competitive party and electoral politics since independence, we now have a golden opportunity at our



present crossroads to turn in the direction of pursuing politics as a public interest project, in line with moral and statutory provisions of article 13 and article 14 of the constitution of Nigeria," he said.

Ayu said the visit was to seek his blessings and to tap from his leadership experience and wisdom as a founding father of the PDP.

"This is particularly required at this time that there is so much insecurity and division in the country," he said.

He implored the former president not to relent in ensuring that the unity of the country which he fought so hard for was sustained

Kaduna abducted Catholic priest regains freedom

From Ahmed Ali, Kafanchan

The Catholic priest kidnapped in Southern Kaduna, Rev. Fr. Joseph Danjuma Shekari, has regained freedom 24 hours after.

In a press statement

yesterday morning, the Chancellor, Catholic Diocese of Kafanchan, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel Uchechukwu, announced the return of the priest who was abducted Sunday night in his parish house at Chawai, Kauru Local

Government Area.

"Rev. Fr. Shekari was released around 10:30pm on Monday, February 7, 2022," said the statement.

There was no mention of whether a ransom was paid to secure his release or not.

EFCC quizzes NIRSAL officials, others over wheat project scandal

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

Top officials of the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) have been interrogated by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), *Daily Trust* reports.

This was sequel to a report by *Daily Trust* over the utilization of a N5.6bn loan meant for a pilot wheat project in Kano and Jigawa states published in our Sunday edition of January 30, 2021.

The edition had reported how a multi-billion naira loan guaranteed by NIRSAAL for three companies for the cultivation-to-harvest of twenty thousand (20,000) hectares

of dry season wheat in Kano and Jigawa states was allegedly diverted for other purposes by the investor companies in connivance with NIRSAAL officials.

The companies are Mainframe Agricultural Investment Limited; Forest Hill Agricultural Development Limited and Woodfarm Agricultural Limited.

They were said to have taken advantage of the federal government's initiative on piloting wheat production in Nigeria and after getting technical assistance from the African Development Bank, they approached their bank (Keystone Bank) for a loan guaranteed by NIRSAAL for the execution of the project.

However, farmers in the affected communities in Kano and Jigawa states had said the wheat project did not take place, questioning the utilization of the loan.

Following the report, sources within NIRSAAL said operatives of the EFCC were at their office in Abuja last week and invited several top officials for questioning their roles in the wheat project.

One of the NIRSAAL staff, who did not want to be named, said those quizzed by the EFCC included a former Head of Finance, the current Assistant Head of Finance, the current Head of Procurement and his assistant as well as all consultants working with NIRSAAL.

Also invited, according to sources,

are some directors of the three companies that were guaranteed loans for the wheat project.

NIRSAAL's Managing Director, Aliyu Abdulhameed, had confirmed the petitions, but denied the allegations therein saying they were masterminded by faceless individuals to tarnish the image of the organisation.

Among the agencies that received petitions against NIRSAAL were the EFCC, the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission, the State Security Services, the Nigeria Police Force and the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit.

NIRSAAL's MD had written to the Attorney-General and Minister

of Justice seeking intervention on what he termed "unwarranted and multiple investigations of NIRSAAL PLC by law enforcement agencies.

Consequently, the Office of the Attorney General, through the Department of Public Prosecution of the Federation, wrote to the police, asking it to proceed with investigation while directing the other anti-corruption agencies to suspend theirs."

Although EFCC's spokesperson, Wilson Uwujaren, said he was yet to get information on the matter, an impeccable source within the anti-graft agency confirmed the invitation, saying investigation on the alleged corrupt practices at NIRSAAL were ongoing.



■ Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu (right) and Speaker, Yobe State House of Assembly, Ahmed Lawan Mirwa when members of the Assembly paid a courtesy visit to the minister in Abuja yesterday

Reps to CBN: Provide details of \$40m recovered by EFCC

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives yesterday directed the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to provide details of the \$40m recovered by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in the recovery account domiciled in the apex bank.

The House Public Accounts Committee (PAC) launched an investigation into the alleged missing of the said funds based on an audit query from the office of Auditor-General of the Federation (AuGF) to the CBN.

According to the query, for four years starting from 2016, the funds have not been remitted into the account from the EFCC recoveries.

Speaking during the committee's public hearing sitting on Tuesday, the chairman of the committee, Oluwole Oke said the CBN governor, Godwin Emeifiele, had failed to tender relevant documents before the committee that would help ascertain the status of funds in the recovery account.

Oke insisted that the CBN must bring all the relevant documents demanded by the committee to ease their investigation towards recovering the funds for the government.

The CBN governor was represented by the Deputy director, Banking Supervision, Mrs IguadunaDue C.I whom the committee said could not provide satisfactory explanation answers on the status of the funds being investigated by the committee.

The committee therefore ordered that the CBN should provide all the needed documents required by the committee on all recovered funds within seven days.

Delayed corruption cases: Stop blaming judiciary, CJN tackles Malami

By John Chuks Azu

The Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Tanko Muhammad, has countered the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, for saying that the judiciary should be blamed for the delay in high profile corruption cases.

Malami had, in a TV chat on Monday, blamed the judiciary for the delays in the trial of corruption cases in the country.

Reacting yesterday through his spokesman, Isah Ahuruaka, the CJN noted that the judiciary

is neither in charge of the investigation nor the political and economic conditions that facilitate speedy disposal of corruption cases.

"The judiciary by its constitutional position does not have criminal investigation unit or Fraud Detective Squad to detect and investigate criminal involvement of any person, neither does it have a garrison command to fight its cause or enforce its orders and decisions.

"More often than not, the federal government's prosecution sector files more charges than it

can prove or provide witnesses to prove, ostensibly at times for the prosecution to even fail.

"The Administration of Criminal Justice Act (2015) under reference is infected with sores in some parts, making speeding adjudications improbable in some instances, in addition to the high volume of cases, the limited number of judges, poor infrastructure, or archaic equipment.

"While giving reasons for its under-funding of the judiciary, the federal government said on January 26, 2022, at the Nigerian

Bar Association (NBA) Justice Sector Summit 2022 in Abuja that judiciary has not been transparent in the spending of budgets allocated to it each fiscal year.

"Although judiciary has refrained from joining issues all this while but to state the facts, in line with the budget call circular and ceiling the federal government sent to the judiciary before the commencement of the fiscal year, the judiciary prepares its budget estimates for capital, overhead cost, and personnel cost according to the ceiling, needs and priority."

By Abdullateef Salau

The Executive Secretary of the National University Commission, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, says he will meet with vice chancellors of universities to discuss hike in school fees in some tertiary institutions.

Rasheed stated this in Abuja yesterday at a meeting with Senate President Ahmad Lawan and heads of regulatory agencies in education

NUC to meet VCs over fee hike

sector.

Lawan noted that he convened the meeting as a follow-up to his earlier engagement with the Coalition of Northern Groups, Students' Wing which complained of a plan by some tertiary institutions to hike registration fees.

Responding, Rasheed said the NUC would consult all the

universities with a template to complete and tell exactly what charges they have.

"We shall advertise. If we are misled, we shall be able to get to know. We understand that the universities cannot be forced to charge uniform fees across the country because they have different demands and they come from different situations.

"Possibly a university in Lagos or Port Harcourt may charge slightly more than universities in some rural areas. But there should be a base line.

"One university cannot charge N20,000; while others charge N150,000 to Nigerian students where tuition has been free since 1978 at the undergraduate level," he said.

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Yobe to launch Education Appeal Fund in Abuja Thursday

As part of measures to further garner more resources for the development of education, the Yobe State Education Appeal Fund Raising Committee will on Thursday, February 10 launch the Fund at Ladi Kwali Hall, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Abuja.

Governor Mai Mala Buni had, in November 2021, inaugurated a 21-member education appeal fund raising committee to bring on board philanthropists, wealthy individuals, corporate organizations and other stakeholders to contribute towards sustainable education reform in Yobe State.

The chairman of the Yobe State Education Appeal Fund Raising Committee, who is also the state's deputy governor, Hon. Idi Barde Gubana, while speaking on the appeal fund in Damaturu, said the government decided to organise the fund raising to revive the education sector after years of destruction.

Gubana said during a decade-long insurgency, the education sector in the state suffered a lot of destruction with 167 students and three teachers killed; while 86 students were seriously injured.

He said the situation had caused congestion in most

public schools, especially those at the urban areas with students ranging from 100 to 300 per class.

He said the present administration poised to address the challenges.

"Due to scarcity of resources and our ever-growing commitment to put the state in the most appropriate track of speedy and sustainable development well blended with our material endowment, we therefore, resolved that more funds should be sourced to achieve our objectives.

"Government intends to focus on increasing access and equity in basic and secondary education through

establishment of more schools, especially for girl-child and people living with disabilities, renovation of existing structures and construction of more classrooms and other school buildings.

"Recruitment, training and retraining and improved welfare package for teachers.

"Enhance monitoring and evaluation mechanism, through adequate funding, provision and maintenance of operational vehicles and training of quality assurance officers.

"Provision of adequate teaching and learning materials, improved feeding, promotion of extracurricular

activities, among others," Gubana said.



■ Gov. Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State

Yobe varsity ready for Medical College accreditation - Gana

All is now set for the accreditation of the Medical College of the Yobe State University (YSU), the Commissioner for Health, Dr Mohammed Lawan Gana, has said.

Gana said the government had provided all the necessary equipment for the college.

The commissioner said the administration of Governor Mai Mala Buni placed priority on the health of the citizens.

He said the administration had invested heavily in the construction of medical infrastructure.

"I would like to assure you that the medical college of the Yobe State University has provided all the necessary facilities among other requirements for the forthcoming accreditation exercise.

"As I am talking to you, we have done the mock

accreditation of the medical college and all is set for the exercise.

"Look, His Excellency Hon Mai Mala Buni, is committed to ensuring that our health sector is given all the needed attention through the provision of the required equipment and personnel.

"Apart from the medical college, the government has also equipped the College of Nursing and Midwifery

Damaturu, College of Health Technology Nguru in addition to sponsorship of students across other institutions within and outside Nigeria for trained medical personnel capable of handling our

health facilities," Gana said.

The commissioner said the vision of the Buni administration was to make healthcare accessible and affordable to the common man in the state.

Yobe to establish 5 new girls' secondary schools

As part of efforts towards encouraging girl-child education, the Yobe State Government will establish five new girls' secondary schools in the state.

Speaking while receiving three women groups in Damaturu, the Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Dr Sani Mohammed Idriss, said the measure was in line with the present administration's policy of providing equal access to education.

The commissioner, represented by the ministry's Director of Schools, Alhaji Bukar M. Audu, said the proposed secondary schools would be established in Potiskum, Damaturu, Gashu'a, Geidam and Nguru Local

Government Areas of the state. "Arrangement have reached advanced stage for the schools in Potiskum, Damaturu, Gashu'a, Geidam and Nguru Local Government Areas each and with that, I can assure you that very soon, the education gap existing between boys and girls you're complaining will be a thing of the past in Yobe State," he said.

He said the administration of Governor Mala Buni was committed to enhancing access to girl-child education.

He said this informed the decision of operating co-education in most parts of the state.

He commended the women groups for the visit and solicited continued partnership with them for

the effective implementation of government policies, especially those that have to do with girl-child education.

"This administration has a firm belief that if you educate a girl, you educate a society and if you go contrary, then you're putting the future of the people into something else," he said.

The leader of the groups: Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) Network, Federation of Muslim Women Association (FOMWAN) and Women Wing of Christians Association of Nigeria (WOWICAN), Jummai Baba Dauda, said they were at the ministry to intimate the government with some of the challenges facing the girl-child education in the state.

Lift of ban on motorcycles: Yobe traffic agency takes sensitisation to 10 LGs

The Yobe State Road Traffic Management Agency (YOROTA) says it has sensitised stakeholders and motorcycle riders on safe usage of motorcycles across the 10 local government areas of Zone B and C senatorial districts in the state.

Governor Mai Mala Buni had, last month, approved the lift of the decade-long ban on the use of motorcycles in the 10 local government areas.

The sensitization was in line with the state government's directive to register, licence, document and enforce strict and safety traffic rules in the LGAs where the ban was lifted.

Briefing news men at the end of the sensitization exercise in Fune Local Government Area, the General Manager of the agency, Babagana Alhaji Modu, said Governor Buni lifted the ban to ease transportation in the areas.

He noted that the ban was due to security reasons, saying now that peace was gradually returning, the government decided to lift the ban.

He said the agency had started registration of the motorbikes from January 20 as directed by Governor Buni.

He said the instructions included operation between 6am and 6pm, all motorbikes are to operate within their respective LGAs, motorbike riders conveying passenger should be sanctioned in accordance with extant rules and regulations.

He urged the riders to follow all the guidelines for them to operate without any harassment from security operatives.

Earlier, the chairmen of the councils commended Governor Buni for fulfilling his campaign promise of lifting the ban on the use of the motorbikes.

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- Kogi State Ministry of Environment, State Secretariat, Lokoja
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2023: United for Better Nigeria Initiative, Arewa groups, others, back South-East presidency, adopts Anyim Pius

Over 85 support groups have declared support for the South-East Presidency ahead of the 2023 General Elections and adopted a former Senate President Anyim Pius Anyim as their preferred presidential aspirant.

The various organisations on Tuesday at the Yar'Adua Centre, in Abuja at a press conference tagged "Adoption of a South East Candidate for President 2023", said Chief Anyim Pius Anyim, a former Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) is the best choice for the 2023 Presidency.

Mrs. Nkoli Mkpuru, Coordinator General, United for Better Nigeria Initiative (UBNi), who received the groups on Tuesday in Abuja said it was time for a South-East president to emerge.

Mkpuru said about immediately after the 2019 general elections, the need for advocacy for Nigerian President of Southeast extraction became intense.

She said that the unity of mind and of purpose of very few patriotic Nigerians, who came together through shared beliefs and convictions, necessitated to the formation of the UBNi.

She said that in the last six months, the group intensified its efforts in the search for a credible and acceptable aspirant to partner with, albeit adopt and support as the 2023 presidential election approaches.

She said that the UBNi held consultation and meetings across chapters, zones within and outside the group and visited some major stakeholders from different geopolitical zones across the country, with all considerations pointing to the Ebonyi-born lawyer and politician.

"We interacted with presidential aspirants of Southeast extraction, before and after they evidently declared interest to contest in the 2023 general elections. We set up committee to collate and shortlist presidential aspirants of Southeastern extraction and to recommend the presidential aspirant to adopt and support during the 2023 presidential election.

"Just yesterday, our NEC received the report of that committee, and they unanimously affirmed their recommendation that Senator Anyim Pius Anyim, should be adopted and supported in the 2023 presidential election.

"So today, we will be carrying out two major assignments here. One will be to welcome the more than 80 other groups who are here to join UBNi for the greater task ahead and two to let the whole world know that we have adopted Anyim," Mkpuru said.

She said that UBNi believed that Nigeria is redeemable, and is also convinced that much improvement would come the country's way as citizens work to usher in a new face in governance through the election of a credible President come 2023.

She said, "To get a credible person who will work to reposition, refix, rebuild, and return Nigeria to its glorious past remains a task which UBNi volunteered to be part of in the next political dispensation.

"Our efforts have been tremendous and involving in this regard. For instance, we have: a. Extended hands of fellowship to other groups across Nigeria. These groups who share in the same ideology, passion and commitment that the next president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria should come from Southeast and must be credible and well acceptable personality."



■ L-R: Coordinator, Northern Supporters of Ndi-Igbo for President 2023, Alhaji Usman Suleiman; Coordinator General, United for Better Nigeria Initiative (UBNi), Mrs. Nkoli Mkpuru; and Sunny Okoro at the event



■ Officials and supporters of the Anyim Pius Anyim support groups during the press conference and stakeholders meeting on Tuesday in Abuja



■ Coordinator General, United for Better Nigeria Initiative (UBNi), Mrs. Nkoli Mkpuru and other officials of the Anyim Pius Anyim support groups during the press conference and stakeholders meeting on Tuesday in Abuja

Mkpuru also said that at the group's latest count, about 85 such groups had agreed to form an irrevocable alliance with UBNi with a multi-dimensional force across Nigeria with about two million members, operating in about 85 chapters across the world.

She said that while the group was

happy welcoming their co-partners and congratulating the presidential aspirant, she urged them to carry out sensitization and support for the candidate across the nation.

She said that the support for Anyim was inevitable because it was morally right to have a southeast president and

after their search he was deemed fit to contest.

Also, the Coordinator of Northern Supporters of Ndi-Igbo for President 2023, Alhaji Usman Suleiman, said that so far, Nigeria had seen the leadership qualities of the North and the South which belonged to three major ethnic groups except the East.

Suleiman said that justifiably and non-negotiably, there was need to also see the leadership qualities of the South-East as well.

"This is because peace progress and justice will never be attained without justifiable rotational leadership, so we need to support the southeast to become president because they are also Nigerians so let us try them too," Suleiman said

On his part, Coordinator, Omo Egbe Anyim Rere (A group of Anyim loyalists), Dr Kayode Odeyemi, said supporting Anyim is in the interest of the nation and by extension the African Continent.

He said, "We are behind him and by God's grace he will be president come 2023 because he is ready for the job. It is time to redeem the nation and Nigeria will be great so let us give him the support because he can do it."

Odeyemi urged Nigerians to support Anyim with their friends and families because he has what it takes to take the nation to the promise land where Nigeria as nation can flow with with milk and honey and everyone deserves to enjoy.

Also, the Zonal Coordinator South-South, Mr. Finecountry Iyioku, said that so far, the only zone yet to be tested for presidency in the nation's democracy is the South-East.

Iyioku said that Anyim was picked because of his record of experience as a Former Senate President and also as Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) which was the engine room of governance in the country.

He therefore called on all regions to give the South East a chance so Nigeria could experience a positive turnaround in all spheres.

The groups are United for Better Nigeria (UBNi), Nigerians Ask for Anyim (www.nigeriansask4anyim.org), Arewa Sai Anyim, Nation G-V-E, Nyja Malaysian 4 Anyim

United Mobilizers 4 Anyim, South East Students for Anyim, Enugu for Anyim, S. E. Professional Anyim, Business Forum 4 Anyim, Team Anyim 4 President, Anyim we Want, Gombe 4 Anyim and Jigawa for Anyim.

Others are Plateau for Anyim, Ebonyi Women 4 Anyim, Anyim Students support Group, Delta 4 Anyim, United Mobilizers for Anyim, Anyim loyalist, Continnence 4 Anyim, Kogi for Anyim, GPM Loyalist Support for Anyim, Giant Voters for Anyim, Senator Anyim Support Group, Rivers for Anyim, FCT for Anyim, SIDA 2023 and Bauchi 4 Anyim.

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Others are Anyiam Zalla 2023, Bauchi Anyim Mukeso 2023 and Kano Muna Tare Da Anyim, Taraba Win with Anyim, Arewa Women for Anyim, Shugaban kasa Sai Anyim, Anyim Mukeso 2023, and Anyim2023 USA Support Group.



YOBE STATE GOVERNMENT APPEAL FUND RAISING EVENT

The Executive Governor of Yobe State, Hon. Mai Mala Buni in pursuing an unrelenting drive to revitalize Yobe's Education sector has the pleasure as the chief host, to inform the general public about the **YOBE STATE EDUCATION APPEAL FUND RAISING EVENT**.

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Adamu Maina Waziri
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Bad roads threaten livelihoods in FCT council



■ A cyclist crosses a wooden bridge along Alu - Mamagi community in Abaji Area Council on Saturday

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Residents of Alu, Yewuni, Mamagi, Pandagi, Gbako, Mawogi, Nanda, Ebagi and Rimba communities in Abaji Area Council of the FCT have lamented over the deplorable state of roads in their communities.

Some of the villagers who spoke with City News, said the bad state of the roads had disconnected them from neighbouring villages.

They complained that most of the rural roads that linked them to Abaji and Kwali councils and some communities in Niger State were no longer motorable, a situation they noted had been

affecting their socio-economic activities.

A farmer, Salihu Ndatsu, said the roads were worst during rainy season due to erosion.

Ndatsu said, "It is even worst during rainy season as most of the rural roads become impassable due to erosion which has destroyed the roads, while farmers that usually want to transport their crops to markets either in Abaji or Kwali suffer a lot before their crops get to the markets."

Another farmer, Ibrahim Usman, noted that most of the rural roads were last graded by government over 11 years ago, saying villagers sometimes mobilised themselves to repair



■ Villagers cross river Gurara in Mawogi community to a neighbouring village

the roads before transporting their crops to the market.

Usman further said, "And aside the bad road network, there are streams that have no bridges and culverts. In fact, sometimes when we want to transport goods to the market, we have to mobilise youths to create alternative roads."

The Village Head of Mamagi, Alhaji Abubakar Tauheed, said lack of a good road network and bridges across streams had been the major challenge facing his people.

Alhaji Abubakar said, "In fact, if it is during rainy season, you have to push your motorcycle to cross some streams whenever you are travelling to a neighbouring

village, and our farmers are the ones that are mostly affected."

He said the authorities of the council would be of help if they could liaise with the FCT Administration (FCTA) to fix the rural roads.

Reacting, the Chairman of Abaji, Alhaji Abdulrahman Ajiya, said the council had captured the grading and construction of bridges across some streams in some communities in the council's 2022 budget.

Alhaji Abdulrahman said the council had also written to the FCTA Department of Satellite Towns Development to help in constructing a bridge across the River Gurara which connected Abaji to Niger State.

FCT teachers' strike: Parents urge minister to intervene

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

Parents of pupils of Local Education Authority (LEA) primary schools in the FCT have expressed concern over the ongoing teachers' strike across the territory and have therefore called on the FCT Minister of State, Hajia Ramatu Tijjani Aliyu, to intervene.

The parents said the strike posed a serious threat to them, noting that their children might end up engaging in social vices.

A parent, Mrs Zainab Alhassan, said, "I have three children in school, and since the strike action, they are always going out to play football, not until I engaged a lesson teacher for them. And despite that, immediately after the lesson, they disappear to go and play football, which I am not too comfortable with."

She, therefore, appealed to the FCTA and stakeholders in the education sector to wade into the matter in order to see how the teachers and the council chairmen would come to the negotiation table.

Another parent, Mohammed Kabiru, said it was unfortunate that the council chairmen failed to fulfil their agreement with the teachers despite the earlier intervention of Senator Philip Auda and the FCTA.

He said it was disturbing that children had continue to remain at home for weeks without any concern by the council chairmen to dialogue with the teachers.

He further said, "In fact, since the strike action, two of my sons have been at home, and if urgent action is not taken, it may affect the future of the children, because not every parent has money to send his child to private school."

Mr Kehinde Afolabi, another parent, said it was embarrassing that Abuja, which is the heart of the nation, would allow children's education to continue to suffer setbacks in the hands of greedy stakeholders.

Mr Afolabi said, "If they are truly worried about the education sector, they would have accorded priority to teachers' welfare. But just look at how they are spending money for election campaigns while our children continue to remain at home."



■ FCT Minister, Mohammed Bello

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

An Ekiti State High Court sitting in Ado Ekiti has sentenced a 17-year old boy to be detained at the Juvenile Centre, Ado Ekiti, for raping a 3-year-old girl.

The prosecutor, S.B.J Bamise, said the teenager on May 30, 2020 at Osi Ekiti, within the jurisdiction of the court, raped a 3 year old girl, contrary to Section 31(2) of the Child's Right Law, Cap.C7, Laws of Ekiti State, 2012.

3-year-old girl raped in Ekiti

In her testimony before the court, the victim's mother (name-withheld), said she went out to hawk fish on that day, and that when she returned around 5pm, she discovered that her daughter's movement was unstable.

"When I checked her underwear inside the room, I discovered blood stain and semen on her laps, when I enquired; she pointed and mentioned the detainees name to have done it to her.

"Some people in the neighborhood testified that they saw my daughter playing around with the detainee. He initially denied the offence but later confessed to the Police at Ido Ekiti," she narrated.

Counsel to the defendant, Paul Ayantoyinbo, urged the court to consider the defendants' age put at fifteen years at the time of commission of the offence and temper justice with mercy.

Justice Adekunle Adeleye, in her judgement "said the prosecution has established beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant raped the minor. The defendant as prayed by his counsel has not attained the age of majority at the time the offence of rape was committed.

Justice Adeyeye, later order that the defendant be detained at the Juvenile Centre, Ado Ekiti, at the pleasure of the governor.

QUICK READ

Yobe to establish 5 new girls' secondary schools

Dr Mohammad Idris, Yobe Commissioner for Basic Education, on Tuesday said the state would soon establish five additional girls secondary schools.

Idris, who stated this in Damaturu when three women's groups paid him a courtesy visit, said the schools would enhance access to girl-child education.

The groups are the Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV), the Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) and the Women's Wing of the Christian Association of Nigeria (WOWICAN).

Man steals phones worth 19m in Lagos

An Ikeja Magistrates' Court on Tuesday sentenced a 20-year-old unemployed man, Ayomide Kazeem, to two years imprisonment for stealing phones, valued at N19 million.

Magistrate R.A Alejo, pronounced the verdict after the defendant pleaded guilty to the three-count charge of conspiracy, breaking in and stealing.

"You are hereby sentenced to two years in Kirikiri Correctional Centre without an option of fine.

"This would serve as a deterrent to others, who might want to engage in similar acts," Alejo said.

The Prosecution Counsel, Sgt. Olanunmi Adejumo, told the court that the defendant and others still at large committed the offences on Dec. 6, 2021 at 10 p.m. at Computer Village, Ikeja.

APGA chairmanship candidate promises inclusive govt in AMAC

By Hussein Yahaya

The chairmanship candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Bala Iyah, has promised an inclusive and purposeful government if elected in the forthcoming area council elections in the territory.

Mr Iyah also promised to embark on projects that would make have direct impact on the lives of residents of the area.

Mr Iyah, who made the promises while addressing party members, lamented that past and present administrations had failed to make direct impact on the lives of the people, which he noted needed to be corrected.

He advised the residents to remain peaceful before, during and after the elections, saying that there was the need to vote peacefully with the knowledge that politics was not a battle field or a do-or-die affair.

15-year-old girl raped in Kubwa home robbery

By Seun Adeuyi

Armed robbers in the wee hours of Tuesday invaded a house in Kubwa, a satellite town in Bwari Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and during their operation raped a 15-year-old girl in the same room where other family members were tied up.

When our reporter visited the victims, they were reluctant to give the report because they were traumatised by the robbery and sexual assault.

A source told our reporter that the attack occurred between 3am and 4am in the Pipeline area of Kubwa after three men, one of them armed with a gun, knocked on the door of the family's house.

He said when member of the family opened the door, the three men pushed their way into the home, forcing the five residents into a bedroom and tying them up, except a four-year-old boy, and ransacked the house, taking whatever they could.

City News further learnt that the only girl child in the family, a 15-year-old, was sexually assaulted in the bedroom where all the other family members were tied up.

The source said the matter had been reported to the police. However, when contacted, the FCT police spokesperson, Josephine Adeb, said she was yet to be briefed about the incident.

Gunmen kill traffic warden in Anambra

Titus Eleweke, Awka

A traffic warden was on Tuesday shot dead by gunmen in Ekwulobia in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The hoodlums were said to have invaded the town in two different vehicles.

City News gathered that

...Another female warden slapped on duty in Lagos



■ Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Silvester Abiodun Alabi

the deceased, an official of the Anambra Traffic Management Agency (ATMA), was controlling traffic at the ever busy junction when he was gunned down from behind.

A source said, "Few minutes ago, gunshots at Ekwulobia roundabout appeared to have cost the life of a traffic warden.

"The gunmen were said to be

travelling in two vehicles. Similar gunshots were heard at Oko."

Confirming the incident, Police spokesperson in the state, Ikenga Tochukwu, said the hoodlums shot sporadically in the area in an attempt to disarm a mobile police officer on patrol.

He said the officer returned the fire which made the gunmen to flee the scene.

Mr Kehinde Afolabi, another parent, said it was embarrassing that Abuja, which is the heart of the nation, would allow children's education to continue to suffer setbacks in the hands of greedy stakeholders.

Mr Afolabi said, "If they are truly worried about the education sector, they would have accorded priority to teachers' welfare. But just look at how they are spending money for election campaigns while our children continue to remain at home."

Adigun slapped Inspector Florence Damisa while in the execution of her lawful duty at a traffic control point.

According to him, the offence contravenes Sections 168, 117 (1) and 174 (a) (b) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015.

After Adigun pleaded not guilty to the charges, the Magistrate, M. I. Dan-Oni, admitted Adigun to bail in the sum of N50,000 with two sureties in like sum and adjourned the case to February 22. (NAN)

1 dead, another rescued in Kano gas explosion

By Lubabatu I. Garba, Kano

The Kano State Fire Service has confirmed that one person died in a gas explosion in Ijara Gawa Village in Bichi Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that one Maikano Muhammad was

burnt beyond recognition and the other person identified as Abdullahi Usman sustained injuries.

This was contained in a statement issued by the spokesman of the fire service, Alhaji Saminu Abdullahi, on Monday.

"We received a distress call from Inspector Daiyabu Tukur at 07:46am that a vehicle conveying cooking gas cylinders fell on the road and that one of the cylinders had exploded.

"We immediately sent our team to the scene to rescue the victims," the statement read in part.

Lagos pastor accused of defiling worshipper inside church's store

An Ebute Meta Magistrates' Court, Lagos, on Tuesday remanded a pastor with the Royal World Embassy Church, Rufus Olatunji, for allegedly defiling and impregnating a 14-year-old member.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs F.M. Kayode, who did not take Olatunji's plea, ordered that Olatunji be remanded at Ikoyi Correctional Centre.

Kayode then adjourned the case to March 8 for mention.

Olatunji, 45, is facing a two-count charge of unlawful sexual intercourse and procuring an abortion.

Earlier, the Prosecutor, Insp Kehinde Olatunde told the court that the defendant committed the offences in August 2021, at Royal World Embassy Church, Ipaja.

Olatunde alleged that the defendant had sexual intercourse with the girl in the Church's store, which resulted in the pregnancy.

He said that when the defendant found out, he gave the girl a drug to terminate the pregnancy.

Olatunde said that the girl's parents reported the case to the police and the defendant was arrested.

He said the offences contravened Sections 137 and 145(1) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. (NAN)

S/East group storms Abuja, seeks South/ North East presidency

By Dalhatu Liman

A group, South East Patriots, (SEP) has called on Nigerians to concede the presidency to the South East or North East zones in the forthcoming general elections in 2023.

The group equally called on the leaders from the two zones to, as a matter of urgency, begin discussions and negotiations on how they'll take shots at the presidency and who does the same now.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday in Abuja, the convener of the group, Sir Obunike Ohaegbu, said the group was committed to ensuring the emergence of the president of Nigeria from the Southeast or North-east extraction



■ An officer of the AMAC Transport Management enforcement team removing a plate number of a car arrested in Jabi Abuja yesterday. Onyekachukwu Obi

Driver killed as gunmen kidnap Benin IPMAN chair

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Gunmen have kidnapped the Benin NNPC Depot Chairman of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Baba Abdul-hamid Saliu, in Edo State after killing his driver.

City News learnt that Saliu was kidnapped on Monday evening at about 7pm in Jattu, his country home, in Etsako West LGA of the state.

A source close to the family, who noted that Saliu was elected the depot's IPMAN chairman last

Thursday, said the kidnapers were yet to contact the family.

When contacted, the Edo state police spokesman, DSP Bello Kongtons, said, "The incident is true and the police are already combing the bush to ensure his rescue."

Elderly man killed while crossing Deidei-Zuba Expressway

By Adam Umar

A yet to be identified elderly man was on Tuesday hit by a motorist around Deidei junction in Abuja.

The man, who was said to be crossing the ever-busy Abuja-Zuba Express way when the accident occurred, was rushed to the Lukas Hospital in Madalla, but referred to the UniAbuja Teaching Hospital in Gwagwalada.

A witness, Kabiru Danbatta, said the driver of the vehicle, a Toyota Camry, was coming from the Zuba axis.

Confirming the incident, the FRSC Zuba Unit Commander Elezabeth Benedict, said the man died in the hospital and that his remains were deposited at the hospital's morgue.

She said the driver of the vehicle was handed over to the police



■ The scene of the accident

outpost in Dei-dei while the search for the victim's relatives is ongoing.

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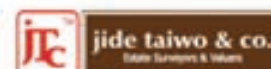
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If I am not satisfied and I am of the opinion that the reworked electoral bill is against the public interest, the national interest, and against the dictates of the democratic process, I will advise accordingly - Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami

Fresh row as Kano APC peace move collapses

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

The last may not have been heard of the lingering crisis in the Kano chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the Senator Ibrahim Shekarau-led G-7 has rejected the proposal of the national secretariat of the party reinstating Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje as the state's party leader.

Observers had been optimistic that the party's crisis was gradually coming to an end following chains of meetings held with the aggrieved parties by the national secretariat, especially with both parties earlier admitting to be eagerly waiting for the resolutions to be reached by the national secretariat.

But the much-anticipated template and the manner it was released on Monday has further thrown a spanner into the works of resolving the crisis tearing at the heart of one of the ruling party's strongest bases with the 2023 electioneering just around the corner.

Daily Trust reports that the G-7 group, comprising Senator Ibrahim Shekarau, Senator Jibrin Barau and five others, has been at loggerheads with Governor Ganduje's leadership of the party in the state leading to two parallel executives in the state and a couple of ongoing court cases.

However, the party's national secretariat had attempted to resolve the crisis administratively and broker peace by meeting with both groups and thereafter issuing a template for the harmonization of the party structure already in place by both groups.

It had set up a National/State Joint Supervisory Committee to implement the template with the committee to be headed by Governor Ganduje and assisted by Senator Shekarau.

Other members of the committee are Governor Bello Muhammad Matawalle of Zamfara State, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Yakubu Dogara and Senator Abba Ali, with the national secretariat expected to also be represented.

The committee is expected to sit in Kano and within seven days complete and submit its report.

But a few hours after the template was communicated to the groups, the G-7 wrote to the national chairman of the party's Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CEPC), saying "the entirety of the content of your letter is totally unacceptable to us."

The letter, which was titled "Re: Guidelines for the Harmonization of the Party Structure in Kano" was signed by all members of the G-7 - Senator Shekarau, Senator Jibrin Barau, House

● Party could lose Kano, presidency – Prof Fage



■ Buni

of Reps members, Tijjani Abdulkadir Jobe, Nasiru Abduwa Gabasawa, Haruna Dederi and Sha'aban Sharada, as well as the chairman, Buhari Support Group, Shehu Dalhatu.

They said their reason was that the letter did not acknowledge all the proposals tabled by both parties at the several reconciliation meetings.

They also said they were disenchanted that the letter had gone viral before it got to them.

In the letter under reference, the national secretariat of the party had reiterated among other items on the template for harmonisation of party structures that Ganduje "is the undisputed APC leader in Kano State and as the leader, he is encouraged to demonstrate leadership to accommodating key stakeholders."

It had thereafter stated that a "bottom-top caucus shall be constituted at each local government area."

And for each caucus, members are expected to include (where applicable) serving senators from the LGA, serving members of House of Representatives from the LGA, serving members state House of Assembly from the LGA, serving council chairman and his deputy, commissioner from the LGA, special advisers from the LGA, members of CEPC from the LGA, an honourable minister from the LGA, and one woman to be nominated by

Ganduje in consultation with Shekarau.

It also stated that all caucus members are restricted to only their LGA and each LGA caucus will meet and come up with a proposed structure for all wards and LGAs while the joint supervisory committee reserved the right to adopt or amend any proposal submitted to it by the local government caucus.

Observers, however, noted that the template by the national secretariat did not consider the reality that the G-7 was operating with, but inexplicably reinforced what the group had been fighting against, full control of the party structure by the state governor and being side-lined in the affairs of the party at the state level despite their contributions to the success of the party in the last election.

"If you look at the supposed members of the caucus, you will see that the governor will continue to have an upper hand because most of those that are supposed to constitute the caucus will be his people. For instance, in Nasarawa LGA where Malam (Shekarau) comes from, he will more or less be a lone voice in the caucus because others based on the template will be loyalists of the governor.

"The same is applicable to almost all the other members of the G-7", one of them observed.

"Why will they (G-7) accept this proposal when the court decision is

in their favour and on that basis we heard they are asking for 55% and chairmanship?" another asked.

For renowned political scientist, Professor Kamilu Sani Fage, this recent upheaval is another major chance missed by the national secretariat of the party to take a decisive decision and nip in the bud a crisis that can cost the party not only a return ticket to the Kano State government house but also a return ticket to the Aso Villa.

"Right from the beginning, they could have nipped the crisis in the bud. That was before either the congresses or immediately after it before they go to the court.

"But now that they have gone to court and it seems that the court's verdict is in favour of the G-7, and from all indications perhaps even the latest appeal could go that way, so with this, the G-7 have an upper hand," he said.

As such, any decision that the national secretariat of the party will want to reach, it must be acceptable to the G-7 as well as to the governor's side, Prof Fage said, adding that "now, if they tilt towards the government side, they are not taking the crisis seriously because already the court has given a verdict in favour of the G-7".

He advised that for the national secretariat to truly resolve the crisis, it has to take into consideration the realities on the ground.

"Politics in Nigeria is not about only who is in office or who is influential but it has legal and constitutional basis. So, the party cannot break the laws of the land and expect people to abide by it," he said.

The approach adopted by the national secretariat, for the likes of Prof Fage, is thus not such that will augur well for peace and unity of the party.

But for others, the national secretariat is at a crossroads because while the G-7 has legal backing, the governor still enjoys the support of the majority of the national assembly members, the state assembly members, as well as the chairmen of the 44 local government areas and the 484 ward councillors in the state.

Therefore, while the national chairman of the party's CEPC, Mai Mala Buni, was quoted on Monday to have said the challenges currently faced do not constitute any threat to the party, political analysts observed that if the Kano crisis is not properly addressed before more party members begin to declare their ambitions to contest for its presidential ticket, the Kano crisis like those in other states will only encourage a free-for-all fight that can only spell doom for the party.

Bagudu, Badaru meet Buhari over APC convention

By Muideen Olaniyi & Idowu Isamotu

President Muhammadu Buhari Tuesday received two governors of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

The governors were Senator Atiku Bagudu of Kebbi State who doubles as the Chairman of the Progressive Governors' Forum (PGF) and Muhammad Badaru Abubakar of Jigawa State.

The two governors met the president as the APC prepares for February 26 National Convention where a new set of members of the party's National Working Committee (NWC) would be elected. Last Thursday, the party inaugurated its state executives ahead of the convention. Aspirants have been campaigning across the country for the position of the national chairman.

Various camps have been meeting to secure the victory

for their preferred aspirants as the President remains quiet on his preferred candidates for the positions of national chairman and president ahead of the 2023 general elections.

Meanwhile, the party has inaugurated a forum of all councillors elected on its platform to begin mobilisation of support for the party at the grassroots.

The councillors, under the auspices of National Progressive Councillors' Forum (NPCF), led

by the councillor representing Guringawa ward in Kumbotso Local Government of Kano State, Muslihu Yusuf Ali, were inaugurated by the Chairman of the Caretaker Committee of the party, Mai Mala Buni.

Buni, who was represented by the Director Organising of APC, Alhaji Alpha Yahaya, charged the newly inaugurated NPCF executive, to assist the party in its growth and ideology to be acceptable within all communities.

He said, "We know all politics is local, and we understand that the main politics is at the grassroots, that is why we can't joke with councillors. Your objective is to assist the party (APC) in its growth and ideology of its acceptability within our community."

In his reaction, the chairman of NPCF, Ali, said they would not let the party down in its quest to register in the minds of people at the local level.

Impeachment notice grounds activities at Zamfara deputy gov's office

From Shehu Umar (Gusau) & Saawua Terzungwe (Abuja)

Activities at the office of the deputy governor of Zamfara State, Barrister Mahdi Aliyu Muhammad, have been grounded following the impeachment notice served on him by the state House of Assembly over allegation of misconduct.

The deputy governor, who is the son of a former minister of Defence, General Aliyu Gusau (rtd), has been at loggerheads with the state governor, Bello Matawalle, said to be due to his refusal to decamp with the governor to the All Progressives Congress (APC) from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Our correspondent reports that activities at the deputy governor's office have been at the lowest ebb since last year when the governor joined APC. It was gathered that the deputy governor has not been going to the office.

It was learnt that members of the State Assembly were emboldened by Monday's Federal High Court judgement affirming Matawalle as the governor of the state.

Sources at the deputy governor's office told our correspondent that he has since stopped coming to office.

"Yes, the deputy governor is aware of all that is happening and I think the decision to impeach him was emboldened by the recent court's dismissal



■ Barrister Mahdi Aliyu Muhammad of the suit challenging the defection of Matawalle, the source said.

The impeachment move was being hinged on alleged constitutional breaches, abuse of office, and financial misappropriation against the state's No 2 citizen by the lawmakers.

They said Section 188 of the 1999 Constitution empowered them to commence the impeachment process against the deputy governor without further delay.

Meanwhile, PDP has cautioned Matawalle over what they called stoking and inducing violence in the state by orchestrating and manipulating the state House of Assembly to commence, "an illegal and undemocratic process of impeachment against the democratically elected deputy

governor."

However, the ruling APC in the state, through its Publicity Secretary, Yusuf Idris, said it is the decision of the assembly to commence the impeachment of the deputy governor and not that of the governor.

Meantime, APC has welcomed Monday's Federal High Court judgement affirming Matawalle as the governor of Zamfara State.

Secretary of the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee, Senator John James Akpanudoedehe, in a statement on Tuesday also hailed the judiciary for defending the constitution and popular mandate of Matawalle as governor of the state.

2023 gov'ship: Jigawa former council chairmen want Lamido's son to run

From Mohammed Abubakar, Dutse

Former local government chairmen under the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Jigawa State have called on the son of a former governor of the state, Sule Lamido, Mustapha, to seek the party's 2023 gubernatorial ticket.

The group, under the aegis of the Forum of former Local Government Chairmen under PDP, made the call in a communiqué it issued during its extraordinary meeting at Gumel Foundation in Gumel north-west, Jigawa.

Reading the communiqué, the secretary of the forum and a former chairman of Yankwashi LGA, Musa Abdullahi Karkarna, said 22 out of the 27 local government chairmen who served under the PDP attended the meeting and agreed on the resolution.

Mustapha, who is yet to declare for the race, is among the three persons eyeing PDP ticket in the state.

The group said it would go round the state to mobilise more people, particularly PDP members, to join it and mount pressure on Mustapha to accept their request.

2023: Don't leave politics to old politicians, Obaseki tells youths

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

Edo State Governor Godwin Obaseki has charged young Nigerians to get involved in the nation's political decision-making process to place the country on the path of sustainable growth and development.

He gave the charge yesterday when he

received the publisher of Ovation Magazine, Mr. Dele Momodu, who was on a courtesy visit to his office to inform the governor of his intention to contest the 2023 presidential election on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Obaseki attributed the nation's socio-economic problems to the failure of citizens to participate

in the process of electing leaders.

According to him, the process of electing leaders should not be left for those that don't know the new order but feel they know something that will not take us anywhere.

Earlier, Momodu said Nigeria needs only leaders with the requisite knowledge to solve her challenges.

FCT council polls: APC, PDP, others sign peace accord

By Abbas Jimoh

Ahead of the Saturday's FCT area council elections, the leadership and candidates of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and 12 other political parties participating in election have signed a peace accord.

The party leaders and their candidates, who performed the ceremony at the enlarged stakeholders meeting on the 2022 FCT area councils' elections on Monday in Abuja, pledged to ensure peaceful, credible and hitch-free elections.

The Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, said that sensitive materials for the election will be delivered by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to the commission's FCT Office in Garki, Abuja tomorrow.

He said party agents, observers and the media will be invited to inspect the materials before they will be moved to the area councils on the same day, adding that all non-sensitive materials have already been delivered to the area councils.

Also speaking, the Inspector General of Police, Usman Usman Alkali-Baba, said the Force will deploy tactical units drawn from the Mobile Police Force, Special Forces, Counter Terrorism and senior officers from the Force Headquarter to provide security and monitor the election.

Speaking earlier, the FCT Minister, Mohammed Musa Bello, assured that the FCT administration would support INEC and other stakeholders to ensure free, fair and credible elections in the territory.



■ Mohammed Bello

Why I want to become FCT senator – Mrs Dayo Benjamins-Laniyi

Mrs Dayo Benjamins-Laniyi is a seasoned entrepreneur who is also dedicated to the empowerment of women and the girl child through her various initiatives and programmes. In this interview, she speaks on why she is aspiring for the FCT Senate seat in 2023; her assessment of the 9th National Assembly and crisis in the APC, among others.

By Itodo Daniel Sule

You have been an entrepreneur; why are you delving into politics?

Politics is a mandate borne out of one's personal conviction that you can make a difference. I believe I can and I will. From whatever background one comes, once you identify a gap in a system, the onus is on you to fill it, especially if you know what to do to fill that gap, if you have the capacity.

As a seasoned and serial entrepreneur, I am principally a service provider; politics is about service; value-based service, and I am ready to serve.

Why are you aspiring for the FCT Senate seat?

Aspirations are all about reaching for a higher expression of oneself and one's inherent and proven capacities. The Senate is the apex law-making body of the nation and every dividend of democracy emanates from legislation. If the laws are done properly, then, there is the probability of proper delivery and management of citizens' expectations and policy alike.

From my experience and relationship engagement all over the years, I have gained enough collated experience to bring impact to the Senate.

You hail from Ogun State; why did you decide to contest



■ Mrs Benjamins-Laniyi

not that of your constituency of origin; can you withstand the 'original owners' of Abuja?

I am a Nigerian by birth; I came to serve in the Federal Capital Territory as a youth corps member. This is where I got married, had my children, and I also expect to become a grandmother in Abuja. I believe that FCT belongs to Nigerians. It is expected that as a Nigerian, contribute your quota to the overall development of the FCT.

The FCT is a miniature version of Nigeria, consisting of every tribe. The senatorial seats are meant to develop a senatorial segment of the country. It is to represent all the segments, including the original inhabitants. Additionally, the law recognizes that my residency in the FCT

grants me citizenship as well as the wonderful Gbayi indigenes of the FCT. I am not planning to withstand the "original owner" status of Abuja but rather, to pivotally profile myself as "their own".

The incumbent Senator of the FCT, Philip Aduda, has been at the Upper Chamber since 2011, can you defeat him if given the ticket of the APC?

These are interesting times and the political architecture of the FCT is ready for something bold, fresh and new. I fit that profile and I'm running to win. With God, all things are "winnable".

What are the things that you will do differently if elected senator come 2023?

Inclusivity! Every decision I make will be a product of vigorous consultations with the electorate so that the power of belonging, whether as a resident or an original inhabitant, will be fully represented.

What do you think should be done to enhance women and youth participation in politics?

Better engagement. To continue to ignore women's participation in politics is equivalent to wrecking whatever developmental strides we have achieved as a nation and to ignore the youth is to destroy our future.

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Fayemi: celebrating a bridge builder at 57

By Yinka Oyebo

Jos, the capital of Plateau State, played host to an unusual gathering of top government functionaries and frontline religious and community leaders on September 6, 2021. These include the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha, Co-chairmen of Nigeria Inter-Religious Council, Sultan Sa'ad Abubakar, and Rev. Samson Ayokunle; Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State, Governor Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto, Governor Sani Bello of Niger and Governor Simon Lalong of Plateau State, who was the host of the peace-building meeting convened to resolve the ethno-religious crisis that had threatened the peace in the North Central State. The meeting was frank and decisive as the SGF, who represented President Muhammadu Buhari at the parley, hinted on the federal government's commitment to resolving the crisis.

The second half of the meeting featured presentations by leaders of the various religious and ethnic groups. An octogenarian Islamic cleric, Imam Abdulahi Abubakar from Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, spiced up his presentation by recapping how Governor Kayode Fayemi awarded him an honorary doctorate degree of the Ekiti State University in recognition of his peace initiatives in the northern state some years ago. The celebrated cleric who is a chief imam in his mosque had saved the lives of over 200 Tiv Christians by hiding them in his mosque and feeding them throughout the period of the crisis. Imam Abubakar told the cheering audience to appreciate the governor for his gesture. "I have never met the governor before. I was invited by the university for the award. I hope I can use this opportunity to thank the governor for recognising my little effort", the octogenarian cleric said as he made his way to the high table to have a hand shake with Dr Fayemi.

Fayemi's penchant for peaceful resolution of conflict as a precursor to development made him come up with policies that addressed some inequalities and lopsidedness in the mining sector during his stint as Minister of Mines and Steel Development between 2015 and 2018. Key among these was the win-win approach he engineered to address the contentious issue of land ownership. Through the right mix of policy, advocacy and consultation with critical stakeholders, the exclusive right of the federal government on minerals and mining was retained, but a creative way to enable the 36 states to benefit from the resources in their domain was charted, while the host communities also got their deserved compensation.

It is generally believed that the Nigeria Governors' Forum under Governor Fayemi's chairmanship has become a vehicle for bridge-building and peace initiatives. What with many interventions on issues bordering on workers' welfare, women and children, sharing formula of the commonwealth as well as ethno-religious crisis. Back home in Ekiti where he holds sway as the "Ilufemiloye" (the people's governor), his bridge-building efforts have made the adherents of

the various religion live in harmony. Opposition parties are also able to ventilate divergent views on state matters and hold political activities without any fear of molestation. His administration is reputable for effective handling of knotty traditional and chieftaincy issues through alternative conflict resolution methods. His annual meeting with communities for their input into the state's annual budget preparation has been applauded by development partners and international donor agencies as a good model for development.

Former External Affairs Minister, Prof. Bolaji Akinyemi, remarked on Fayemi's bridge-building efforts during a lecture marking the 60th anniversary of the Nigeria Institute for International Affairs (NIIA) in Lagos recently, and urged him not to relent. "The country needs these types of interventions at this critical period. And I am happy you are one of the respected voices preaching peace," he said.

The Ekiti State governor had emerged on the peace-building scene at the beginning of the Fourth Republic when he served as Technical Adviser to the Justice Chukwudifu Oputa-led Human Rights Violation Investigation Commission Panel that looked into cases of human rights abuses under the then military regime. Prior to that time, he had joined forces with an army of pro-democracy agitators outside the shores of the land, working for the revalidation of the June 12, 1993 Presidential election won by the late Chief Moshood Abiola.

As Dr Fayemi turns 57 today, the question is no longer about what he is capable of doing as a leader, peacemaker and bridge builder. He has been able to demonstrate his capability as an imaginative, innovative and exemplary leader. Instead, the question will be about what he would not do as a leader as many have come to believe that his past adequately prepared him for the present and the future.

Born on February 9, 1965, John Kayode Fayemi received his first degree in History and Politics from the University of Lagos in 1985, a master's degree in International Relations from the University of Ife, Ile-Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), in 1987 and a doctorate in War Studies from the King's College, University of London, UK in 1993. His research and policy development interests include: Natural Resource Governance, Democratisation, Constitutionalism, Security Sector Governance, Civil-Military Relations and Regionalism in the Global Context.

He was inaugurated as Governor of Ekiti State on October 16, 2010 and was named Minister of Mines and Steel Development in 2015. However, he resigned his ministerial position in 2018 to contest the governorship of Ekiti State. He won and was inaugurated as governor for the second term on October 16, 2018.

Today, I join millions of admirers to present 57 garlands to this exceptional leader, reliable mediator, bridge builder, change agent, thinker and innovator as he takes the fifty-seventh step in his untiring service to our dear state and country. The journey is just about to begin.

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OPINION

West Africa: Return of the military and questions about democracy

By Charles Onunaiju

"As far as we're concerned, it's not a coup; it is the liberation of a country, which was being governed by people, who were incompetent" – Burkina-Faso military coup supporter

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the fifteen member sub-regional group would have to adorn its fire brigade attire once again, the third time in less than two years, to put out the fire of yet another full blown military takeover of a member state. And to make matters even more intractable, a section of the military struck in Guinea Bissau to seize power but has been unsuccessful, barely two weeks after the successful military coup in Burkina Faso.

The military in Burkina Faso on January 24 snatched former President Christen Roch Kabore and announced that his government had been taken over, because extremist Jihadists had held the country by the jugulars especially in its outskirts.

Furthermore, the military alleged that as the economy stagnates and heads to the tailspin as a result of insecurity, politicians are surfing around the land to award themselves another tenure to continue the same thing.

The ECOWAS would find its job of superintending democracy in the region easier if it shifts its focus from who is breaching the rule of democracy to how democracy is delivering on the basic needs of the people and spurring them to contribute to the growth and expansion of the economies in the sub-region

However, while the charges reeled out by the military to justify their new fad of up-ending the democratic order; on the surface of it, is unassailable. The experience with military rule in the sub-region and beyond does not lend itself to any optimism that junta rule is any credible alternative to the misdemeanors of the civilian elites.

The fact that the military or, more appropriately, elements within it consider seizure of political power as a way to resolve the crises of the state and the excesses of the one faction or the other of the civilian political elite and in most cases, found popular approval, suggest the democracy project in the region suffers from a critical deficit of popular ownership. The problem of worsening insecurity, deepening of grinding poverty, abuse of public offices, wide spread and mindless corruption among the political elite, grand corruption and inefficiency in the bureaucracy or public service are daily experience of the people, even as the institutions and grand rules of democracy which include rule of law, existence of the parliament, periodic elections which are sometimes free and fair are in full display.

Obviously, the grand rules of democracy and the existence of all the paraphilia of it, without the most vital or important aspect

of delivering service that feeds directly into solving practical problems, leave democracy on a downhill descent to a mere hollow ritual.

Experience has also demonstrated that the rules and institutions of state under democracy are routinely violated and manipulated by the same civilian elites who operate them, thereby stunting their growth and vitiating their capabilities for efficient service delivery.

To perpetuate that sort of democracy, seated on rules alone and which principally benefits the operators rather than the generality of the people is not feasible and consequently and inevitably vulnerable to a clique within the military or any other organised armed group that might make a bid for power grab. The greatest undoing of the civilian elite "democratically elected" within the sub-region and beyond is their inability to innovatively manage and improve the economy because their essential understanding of democracy and its rule of the civilian elites is mostly, entitlement. The economies of the sub-region despite years of democratic rule have neither revived nor appreciably grown in a broadly inclusive and sustainable manner. The abundance of human capital has not been brought to bear, because policy focus on building human capacity has not been prioritised.

In the past; nearly three decades, democracy in the West African sub-region has been largely process-oriented, rule-based and procedural but for democracy to be owned by the people in the sub-region, it needs to be result-oriented and substantive so that it does not just become a machine to ferry the civilian elites to good life of privileges, entitlements and opulence but a mechanism to process inclusive and qualitative improvements in the living conditions of the people.

The ECOWAS would find its job of superintending democracy in the region easier if it shifts its focus from who is breaching the rule of democracy to how democracy is delivering on the basic needs of the people and spurring them to contribute to the growth and expansion of the economies in the sub-region. Calling out and denouncing military adventurists within the region while the people dance and sing on the streets to welcome them will not do anything to turn the tide. Even if military regimes are suffocated and made to pay heavy prices, which is not even the case at the moment, the reality that the cliques and elements within the military can successfully seize power is the more reason to closely monitor the health of the democratic process in the sub-region and not to haul invectives when the process is dead.

The ECOWAS should help itself by establishing a permanent organ for outreach, to civil societies, organised labour, intellectuals, youth and women organisations, peasant groups, farmers, artisans in order to constantly evaluate democracies in the sub-region on their abilities to deliver on poverty alleviation and reductions, access to quality health, education and water and more importantly the commitment by the ruling elites of the various countries to innovate economic policy that gives scope to optimising productivity in the industrial and agricultural sectors.

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Time to arrest ritual killings

The recent rise in ritual killings for money among Nigerians, especially the youth has become worrisome. The latest is the gruesome killing of a 20-year-old girl by her boyfriend and three other teenagers. Under the influence of get-rich-quick syndrome, the young boys were on January 29, 2022, caught burning the head of their victim, identified as Rofiat, in Oke Aregba area of Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

Confirming the incident, the Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a statement said three young boys whose ages range between 17 and 20 years were arrested by men of the state police command for killing a girlfriend of their friend for money-making ritual. On interrogation, the arrested teenage suspects Wariz Oladehinde, Abdulgafar Lukman and Mustakeem Balogun, all confessed to the crime.

The suspects also said Rofiat was lured by her boyfriend, Soliu Majekodunmi, to where she was murdered by four of them, after which they cut off her head, packed the remains into a sack, and dumped it in an old building. One of the suspects, Balogun, claimed to have learnt money ritual from the information posted on a Facebook group.

Also, on New Year's Day, the corpse of a missing 300-level student of the University of Jos, Jennifer Anthony, was found mutilated at a hotel along Zaria Road in Jos with some parts of her body, including the eyes, missing. The alleged ritual killer, 20-year-old Moses Oko, who was nabbed a few days later in Makurdi, Benue State, turned out to be her boyfriend. On January 4, the Bayelsa State Police Command apprehended three teenage suspects for attempted ritual killing in Sagbama LGA of the state. The PPRO in the state, Asinim Butswat, said the suspects accosted one 13-year-old Comfort and hypnotized her to follow them to Emomotimi's apartment. They allegedly cut her finger and sprinkled the blood on a mirror for ritual purposes. The suspects, after their arrest, confessed to the crime.

On January 11 this year, a mother and her son were arrested along Itamaga-Ikorodu Road, Lagos, for allegedly killing the younger sibling for money ritual. The son, Afeez Olalere, reportedly told the police that his mother encouraged him to commit the heinous crime. "My mother took me to a herbalist who told me if I want to be successful in yahoo business, I needed to sacrifice one life and that person must be a sibling to me," Afeez said. The victim, his sibling, died within 20 minutes after drinking the poison bought by their mother. Afeez confessed to cutting the body parts needed for the ritual.

The list of such crimes goes on and on. We condemn in very strong terms this worrisome trend and urge that it be treated with the seriousness it deserves. The idea that in the 21st century, people are killing fellow citizens to get rich in itself casts a terrible shadow on the nation as backward and primitive. It is indeed very unfortunate that the country has degenerated to this level and more scary is the involvement of youths in this heinous crime.

This development no doubt brings to question the place of societal values; what happened to the fabric of the Nigerian society? How did it get so bad? Research has shown that irresponsible parenting, access to hard drugs and substances, influence of social media contents, corruption, the glorification of riches, and weak enforcement of criminal laws altogether contribute to the spread of quick or easy money syndrome among Nigerian youths who believe that money ritual is a shortcut to wealth.

There must, therefore, be a redirection of the society. A situation where no questions are asked about individuals whose sources of wealth are suspicious only suggests that prosperity could be achieved by any means; not necessarily hard work. There is also a need to tone down the public show of affluence by Nigerians. The affluent must also learn to be moderate, and be seen to be moderate.

Furthermore, we call on the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to design a national strategic programme that would reorient Nigerian youths to find value in hard work. Traditional and religious leaders should explore their respective roles to preach against crass materialism.

Parents must also wake up to their responsibilities. They should monitor and regulate not only what their children watch and listen to but also check the kind of friends they keep. The moral training of children is not a duty exclusive to teachers. To save the country from this poor narrative, the Nigerian society must examine and redefine its values in the light of its glorious past where morality, not money, determined the respect an individual earned. To deter others, the law should be seen to take its course over every perpetrator of ritual killing. Enough of horrible killings for money.

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Games politicians play

By Nick Dazang

For scholars who majored in International Relations or who took the course as an elective/minor in the late 1970s and early 1980s, John Spanier's *GAMES NATIONS PLAY: ANALYZING INTERNATIONAL POLITICS* and Joan Edelman Spero's *THE POLITICS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS* were compulsory reading.

Both texts were written against the background of the Cold War and the bi-polar rivalry in which the two superpowers, the United States and the defunct Soviet Union, were the predominant players on the world stage.

Though Spanier and Spero were Americans, their texts stood out for their professionalism, scholarship and lucidness. They explained the strategies, the institutions and the proxies which the superpowers consummately deployed. And they did so in a disinterested manner, devoid of propaganda and partisanship.

By virtue of the date established by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) some few years ago, namely that the presidential election shall henceforth take place on the third Saturday of February in an election year, it follows that the 2023 presidential election shall take place on Saturday, February 18, 2023. As we wait for President Muhammadu Buhari, with bated breath, to assent to the Electoral Amendment Bill which will enable INEC to issue the Timetable And Schedule of Activities for the conduct of the 2023 general elections and which will in turn spur the contest for power, one recalls with nostalgia John Spanier's classic.

As is usual when elections are afoot, the political space becomes agog with excitement and colour. At the end of a tenure or election cycle, aspirants begin to showcase their bonafides and to demonstrate the stuff they are made of. Either they are consulting, awaiting the Election Management Body (EMB) to issue the Notice of Elections or they are engaging spin doctors and public relations experts who will burnish their image and help sell them to the electorate. In a sense, and to parody Spanier, our politicians play games as well. And they deploy all manner of stratagems, from the sublime to the ludicrous.

As I write, not less than a dozen aspirants have indicated interest to contest the office of the president in 2023. What is clear, going by the list, is that it is the same old, jaded line. It is the "Usual Suspects" (apologies to Bryan Singer) all over, prompting one to wonder what happened to the "Not too young to run" act and the fact that the Electoral Amendment Bill now puts presidential nomination forms at a maximum of N10 million, far cheaper than the outrageous "Expression of Interest" fees hitherto coaxed from aspirants by political parties.

If some of the gladiators are of the "old school" stock, most have elected to go by our well-worn

political play book. Either they are adopting the strategy of "hard sale" or aggression or they are deploying "soft sale" or being cautious. Among the aggressive types must be Chief Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Governor Dave Umahi and Senator Rochas Okorocha. The three have taken the unprecedented step of announcing to the president their aspirations first before informing Nigerians who will determine their fates.

Among those who excel in soft sale must be the bashful and self-effacing Vice President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo and Governor John Fayemi Kayode of Ekiti State. The two aspirants would rather prefer that they test the waters using proxies and a phalanx of "support groups".

Apart from deploying the strategies of hard and soft sale, the aspirants have excelled in consultations. Elder statesmen, led by the ever wily former military president, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB), are the hosts of these aspirants.

To facilitate and enable the game politicians are playing, a plethora of spin doctors, support groups and fly-by-night consultants have mushroomed into the political space. Suddenly, the media - traditional and social - are awash with blandishments and articles extolling the virtues of presidential and governorship aspirants. Aspirants are either dressed in the superlative garbs of miracle workers and super men or the borrowed dresses of prophets and seers.

In the event you have not noticed, suddenly, the invectives that used to attend exchanges between our vibrant socio-cultural groups have ceased. In their place are civilized exchanges, visitations and show of good will. The other day, the youth wing of Ohanaeze Indigbo was hosted by its equivalent in the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) in Kaduna. In what appears a historic handshake across the River Niger, Afenifere was reported as supporting the notion of an Igbo presidential candidate.

The other interesting issues politicians have canvassed, for self-serving and opportunistic reasons, of course, are those of zoning and age. While those who want, willy nilly, to hang on to power are quick to discountenance zoning, others who have not accessed power at the federal level are vociferous and are holding tightly to it.

And while we thought we had seen the back of godfatherism, it has reared its ugly head in Ekiti State. In that state, two contenders for the impending governorship election are reported to be anointed candidates of a former governor of the state and the incumbent.

We also seem to have a throwback to the testy rivalry between the then National Party of Nigeria (NPN) and the Nigeria Peoples Party (NPP) which hallmarked the Second Republic. Recall former Senator Arthur Nzeribe's threat to match NPN "rice for rice"? Well, Senator Orji Kalu has promised to match his good friend, Chief Bola Ahmed Tinubu, "grit for grit", whatever that means.

There is no doubt about it that as we approach the conduct of the 2023 general elections and campaigns are in full swing, the stakes will go up by several notches. We shall be guaranteed more drama, intrigues and games which our deft and ingenious politicians will play. But even as we await drama and intrigues galore, we must note the absence of the kind of high minded discourses and profound sound bites that electrified the First and Second Republics. It is also instructive that even as politicians strut and traverse the Nigerian landscape consulting in person or through proxies, none has addressed the issues that challenge us, namely: insecurity, unemployment, poverty, lack of electricity, poor infrastructure, and decrepit health, educational and transport sectors.

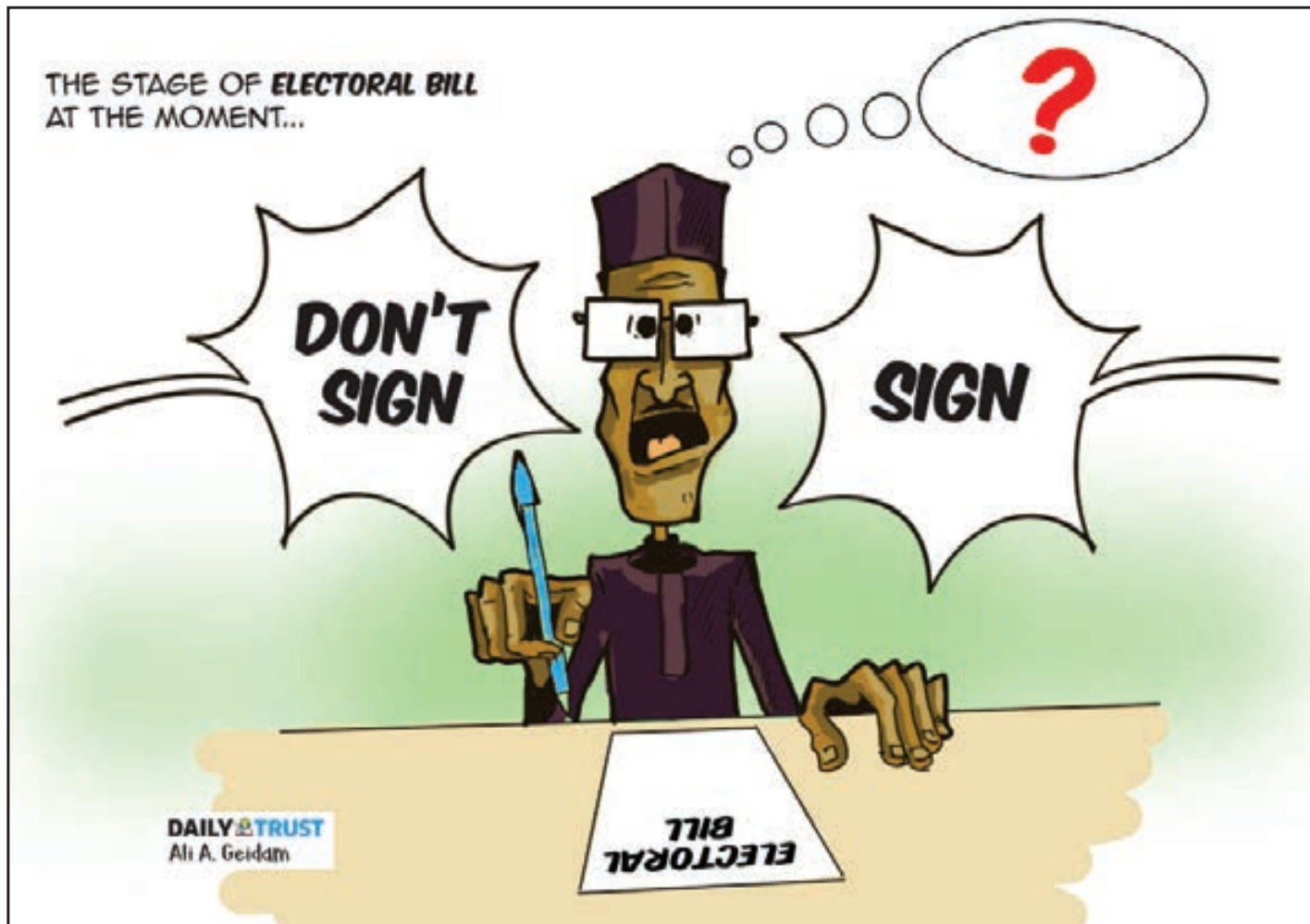
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The need to sanitise the entertainment industry

It is highly frustrating that music is swiftly dominating Nigeria. So many people, especially teenagers, consider and consume music much more than anything. Despite the indecency in most videos, the youths see musicians and actors as role models.

The comedy skits are much worse. Women who get featured in those comedy skits are usually inelegant vixens. They derive joy in flashing their nudity before the audience. And the audiences are often vulnerable kids. They are kids who barely think independently, so they learn whatsoever they see.

What's more disgusting is that the vulgar languages in these skits and movies are not being filtered or edited by the supposed editors. This is proof of willful neglect of the future of young adults. But who do we blame for this? The blame lies with the supposed editors, reckless actors, irresponsible parents and the entertainment industry for its fatal disregard for prevailing indecency.

We can see that moral decadence in children is increasing disrespect and utter preferences for filthy films other than films with educative contents. They imitate what they see in these movies, hence the overwhelming rate of juvenile crimes.

Although the damage seems too much, we can lessen it through the help of the National Film and Video Censor Board (NFVCB). Therefore, let us appeal to the NFVCB to double their effort in seeing that songs with foul lyrics, x-rated movies, video clips and comedies are filtered or banned entirely from cinemas or social media.

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Sanwo-Olu, they are everywhere

The recent report of Governor Sanwo-olu's *engagement with* two out-of-school children generates varying reactions on the developmental thrust of Lagos State and Nigeria at large. First, is the reaction of commendation, and next is that of condemnation.

Yes, the governor's act deserves some commendation. It is not commonplace to have a governor halt his convoy to interact with underage girls who have been deprived of their right to basic education. More commendable is his commitment to helping the girls achieve their dreams through formal education.

On the flip side, one is moved to ask if that was the first time the governor saw or paid attention to the over two million street-roaming out-of-school children in the state. Would the governor have had a need for such intervention if the socio-

economic system was right and parents could easily send their wards to school?

While it is commendable that the state is implementing a couple of projects aimed at reducing the number of out-of-school children, there has not been a commensurate physical and verifiable result to the acclaimed success of these projects such as EKOEXCEL. Developmental projects must be delivered with impact and not mere media exposures.

With over 13.2 million out-of-school children, Nigeria bears the burden of the world's capital for out-of-school children. How did we get here? Nigeria's educational problems are not in isolation from the country's holistic developmental problems. From years of legislative and executive neglect to upholding of the age-long culture of depriving girls of access

to education, poor funding and policies, corruption, among other challenges, Nigeria revs in a circle of disempowering its young population of transformative education for social development. We need to break this circle.

Unarguably, out-of-school children are everywhere in Lagos and Nigeria. It is a national problem with immediate and future impacts. Everyone – families, governments, religious and social institutions, civil society organisations – has a part to play in increasing access to free and quality education.

Education is the bedrock of sustainable development. We cannot evolve as a nation without free, quality, safe and compulsory 12 years of basic education.

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Lesson from UAE on counterterrorism strategy

In April 2019, the Abu Dhabi Federal Court of Appeal convicted six Nigerians over the funding of Boko Haram terrorist group. The accused were tried and sentenced before a court of competent jurisdiction for the transfer of almost \$800,000 from Dubai to Nigeria to facilitate and aid the Boko Haram terrorists' operations.

While the court found the accused guilty of setting up a Boko Haram cell in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to raise funds and material assistance for the insurgents in Nigeria, the convicts appealed their conviction in the UAE Federal Supreme Court but the appeal was turned down by the apex court in December 2019.

With the UAE's thorough investigation

on this terrorist financing allegation and prompt prosecution of the culprits, the country's authorities have indirectly sent a stern signal of their zero and intolerant stance against insurgency to all and sundry. If the convicts could face trial for sponsoring terrorism outside the shores of UAE, it is easier to predict the horrible fate that awaits whoever perpetrates any iota of terrorist acts on UAE territory.

It is unfortunate that Nigerian authorities have not deemed it fit to emulate the UAE's rapid response and tactical approach to counterterrorism. Rather, the national debate among government officials so far revolves around the modus operandi of negotiating with terrorists and incessant threats against unnamed financiers of

terrorism.

A 2020 report from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said that insurgency-related conflicts had claimed the lives of almost 350,000 people in the North East. Numerous invaluable private and public properties have also been lost to terrorism.

The sincerity and readiness of Nigerian government in the fight against terrorism is questionable. No nation can totally overcome or curb the menace of terrorism without identifying and sanctioning its financiers. One of the most effective counterterrorism strategies is to dismantle the network behind insurgency. A notorious terrorist recently apprehended in Sokoto State narrated how he purchased N28.5 million

gun truck for his terrorist operations.

The confession reaffirms that any war on terrorism without locating and breaking its financial channels is a facade. The havoc being wrecked on Nigerians by these terrorists would continue with their financial strength to purchase sophisticated weapons. Both the Nigerian security apparatus and the terrorist foot soldiers have unlimited access to heavy weapons. The government's policy of purchasing more military warfare can't defeat terrorism until its counterterrorism strategy adopts and prioritises the utter decimation of terrorist life support machine (financing).

Binzak Azeez sent this piece from Onikan, Lagos



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NPA revenue rises by 120 percent in 2021



■ The Acting Managing Director, Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Mohammed Bello-Koko (right) presents the Authority's plaque to the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Nigeria, His Excellency, Daniel Bertrand during a working visit at the Corporate Headquarters in Lagos.

The internally generated revenue profile of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), between January and September 2021 increased by 120 percent.

The rise in the revenue of NPA follows the short-term approach to business by the current Management of the authority.

NPA's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) between January and September 2021 increased from N214.65 billion to NGN256.28 billion.

Similarly, the NPA revenue chart in the period under review shows a drastic reduction of its operating costs by N10.39 billion.

With this industry watchers believe that nothing happens by chance and every incident occurs at the precise moment for which it was meant.

Indeed, so many events happened in 2021 which shook the maritime sector to its foundation. But some have also helped to sharpen the sector while others have further created more confusion.

Starting with the removal of the former Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Hadiza Bala-Usman, by President Mohammed Buhari.

Some of the systemic changes put in place by Acting Managing Director of NPA, Mohammed Bello-Koko, the

former Executive Director, Finance and Administration of the Authority, accounts for the rise in the revenue profile of the Ports Authority.

After assuming office, his team consulted a series of stakeholders across the top hierarchy of the Armed Forces, Police and other security agencies, the Lagos State Government, and other critical industry stakeholders to address the fundamental issues affecting the seamless operation of the electronic call-up system for trucks, known as ETO.

They, among other things launched "Operation Green" to remove and clear all illegal structures and shanties on the Apapa and Tin Can Island Port access roads.

The outcome is evidenced in a significant improvement in travel time along the Apapa port access roads in Lagos.

In a related development, management has also reviewed the modalities for registration and operations of barges. The new regulatory framework which includes a new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) took effect from September 2021.

It provides for enforcement of the safety and operational standards including the requirement to install radio communication equipment on-board to facilitate the sharing of traffic information.

Furthermore, the Authority is in the process of deploying an electronic call-up system for barges to streamline their operations. It is worthy to note that the NPA recorded the movement of over 200,000 TEUs by barges in 2021.

In the area of process automation to improve overall efficiency of the country's ports, the Bello-Koko-led management is collaborating with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to consolidate all its electronic platforms under a unified Port Community System.

These include Oracle Financials and Human Resources Planning; Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP); Revenue & Invoicing Management System (RIMS); e-Ship Entry Notice (e-SEN); Customs portal for online submission of bills; Hyperion budgeting; 3CI (Command, Control, and Communication & Intelligence); Truck Call-Up Access Control; and Harbours System Linked with the 3CI for harmonization of vessel operations.

Concerning operational infrastructure, management has renovated the Control Towers at both Apapa and Tin Can Island ports, while new communication gadgets have been installed to ensure prompt and effective communication with vessels coming into the port channels.

In the area of security and compliance with the ISPS code, NPA is addressing identified areas of security vulnerabilities with the deployment of Electronic Access Control in Apapa and Onne ports as pilot projects, while the procurement process has commenced for the full perimeter fencing of Tin Can Island Port area to total compliance.

This is in addition to 13 newly procured Security Patrol Boats (SPB) to be deployed across all pilotage districts including the establishment of Marine Police units in Calabar and Delta ports where none currently exist.

Meanwhile, when he was appointed, the Nigerian Maritime Industry was taken by surprise, as discordant tunes greeted his appointment as stakeholders bickered over his professional credentials, technical capacity, and industry connections considered as key indices required to land the top job.

But whatever intrigues might have influenced his appointment, Bello-Koko inadvertently assumed the unenviable and mine-laden responsibility of manning the gateway to Nigeria's economy; a task

he has administered over the last seven months, with clear understanding and unwavering commitment to NPA's viability and competitiveness.

While some industry watchers have described him as a child of providence considering the circumstances leading to his appointment, other stakeholders reckon that whether he has chosen the path or the path has chosen him, the honourable thing would be to make the most of the opportunity and write his name in the sands of time.

Seven months ago, nobody gave Bello-Koko a chance; yet his brief tenure has recorded remarkable milestones that cannot simply be glossed over.

Focusing on low-hanging fruits, Bello-Koko set his sight on cost-optimization and quality service delivery, while maximizing business value for port operators and users.

It is however instructive to note that since his appointment to the position of Executive Director, Finance and Administration in 2017, Bello-Koko has availed himself of seminars, trainings, conferences, and other initiatives aimed at consolidating his knowledge and competencies in port administration, project financing, and human capacity management.

With over two decades of experience in the upper echelon of Nigeria's financial sector, Bello-Koko's track record of prudent resource management is well documented and has been evident since he assumed the helm of affairs at Marina House.

In the same vein, he has also accumulated an expansive network of high-profile contacts across various sectors of the economy. In his extant role as Acting Managing Director, Bello-Koko has consistently leveraged this vast pool of technocrats to optimize operations, improve efficiency and increase revenue at the NPA.

In a short time, the former Zenith Bank manager has shown that he is a team player capable of accommodating divergent views and opinions, while also pushing his own vision for a more productive NPA.

His open-door policy has introduced a new era of direct engagements between management and stakeholders leading to a cross-fertilization of ideas and seamless information sharing.

His humble disposition, willingness to learn and loyalty are his strong characteristics – especially considering that Hadiza Bala-Usman lost out to issues around disloyalty.

APM Terminals Apapa Graduates 175 Lean Practitioners

Not less than 175 employees of APM Terminals, Apapa, recently graduated as Lean Practitioners since the start of the Lean Academy in 2019.

APM Terminal believes that lean thinking is a transformational framework that provides a new way to organise human activities to deliver more benefits to society and value to individuals while eliminating waste.

Apapa's Lean practitioners are expected to take the lead in introducing innovative solutions to terminal operations with the goal of improving efficiency and customer service. APM Terminals Apapa is transformed by re-tooling and re-educating employees to eliminate waste, boost productivity and promote innovation every day.

Martin Kjeldsen, Way of Working (WoW) Project Manager, says "Our employees play a central role in our transformation. They are the ones who will make Apapa a great place to work through involvement and engagement within our Way of

Working, through a high level of Lean education, a Lean mindset and Kaizens – for immediate, real results and long-term sustainable impact."

In the past years, the terminal worked extensively on identification of talent at Apapa to support the future Lean journey and building relations within the Apapa team to ensure cross functional collaboration.

Looking back at 2021, Jan Jensen, Way of Working (WoW) Project Manager, reflects on the Apapa progress, "the end of 2021 showed that we are on the right Lean path in Apapa. Lean training and coaching are now showing more engagement and more willingness to learn how to use the Lean tools to improve our daily work-life balance. We are beginning to see the result around the terminal where employees start and execute their own team Kaizens to improve their processes and the way they perform their daily work."

Martin Kjeldsen adds, "Practicing Lean requires a changed mindset from

running the business to improving the business, helping us prevent fire-fighting in our day-to-day job. It's not easy, but it is manageable if we set our minds to it. If we invest heavily in WoW and celebrate our successes."

A major milestone in the terminal's Lean journey is the introduction of Practical WoW Coaches. This is a dedicated stand-alone role with the objective of strengthening APM Terminals Apapa's Lean capabilities and knowledge of WoW tools. The introduction of Practical WoW Coaches has been a dream for Martin since he joined APM Terminals in 2018. "If you can dream it, you can do it," says Martin.

A practical WoW Coach, Victor Enevide, describes Lean as a systematic way of eliminating waste while focusing on individual development. He says, "To us, as employees, it gives a better understanding of what we do on a day-to-day basis. It also makes us understand that we shouldn't let good get in the way

of better.

"It's benefit to operation is the elimination of waste, improvement of truck turnaround time and better customer satisfaction. It also reduces bottlenecks to enable the process flow easily."

Operations Training Superintendent, Chigozie Mbanefo, describes consistency – and not intensity – as a key factor in Lean. He says, "When thinking about improvements, you don't have to start with big steps. Little steps, when taken consistently, can amount to so much over time. It doesn't have to be big to make a difference."

Jan Jensen adds, "It is a learning path, and it takes time to change Lean culture in an environment where we also need to run a business, once we learn how to plan, how to use Lean and execute Lean Kaizen we will experience that the Lean methodology will improve our business and our work-life balance. We see waste – and we remove it!"

BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	410	558	478	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	410.43	558.10	478.24	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	410.87	558.20	478.48	58.73	101.29	0.71

COMMODITIES PRICE (January 10, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$83.57
GOLD	\$1,740.60
SILVER	\$22.60
NATURAL GAS	\$5.4

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

BUYING	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
	N563	N580	N694
SELLING	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
	N565	N595	N705

Nigeria's data security 'compromised' as NIMC's portal remains comatose

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Galaxy Backbone contradicts commission's claims

As the technical hitch that has bedeviled the portal of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) persisted yesterday, it is feared that the portal may have been compromised by hackers, data security experts have said.

Daily Trust revealed that telcos had continued to turn back subscribers seeking to retrieve lost, damaged or stolen SIM cards due to their inability to verify their customers' NIN.

Responding to complaints from Twitter users, MTN Nigeria said it could not process SIM swap and update requests due to challenges with the NIMC portal.

"We are sorry we currently cannot process SIM swap and update requests due to external challenges. We appreciate your understanding and will post an update once this has been resolved," MTN said.

Agencies such as immigration, police and road safety are among government agencies affected, according to officials.

Our correspondent called the phone number of the spokesman of the immigration service, Amos Okpu, to respond to claims that the passport issuing service had been impacted, but he did not pick his call nor respond to an SMS.

Experts say Nigerians' personal data at risk

Data security experts told Daily Trust that the inability of the government agency to restore service in good time meant that something serious had happened.

A Lagos-based data security expert, Muibi Taylor, said that it was not unusual to experience downtime, but that if it persisted to so many days it meant there was a serious issue.

Taylor said it could be that the portal might have been compromised by hackers and some data loss in the process.

"Or it could be that those carrying out the maintenance



■ Pantami

aren't getting something right or deliberately delaying the work for pecuniary gains", he said.

Another expert, Engr Ibe Madugu, also believed that something was fishy in the maintenance process.

"That sensitive portal that affects so many important services in the country should have taken more than one or two days to maintain and rectify. Taking seven, eight days means there is a serious problem," he said.

NIMC denies hacking

NIMC debunked the notion that its portal has been hacked, but that the portal was only undergoing routine maintenance.

About 71 million Nigerians and legal residents of the country have been registered and given their unique identity numbers otherwise known as NIN.

Daily Trust further reports that some banks and telecommunication operators in the country have refused to attend

to some customers since last week due to the "maintenance" being carried out on the identity portal.

The federal government has made it compulsory for Nigerians to supply their NIN before they can access certain services offered by some private companies and government agencies.

When the NINs are supplied, the companies and agencies will then verify the unique numbers using the NIN verification portal of NIMC.

However, NIMC's portal has been down since last week and the development is said to have affected the issuance of international passport, account opening at banks and SIM replacement by telecommunications operators.

NIMC, in a statement on Monday by its spokesperson, Kayode Adegoke, said it was an unreasonable action for the organisations to shirk their duties.

The commission said these organisations had an alternative

platform through which they could render services. The alternative platform according to NIMC is TOKENISATION. "Tokenization is working!!!". Declare NIMC.

Adegoke, who is the NIMC Head Corporate Communications, said: "Even though the NIN verification service (NVS) might be down due to maintenance by one of our service providers of its infrastructure, the alternative platform - TOKENISATION is up and running. No one should be debarred of any service on the guise of NIN not being verified".

"The NVS issue has not in any way affected our other operations and services-Enrollment/issuance of NIN and other services going on".

"There is the need to ask questions from the Telcos, The Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), Banks and others on the reason for turning down customers in the guise of NIN not being verified due to the temporary unavailability of the NVS, while the alternative platform- Tokenization is working!!!

"NIMC NVS platform is not the only verification platform available for use, but Tokenisation which protects the identity of NIN holders is also up and running!!!

"And for accurate information, it is not a NIMC problem, rather, a government service provider has embarked on maintenance of its infrastructure, which has affected most government agencies that rely on it for the provision of IT service."

Galaxy Backbone contradicts NIMC claims on maintenance

Galaxybackbone, a government agency which mandate is to store all data for MDAs and provide backup for their data, apologised for the temporary service outage on the network.

"The management of Galaxy

Backbone Limited (GBB) regrets the temporary outage of some of its services and the inconvenience being experienced by some of its customers across the country", the agency said in a statement signed by its Head of Communications, Chidi Okpara.

Okpara said all hands were on deck to ensure resolution was achieved within the shortest possible time.

He further said GBB had put together a highly skilled technical team of experienced engineers and applications experts to not just solve the current issue but put in place all the necessary structures to ensure that such an incident never occurred again.

He added that while a good number of the services had been restored, effort was being made to restore all the other services.

JAMB makes a U-turn, postpones UTME registration to Feb 19

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has rescheduled registration for the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and Direct Entry (DE) for February 19 to March 26, 2022.

The decision came barely 24 hours after the board confirmed that it would not reschedule its registration process following the suspension of the verification portal of NIMC.

The board, in a statement yesterday, claimed that the postponement for the exercise which was initially scheduled to commence on February 19, was due to "fine-tuning".

The statement by the board's spokesperson, Fabian Benjamin, partly reads, "The process, which will be concluded within the one-week extension period, is also aimed at accommodating feedback from candidates and other stakeholders alike."

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – SUMMARY OF TRAIN HEADWAY AT IDU AND RIGASA

TRAIN NO.	DEPARTURE										ARRIVAL									
	AK 1 (Exp)	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10	AK 1	KA 2 (Exp)	AK 3	AK 4	AK 5 (Exp)	KA 6	AK 7	KA 8 (Exp)	AK 9	KA 10
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RIGASA	-	6:40	-	10:35	--	14:00	---	15:55	18:10	--	09:15	--	12:01	--	14:31	--	16:37	--	--	20:32

CROSSINGS DETAILS	STATION ▶	JERE	JERE	RUANA	RUANA	KUBWA	KUBWA	KAKAU	KAKAU	JERE	JERE	DUTSE	DUTSE	GIDAN	GIDAN
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NEWS

Implement Nigerian Gas Policy, Reps urge FG

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives has called on the federal government to fully implement the Nigerian Gas Policy to boost the oil and gas sector, enhance the economy as well as boost the domestic market for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).

The call followed the adoption of a motion moved by Rotimi Agunsoye (APC, Lagos) at the plenary on Tuesday.

He said the Nigerian Gas Policy aims at moving Nigeria from being a crude-oil-export-based economy to an attractive oil-and-gas-based industrial

economy.

Agunsoye noted that a proper harnessing of LPG could lead Nigeria to become a gas-based industrial nation while satisfying local demands.

He said: "The years 2020-2030 have been marked by the federal government as the "decade of gas" aimed to achieve actualisation of gas for all in the country for use in homes, vehicles and industries."

He added that the recent surge in the price of cooking gas in the open market as cooking gas which cost only about N4,000 in July 2021 now costs about N8,000 with an all-time high of about N9,000 during 2021 yuletide season,

standing at over 100% increase within one year is worrying.

The lawmaker said the implementation of the gas policy will not only increase the domestic use of cooking in more households but would have a greater economic scale which would reduce the price for more affordability.

He added: "Nigeria has the largest natural gas reserve in Africa and holds the 9th position in the world.

"A nationwide sensitisation and campaign for the adoption and expansion of the use of cooking gas has been planned by the federal government."

Customs records N4.5bn seizures in one month, redeploy 37 comptrollers

By Clement Adeyi (Abuja) & Eugene Agha (Lagos)

The Federal Operations Unit Zone A of Nigeria Customs Service in charge of Lagos has said it recorded N4.5 billion seizures of contraband in January 2022.

Speaking to journalists in Lagos, Acting Comptroller, Deputy Comptroller Hussein Kehinde Ejibunu, said the seizures were recorded in the South West region and that effort was on to ensure that smuggling was brought to its barest minimum.

Ejibunu listed the seizures including 9,697 bags of 50kg each, 3,173 cartons of basmati rice at 5kg each and 297 bags

(25kg) Foreign Parboiled Rice, 1,076 kegs at 25litres of PMS, 195 bales of used clothes, among others.

He called on members of the public to always support the NCS with credible intelligence that would lead to the arrest of smugglers and prevention of prohibited goods from entering the country.

Meanwhile, the Comptroller General of Customs, Col. Hameed Ibrahim Ali (rtd) has approved the deployment of 37 comptrollers to various units, departments and commands across the country.

In a statement by the Deputy National PRO, DC T. Bomodi, yesterday, Ali called on the newly posted officers to justify the

confidence reposed in them by the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) management by applying their years of experience and training in trade facilitation and anti-smuggling activities on their new mandates.

Ali reiterated the need for all area comptrollers

and unit heads to take full charge of the affairs of their commands by ensuring absolute compliance with extant fiscal policies in view of the enormous expectations of the government regarding revenue generation in the current year.

Jaiz Bank posts N4.21bn profit in 2021

By Chris Agabi

Jaiz Bank Plc has released its unaudited financial results for the period ended December 31, 2021. The results as released to the Nigerian Exchange Group showed a 37.2 per cent growth in Profit Before Tax (PBT), from N3.07 billion in December 2020 to N4.21 billion in December 2021.

The bank also declared a 31.8% increase in Gross Income, from N19.61 billion realised in December 2020 to N25.8 billion at the end of December 2021.

During the period under review, the bank's total assets grew by 19.62% from N233.58 billion as of

end of December 2020 to N279.42 billion at the end of December 2021.

The bank's shareholders' funds for the period under review also grew by 14.84%; from N17.85 billion as of end of December 2020 to N20.50 billion as of end of December 2021.

Earnings per share for the period increased by 21.62% from 9.85 kobo in 2020 to 11.98 kobo in 2021.

The Managing Director/CEO, Hassan Usman, attributed the achievements to the bank's footprints across the country, coupled with the strong ambition to provide par excellence service to customers while meeting their financial needs.

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NEWS

Julius Berger diversifies into agriculture, to process cashew in Lagos

By **Terkula Igidi**

Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, Nigeria's leading engineering and construction company, has diversified its investment portfolio into the agricultural processing sector of the nation's economy.

According to a statement made available to *Daily Trust* by Barr Moses Duku, Media Relations Officer of JBN, the company is set to commission its first ever cashew processing plant in Epe, Lagos State.

The statement said the plant would be responsible to the environment as it is committed to implementing a no-waste operational practice.

The cashew project's commodity and marketing Manager, Oyindamola Asaju, made this known during the Agricultural Technical and Vocational



Education and Training (TVET) conference, held at the NAF Conference Centre, Abuja, recently, the statement added.

"Clear national occupational standard and demand-driven international product quality would define and drive the company's operations and productivity in the cashew processing industry in Nigeria, where only 5% of Nigeria's production is currently locally processed," Asaju said.

A pioneer initiative between the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Delegation der Deutschen Wirtschaft in Nigeria (Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Nigeria), the conference attracted both local and international corporate and research organisations in the cashew production and processing value chain. It also attracted a high government presence, including the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and other directors and heads of departments.

According to the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Nigeria has untapped potential of \$3.4 million USD from exports of cashew kernels. The top five markets with the highest potential for exports are EU, Japan, Canada, and UAE.

Coleman repays N20bn Series 1 Commercial Paper

By **Sunday Michael Ogwu**

Coleman Technical Industries Limited has announced the full repayment of its Series 1 Commercial Paper (CP) Issuance to investors.

The company promptly fulfilled its obligation on the Series 1 CP issued for 180 days, which matured on January 10, 2022, and informed FMDQ Securities Exchange PLC of the payment in line with best practice.

A leading manufacturer of wires and cables in Sub-Saharan Africa, Coleman, accessed the CP market

for the first time last year, in a bid to increasingly diversify its funding structure.

With a successful outing, the Series 1 CP issuance attracted High Net worth Individuals, Asset Managers, Insurance companies and Pension Fund Administrators.

The company in a release thanked the investing community for their confidence in its instrument, adding that, "It remains optimistic that the successful payment of investors will avail us the global visibility needed to achieve our long-term capital plans.

NEPC to launch domestic export warehouse to solve export challenges

By **Faruk Shuaibu**

In a bid to ease the challenges Nigerians exporters face in sending their goods out of the country, The Nigeria export promotion (NEPC) has disclosed plans to establish a domestic Export Warehouse (DEW) in inland dry ports.

The Executive Secretary of NEPC DR. Ezra Yakusak during a roundtable discussion organized by the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), stated that the scheme would help solve storage and supply chain challenges and would reduce the heavy gridlock at the Apapa port.

Yakusak, while identifying port congestion, contract problems and export documentation as bane of exportation of Nigerian goods to the international market, stated that the intervention is to

help the sector and increase forex generation for the government to strengthen the naira.

Represented by Assistant Director, Product Development Department, Afolabi Bello, he said the warehouse would contain storage facilities for agricultural products for export, custom clearance agents, NAFDAC personnel among others to reduce the number of days export products spend in Nigeria's sea ports which has led to "Nigerian goods not exportable."

"When the products go through this process, there won't be any need to subject them to other forms of clearance at the seaports. This will also help to reduce the money exporters have to pay to get their products as the trucks conveying the goods will have a special logo to avoid police clearance on the way."

He said nine operators of the scheme have been identified for the pilot stage with five given full approval while four are on provisional approval when gaps identified in their facilities are fixed.

He added that the project would also spur job creation with ancillary services needed at the ports.

Speaking, the General Managing of Kaduna Dry Port, Rotimi Raimi, stated that the scheme would help connect farmers and international buyers easily with the ports serving as intermediaries.

The Executive Director of ACCI's Policy Advocacy Centre, Olawale Rashed, said the event was organised to resolve the crises in the exportation value chain with a resultant effect of easing the burden and gridlock across the value chain.

Google records 50% drop in account breaches with 2-step verification

From **Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos**

Google has announced the expansion of its two-step verification (2SV) process for log-ins to enhance account security.

The expansion came after Google's newly introduced two-step verification initiative saw a 50 percent drop in account breaches for 150million Gmail and 2million YouTube creator accounts under the 2SV initiative.

The 2SV introduces the use of mobile phones to confirm a user's identity every time a user accesses his/her Google account from a different device.

Aligning with this year's global Safer Internet Day theme 'Together for a better Internet', Google said it is actively working on new technologies that will provide a secured, seamless sign-in experience and eliminate reliance on passwords that have turned out to be a major cause for data breaches and phishing attempts; as users often find passwords hard to remember and have to update them regularly.

The Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager of Nigeria, Dawn Dimowo, said the tech giant does not just plug security holes, but works

to eliminate entire classes of threat for people who depend on its services.

Dimowo further noted that Google provides tools like Security Checkup, which provides users with practical tips on how to increase the security of their Google Account. "In 2021, Google accelerated its effort to eliminate password threats by starting to auto-enroll users in 2SV, providing people with an additional layer of security when cybercriminals attempt to hack into their accounts. Through the initiative, more than a 1.5billion security checks were done."

Custodian investment grows revenue by 14% in 2021

By **Sunday Michael Ogwu**

Custodian Investment Plc, a diversified non-bank financial institution, has reported that its gross revenue increased by 14 percent to N85.5 billion in 2021 despite the challenging environment.

The company, which disclosed this in its unaudited result for the year ended 31st December 2021, added that after adjusting for

non-recurring one-time gain from the prior year's result, profits from continuing ordinary operations recorded 18 per cent growth.

The result also showed that the Custodian Group's shareholders' fund grew by 14 per cent from N47.6bn to N54.3bn after paying dividends totaling N3.24 bn or 55k per share during the year.

Speaking on the result, the company's Group Managing Director, Mr

Wole Oshin, said the result can be attributed to the resilience of the Group, the diversity of its product offerings, the commitment of its staff and the unwavering support of its Board of Directors.

He expects the incremental contribution that will flow in from the Group's real estate business segment, which is being restructured, to boost the fortunes of the company.



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Detailed description of the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be accessed via the following link:

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TRANSPORT

Why airline owners want NCAA removed from civil service structure

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The move by the Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON) to get the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) extricated from the civil service structure is generating mixed feelings in the industry-leading to allegations of interference in the autonomy of the apex regulatory authority in the aviation sector.

AON made a case for the removal of NCAA from the civil service structure to enable the agency to attract the right personnel in order to safeguard the aviation industry in a letter it wrote to the senate dated January 19, 2022, and addressed to the Senate President, Ahmad Lawan. The letter was signed by AON President, Alhaji Abdulmunaf Yunusa Salina.

AON, which represents indigenous airline operators, explained that the request was of immediate safety concern about the aviation industry.

AON stated that NCAA was established to regulate the aviation industry and implement government policies in the industry and also enforce the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) safety standards and recommended practices to ensure that the operators in the industry met the safety requirements.

NCAA, according to AON, will only be able to do this if it attracts the right personnel with sound technical know-how, and that to attract these special skills, it must be willing to offer these personnel attractive and competitive emoluments.

The operators further told the senate that because of this situation, many inspectors were leaving NCAA, noting that the few that remained were not well-motivated and their number hardly enough to meet the requirements of the industry.

AON added that the young personnel that were in the agency currently did not have the required experience, stressing that this portended immediate danger to



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flight safety and flight operations as the few hands remaining were either too old and tired or were too inexperienced to undertake proper and adequate oversight functions over airlines' operations.

The operators noted that no country allowed its Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) salaries to be determined by civil service rules.

The AON letter to the senate president reads in part: "The safety challenges are real and should be addressed through legislation for the good of the industry and safety of the lives of the flying public. Sir, there is therefore a need to, as matter of urgency, find a way to immediately address the problem in order to forestall a potential beckoning disaster.

"AON would therefore, like to use this medium to respectfully call on the

National Assembly to urgently review the establishment Act of the NCAA and to immediately remove the agency from the civil service salary structure in order for the agency to be able to attract the urgently needed experts for the sake of safety."

But a former Deputy General Secretary of AON and Chairman of Hudson Bay Aviation, Alhaji Mohammed Tukur, disagreed with the AON leadership, saying its position was tantamount to "meddlesomeness in the internal matters of NCAA."

However, our correspondent learnt that AON's concern was precipitated by declining figures of skilled manpower in NCAA.

Daily Trust had earlier reported how the industry is generally battling with an ageing and retiring workforce. The case of NCAA is said to be worse, with less than 100 airworthiness inspectors serving over 10 scheduled airlines, 20 prospective carriers and over 20 non-scheduled airlines.

For NCAA, recruiting new inspectors, especially skilled ones with at least over 4,000 flight hours, remains herculean in the face of the stiff competition in the industry.

Daily Trust further reports that NCAA inspectors are basically experienced aircraft pilots and or engineers. In an industry where a pilot could earn up to N3m monthly working for an airline, it would be difficult for such a pilot, especially a middle-aged pilot, to work for the regulatory authority where he would earn less than N1m as per the civil service conditions of service.

Sources say the declining number of inspectors is a source of concern for the airline operators who are daily expanding, buying new aircraft and opening up more routes. With the growth being experienced in the airline sector, what it means is that NCAA would need more inspectors - safety inspectors, airworthiness inspectors, flight operations inspectors - to meet the rising request from operators.

It would be recalled that Green Africa Airline which started operations in 2021 had its plan a little bit altered when NCAA could not complete its certification as anticipated because the inspectors were "extremely busy".

Several airlines also have one request for inspection or the other pending with the authority because of the reduced number of skilled workforce.

These, according to sources, are some of the concerns of AON which are desirous of getting their certifications and approvals done as fast as possible.

The NCAA DG, Capt Musa Nuhu, said the authority was not unmindful of the challenge posed by the civil service structure in retaining skilled manpower, adding that it was in talks with the Salaries and Wages Commission through the Ministry of Aviation to improve the emoluments of technical staff in the industry.

He said, "The NCAA is a government agency and not an independent body; we operate under public service rules and government salary structure. We have very experienced pilots with a minimum of 4,000 flying hours. That is the recommendation to be a flying instructor, but our pay is poor when compared to what the industry is paying.

"Our pay within the civil service structure seems to be great, but if you compare that to the closest we need from the industry, our pay is poor. So, people would rather go and work in the industry as a captain, earn some millions of naira, than to come here and earn less than N1m.

"It is normal for humans to do that. If I can work somewhere and get triple of my monthly salary for less work, why will I go and work somewhere else? The only people that come to work for the NCAA as flight operation inspectors are people who have retired from flying. People who have attained the age of 65 or more, and we employ them on special contracts, and even as a special contract staff, when you get to 70 years of age, you are supposed to leave."

Air Peace resumes direct flights to Niamey, Dubai

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Air Peace has concluded plans to resume direct scheduled flights to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on March 1, 2022.

The announcement is coming a few days after the federal government and the UAE reopened flights between the two countries after resolving a diplomatic spat over a Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA).

The airline is also set to expand its West coast presence by launching flight operations into Niamey, Niger, on February 25, 2022, as well as Kinshasa and Malabo in Quarter 1, 2022.

In a statement yesterday, the

airline said the Lagos-Dubai-Lagos flights would operate three days weekly from any of its domestic routes through its Lagos hub.

"We are happy to inform the flying public that in tandem with our commitment to providing more flight connectivity and meeting the air travel needs of Nigerians, we are restarting our UAE operations, but with Dubai as the destination and not Sharjah. We abundantly appreciate the vital role played by the Nigerian government in making this possible," Air Peace stated.

The airline further stated that before the end of the first quarter of this year it would commence scheduled flights

to Kinshasa in DR Congo and Malabo in Equatorial Guinea "to enlarge our footprints in West Africa and offer the flying public more network options", adding that Niamey flights would operate from Abuja and Kano on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays with Hopper jets.

Air Peace, which has been operating scheduled commercial flights into the UAE since July, 2019, added that it would continue to scale up its service delivery to surpass the expectations of air travellers, especially with the activation of its ambitious fleet modernisation scheme and a renewed commitment to unequalled customer experience.

Lagos abandoned vehicles c'ttee resumes work

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Lagos State Government has lifted the suspension earlier placed on the Removal of Abandoned Vehicles Committee (RAVC) ad hoc operation in the state.

The Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Hon Oluwatoyin Fayinka, explained that the decision was reached after a thorough appraisal and review of the operational guidelines of the team in accordance with the laws of the state as captured in the Traffic Sector Reform Law (TSRL) 2018.

It would be recalled that the committee was suspended after an outcry from members of the public on its activities.

Hon Fayinka, however, stated

that RAVC would be back better and stronger having gone through professional training for the discharge of its duties on the removal of stationary and abandoned vehicles which posed environmental nuisance, security and traffic impediments.

He reiterated that the creation of the committee was mainly for the removal of stationary and abandoned vehicles on highways and inner roads across Lagos State to reduce traffic for the motoring public.

He noted that some artisans had turned roads into their workshops, repairing vehicles on the roads, loading and unloading on the roads without due consideration for other road users.

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On behalf of the Governing Board and Council of the Capital City University, Kano, we wish to use this medium to express our sincere appreciation to everyone, organizations, forums, and institutions that took out time out of their tight schedules to honour and attend our recently concluded **INVESTITURE OF THE PIONEER CHANCELLOR, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS AMB. AHMED NUHU BAMALLI AND INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY**, under the Chairmanship of **LT. GEN. (Rtd) ABDULRAHMAN BELLO DAMBAZAU PhD.** held January 8th, 2022 at the University Auditorium Kano.

Our programmes wouldn't have been complete, colourful and successful without your participation, your support, prayers and the individuals' roles you all played. Your attendance made the inauguration eventful and memorable.

We remain ever grateful to all attendees and well-wishers, especially, but not limited to the following, dignitaries, personalities and organisations;

1. His Excellency, Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje
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Signed:

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Chairman, Inauguration and Investiture Organizing Committee of CCUK

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EASY CROSSWORD >>

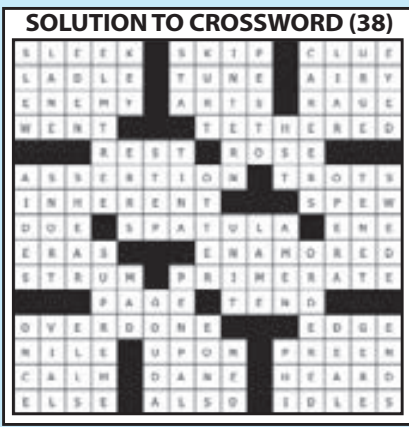


Across

- 1. Engrave
- 5. Actress _____ Sarandon
- 10. Throngs
- 14. Seldom seen
- 15. Beginning part
- 16. Again
- 17. Wrinkle remover
- 18. Choose by vote
- 19. Rank and _____
- 20. Grand
- 21. Makes a dress
- 22. Fiddle's kin
- 23. Benches
- 25. More unkind
- 26. Rescue me!
- 28. Batting average contribution (2 wds.)
- 31. Run after
- 33. Resounding
- 38. Isn't, slangily
- 39. Paper measures
- 41. Suggestion
- 42. Official witnesses
- 44. Siren
- 45. Let loose
- 48. "The Raven" poet
- 49. Worn away
- 53. Respond
- 55. Country roads
- 56. Short skirt
- 58. Dalai _____
- 61. Baking need
- 62. Nobleman

Down

- 63. Not up yet
- 64. Pod vegetables
- 65. "_____ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
- 66. Winter toy
- 67. She, to Pierre
- 68. Tears apart
- 69. Household animals
- 11. Scallion
- 12. Southern beauty
- 13. Take an oath
- 22. Kill a bill
- 24. Honest _____ Lincoln
- 25. Hit-or-_____
- 26. Read rapidly
- 27. Dayton's locale
- 29. Remove
- 30. Skirt's edge
- 32. Bus terminal (abbr.)
- 34. Zilch
- 35. Flexible
- 36. Roman emperor
- 37. Not wild
- 39. Watermelon discard
- 40. Conger
- 43. Regrets
- 44. Discoverer's cry
- 46. Governor Schwarzenegger
- 47. Fishing nets
- 49. Wed secretly
- 50. Fray
- 51. Laker Shaquille _____
- 52. Compact
- 54. Hold tightly
- 56. Spouse
- 57. Iraq's neighbor
- 59. Come together
- 60. Totals
- 62. Salad _____



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 38

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SNAPSHOT >>

Battery made from 2,923 lemons breaks Guinness World Record



A team of chemists gathered 2,923 lemons in Britain to break the Guinness World Record for the highest voltage from a fruit battery. Guinness said the Royal Society of Chemistry, an international organization of scientists, cut the lemons in half in Manchester, England, and hooked strips of zinc and copper to each end to extract a total 2,307.8 volts from the fruit. The resulting battery broke the previous record by 1,521 volts, Guinness announced. Professor Saiful Islam, a material science professor from the University of Bath who participated in the attempt, said the lemon juice acts as an electrolyte, with the zinc and copper acting as electrodes. The lemon battery was used to activate an LED attached to a light sensor that triggered a relay and activated a pyrotechnic system to kick off a go-kart race. The lemons used in the attempt were processed by ReFood, a company that uses food waste to generate renewable energy for the National Gas Grid, and the remaining liquid was used to make bio-fertilizer for local farms.

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COVID-19 funny sign





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Happy Birthday

YOUR EXCELLENCY



The Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee and the entire APC family heartily rejoice with Your Excellency, the Ekiti State Governor and Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), Dr. Kayode Fayemi, on your 57th birthday anniversary.

Governor Fayemi has etched his name in our nation's democratic history as a dogged pro-democracy activist, social justice advocate and reformer, who staked all alongside other patriots to birth the democratic freedom we all savour today.

In his current assignment as the Chairman of the cross-partisan NGF, Dr. Fayemi has, unarguably, positioned the Forum to work constructively with the President Muhammadu Buhari government to rebuild our dear country. Dr. Fayemi is a worthy representative of our great party, APC.

Your Excellency, the party is proud of your developmental strides in Ekiti state.

On behalf of the party leadership and all members of the party, I pray to Almighty God to grant you many more prospective years in good health, increased wisdom and strength, to continue serving humanity.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Your Excellency.

His Excellency

Dr. Kayode Fayemi

Governor, Ekiti State

Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF)

Signed:

H.E. (Hon.) Mai Mala Buni
Executive Governor, Yobe state.
Chairman, APC Caretaker
Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee



IT WORLD

Major U.S. airlines warn 5G could ground some planes, wreak havoc

● It won't compromise aviation safety – NCAA, NCC, telcos

By Zakariyya Adaramola

There have been concerns in the global aviation sector over the safety of Fifth Generation (5G) telecom network.

President Muhammad Buhari while formally launching the latest GSM telecom technology in Nigeria said it would be deployed to assist security agencies and play a vital role in improving the security situation in the country.

"5G network is a viable platform for security institutions to leverage on, in tackling the security challenges that have bedeviled the country, by harnessing the potential of digital technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), Robotics etc. which explore real time information for maximum efficiency", Buhari had said.

He further disclosed that the "5G Network will enhance transparency and economic development as its potential for job creation is unprecedented."

5G mobile network technology offers faster data speeds and lower latency. It allows several devices to be connected at one go and creates vast possibilities in innovation and transformation. 5G will enable seamless communication and interconnectivity between smart devices, a process commonly called the internet of things. It has the potential to accelerate the digital transformation of industries, according to officials.

The National Policy on 5G Networks was approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) on September 8, 2021, after a series of trials and multi stakeholder engagements to discuss perceived health risks.

In December 2021, the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) conducted an auction of the 3.5GHz spectrum, in preparation for the deployment of 5G services. The auction, which started with initial offer of \$197.4 million, closed after 11 rounds at \$273.6 million. Two companies, Mafab Communications and MTN Nigeria Plc, won the bid.

MTN Nigeria CEO Karl Toriola said: "5G is the future of network technology and offers incredible possibilities for new and enhanced services for our customers. Our successful bid presents an opportunity to be at the forefront of delivering these technological advancements to as many Nigerians as possible. The benefits of 5G are multi-faceted, and they hold the key to unlocking new avenues for the nation's growth and development. It is far more than high-speed internet or faster-streaming speeds; 5G



has implications for improved service delivery across every sector. It has the potential to transform our nation's economy and make a difference in the daily lives of every Nigerian."

But the chief executives of major U.S. passenger and cargo carriers warned of an impending "catastrophic" aviation crisis as two US telecom companies AT&T (T.N) and Verizon (VZ.N) set to deploy new 5G service.

The airlines warned the new C-Band 5G service could render a significant number of widebody aircraft unusable, "could potentially strand tens of thousands of Americans overseas" and cause "chaos" for U.S. flights.

"Unless our major hubs are cleared to fly, the vast majority of the traveling and shipping public will essentially be grounded," wrote the chief executives of American Airlines (AAL.O), Delta Air Lines (DAL.N), United Airlines, Southwest Airlines (LUV.N) and others in a letter first reported by Reuters.

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has warned that potential interference could affect sensitive airplane instruments such as altimeters and significantly hamper low-visibility operations.

"This means that on a day like yesterday, more than 1,100 flights and 100,000 passengers would be subjected to cancellations, diversions or delays," the letter cautioned.

Action is urgent, the airlines added in the letter also signed by UPS Airlines (UPS.N), Alaska Air (ALK.N), Atlas Air (AAWW.O), JetBlue Airways and FedEx Express (FDX.N). "To be blunt, the nation's commerce will grind to a halt."

Reuters reported that AT&T and Verizon, which won nearly the entire C-Band spectrum in

an \$80 billion auction last year, agreed to buffer zones around 50 airports to reduce interference risks and take other steps to cut potential interference for six months. They also agreed to delay deployment for two weeks until Wednesday, temporarily averting an aviation safety standoff, after previously delaying service by 30 days.

The CEOs of major airlines and Boeing Chief Executive Dave Calhoun held a lengthy call with Buttigieg and Dickson on Sunday to warn of the looming crisis, officials told Reuters.

United Airlines separately warned the issue could affect more than 15,000 of its flights, 1.25 million passengers and snarl tons of cargo annually. United said it faces "significant restrictions on 787s, 777s, 737s and regional aircraft in major cities like Houston, Newark, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago." The airlines ask "that 5G be implemented everywhere in the country except within the approximate 2 miles (3.2 km) of airport runways" at some key airports.

"Immediate intervention is needed to avoid significant operational disruption to air passengers, shippers, supply chain and delivery of needed medical supplies," they said.

The airlines added that flight restrictions will not be limited to poor weather operations.

"Multiple modern safety systems on aircraft will be deemed unusable causing a much larger problem than what we knew... Airplane manufacturers have informed us that there are huge swaths of the operating fleet that may need to be indefinitely grounded."

One area of concern is whether some or all Boeing 777s will be unable to land at some key U.S. airports after 5G service starts, as well as some Boeing cargo planes, airline

officials told Reuters.

NCC, NCAA, telcos allay fears

The Executive Vice Chairman of NCC, Prof Umar Garba Danbatta said the manufacturers of the technology and services are saying that they are safe.

Similarly, the Association of Licensed Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria (ALTON) has said there is no greater risk of aviation interference with 5G networks than there is with any of the existing transmissions taking place in the frequencies adjacent to those used by radio-altimeters.

"ALTON understands the concerns that industry stakeholders and customers of our members have been expressing in relation to the on-going debate in the United State of America (USA) over the risk of interference between 5G networks and aviation equipment.

"While the issues being discussed are highly technical, it is important to ensure they are explained and understood in the simplest possible terms and to highlight the major differences between the situation in the USA and the structures in place in Nigeria", ALTON chairman, Engr Gbenga Adebayo said.

Adebayo said mobile networks, just like radio, TV and other broadcast services, operate using bands of spectrum (frequency ranges) that are allocated by the government to allow the transmission of different services. These bands of spectrum, he added, are deliberately structured in a way that prevents interference between them, by ensuring that what is called a 'guardband' exist between the frequencies.

He said: "The simplest way of understanding this is to use the radio station example. When trying to tune in to a specific station, you will find

that you may pick up some of the transmission on either side of the exact frequency for that radio station. This is because radio transmissions are particularly likely to 'overspill' into space on either side of the transmission frequency that is being used. This same concept applies to all transmissions and is why guard bands are put in place. They are unused spectrum frequencies on either side of the allocated frequency for transmission, which 'guard' against the overspill.

"With the advancement in wireless technologies evidenced by the introduction of 4G and 5G wireless technologies, the extent of the potential 'overspill' of the transmission has reduced, lowering the risk of interference. Because of this, the guardband was reduced to 220MHz in the USA, creating more space for allocation of frequencies for 5G services. This is the core reason for concern in the American aviation industry. They believe that in a worst-case scenario, the outdated radio-altimeters, which 'overspill' significantly could pick up 5G network signals spectrum, which may impact the accuracy of the altitude calculation. However, media reports indicate that the America communications industry opine that extensive testing reveal there is no evidence to suggest that the safety of the aviation industry will be compromised in a real operating condition."

The telecom operators' spokesman said the context in Nigeria is different. He said the guard band that exists between the spectrum frequencies allocated by the NCC for 5G services and those allocated to aviation industry remains in the region of 400MHz, in line with the guidelines instituted by National Frequency Management Council (NFMC), the government agency responsible for sectorial allocation of spectrum and the NCC.

Also, the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has allayed fears in Nigeria over 5G interference with aviation safety, saying there is no cause for alarm.

The Director General of the NCAA, Capt. Musa Nuhu said the deployment of the 5G network in Nigeria will not cause any disruption to aviation safety.

He said, "For us in Nigeria, we don't have auto landing authorisation, our flights don't do auto-landing. So, for now, it is of no concern to us, but we are still monitoring the situation, see the development if there are issues that might affect us, then we will take the necessary action."

Nuhu also explained that a critical component is called radio altimeter; the spectrum by which this equipment operates is close to that of the 5G.

"So, they are afraid of interference from the radio altimeter and giving aircraft erroneous indication and during aircraft approach landing when they are about 2,500ft or so above the ground. Usually, it is for flights that are put to land."



USAID INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (IHP)

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)

1. IHP-TO03-2022-RFA008: Strengthening PHCs through capacity building of health care workers to respond to Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivors in Bauchi State.
2. IHP-TO04-2022-RFA008: Strengthening PHCs through capacity building of health care workers to respond to Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivors in Kebbi State.
3. IHP-TO05-2022-RFA008: Strengthening PHCs through capacity building of health care workers to respond to Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivors in Sokoto State.

Title: Strengthening PHCs through capacity building of health care workers to respond to Gender Based Violence (GBV) survivors in Bauchi, Kebbi and Sokoto States under the "USAID Integrated Health Program"

1. Overview

The USAID Integrated Health Program (IHP) is a five-year expanded effort by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with the Government of Nigeria (GON) to identify and provide technical support for rapid scale-up of proven interventions through improvement of service delivery and strengthening of health systems. IHP facilitates eight core intervention areas: health system strengthening (HSS), reproductive health/family planning, maternal, new-born, adolescent, child health, nutrition, and malaria (RMNCAH+NM).

USAID's Integrated Health Program (IHP) invites qualified local entities, Nigerian Nongovernmental Organizations (For-Profit and Not-for-Profit), nongovernmental professional associations, training institutions and other qualified organizations to submit concept notes and full applications (if shortlisted) with respect to technical, managerial, and other aspects of the program described below.

2. Program

Goals and Objectives

The goal of the program is to strengthen the capacity of frontline Healthcare providers and the PHC system to be able to respond appropriately to those exposed to Gender Based Violence (GBV). These efforts will address screening to identify survivors; clinical care appropriate to Primary Health care centers; referrals and linkages with other services like shelter, psychosocial support, legal, economic, etc.; documentation and reporting; and collaboration with state platforms for a coordinated GBV response. The first line services for GBV in every PHC will be mainstreamed into other RMNCH+ N services.

Objectives

Using an offsite clustered training approach (see below) through Fixed Amount Awards (Grants Under Contract funding mechanism), the awardee will:

1. Strengthen the capacity of health care workers to identify and respond appropriately to those exposed to GBV using the World Health Organization's "LIVES" (Listen, Inquire, Validate, Enhance safety, and Support) approach, which is supported by the Government. The Awardee will train health care workers in clusters as per the given guidelines to provide First Line support for GBV survivors in line with the national GBV curriculum, plus to accurately fill out intake and other required forms, document services in the HMIS register, and to submit GBV data.
2. Build skills of health care workers to provide post GBV clinical services in line with the National Clinical Handbook for those exposed to GBV.
3. Build skills of health care workers in making warm referrals and facilitating linkages to other services required by the GBV survivors using the referral pathway for GBV of each state.
4. Strengthen GBV documentation and reporting for all services including referrals in health facilities by strengthening the capacity of healthcare workers on service delivery data documentation and record-keeping using the GBV documentation protocols.
5. Provide on-site post-training supportive supervision and mentoring to reinforce knowledge and skills.

USAID/IHP, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), will conduct an initial Training of Trainers with GUC recipients and their trainers on the national GBV curriculum, including the National Clinical Handbook guidelines. The grantee will be responsible for the logistics for this ToT as well as all cluster training and on-site mentoring activities.

Period of Performance of Grant Under Contract: Approximately **April 1, 2022 - August 30, 2022**

The full guide, RFA, Templates and Instructions for submitting the Concept note can be accessed via this link: <https://bit.ly/34GjG6U>

1. Submit a letter indicating interest in applying for any of the Task Orders (Tos). If applying for multiple states, separate submissions is required for each state submission.
2. When applying for more than one state, submit full package of all the requirements for each state.
3. Provide evidence of eligibility as per the requirements.

Other consideration to note while submitting the Concept note:

All short-listed organizations will be invited to submit a full application.

Electronic submissions:

Please send your completed documents in PDF form as a single file to IHP.Grants@ihp-nigeria.com referencing the RFA number or numbers on the subject of your email. The document should not be more than 10MB in size. Sometimes electronic submissions are affected by internet challenges and IT issues; as a result, organisations are advised to plan and ensure submissions are made before the deadline. IHP will not be held liable if electronic submissions are not delivered or have other challenges that may render it not readable.

Representative Email	ihp.grants@ihp-nigeria.com
Programme website	www.thepalladiumgroup.com

Issuance of this RFA does not constitute an award commitment, nor does it commit Palladium to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission.

Note: This submission of concept note closes on February 23, 2022 by 5.30pm local time while full Application submission closes on March 4, 2022.



USAID INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (IHP)

PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (EQA) FOR MALARIA DIAGNOSIS IN BAUCHI, KEBBI AND SOKOTO STATES.

SCOPE OF WORK FOR MALARIA QUALITY ASSURANCE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS

Program Activity: Technical support by three (3) malaria External Quality Assurance (EQA) expert consultants (one per state) to the State Ministry of Health (SMOH) and agencies on strengthening external quality assurance (EQA) for malaria microscopy and malaria rapid diagnostic tests (mRDT) in Bauchi, Kebbi and Sokoto states.

There is no gainsaying that malaria remains one of the leading causes of child and maternal deaths as reported in World Malaria Report 2021. Despite good progress made in recent years to reduce malaria burden particularly in Africa, the rate of progress has levelled off recently especially in 2020 because of disruption of services due to COVID-19 pandemic. To reverse the trend, there is need for concerted efforts in promoting and facilitating safe and timely diagnosis and treatment malaria cases, as well as ensuring health workers are motivated and adequately equipped for malaria case management.

In 2021, IHP supported the SMOH, HSMB and SMEP in the three states to build the capacity of select Medical Lab Scientists (MLS) to form a State malaria EQA Team, conduct EQA Assessments, and set up EQA centers, provide supportive supervision and capacity building of MLS, lab technicians and service providers on malaria diagnosis (through microscopy and mRDTs), case management and quality assurance. In mid-2021, IHP collaborated with the state to implement external quality assurance facility visits to assess malaria diagnostic services in supported secondary and primary health facilities. The outcome of the visits was presented to the states and stakeholders and remedial plans developed to address identified gaps and challenges. In 2022, IHP plans to address the remaining gaps identified in EQA assessments building on successes recorded in 2021 by soliciting the services of three (3) experienced malaria EQA consultants (one per state) to support the state's malaria quality assurance system through standardization of procedures, clinical mentoring of trained Medical Laboratory Scientists and Technicians on quality assurance and programming for impact. **Interested applicants should express interest in their preferred states, namely: Bauchi, Kebbi and Sokoto states accordingly.**

Through the provision of technical assistance to the SMOH, SMEP, SHMB and malaria stakeholders, the consultant will ensure the following:

- A standardized and sustainable external quality assurance system for malaria diagnosis is put in place for the state, leveraging on national and global guidelines and best practices.
- Develop and implement a mentoring and supportive supervision plan that will support service providers (particularly MLS/lab technicians) to attain clinical competency in malaria diagnosis and sustain quality improvement.
- Find solutions to fill gaps identified during EQA assessments and facilitate quality improvement plans and processes of malaria diagnostics and case management.
- Strengthen EQA facility visits to both secondary and primary health facilities for service improvement.
- Support the State EQA Center to become fully functional and sustainable by supporting the state to quantify and cost equipment, furniture, consumables, and reagents needed for the EQA center and lead advocacy to SMOH for inclusion into the Annual Operational Plans.

Clients

State Ministries of Health (SMOH), State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA), State Malaria Elimination Program (SMEP), Hospital Management Board (HMB), Local Government Health Authority (LGHA), Integrated Health Program (IHP), and the US President's Malaria Initiative (PMI).

Please Note: Payments are made based on delivery of approved deliverables. All deliverables must be of high quality and submitted in Microsoft Word and in a PDF format. The deliverable will not be considered final until approved by the Chief of Party (CoP).

Required personal competences:

- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills
- Leadership, team building, coaching and mentoring capability
- Ability to engage and manage strategic stakeholders including government, implementing partners, academia, and private sector
- Excellent communication skills (negotiation, moderation, representation, presentation, and writing/documentation)

Period of performance of the consultancy: March 1 – August 31, 2022

For more details concerning this consultancy and other associated application tools, please visit the link below: <http://bitly.bz/OcQoA>

Submission information:

Please follow the instructions as contained in the Request for Application (RFA) and submit to: bauchi.consultancy@ihp-nigeria.com

This consultancy application closes on February 18, 2022: 11.59pm (WAT). No late application will be received after the deadline.



USAID INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (IHP)

KEBBI STATE CONSULTANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Title: Engage expert consultant for the provision of Technical Assistance to the Kebbi state Ministry of Health and Kebbi state Primary Healthcare development Agency to develop a waste management plan for effective infection prevention and proper disposal of medical waste as per national guidelines

Palladium invites applications from suitably qualified individual consultants to provide technical Assistance to the Kebbi state Ministry of Health and Kebbi state Primary Healthcare development Agency to develop a waste management plan for effective infection prevention and proper disposal of medical waste as per national guidelines.

In this Request for Proposal, Palladium expects offerors to develop a custom solution and proposal to Palladium for consideration. Bidders are required to provide justification for the work proposed or methodology to be adopted. This will be Best Value procurement.

There is no standard SOP at facility level and Kebbi state is not enforcing some of the key practices at facility level for infection prevention and waste management. This forms the basis of engaging a consultant that can build the capacity of key state level stakeholders on the contents of the national waste management guidelines and how to domesticate it in a sustainable manner in the state to improve waste management practices in the state. They will also be guided to come up with a detailed plan to fund some gaps and procurement where necessary to ensure efficient and effective practice of waste management according to national standards in all facilities across the state. The consultancy will also focus on how damaged and expired drugs should be disposed to prevent indiscriminate disposal which might lead to poisoning if it falls in the wrong hands. The specific activities include but not limited to:

- Conduct a desk review and research-based situation analysis of the current waste management practices in the state.
- Find/suggest solutions to fill the gaps identified in the situation analysis conducted.
- Engage stakeholders to sensitize them on the outcome of the situation analysis and the importance of developing a plan in line with the national waste management guidelines.
- Conduct a 1-day Capacity building/overview of the National waste management guideline to ensure the stakeholders are up to date on what needs to be done to ensure implementation of the national guideline.
- Conduct a 2-day workshop to guide the state to develop a detailed waste management plan with cost and M&E framework to be captured in the next state Annual AOP.
- Strengthen the waste management system in the state by setting up a committee to ensure implementation of the plan at all levels

The USAID – Integrated Health Program (IHP) wishes to hire this consultant to support the IHP Kebbi state office (Task Order 4- TO4) to in achieving the stated objectives in Kebbi state.

Type of Contract

This is a firm fixed price deliverable-based contract. The consultant is expected to satisfactorily accomplish the deliverables before he/she gets paid for that deliverable. The IHP Chief of Party reserves the right to confirm if a deliverable is delivered adequately or otherwise. No price change is expected after contract is signed. IHP will not pay for cost of any deliverable that is not complete, of quality or on time.

For more details concerning this consultancy and other associated application tools, please visit the link below: <https://bit.ly/3umy1R1>

Submission information:

Please follow the instructions as contained in the Request for Application (RFP) and submit to:

consultancy@ihp-nigeria.com

This consultancy closes on February 28, 2022, by 11:59pm. No late application will be received after the deadline.



VACANCY
TEAM ASSISTANT

2years Local Appointment
Location: Abuja, Nigeria

Background

The World Bank Country Office in Abuja is looking for a highly organized, energized and experienced person capable of operating effectively in a very demanding fast-paced environment to serve as a Team Assistant. The Team Assistant will be under direct supervision of the Operations Manager (OM) who is responsible for her/his technical and professional development and performance evaluation. The Team Assistant is an integral part of the Nigeria Country Office Administrative and Client Support (ACS) team. (S)He will provide Administrative and client support to the Operational Staff. The job implies frequent interaction with other institutional units, staff in other locations (locally and internationally), Government officials, consultants and external organizations.

Duties & Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Operational and Administrative Support:

- (i) Provide support for preparation and implementation of World Bank projects and activities according to Bank procedures.
- (ii) Use desktop processing skills to produce complex texts, reports, presentations, charts, figures, graphs, etc., according to Bank format and distribution.
- (iii) Collect and input data provided by Task Team Leaders into the central database, including processing new project status reports.
- (iv) Keep abreast of the Organization's directives and ensure effective processing of all project documents.
- (v) Draft routine correspondence (standard letters, memos, faxes, etc.) conforming to the Organization's regional standards, using proper grammar, punctuation and style and proofread materials.
- (vi) Draft minutes of meetings and provide assistance in editing large documents.
- (vii) Maintain up-to-date divisional project files (both paper and electronic) and retrieve data from various sources and compile these for use by the Country Director and/or the Country Management Unit (CMU).
- (viii) Incorporate agreed comments into documents, making full use of shared drives and software capabilities.

Information Management and Client interaction:

- (i) Answer internal and external queries on the assigned portfolio or, as necessary, take accurate and comprehensive telephone messages, and route them to appropriate persons to handle.
- (ii) Maintain current distribution lists, phone/address lists of project/product contacts, and distribute documents for the team.
- (iii) Co-ordinate with service units and liaise frequently with team members both in Washington and in the Country Office.
- (iv) Track and report on appropriate aspects of the Team's operational activities.

Time Management & Logistics Planning:

- (i) Arrange working schedule and meeting with counterparts for the visiting teams.
- (ii) Co-ordinate time management and schedules, taking current and future priorities into account, anticipate and monitor changes, and communicate the information.
- (iii) Track assigned tasks/project steps/ timetables using modern office management technologies, coordinate with relevant staff, provide assistance and/or information on project-related matters. (iv) Solve non-routine problems creatively and resourcefully and assist in preparation and logistical planning for various events, e.g. conferences, workshops, negotiations, board presentation and signing, etc.

Selection Criteria

The successful candidate should meet the following criteria: hold a bachelor's degree and at least 3 years of relevant experience. Previous experience with a multilateral/bilateral organization is an advantage. Demonstrated ability to work within institutional guidelines and procedures. Good organizational, problem solving, project and task management skills. Extensive experience in managing multiple projects simultaneously. Applied experience in finding solution to a problem. Advanced proficiency in excel, MS word, PowerPoint and any other applications. Exhibits strong client-orientation and personal standard of accountability. Ability to pass relevant Bank Group tests in place at time of recruitment (e.g. English language, computer applications, etc.). **Applications:** For the full position description, complete selection criteria and required competencies, candidates are requested to submit an online application through www.worldbank.org/jobs. Under the "New Job Portal" box - click to access the new job Portal > Search the Job No#: **Req14937**. The World Bank is committed to achieving diversity of gender, race, nationality, culture and educational background. Individuals with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. **Closing date is Thursday 17th February 2022.**

All applications must be accompanied by a one-page statement by the applicant setting out their previous experience with relevance to the selection criteria. The statement of selection criteria can be obtained from the bottom of the job posting.

Applications that do not include the one-page statement will not be considered

Working For a World Free of Poverty



CARE INTERNATIONAL IN NIGERIA'S INVITATION TO BID
FOR VEHICLE PURCHASE

CARE International is a global non-governmental humanitarian organization founded in 1945 after World War II to deliver life-saving emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters. We stand in solidarity with the poorest, the most deprived and vulnerable populations and where possible, work with local communities to build capacities, resilience to promote sustainable socio-economic development.

In FY20, CARE worked in 104 countries supporting 1,349 poverty-fighting development and humanitarian projects reaching more than 92 Million people. A significant portion of our work focuses on Food, Nutrition, and Climate Change Resilience; Women and Girls Economic Empowerment, Protection and Gender Equality, increasing access to clean Water and Sanitation, quality Health services, Education and Small-business support.

Officially registered in April 2017, CARE Nigeria is in its fourth year, operating in Nigeria. CARE in Nigeria currently implements Food Nutrition Security and Livelihood activities, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender-based Violence and Protection in Borno and Yobe State. CARE also works in Bauchi and Jigawa States in the Northwest with a strong focus on Women's Economic Empowerment through its flagship Village Savings and Loan Model.

CARE Nigeria is inviting submission of bids for Purchase of ONE (1) SUV Vehicle

S/N	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
	Purchase of ONE SUV	Yobe

Interested Suppliers should please contact CARE Nigeria's office in Abuja to express their interest and request for complete tender documentation containing all details of this tender process from 10th – 17th February 2022 at the following address:

- CARE International No 3,6th Avenue Gwarinpa Abuja or Call 09070345327 for more information.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS/CLOSING DATE:

The closing date for receiving the application is 12 days (28th February) from the day of publication. Any application received after the stipulated time will not be acknowledged.

Note: Bidders should take account of the expected submission time required, and are responsible to ensure that bids are received via the address indicated in the solicitation by the due date and time.

1.3m became blind in Nigeria in 2020 – Sightsavers

From Mohammed I. Yaba,
Kaduna

Sightsavers, an international development organization, has said there are an estimated 24million people with vision loss

in Nigeria of which 1.3 million became blind in 2020.

The organisation disclosed this in a statement issued shortly after the federal government launched its first national eye health policy to tackle growing problems of

avoidable blindness and vision impairment in the country.

The policy created in conjunction with Sightsavers sets out guidance and commitments needed to reduce the eye health crisis. Sunday Isiyaku, Nigeria

Country Director at Sightsavers, said the policy would help provide quality eye health services for all Nigerians and reduce the social and economic impact caused by vision impairments.

The priority areas of the new

policy include rolling out the policy to the 36 states, creating state eye health coordination teams to lead on implementation, advanced training for eye health professionals, and ensuring affordable service is accessible.

1 killed, many injured as pirates attack fishermen in Bayelsa

From Bassey Willie, Yenagoa

Sea pirates terrorising waterways in Bayelsa State have killed an unidentified fisherman and injured several others at Brass Island, Brass Local Government Area during Monday attack on the fishermen at the river.

Daily Trust gathered that the victims who are said to be natives of the Ilaje ethnic group in Ondo State but residing in Brass Island had set out for fishing on the high sea when the criminals attacked them.

Narrating his ordeal, one of the victims who survived the attack, Nuru Oriade, said the attackers came in speed boats numbering about six and set ablaze the fishermen's boats after removing their engines.

He said, "We were fishing, dropping our nets on Monday morning when suddenly we saw about five to six-speed boats drew close to us and opened fire. They set ablaze some of the boats and took away the engines.

"They killed my brother who went along with me. I survived because I pretended to be dead," he said. Locals in the community told newsmen that they launched a sea search to rescue those who might have jumped into the river for safety as some family members were still missing.

The police spokesman in Bayelsa State, SP Asinin Butswat, confirmed the attack.

Sea pirates have been terrorising the coastal ways of the state over the years, and have killed and kidnapped several people doing business in the coastal communities while dispossessing many of their valuables.

Okada rider hacked to death in Kwara

From Mumini Abdulkareem,
Ilorin

A commercial motorcyclist, Bayo Ayelomo, has been killed in Oke Onigbin, Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

It was gathered that late Bayo took a passenger to Owode Onire when he was hacked to death with cutlass on his way home around 8pm on Monday along Owode Road.

The incident, however, sparked a protest on Tuesday by the angry youths of Oke-Onigbin who blocked the road leading to the local government secretariat.

Many road users and travellers avoided the route for fear of being attacked by the protesting youths.



■ National Chairman, National Progressive Councilor's Forum, Salihu Yusuf Ali (left) being congratulated by the Chief Whip, Kogi State House of Assembly, Mukhtar Baje during the inauguration of its national executive members held in Abuja recently

FG owing us N880bn on revitalisation of varsities – ASUU

From Jeremiah Oke, Ibadan

Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), University of Ibadan chapter, yesterday said the federal government owed the union N880billion on the revitalisation of universities.

The union also said the government refused to include

earned academic allowances in the 2022 budget as promised.

While briefing newsmen shortly after their congress, the branch chairman, Prof. Ayo Akinwale, said the federal government had employed different tactics to delay the renegotiation of 2009 agreements for four years.

"The federal government now said the agreement will now be tabled before another tripartite committee to consider it. We know this is a strategy of the (President Muhammadu) Buhari administration to continue to impoverish the intellectual community," he said.

Akinwale also said all possible

avenues to make government do the needful and the mediation by many stakeholders to prevent another strike had failed to yield desirable results.

"They (stakeholders) all reported back to us that they were not able to convince government and that government was adamant," he added.

2023: Any party with northern candidate will lose, Akeredolu warns

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

Chairman of the Southern Governors' Forum and Ondo State Governor, Oluwarotimi Akeredolu (SAN), has warned that any party that fields a northern candidate in the 2023 presidential election will lose.

He said governors from the south were determined to ensure that the next president would come from their region.

Akeredolu spoke in his office during a courtesy visit by members Power Rotation Movement led by the chairman, Dr Pogu Bitrus, who is also the chairman of the Middle Belt Forum.

On the entourage were the co-chair, General Collins Ihekire (Retd), representing the Ohaneze

Ndigo; the National Organising Secretary of Afenifere, Abagun Kole Omololu; representative of Yoruba Council of Elders, Ayodele Oni; National Publicity Secretary of Afenifere, Jaye Ajayi; National Publicity Secretary of PANDEF, Ken Robinson; and Kennedy Iyere, National Coordinator of Power-shift Movement and Forty Million Ballots (a movement being driven by the Youth) among others.

The governor warned that those pushing against power rotation in the country were tinkering with the existence of Nigeria against the belief in one fair and equitable Nigeria.

He said, "Only a party that is determined to lose will field a northern candidate. You are now a movement of members of political

parties coming together. What we stand for is fair and equitable power rotation.

The only thing fair is that it should come to the south after eight years in the North.

"Some of us believe in One Nigeria that's fair and equitable. We have a reason for it and it can be defended. Some people have argued that the Presidency should be based on competence. Are they saying there are no competent ones in the South?"

"My brother Governors from the south, all of us are determined. Whosoever we pick, we will support him for as long as it is south. We are saying the President must come from the south. There are people who merit it in the South South, South East, and the South West."

Akeredolu commended the group for its approach by involving youths in galvanizing support and votes ahead of the 2023 election.

Earlier, Bitrus explained that the movement was passionate about power rotation to the south.

"We are passionate believers that power should rotate in this country and should move from the north to the south. We launched the 40 million ballot movement. That's the sensitization of the youth. We launched it for our youth to key in."

"Leaders in the south and middle belt met in Abuja and agreed that power should rotate to the south. That the middle belt and the south should move against any party that fields any candidate outside the southern part of the country," he said.

Take Borno gov's alarm on ISWAP seriously, Ortom urges FG

From Hope A. Emmanuel,
Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State yesterday advised the federal government to take the alarm raised by his Borno State counterpart, Professor Babagana

Zulum, on the recruitment of more fighters by the Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) seriously.

Ortom spoke when he received a delegation from the Victim Support Fund (VSF) led by its chairperson, Mrs Toyosi Akerele Ogunsiji, at the Government

House in Makurdi.

The governor also called on the government and nongovernmental organizations to evolve strategies that would ensure the return of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) back to their ancestral homes.

"I want to lend my voice to what my colleague in Borno State, Prof Babagana Zulum, has cried out against the activities of ISWAP in that part of the country. The federal government should not take this alarm from the threats of ISWAP lightly.

Senate approves 6 additional law school campuses

By **Abdullateef Salau**

The Senate on Tuesday passed a bill to establish six additional law school campuses across the country.

This followed the consideration of a report by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters chaired by Senator Opeyemi Bamidele (APC, Ekiti).

The bill, titled 'A bill for an Act to amend the Legal Education (Consolidation etc.)

Act by establishing the campuses for the Nigerian Law School, and for other related matters' was sponsored by Senator Smart Adeyemi (APC, Kogi).

The existing law school campuses are located in Lagos (South West), Abuja (North Central), Yola (North East), Kano (North West), Enugu (South East), Port Harcourt (South South) and Yenegoa (South South).

The additional campuses approved by are: Kabba Law School Campus, Kogi

(North Central); Maiduguri Law School Campus, Borno (North East); Argungu Law School Campus, Kebbi (North West); Okija Law School Campus, Anambra (South East); Orogun Law School Campus, Delta (South South); Ilawe Law School Campus, Ekiti (South West) and Jos Law School Campus (North Central).

Bamidele, in his presentation, said the committee observed that in view of the exponential increase in the number of law graduates from Nigerian and foreign

universities, coupled with the backlog that existed over the years, this legislative intervention measure was not only apt and timely but paramount.

"The existing campuses are overstretched and the infrastructures are not enough to accommodate thousands of law students graduating from the universities," he said.

The Senate, therefore, urged the Federal Government to provide adequate resources for the funding of the infrastructural needs of the law school campuses.

Reps ask NAFDAC to regulate online drug sales

By **Balarabe Alkassim**

The House of Representatives yesterday urged the National Drugs Agency for Foods and Drugs Administration and the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria to liaise with online advertising companies and other regulatory agencies to regulate the advertisement and sales of drugs online.

Daily Trust had last month reported that NAFDAC and other regulatory bodies were helpless as unregistered drugs took over internet markets.

It asked NAFDAC to arrest and

prosecute unlawful online advertisers of drugs and enlighten the public against the dangers of purchasing unregistered and non-prescribed drugs online.

It urged the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria to sanction and prosecute individuals engaging in the sales and promotion of medicines online without the requisite authorization in line with the law establishing the council.

The House also asked the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to take necessary action towards protecting

consumers of online drugs.

This followed the adoption of a motion by Onofio Akpan Luke (PDP, Akwa Ibom) who said vendors had capitalized on free access to the internet and social media platforms to advertise and sell unregistered and fake drugs to unsuspecting citizens, thereby endangering their health and wellbeing.

He said the drugs being advertised and sold online ranged from dietary supplements, cholesterol-lowering medicine, analgesics, including tramadol and aspirin to viagra and other sex enhancement drugs.

FG launches biosecurity policy, action plan 2022-2026

By **Terkula Igidi & Seun Adeuyi**

In its bid to protect the environment, human health, and socio-economic development, the Federal Government yesterday launched the new National Biosecurity Policy 2022-2026.

The Minister of State for Environment, Sharon Ikeazor, noted that biosecurity is more important today than ever due to the increasing threats of climate change altering the range, habitat and spread of pests and diseases.

She said: "This policy document is the product of the inputs of several NDAs, sub nationals, civil society groups, professional associations, private sector and the international communities, taking into account, our national needs.

"It aims to foster an integrated and holistic biosecurity strategy that will be implemented through one-health approach for the prevention, early detection, rapid response to bio-threats and recovery from biosecurity incidents."

Director-General, National Biosafety Management Agency, Rufus Ebegba, said: "The adoption of the document by stakeholders attests to the fact that nothing is impossible if Nigeria wants to achieve."

■ From left: Ogun State governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun; Ethiopian Minister for Trade and Investment, Ato Melaku Alebal and his Agriculture counterpart, Mohammad Mahmoud Abubakar during a discussion on Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone programme being facilitated by the African Development Bank (AfDB) for Ogun State at the office of the minister for trade and investment in Adis Ababa, Ethiopia on Monday



205 varsities not enough for Nigeria – NUC

By **Chidimma C. Okeke**

Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, says the number of universities in Nigeria cannot meet the present demand for higher education in the country.

He said this in Abuja yesterday while presenting operational licences for two new universities to Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, bringing the total number of universities in the country to 205.

He said despite the increasing number of private universities in Nigeria, they could only account for 5.06 percent of students in the nation's ivory towers, leaving the remaining 94 percent in public universities.

Justifying NUC's decision to approve the University of Education, Ijanikin/Epe and the Lagos State University of Science and Technology, Rasheed said Lagos had been exceptional in the running of the Lagos State University for the past 39 years.

Earlier, Sanwo-Olu had said the new universities would provide massive opportunities for those seeking university education in the state.

Don't remove labour from Exclusive List, NLC warns FG

By **Idowu Isamotu**

The Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) yesterday warned the Federal Government against removing Labour from Exclusive Legislative List.

NLC President, Ayuba Wabba, in a statement, said doing so would create intractable chaos for Nigeria and cause judicial nightmares.

He said that would also breach the International Labour Organisations (ILO) conventions.

He said as a sovereign nation,

Nigeria had since adopted all the core conventions in its capacity as a sovereign nation and regularly attended ILO organ meetings in line with international best practices.

He stated: "In the light of this, deregulating labour to the states will inevitably create intractable problems. At the membership level, the 36 states of the federation and the FCT are not sovereign, which is a basis for ILO membership of Nigeria.

"Secondly, a corpus of labour legislation across the 36 States and FCT

will almost certainly create a judicial nightmare.

"Thirdly, investors will be scared away as they will consider this as an unnecessary addition to the already hostile operating environment. At the level of workers who often act in the national interest, this will whittle down patriotic influence.

"In the light of this, we will strongly advocate against removing labour from the Exclusive Legislative List. Not even during the military era was this contemplated."

Nigeria's future rests on science and technology – Buhari

● Confers NNOM award on 3 scholars

By **Muideen Olaniyi**

President Muhammadu Buhari says Nigeria's collective future rests on active participation in science and technology.

He spoke Tuesday at State House in Abuja when he conferred the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) Award for years

2020 and 2021 on three Nigerians who distinguished themselves in the field of medicine and science.

The recipients were Dr Oluyinka Olurotimi Olutoye, Medicine (2020); the late Professor Charles Ejike Chidume, Science (2020) and Professor Godwin O. Samuel Ekhuagere, Science (2021).

Buhari said nation would

continue to celebrate and trumpet the scholars' achievements as a shining example worthy of emulation by the upcoming young men and women in the country.

"Please endeavour, at all times, to serve as beacons of hope and aspiration for the younger generation of Nigerians, reminding them that our survival

and collective future as a nation ultimately rests on our being active participants in global developmental efforts, especially in science and technology," he told the recipients.

He said since the Nigerian National Merit Award (NNMA) was established 43 years ago, the addition of the three recipients would bring the total number of recipients to only 79.

The Minister of Special Duties

and Intergovernmental Affairs, George Akume, urged Nigerian universities to continue to lead in innovative research targeted at providing solutions to the myriad of problems affecting the country, especially the post-COVID-19 era.

Chairman, NNMA Governing Board, Prof. Aku announced that recipients of the prestigious award received a cash reward of N10m each.

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ASMA'U, I formerly known as MISS ASMA'U YUSUF now wish to be called and addressd as MRS ASMA'U YUSUF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as TUKUR SHAIBU wish to be known and addressd as MUHAMMADU DAHIRU former documents remain valid general public should take note

BASHAR I Formerly known and address as MUHAMMAD BASHAR now wish to be known and address as BASHAR MUHAMMAD all former documents remain valid general public should take note

UKASHA: I formerly known as ABDULLAHI SARKI UKASHA, now wish to be known as ABDULLAHI UKASHA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as FARIDA AHMAD now wish to be called and addressd as FARIDA AHMED ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AISHATU, I formerly known as AISHATU ALIYU SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressd as AISHATU SULAIMAN ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

INUWA, I formerly known as INUWA ALI now wish to be called and addressd as INUWA ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as MUHAMMED BELLO MUHARAZU wish to be known and addressd as MUHAMMED BELLO MUHARAZU former documents remain valid general public should take note

ALIYU I Formerly known and address as MARYAM ALIYU now wish to be known and address as MRS MARYAM ALIYU all former documents remain valid general public should take note

EL-PHINEHAS: I formerly known as EMEJE AKOJI AKOJI, now wish to be known as EMEJE EL-PHINEHAS AKOJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as ZAINAB MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressd as JAMILA MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

HAFSAT, I formerly known as HAFSAT UBA CHAMO now wish to be called and addressd as HAFSAT UBA LAWAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMED, I formerly known as ALHAJI GAMBO now wish to be called and addressd as MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI and DATE FROM 01/01/1998 TO 01/01/1992. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as AHMAD MAHMUD GAMBO wish to be known and addressd as AHMAD MAHMUD former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABDULRAUF I Formerly known and address as ABDULRAUF YAHAYA GWADABAWA now wish to be known and address as ABDULRAUF YAHAYA all former documents remain valid general public should take note

YUSUF: I formerly known as ADAM YUSUF, now wish to be known as ADAM YUSUF MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as MUHAMMAD KABIR now wish to be called and addressd as AMIR KABIR MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AISHA, I formerly known as AISHA IDRIS UMAR now wish to be called and addressd as AISHA IDRIS BELLO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HUSSAINA, I formerly known as HASSANA IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressd as HUSSAINA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as ABDURAZAK ILIYA wish to be known and addressd as ABDURAZAK ILIYA former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known as SHUAIBU KOKO AUWAL now wish to be known and addressd as SHUAIBU AUWALU DOB 01-09-1975 All former documents remain valid general public to take note

IZANG: I formerly known as IZANG EMMANUEL ALTINE, now wish to be known as AMA AUGUSTINE IZANG. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

HALIMA, I formerly known as HALIMA SADIYA OSENI now wish to be called and addressd as HALIMA SADIYA OSENI AHMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MURTALA, I formerly known as YUSUF IBRAHIM ADAMU now wish to be called and addressd as MURTALA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as ALI SANI LADAN now wish to be called and addressd as SANI LADAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as SAIFILLAHI ABDULKARIM wish to be known and addressd as SAIFILLAHI MUKHTAR former documents remain valid general public should take note

I, formerly known as HAUWAL ISMAIL, now wish to be known and addressd as HAUWAL HARUNA, All former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note.

ISA: I formerly known as CHULASAYA GARBA, now wish to be known and addressd as CHULASAYA ISA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUHAMMAD, I formerly known as NAZIR ABDULLALIK now wish to be called and addressd as MUHAMMAD NAZIR ABDULLALIK 11-01-1992 TO 28-05-1996. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

JIBRIN, I formerly known as JIBRIN MUHAMMAD ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressd as JIBRIN ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AMINU, I formerly known as AMINU SULE now wish to be called and addressd as AMINU SULE SANI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as HADIJA TANIMU YARADUA wish to be known and addressd as MRS HADIJA TANIMU YARADUA former documents remain valid general public should take note

I, formerly known as RABI YAU, now wish to be known and addressd as BINTA YAU, All former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note.

SALISU: I formerly known as SANI KABIR MAIJAMA'A, now wish to be known and addressd as SALISU MAIJAMA'A. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ISMA'ILA, I formerly known as ISMAIL MUHAMMAD BELLO now wish to be called and addressd as ISMA'ILA MUHAMMAD BELLO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MAIMUNA, I formerly known as MAIMUNA WADA now wish to be called and addressd as MAIMUNA YUSUF. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AISHATU, I formerly known as AISHATU IBRAHIM ABDU now wish to be called and addressd as AISHATU ABUBAKAR UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as KHADIJA IBRAHIM wish to be known and addressd as MRS KHADIJA IBRAHIM former documents remain valid general public should take note

HASSAN: I formerly known as HAMDIIYYA ABDULKADIR HASS, now wish to be known and addressd as MARYAM ABDULKADIR HASSAN, All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ASABE: I formerly known as ASABE MAIDAWA JIBRIN, now wish to be known and addressd as ASABE JIBRIN. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as YAU LAWAN now wish to be called and addressd as YAU LAWAN SHARADA. All former documents remain valid, Unity Bank plc Authority concern and general public to note

HANNATU, I formerly known as HANNATU ABIDU now wish to be called and addressd as HANNATU ABIDU ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HUSSAINI, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD HUSSAINI now wish to be called and addressd as HUSSAINI MUHAMMAD YALWAJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as MOHAMMED ABDUSUFYANU wish to be known and addressd as MOHAMMED ABUSUFYANU former documents remain valid general public should take note

PETER: I formerly known as ALLAYIDI TANIMU PETER, D.O.B.15/09/1993, now wish to be known and addressd as TANIMU PETER, D.O.B.15/09/1998. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

AUWAL: I formerly known as BARAATU AUWAL AHMAD, now wish to be known as BARAATU AUWAL SAMBO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as MISS AISHA AHMAD ALIYU now wish to be called and addressd as MRS AISHA AHMAD ALIYU. All former documents remain valid NYSC Authority concern and general public to note

ZAHRAU, I formerly known as ZAHRAU ABUBAKAR GWADABE now wish to be called and addressd as MRS ZAHRAU ABUBAKAR GWADABE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

UMAR, I formerly known as SANI YAWALE now wish to be called and addressd as UMAR ABDULLAHI . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as ALIYU GARBA wish to be known and addressd as ALIYU GARBA MUNGADI . All former documents remain valid general public should take note

ABRAHAM: I formerly known as ABRAHAM AGIGI BULUS, now wish to be known as AFAN ABRAHAM AZI and my date of birth was wrongly captured as 6/10/1995 instead of 9/9/1999. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

GARBA: I formerly known as HUSAINI GARBA AKOSHI, now wish to be known as HUSSAINI GARBA AKOSHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

I formerly known as MUTTAKA SANI ALI now wish to be called and addressd as MUTTAKA SANI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note. DOB 12/6/1987

TUNDE, I formerly known as TUNDE SULLEYMAN IYANDA with date of birth 25/07/1992 now wish to be called and addressd as TUNDE SULEIMAN with date of birth 21/07/1991. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM DAHIRU now wish to be called and addressd as IBRAHIM DAHIRU KADEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as ABUBAKAR UMAR RABIU wish to be known and addressd as ABUBAKAR MUSA RABIU . All former documents remain valid general public should take note

DIVINE: I formerly known as DANJUMA DINGCHI DIVINE, now wish to be known as DINGCHI DIVINE MATHIAS. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

ADAM: I formerly known as MUSTAPHA MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressd as ADAM UMARA KARETO With DOB On 01/01/1997. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly known as NAFIU ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressd asNASIRU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

AISHATU, I formerly known as MISS AISHATU SADDIOA MUSA now wish to be called and addressd as MRS AISHATU SADDIOA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. N.Y.S.C, B.U.K, A.K.T.H, Banks, other financial and tertiary institutions and the general public should please take note.

DANLADI: I formerly known as DANLADI TAIMAKO MICHEAL and DANLADI DANLADI TAIMAKO now wish to be called and addressd as DANLADI TAIMAKO. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as HAFSAT GUMEL, wish to be known and addressd as HAFSAT SALISU. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

MARY: I formerly known as ROBINSON MARIA IFEANYI on my BVN, now wish to be known as ABIBO MARY IFEANYI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

SUNDAY: I formerly known as UBANWA SUNDAY DARLINGTON, now wish to be known and addressd as UBANWA SUNDAY CHUKWUEMEKA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

YAHANASU I formerly known as YAHANASU KABIR now wish to be called and addressd as YAHANASU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

MUKTAR, I formerly known as AUWAL AUWAL now wish to be called and addressd as MUKTAR MUSA AUWAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IBRAHIM, I formerly known as IBRAHIM GARBA ALASAN now wish to be called and addressd as IBRAHIM GARBA KAZAURE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as YUSUF SHEHU wish to be known and addressd as YUSUF SHEHU. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

WILLIAMS: I formerly known as JOSEPH WILLIAMS DESHI, now wish to be known as DESHI WILLIAMS KOPSHERRAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as GONI MOHAMMED GONI, now wish to be known and addressd as MOHAMMED BUKAR GONI. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note

I formerly known as HASSANA ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressd as HASSANA ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

ABDULHADI, I formerly known as ABDULHADI KURAH now wish to be called and addressd as ABDULHADI ALHAJI KURAH . DATE OF BIRTH 03/02/1992 TO 02/03/1996. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressd as HAFSAT BALA SHUAIBU wish to be known and addressd as MRS HAFSAT BALA MUSTAPHA former documents remain valid general public should take note

SAHURA, I formerly known as SAHURA ADAMU now wish to be called and addressd as SAHURA MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

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AMINA, I formerly known as AMINA SANI YUSUF now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA SANI YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATIMOH OHUNENE ABDULKAREEM now wish to be called as FATIMA OGI RIMA AMINU all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

DOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as TOMA DOMA. Now wish to be known and addressed as DOLA THOMAS. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public please take note.

ATEBIJE: I, Formerly known and addressed as Esther Oluwafunmike Falayi, now wish to be known and addressed as Esther Oluwafunmike Atebiije. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as HAUWA KASHIM MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known as HAUWA MUHAMMAD KASHIM. All former documents remain valid, general public take note

HAMISU: I formerly known as HAMISU MAI CIKANFA MALLAM AND ALHAJI HAMISU ALHAJI HAMISU, now wish to be known as addressed as HAMISU MAI-CIKANFA ALHAJI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

FATIMAH, I formerly known as (HASSAN) FATIMOH JUMAI LAWAL now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMAH MUHAMMED LAWAL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DORTHY: I, FORMALY KNOWN AS SHIRIDIYA DORATHY NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS SHIRADIYI DOROTHY SIMON ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNS TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE

UNAKALAMBA: I, formerly known and addressed as EMMANUEL CHINATU. Now wish to be known and addressed as UNAKALAMBA CHINATU JOY. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public please take note.

ESI: I Formerly known and addressed as Arawore Ufuoma Peace, now wish to be known and addressed as Esi Ejiroghene Ufuoma Peace. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

LAWAN. I formerly known as LAWAN KUPTI, now wish to be known and addressed LAWAN ALI MAINA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MAIMUNA: I, formerly known as MAIMUNA ABDULLAHI BAH now wish to be known and called MAIMUNA UMAR BAH. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ADAWIYYA, I formerly known as ADAWIYYA MAHMUD DANTATA now wish to be called and addressed as ADAWIYYA MAHMUD DANTATA BORODO. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public should please take note.

YAKUBU: I, formerly known as YAKUBU MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and called YAKUBU SULE MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ARASI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADAMS MONSURAT ATINUKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ARASI MONSURAT ATINUKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLABANJI: I Formerly known and addressed as MISS ATOYEBI RITAMARY ADENIKE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OLABANJI RITAMARY ADENIKE. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

YAGANA I formerly known as YAGANA ABATCHA, now wish to be known and addressed YAGANA ABATCHA ABBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

ABUBAKAR. I formerly known as LAWAN BUKAR MODU, now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM SALISU. BIRTH 22/02/1975 wish to be known and addressed as SALISU IBRAHIM IDRIS BIRTH 04/02/1973. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as HABU ABUBAKAR MANSUR, BELLO ABUBAKAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR MANSUR all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note.

ADELEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as ARASI TAIWO SAFIAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADELEKE TAIWO SAFIAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME On some of my documents my name appears as CHARLES ONYEKWERE IHENACHO. While on other documents it appears as CHARLES IHENACHO. I am the same person bearing the names. All documents bearing all the names remain valid. General public to please take note.

SARAH: I, formerly known as SARAH DANIEL, now wish to be known and addressed as SARAH DANIEL WUMANAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take.

I, formerly known as ISAAC DANLADI now wish to be known and addressed as ISAAC DANLADI DANKYU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as SHAFIU IBRAHIM wish to be known and addressed as SHAFIU MIKAILU MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note

SAMUEL: I formerly known as SAMUEL OLAYODE ADEGBOYEGA now wish to be called and addressed as SAMUEL ADEGBOYEGA all former documents remain valid. Wrongly DOB 27/2/1973 correct DOB 24/2/1974 Any authority concern and the general public should please take note

ADEDIRAN: I, formerly known and addressed as IBITOYE ITUNU BOLAJI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ADEDIRAN ITUNU BOLAJI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NWABUASO: I, formerly known and addressed as NWANNEKA EMILIA OGOCHUKWU, now wish to be known and addressed as NWABUASO EMILIA OGOCHUKWU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

AMINU I formerly known as YAHAYA NUHU MUSA now wish to be called as ABUBAKAR SADIQ AMINU. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as BASHIR ALHAJI BUNU now wish to be known as MOHAMMED BASHIR BUNU. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MUSASSHIHU ADAMU ALHASSAN wish to be known and addressed as MUSASSHIHU ADAMU. ASI. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

HUSSAINA: I formerly known as HUSSAINA NUHU now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAINA IBE NUHU all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note

JANE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss JANE JAKA OKAFA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs JANE JAKA TAWO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAMES That on some of my documents, my name appears as RASHIDATU AFOLASADE, while on some other documents, it appears as RASHIDATU FOLAKE. That I am the same person bearing RASHIDATU AFOLASADE and RASHIDATU FOLAKE. All documents bearing both names are mine and remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

JIDAI: I formerly known as JIDAI BENJAMIN WABA And JIDAI B. WABA, now wish to be called as JIDAI WABA. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ALI: I formerly known as ALI BALA CHUL now wish to be known as ALI BALA. With D O B 01/01/1991 to 01/01/1988. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

UMAR: I, formerly known as UMAR USMAN now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR USMAN KAURA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

HASSANA: I formerly known as HASSANA NUHU now wish to be called and addressed as HASSANA UMOLA NUHU all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and the general public should please take note

OPARA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OKONKWO GLORIA CHINONYE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OPARA GLORIA CHINONYE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLUDIRAN: I formerly known and addressed as JAIYEOLA ABIODUN RUQOYAH. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUDIRAN ABIODUN RUQOYAH Due to marriage. All former documents remain valid. General public kindly take note.

JUDE: I formerly known as JUDE ANTHONY now wish to be known as JUDE ANTHONY LINUS. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

GARBA: I, formerly known as MUHAMMED GARBA, Now wish to be known and addressed as GARBA MOHAMMED. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

ALICE: I, formerly known as ALICE ASABE AUDU, now wish to be known and addressed as ALICE EMMANUEL and my date of birth is 03-08-1996 as against 02-09-1986. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

HAUWA: I formerly known as HAUWA ABDULHAMEED, now wish to be known and called HAUWA ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AHANGBA: I, formerly known and addressed as AHANGBA SEEMBER ESTHER. Now wish to be known and addressed as AHANGBA SEEMBER. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABIODUN: I, formerly known and addressed as Mrs OGUNDIPE ESTHER ANUOLUWAPO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ABIODUN ESTHER ANUOLUWAPO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AMINA: I formerly known as YEDZA ALI, now wish to be called as AMINA BABA GANA. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

I formerly known as HAUWA ADAMU K now wish to be known as HAUWA ADAMU. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

JEMIMAH: I Formerly known as JEMIMAH GODIYA SANI now wish to be called and addressed as JEMIMAH SANI MENDOS All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

ABDULKADIR: I formerly known and addressed as MISS JAMILA ABDULKADIR now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ABDULKADIR JAMILA. All former documents remained valid. NYSC, authority concerned and the general public should please take note.

ALAGBE: I, formerly known and addressed as ALAGBE ROFIAT OLUWASEYI. Now wish to be known and addressed as ALAGBE ROFIAT AYINKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUIBI: I, formerly known and addressed as YUSUFF KAOSARAT ADENIKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs MUIBI KAOSARAT ADENIKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALIYU: I formally know as JIBRIN SAIDU, now wish to be known and addressed as JIBRIN SAIDU ALIYU, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as DANLADI SHITTIMA now wish to be known as DANLADI SHETTIMA SHANI. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

AMINU: I, formerly known as AMINU MUSA, now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU HUSSAINI MUSA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

JOLLY: I, formerly known as JOLLY JUFANO, now wish to be known and called JOLLY NICHOLAS TUFANO. All former documents remain valid. SIGMA PENSIONS, general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

ADAMS: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss MURRAY JENNIFER. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADAMS JENNIFER. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OFIME-CHUKWUKA: I, formerly known and addressed as NGOZI IFEKORONYE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OFIME-CHUKWUKA EVELYN NGOZI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HASSAN: I formally know as HASSAN HASSAN, now wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN ABDULLAHI HASSAN, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

FELICIA: I, formerly known as FELICIA ISHAYA, now wish to be known and addressed as FELICIA ISHAYA EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public should please take.

MORDI: I was formerly known and addressed as IGWE STELLA ONYINYE now wish to be known and addressed as MORDI STELLA ONYINYE. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SALLY: I, formerly known as SALLY NUDU PAUL, now wish to be known and called SALLY NUDU OKUNGBOWA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

YAKUBU: I, formerly known and addressed as YAKUBU DEJI GAMBO. Now wish to be known and addressed as YAKUBU KAREEM GAMBO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

WAKILI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADAMU HANNATU WAKILI. Now wish to be known and addressed as WAKILI HANNATU ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ISMAIL: I formally know as BASIRU GUNDA HASSAN, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

OBIEJESI: I, formerly known as MMADUAKOR AMAKA JULIET, now wish to be known and addressed as OBIEJESI AMAKA JULIET. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concern and general public should please take.

LINDA: I, formerly known as LINDA THOMAS, now wish to be known and addressed as LINDA YINKA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

JOSHUA: I, formerly known and addressed as ISTIFANUS JOSHUA JACOB. Now wish to be known and addressed as JOSHUA JACOB. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADEDOYIN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADEYEMI WURAO LA EWATOMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEDOYIN EWATOMI ADEOLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJOBA: I, formerly known and addressed as HUNSU HANNAH OLUWASEUN. Now wish to be known and addressed as AJOBA HANNAH SEUN. That my name was written on my BVN, LASRRA and Voter's Card as HUNSU HANNAH OLUWASEUN. That I now wish to change the name on my BVN, LASRRA and Voter's Card to AJOBA HANNAH SEUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

LAWAL: I formally know as ADAMU LAWAL, now wish to be known and addressed as ABBA ADAMU LAWAL, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

NAIMA: I, formerly known as NAIMA HANTSU now wish to be known and addressed as NAIMA HANTSU AUJWAL. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ISAAC: I formerly known as ISAAC LUCKY Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as ABDULRAZEEZ MUHAMMED MUTARI. Former documents remain valid. Public note.

OLUYEDE: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUYEDE MELOG OLUWANIFEMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUYEDE OPEYEMI DEBORAH. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINTERU: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss UBI RHODA CHIJIOKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKINTERU RHODA CHIJIOKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OSHUNKOYA: I, formerly known and addressed as Mr. OSHUNKOYA WALE MUSIBAU. Now wish to be known and addressed as OSHUNKOYA ADEWALE MUSIBAU. That I was born on 4th day of March, 1963. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

INUWA: I formally know as HAUWA'U INUWA, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWA'U ALHAJI INUWA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

TUNDE: I was formerly known and addressed as ASIMI CHARLES TUNDE. Now I wish to be known and addressed as TUNDE CHARLES ASOMO all former documents remain valid authority concern and general public to take note.

UGWU: I have been bearing OGBODO BENJAMIN. Since birth that I now wish to be known and called. UGWU BENJAMIN. authority concern Please take note.

ADENUGA: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUWAKEMI MUFIDAT OGUINDIPE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUWAKEMI MUFIDAT ADENUGA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINSOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADEWOLE BUKKY BUKAYO OPEYEMI ADEFUNKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AKINSOLA BUKAYO OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUSA: I formerly known as MUSA MOHAMMED now wish to be known as MUSA MOHAMMED MAMMAN. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

IDRIS: I formally know as ABDULMALIK IDRIS HARUNA, with DOB, 12/4/1998 now wish to be known and addressed as ABDURRAHAMAN IDRIS, with DOB, 31/12/1999 All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

VASTY: I, formerly known as VASTY YAKUBU NDOS now wish to be known and addressed as VASTY YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

UGWU: I have been bearing ENEJE PATIENCE IFESI NACHI. Since birth that I now wish to be known and called. UGWU PATIENCE. Authority concern Please take note.

JENNIFER: I, formerly known and addressed as JENNIFER OLUFUNKE AWOSANYA. Now wish to be known and addressed as JENNIFER OLUFUNKE GLADYS AWOSANYA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKINWUNMI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AKINFENWA DORCAS OPEYEMI. Now wish to be known and called as Mrs AKINWUNMI DORCAS OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid. Management of Bisted Medical Hospital and General public please take note.

MAKINTA I formerly known and addressed as MAKINTA GANA now wish to be known and addressed as MAKINTA GANA MAKINTA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MUSA: I formally know as RAHINA ALIYU, now wish to be known and addressed as RAHINA ALIYU MUSA, all former documents remain valid, authorities concerned and general public should please take note

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA SALEH ABDULFATHI, now wish to be called as AISHA UMAR ALI, All former documents remain valid, NYSC authority concern and general public to take note,

MARYAM: I formerly known as MARYAM MUSA WAZIRI now wish to be called as MARYAM TIJANI BABANGIDA all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

GBOGBOLOLA: I, formerly known and addressed as GBOGBOLOLA ADIYATU IYABO. Now wish to be known and addressed as GBOGBOLOLA MOJISOLA ADIYATU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FATOKUN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ARESA MODINAT OMOWUNMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs FATOKUN MODINAT OMOWUNMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

RUKAYYA I formerly known and addressed as MISS RUKAYYA SALE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS RUKAYYA ABDULRAHAMAN SHERIFF All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HAJARA: I formerly known as HAJARA ABDULLAHI BABAYO now wish to be known and addressed as HAJARA ABDULJALAL BABA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General public should please take.

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA MOHAMMED NUR, now wish to be called as AISHA MUHAMMAD NUR, All former documents remain valid, with DOB From 18/09/1991 TO 18/09/1994 authority concern and general public to take note,

ALIYU: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD YAKUBU now wish to be called as ALIYU ABDULLAHI all former documents remain valid wrongly date of birth 01/01/1992 my correct date of birth 30/09/2001 general public all authority concern should please take note

ETUBI-AKINMOLAYAN: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINMOLAYAN ATINUKE BOSE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ETUBI-AKINMOLAYAN ATINUKE BOSE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALANI: I, formerly known and addressed as IBRAHIM BALIKIS MOTUNRAYO and IBRAHIM BALIKIS OMOLATO. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ALANI BALIKIS MOTUNRAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KUBURA I formerly known and addressed as FATSUMA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as KUBURA MOHAMMED MUSA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ALI: I formerly known and addressed as TAJU MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED ALI. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HALIMA: I, formerly known as HALIMA ALHAJI YAHAYA now wish to be known and called HALIMA YAHAYA MOHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

ALIYU: I formerly known as ALI NASURU now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU NASIRU all former documents remain valid. Access Bank PLC and the general public should please take note.

OSEMENE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADIBE EBERE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OSEMENE EBERE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

VIGBE: I, formerly known and addressed as OPE ADENIKE OLABISI, now to be known and addressed as VIGBE ADENIKE OLABISI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

JIBRIL I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMED BALA now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED BALA JIBRIL All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AHMED: I formerly known as AHMED USMAN JIDDA now wish to be known as AHMED USMAN. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA YAHAYA SALIHU now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA YAHYA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

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ABDULLAHI. I formerly known as Abdullahi Mamuda now wish to be called and addressed as Abdullahi Muhammad. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

ZAILANI I formerly known as ZAILANI USMAN now wish to be known and addressed as ZAILANI AMINU with DOB:01/10/1990 not 01/01/1997. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

HALLIRU I formerly known as HALLIRU MUSA TSAURI now wish to be known and addressed as HALLIRU MUSA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

OKONYIA: I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. OTOBO EVIDENCE NGOZI, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. OKONYIA, EVIDENCE CHIGWUSHIM OTOBO. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

OFOTARE = I, formerly known as OFOTURE ESE GIFT. Now wish to be known as OFOTARE ESEOGHENE GIFT. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

That on some of my Certificates my name appears as ABOWEI-APAGHA UNITY NATARMAN, while on other documents my names appears as ABOWEI UNITY NATARMAN. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as ABOWEI UNITY NATARMAN. That the above name(s) refers to one and same person wherever they appear. All documents bearing my names remain valid, general public should take note.

HASSANA. I formerly known as HUSANA MUHAMMAD AUDI now wish to be called and addressed as HASSANA MUHAMMAD AUDI. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

TOGUN I formerly known as AJAYI COMFORT OLULAYO now wish to be known and addressed as TOGUN COMFORT OLULAYO. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

NASIR. I formerly known and addressed as NASIRU ABDULLAHI now wish to be called and addressed as NASIR ABDULBAKI and that my correct DoB is 25/08/1981. All former document remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note please.

HAFSAT = I, formerly known and addressed as NANI TANKO now wish to be known and addressed as HAFSAT NASIR. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

OBASI: That I was formerly known, called and addressed as IHEKAIGBO FAITH OLUCHI, now wish to be known, called and addressed as OBASI FAITH OLUCHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

I, formerly known as KASIMU MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as KASIMU ABBAS. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

AFARIYU. I formerly known as AFAYU MARKUS, now wish to be known and addressed as AFARIYU MARKUS. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

FATIMA : I formerly known as FATIMA YUNUS now wish to be known as FATIMA ALAMIN MUSA. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

HASSAN I formerly known as HASSAN MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as HASSAN ALHASSAN. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

MRS BELLO = I, formerly known and addressed as MISS ISIAQ SABITIYU JUMOKE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS BELLO SABITIYU JUMOKE. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

Confirmation of name: I, FIYINFOLUWA SAMUEL. That the name FIYINFOLUWA SAMUEL ADEKEYE appears on my marriage certificate while the name FIYIN KAYODE ADEKEYE Appears on all my documents. That this is to confirm that the name FIYINFOLUWA SAMUEL and FIYIN KAYODE ADEKEYE belongs to one and same person. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as KABIRU MUHAMMAD KABIRU now wish to be known and addressed as KABIRU MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

FATIMA. I, formerly known as MAHDI FATIMA ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED FATIMA ISA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

ILIIYA: I, formerly known as ILIYA LUMI with DOB 21/06/1966 now wish to be known and addressed as ILIYA LUMI CHIMA. All former documents remain valid With DOB 21/06/1970. Authorities concern and general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I formerly known as MUSA AHMED now wish to be known ABUBAKAR USMAN MUJAZU and addressed as . All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

MRS SUNDAY = I, formerly known as known and address as MISS OMAYE MABEL DEBORAH now wish to be known and address as MRS SUNDAY MABEL DEBORAH. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

NUHU: That i was formerly known as VINCENT MBA. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. NUHU DEEBARI MENENWA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as NWOKOLO CYPRAIN N now wish to be known and addressed as NWOKOLO CYPRAIN NWOYE with D.O.B 01-01-1956. All former documents remain valid. Union Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

RUKAYYA : I formerly known as YAKAKA WAKIL now wish to be known as RUKAYYA WAKIL ALI. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

Hauwa I, formerly known as HABIHA BAH now wish to be known and called HAUWA MUSA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

Confirmation of name: I, OLIWATOSIN MARY OWOPE. That the name OLIWATOSIN MARY OWOPE appears on my marriage certificate while the name TOSIN IMMACULATA OWOPE Appears on all my documents. That this is to confirm that the name OLIWATOSIN MARY OWOPE and TOSIN IMMACULATA OWOPE, belongs to one and same person. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public take note.

THANKGOD = I, formerly known as THANKGOD IKYELEVE. Now wish to be known as THANKGOD IKYELEVE TERUNGWE. All former documents remain valid. The general public please take note.

That I was born on the 26th day of August 1990 my date of birth is wrongly written on my BVN as 26th day of August 1991 instead of 26th August 1990. that on my BVN my name appeared as UGOCHUKWU NWAMAKA instead of UGOCHUKWU, NWAMAKA CHIAGOZIE that my correct date of birth is 26th day of August 1990 and correct name is UGOCHUKWU, NWAMAKA CHIAGOZIE.

I, formerly known as SALAMI AFEZ, ABDULSALAM AFEZ OLAMILEKAN now wish to be known and addressed as SALAMI AFEZ OLAMILEKAN. All former documents remain valid. UBA, First Bank, FCMB, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the Loss of Original Certificate of Occupancy No. 007482 plot No. 333A located at Bulumkutu layout Block 'A' issued to him by Maiduguri Metropolitan Council (MMC) From where kept. Bearing the Name of Mr. David Simal of Bulumkutu ward Maiduguri, in view of his complaint an investigation activities letter No. AR:3000/BR5/CF/VOL46/95 Dated 29th November, 2021 was sent to the MMC For confirmation of the genuineness of the said certificate and a letter from the council with Ref. No.MMC/LAND/13.022 dated 8th December, 2021 indicated that, Mr.David Simal of the same address is the authentic holder of the said plot. The Complainant was advised to go to the appropriate authority for replacement. General Public to take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF LOSS OF ORIGINAL LAND DOCUMENT BELONGING TO ONE AMINA SANUSI MONGUNO 'F' OF BABURA ROAD, NASARAWA, KANO STATE. WITH FOLLOWING DETAILS: ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PLOT NO 144 BEARING NAME: MOHAMMED DAWAMI POTISKUM, WITH BEACONS NO. 816899, 917153 AND 816900 in Plan Numbered 800p No(4p/80/42) DAMBOA ROAD extension. With certificate of occupancy file No BO/108, measuring: 2440.35 sqm located at DAMBOA ROAD extension, Maiduguri Borno State. All effort made to trace it Proved abortive hence the report, BOGIS AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

ELUMELU - I, formerly known as *UZOMA FAVOUR AMARACHI*. Now wish to be known as *ELUMELU FAVOUR AMARACHI*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABDUL HAKEEM MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as ABDUL HAKIM MUHAMMAD NASIR. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
I, Saidu M. Suleiman of 13 Lere Street Kawo New Extension, Kaduna wish to inform the general public of the loss of Original Offer of Grant Statutory Right of Occupancy dated 24th July, 2002 - KDL-54093 plot No.6A Sabon Birnin Road on TPO 639A National Eye Centre Layout Kaduna. The said document were issued to me Ministry of Lands, Survey and Country Planning (now KADGIS) and same got lost at Lere Street Kawo Kaduna on the 11th day of November, 2013. All effort made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned addressed. The general public particularly KADGIS to please take note

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
This is to inform the general public that the loss of original Letter of Grant Plot No. 147 File No. RES/2005/676, situated at Zawaciki Quarters, Kano TP/KAS/256A. Bearing the name of ABDULHAMID BAFFA ADAMU of Giginyu Quarters 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.

MUFUTAU - I, formerly known as *OLAYINKA MARYAM ADEOLA*. Now wish to be known as *MUFUTAU MARYAM ADEOLA*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as FIDELIS MARY ENE now wish to be known and addressed as FELIX MARY. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
I, Brig Gen Ismaila Isa of No.2, Fromobor Street, Ribadu Cantonment, Kaduna State wish to inform the general public of the loss of Original Provisional Offer of Grant/Re-grant of Statutory Right of Occupancy with the name Mai Unguwa. I bought the said plot of land 100x50 located at No.8 Block 'A1' on TPO 639A National Eye Centre, Rehabilitation Layout, Kaduna from Usaini Mai Unguwa and the Original Provisional Offer/Re-grant of Statutory Right of Occupancy issued to got lost on the 6th day of November 2016 at NDA, Kaduna and all effort made to trace same proved abortive. If found, please return to the nearest police station or the above mentioned addressed. The general public particularly KADGIS to please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
This is to inform the general public that the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy Plot No. 1774 RES/92/3128 VIDE TP-UDB/172, situated at Dorayi Babba Quarters, Gwale local government Kano state, belong to MUSA ABDU. All effort made to trace the original Certificate of Occupancy proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

CHINEMEREM I, formerly known as *CHIMEZIE DANIEL ARIGO*. Now wish to be known as *CHINEMEREM DANIEL MBALIGOSI*. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
I EKPENYONG EFFIONG EKPENYONG is hereby wish to inform the general Public that I have the concern and Authority from the family of AYI EKPENYONG that no Person or group of Persons are allowed to carry out or do anything in the name of the family without permission from the said family.

Signed:
EKPENYONG EFFIONG EKPENYONG
Member

LIVING PROOF OF MEECY FOUNDATION
This is to inform the general public that the above named foundation has applied for registration to Corporate Affairs Commission under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.
THE TRUSTEES ARE:
1. ONOJA EMMANUEL OKOH - PRESIDENT
2. EIEGWIA SAMUEL - SECRETARY
3. AMALI ENE RACHAEL
4. EJAH ADOLLE VICTOR
5. PAM PAM MUSA
6. SUZAN TSUNDA MUSA
7. AKOR MONDAY OLOFU.
THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:
1. Engaging in charity projects
2. Organizing skill acquisition program
3. Helping the less privileged access healthcare
4. Giving scholarship to the less privilege.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days from the date of this publication.
SIGNED:
EIEGWIA SAMUEL
SECRETARY

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
LOSS OF INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT
This is to notify the general public that the International Passport with No: 09573336 issued by Nigerian Immigration Services dated 25/07/2018 belonging to FOLORUNSHO AMINAT AJOKE is missing. All effort made to trace the document proved abortive. Please if found, contact the nearest Police Station or Nigerian Immigration Services.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS
This is to inform the general public that the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy Plot No. BA/4650, belonging to MAHMOOD ABDULKADIR of 18 Old Kano Road, Azare. Bearing the name of NUHU POLOMA of Yalwan Lebura Bauchi, Bauchi state. The plot issued by Bauchi State Ministry of Lands and Survey. All effort made to trace the original Certificate of Occupancy proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

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

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Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

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
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Judgement in election cases must align with voters' will – Osinbajo

From Clement A. Oloyede,
Kano

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo yesterday urged the judiciary to be wary of substituting the will of the electorate when adjudicating on election cases.

Speaking at the 53rd Nigerian Association of Law Teachers' Annual Conference held at the Bayero University, Kano with the theme, "Democracy, law and electoral process", the VP stressed that law must enhance and not defeat the electoral process.

He made a reference to the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of APC vs Marafa where it nullified the primary elections of the APC in Zamfara State and thereby enthroned the Peoples Democratic Party in all elective positions in the state.

Osinbajo said, "There is a real issue of whether the courts have not assumed a larger duty in election cases than was constitutionally intended. In other words, are our courts going beyond the constitutional expectation in election cases?"

"It is important to emphasize

this because the whole idea of democracy is that it is the people who determine who their leaders will be. The law, electoral processes, everything must bow to the will of the people. The appropriate interpretation must always favour the will of the people.

"This means that electoral justice must not be for the candidate alone. Indeed, the principal players, the electorate, must be front and centre of judicial reflection on how to determine electoral cases. The judiciary must be wary of substituting their will for the

will of the electorates. They must seek every interpretation that leaves the people with the choice of who they prefer," he added.

Osinbajo charged the law teachers to ensure that the standard of law journals was upheld to help even judges to make better informed decisions

"The criticism of decisions of our courts used to be standard. We had in our law journals critiques of several judgments of courts. Our courts will usually quote those journals if a judge wanted to give a dissenting opinion or perhaps

felt the need to support his views with some scholarly interventions; they refer to our law journals. We must not allow the situation where our legal journals disappear completely," he said.

On his part, Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State observed that the country needed a strong institution for sustainable democracy, urging the law teachers to help come up with recommendations pertaining to reforms required in order to enshrine sustainable democracy in Nigeria.

We recruited 40,000 into police in four years – Buhari

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

President Muhammadu Buhari has said about 40,000 police officers were recruited in the last four years to tackle the increasing insecurity problems confronting the country.

Speaking yesterday during the opening of a two-day retreat for senior police officers in Uyo, he said the recruitment aimed at re-energising and improving personnel of the force.

He said aside from granting assent to the Nigerian Police Trust Fund within the last four years, there was an upward review of salaries and allowances for the rank and file to boost the morale of policemen.

The president, who was represented by the Minister of Police Affairs, Dr Maigari Dingyadi, commended the National Assembly for their support to the police and assured that the federal government would continue to prioritise efforts that would re-engineer and re-equip the force to tackle the increasing and complex security challenges facing the country.

The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Alkali Baba, said the conference was borne out of the desire to ensure capacity building as a pathway to re-invigorating strategic leadership capacity towards the enhancement of optimal police service delivery.

The Akwa Ibom State Governor, Udom Emmanuel, called on the participants to evolve more proactive ways of addressing the security challenges in the country ahead of the 2023 general elections.



■ From left: Chairman, Board of Trustees, Wilcox Memorial Comprehensive Secondary School Old Boys, Abuja Chapter, Chief Kennedy Ohaney; Chairman, Mr. Chima Nwachukwu; Sector Commander, FRSC Federal Capital Territory, Mr. Oga Ochi, and Unit Commander, FRSC Lugbe, Mr. Ohaeri Osondu during the inauguration of newly built guard rooms and convenience in Abuja Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi

Insecurity: Fintiri restricts motorcycles in 2 LGAs

By Amina Abdullahi, Yola

Governor Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri of Adamawa State has issued an Executive Order banning the use of motorcycles in Mbamba, Yolde Pate and Ngurore communities of Yola South Local Government.

He also banned their use in Viniklang and Federal Housing Estate in Girei Local Government Area from 5pm to 5am.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Press Secretary to the Governor,

Humwashi Wonosikou, yesterday.

The statement said, "Adamawa State Restriction of Movement of Motorcycles Executive Order No.1 of 2022 comes into effect on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 until further notice."

The state government said the restriction was imposed to curb the growing activities of criminals disrupting the peace of the state.

"They have become a threat to the peace, wellbeing, security and stability of the state's political and economic

systems, as well as their effect on continuous development which must be effectively curtailed," it said.

According to the Order, any person found on a motorcycle stationary or in motion, within the prohibited time whether as a rider or passenger shall be liable to prosecution.

It, however, exempted those with genuine reasons such as seeking medical attention, providing care and assistance to the vulnerable or travelling for purpose of work classified as essential service.

Osinbajo visits, condoles with parents of Hanifa

From Salim Umar Ibrahim,
Kano

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has visited the residence of the parents of the murdered 5-year old Hanifa Abubakar to condole with the family.

Osinbajo was accompanied on the visit yesterday by Kano State Governor, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, among other government officials.

The little Hanifa was reportedly killed by her proprietor, Abdulmalik Tanko.

Daily Trust had reported how Tanko, the proprietor of Noble Kids Nursery and Primary School, Kawana, Kano, was arrested in connection with the incident.

The victim was abducted in December and her captors had demanded a N6million ransom.

While trying to collect part of

the ransom, security operatives arrested Tanko and some other suspects.

Tanko, 34, and his accomplices - Hashim Isyaku, 37, and Fatima Jibrin, 26, all residents of Tudun Murtala in Nasarawa LGA of Kano State, are facing charges of criminal conspiracy, kidnap, confinement and culpable homicide contrary to section 97, 274, 277, 221 of the penal code.

Soldier shot, others injured in communal attack in Gombe

From Haruna Gimba Yaya,
Gombe

A soldier was reportedly shot while several houses were burnt and scores injured in fresh violence that broke out yesterday in Nyuwar Village in Gombe.

Nyuwar is a border community with Adamawa State.

According to eyewitnesses, the soldier was injured while trying to repel attacks on the Nyuwar allegedly by armed youths from the neighbouring Waja community.

The Waja youths had been accused of carrying out a similar attack on Nyuwar and Jessu communities sometime in April last year.

According to eye witnesses' account, the soldier was rushed to an undisclosed hospital for treatment.

The combined team of security operatives stationed in the community was reportedly outnumbered by the attackers.

Several houses were reportedly burnt and destroyed as women, children and the aged were forced to escape to neighbouring villages for refuge.

Also, tension was mounting in the neighbouring Jessu as panicking residents were seen leaving the town in droves to seek refuge.

As of the time of filing this report, the Gombe State Police Command could not be reached for comments.

However, security agencies had been deployed in the area to contain the situation.

Workers beg FG to lift ban on fuel sale in Ogun borders

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Federation of Informal Workers' Organisations of Nigeria yesterday appealed to the federal government to consider

the lifting of the ban on the sale of petroleum products in border communities in Ogun State.

The General Secretary of FIWON, Gbenga Komolafe, made the appeal yesterday

during a press briefing in Abeokuta, the state capital.

The federal government had announced the closure of borders in the country and also banned the sale of fuel within 20km to

the borders in the country

The workers lamented that the people in the border towns with the Benin Republic in Ogun state were suffering at the hands of security agencies.

He said the Nigerian and Beninese border communities around Idi-Iroko including Ido-petu, Ifoyintedo, Ilase, Ajilete, Ite, Egbe and Oke- Odan area of Ogun State were mostly affected.

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Dahiru Sadi rules out power tussle between Eguavoen and Amuneke

By David Ngobua

Contrary to the feeling in some quarters that by appointing Austin Eguavoen and Emmanuel Amuneke to lead the technical crew of the Super Eagles, the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) has put two captains in a ship, a former international, Dahiru Sadi, has said there won't be any case of power-tussle between the coaches.

On Monday, the NFF shelved plans to appoint a foreign coach for the senior national team and opted to retain Eguavoen as the interim Technical Adviser of the Super Eagles.

The federation also appointed another former international and a former coach of the Haifas of Tanzania, Emmanuel Amuneke, as Chief Coach while Salisu Yusuf dropped to the position of 1st assistant coach.

The NFF also retained former Super Eagles captain, Joseph Yobo as assistant coach and Alloy Agu as goalkeepers' trainer.

Speaking to Daily Trust yesterday, Sadi who is a member of the NFF Technical Committee said the federation has obeyed the clarion calls by Nigerians for indigenous coaches to handle the Super Eagles.

He also allayed fears of any clashes between Eguavoen and Amuneke as he maintained that both coaches have their



■ Newly appointed Super Eagles coaches, Austin Eguavoen (L) Technical Adviser and Emmanuel Amuneke, Chief Coach

roles clearly spelt out by the federation.

"I don't think there is going to be any problem. Each person has been assigned his role. So there won't be any reason for them to disagree or clash.

"Moreover, they played for Nigeria at the same time and are still very good friends. I don't see them fighting because

they are gentlemen who have the interest of Nigeria at heart. There is also division of labour so there is no cause for alarm," he assured.

Sadi, therefore, called for prayers from Nigerians for the technical crew of the Super Eagles to succeed.

He said once they have the support of the NFF and Nigerians, Eguavoen and

Amuneke would take the Super Eagles to the Promised Land.

"We should continue to pray for the team and the coaches. If NFF gives them the necessary support, the technical crew will deliver on its mandate.

"This is what we have been clamouring for so let us give the coaches a chance," said Sadi.

Marquez ready to fight for seventh MotoGP world title

Six-time MotoGP world champion Marc Marquez insisted on Tuesday his objective "is to fight for the championship" this season after suffering from vision problems last year.

"My goal is to fight for the title," Marquez said at the Honda team's presentation.

The Spanish rider suffered from double vision in the final stretch of last season after falling while training on a motocross bike.

He missed the last two races and then had to sit out pre-season trials in Jerez in November.

"The situation was critical with the double vision and nobody knew what could happen, but I followed the advice of the doctors and everything has gone well," said Marquez.

After two injury-hit campaigns, Marquez is chasing his ninth world title in all formats, which would see him match legendary Italian Valentino Rossi.

The 28-year-old Marquez was able to take part in practice in Sepang last week, which he admitted was a "surprise".

"From here on, the goal is to work hard in pre-season and to fight for the championship.

"I know that from the outset I am not here to clean up in the first race, not even to win and perhaps not even get on the podium," said Marquez.

Super Eagles, Black Stars to face-off in Abuja March 27

By David Ngobua

Three-time African champions, the Super Eagles of Nigeria and the Black Stars of Ghana will face off in a pitched battle at the MKO Abiola National Stadium, Abuja on Sunday, March 27 in what is the final leg of a potentially explosive FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 play-off round.

The Nigeria Football Federation on Tuesday confirmed the date of the reverse leg to the Confederation of African Football (CAF), with the Ghana Football Association now to confirm whether the first leg inside the Cape Coast Stadium will be on Thursday,

March 24.

The final leg encounter will be the 59th clash at senior level between both West African giants in a chequered 71-year rivalry, and will also be the first game involving the Super Eagles at the country's premium sporting arena since the Eagles defeated Sudan's Falcons of Jediane 3-1 in an Africa Cup of Nations qualifying match on 15th October 2014.

Nigeria reached the play-off round after topping a qualifying pool that included Cape Verde, Liberia and the Central African Republic while Ghana emerged from the section that had South Africa, Zimbabwe and Ethiopia.



Maiden national Para-sports competition to hold in Abuja

The Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Sunday Dare, has said arrangement has been concluded for the hosting of the maiden National Para-Sports Festival in Abuja from April 9 to April 15.

Dare said this on Monday in Abuja, explaining that the festival is aimed at giving People Living With Disability (PLWD) in sports a sense of belonging and opportunity to exhibit their potential.

The minister, who was represented by Peter Nelson, Director of National Sports Festival and Para-Sports Department of the Ministry, said the measure was part of the administration's policy of inclusion.

According to him, the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation had approved the establishment of the National Sports Festival and Para-Sports Department.

"This will facilitate the development of Para-Sports in Nigeria, giving room for more Para-Sports to thrive.



"It will also give opportunity for young athletes to exhibit their talents as well as explore other Para-Sports that have not had the opportunity to feature in major sporting events for possible medal haul during tournaments," he said.

Dare noted that para-sports have produced the highest number of medals in the Paralympic Games for the country since Nigeria started participating in the games.

"This has positively portrayed Nigeria's image in the global stage and also made it a household name when it comes to sports like Para-Powerlifting," he added.

NAN reports that 15 para-sports are expected to feature at the maiden edition of the festival, including: Para-Powerlifting, Para-Athletics, Para-Table Tennis, Deaf Sports, Para-Soccer.

Others are Wheelchair Tennis, Para-Badminton, Para-Canoe, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair B/Ball, Amputee Football, Para-Swimming, Para-Taekwondo, and Para-Shooting.

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ASUU at it again; let's all get serious to save our youths

Something must be done to rescue Nigeria's tertiary education. And it must be done pretty fast because time is running out. Higher education in the country today is largely an orphan. As a child, it rightly belongs (or used to belong) to the government. But for long now the Nigerian government has been reluctant to accept this child because doing so would mean assuming full responsibility. Many of the current leaders enjoyed free or at least close to free education and many even benefited from scholarships and grants, including overseas education scholarships, from both the federal and state governments. Today, we cannot even maintain the universities. It has been strike upon strike from ASUU; no doubt the standards of the products have diminished so much.

This is the question at the heart of the crisis rocking the Nigerian university system. Whose child is it? Whose responsibility is it? The frequent resort to strikes by ASUU is part of the question: who owns this child?

Even right now, ASUU is at it again. The union has threatened to embark yet again on an indefinite strike. In fact, ASUU has been so associated with strikes that one would not be surprised if some of the undergraduates in their varsities begin to think that the "S" in the acronym actually has something to do with strikes.

Everybody is once again pleading with the union. From religious leaders to ordinary Nigerians, including parents of the students in public universities, Nigerians are begging ASUU to rescind its decision to go on strike.

Some of those making the pleas argue that the timing of the indefinite strike may not augur well for Nigerian society. This is February 2022, about a year to the next general election. Already, electioneering campaigns are beginning, whether we like it or not. This is one of those periods that our politicians remember the students best and want to engage them, not for good, but for their selfish purposes. ASUU strikes have been known to stretch up a year unbroken. Should the one being planned now last that long, then it will provide a fertile ground for predatory politicians to lure these young ones into acts that may not be in the interest of their parents and the nation.

Indeed, keeping students at home also means they may vote as most of them probably registered at home, which is one of the reasons many of them only vote on Twitter

The question is not whether ASUU's strike is justified or not, rather it is a debate of who bears the burden?

In a certain African country, a couple of years ago, an elongated holiday period led to an excess supply of the country's leading export commodity, which in turn caused its price to fall. How did that happen? The report had it that with the long-drawn holiday, the students joined their parents to harvest the crop, which led to an oversupply of the commodity on the international market.

The option of our students joining their parents on the farms in today's Nigeria is quite remote, at least for many of them. In several parts of the country,



As much as the government needs to take education more seriously and honour promises, let ASUU get serious too and stop hanging the future of the innocent youths in the air. This is the genesis of the low productivity of our workforce. This is why there is high unemployment. Yet companies find it difficult to hire because many graduates are unfortunately unemployable, as the system just churns out unbaked or half-baked products

many of the parents have already been chased out of their farms by bandits. So they cannot be productively engaged in the occupation of their parents. Many say students' participation in the #EndSARS protest of October 2020 fuelled the outcome, especially in a city like Lagos, where the protest led to the destruction of lives and property for whatever reasons different factions may give.

Incidentally, while the students' fate hangs in the balance when university lecturers go on strike for several months, the teachers really lose nothing other than the time value of money because they would eventually get paid for all the period, even when many of them just use the opportunity to pursue their personal

businesses, including going on sabbaticals and taking contract appointments in private universities. Some of them even go into active business, completely outside of the classroom.

On their part, the politicians care less. Indeed, as one cartoonist aptly represented, the children of the politicians really do not know what ASUU means.

Even so, though not with genuine intentions, they justifiably argue that Nigerian public universities are wasteful, and Yes they appear to be wasteful except they can justify they are not! Many private universities do not spend a quarter of what Nigerian federal universities incur annually.

So, should the Nigerian universities be privatised, and do we truly need university workers that have no interest in their products; rather only care about their pockets? How can a factory just be interested in the price of its product without giving a damn about the quality? It is tough to ask but it is a debate that we should have.

Everywhere in the world, university education is not free, not even in China or the United States, except for those on scholarships, which are purely on merit.

Everyone deserves and must have primary and secondary education, but university education is perhaps not a necessity for everyone. In fact, many university students are better off in technical colleges, polytechnics, and other informal trade and artisanal centres. This is a hard fact that any objective mind would agree with.

So, should we continue to trust the Nigerian university system in the hands of politicians, who have continued to make it clear that there is nothing the government can afford any longer? From healthcare to power, basic infrastructure, and now education, the government is showing both inability to provide these efficiently and an unwillingness to let the private sector take control. Perhaps, we will all be better off if the government chooses a few things, even if it is only one thing that it can afford and do well.

As much as the government needs to take education more seriously and honour promises, let ASUU get serious too and stop hanging the future of the innocent youths in the air. This is the genesis of the low productivity of our workforce. This is why there is high unemployment. Yet companies find it difficult to hire because many graduates are unfortunately unemployable, as the system just churns out unbaked or half-baked products. Unending strikes in the university system disrupt the learning process. In most cases, once a strike is called off, what follows is a rush to hold examinations and close the session, whatever that really means.

Let all Nigerians come together to fashion a way out of this quagmire. In a country where several youths are questioning the usefulness of education versus their desire to get rich quickly, what is happening now will only succeed in driving away farther.

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Olympic sprint champion Jacobs targets world titles



■ Marcell Jacobs

Olympic sprint champion Lamont Marcell Jacobs has set his sights on gold at indoor and outdoor world championships after returning to the track last week, the Italian said on Tuesday.

Jacobs marked his first race since winning the 100 metres and sprint relay in Tokyo last year with victory in the 60 metres at an event in Berlin on Friday.

The 27-year-old said he had been nervous in Berlin and had hoped to dip under 6.50 seconds. He clocked 6.51 seconds and is aiming to pick up the pace ahead of the world indoor championships in Belgrade next month.

Eriksen seeks return to 'normal life' with Brentford



■ Christian Eriksen

Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen said joining Premier League club Brentford offers him the opportunity to return to a "normal life" as he seeks a comeback seven months after suffering a cardiac arrest. Eriksen, who collapsed during a European Championship match against Finland in Copenhagen and was given life-saving CPR treatment in front of shocked fans and teammates, signed for Brentford last month as a free agent for the rest of the season.

The 29-year-old is now fitted with a special heart-starting device known as an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD). Inter Milan terminated his contract in December because the ICD device is not permitted in Serie A.