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Muslim leaders in stormy meeting

...Over recall of delegates

From Sani Babadoko,
Bureau Chief (Kaduna)

A joint meeting of the Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI), Northern traditional rulers, Muslim clerics, the presidency, the National Political Reform Conference (NPRC), delegates from the North and some members of the National Assembly generated intense passion over measures the Muslim *Umma* should take to redress its perceived marginalisation by the Obasanjo-led federal government.

For more than 30 minutes, the meeting yesterday at the Kaduna International Trade Fair complex on Kaduna-Zaria road, was deadlocked while officials led by the Sultan of Sokoto, who presided, tried to reach a compromise resolution to avert a boycott of the confab by Muslim delegates.

The division was among hardliners led by the Emir of Gwandu, Alhaji Al-Mustapha Jokolo, who want an immediate decision to boycott the conference by Muslims until their demands are met and those who advised caution led by one time transport minister, Alhaji Umaru Dikko, supported by Alhaji Magaji Dambatta and Senator Ibrahim Mantu.

On the side of Jokolo were the numerous Islamic clerics such as Dr. Datti Ahmed, the out-spoken leader of the Su-

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Governor Danjuma Goje (left) exchanging pleasantries with the President of ECWA movement, Rev. Cornelius Oluwole (right) during the ECWA denomination's courtesy call on the governor in Gombe... recently.

Ribadu faces Reps today

• *Osuji, Matazu also to appear*

By Hammeed M. Bello,
Senior Political Reporter **and**
Lawal Ibrahim,
Correspondent (Katsina)

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), chairman, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, is to appear before the House of Representatives panel on Ethics and Privileges today to substantiate allegations of bribery against some members of the House.

The Ethics and Privileges committee which was mandated by the House to verify the allegations, said it has already, since Thursday, served the letter of notice to the EFCC chairman regarding the summons and he is to appear before the committee at about 2.00 p.m today at the National Assembly complex in Abuja.

Exercising the powers and mandate given to it by the House to get to the root of the allegations, the committee has also summoned former Education Minister, Prof. Fabian Osuji, Vice Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology (FUTO) Owerri, Prof. Jude Njoku, the House Education Committee Chairman, Hon. Garba Matazu and other members of the House named by the president in the bribery scandal.

Osuji and the members are to appear on Wednesday while Prof. Njoku is to appear on Thursday.

According to the Ethics and Privileges committee

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Another Asian quake causes panic

By Jibrin Abubakar,
Reporter (Foreign Desk)

The Indian Ocean is on tsunami alert again af ter a quake off the coast of Sumatra, the Indonesian island that bore the brunt of the 26 December disaster, just as people in the region have began to leave coastal areas

It struck just before midnight local time, with an estimated magnitude of 8.2, and caused widespread panic.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the tremor as people left coastal

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BRIBERY SCAM LATEST

Resign - *Northern senators tell Wabara*

By Isa Sanusi,
Senior Political Reporter

Efforts by Northern senators and others concerned with the bribery allegations against Senate President, Adolphus Wabara, to reconvene the senate today may have been thwarted by the senate leadership even as the Northern Senators Forum insists that Wabara must resign to save the upper chamber from further embarassment.

Responding to questions from *Daily Trust* on telephone yesterday, the Secretary-General of the Northern Senators Forum, Senator Saidu Muhammed Dansadau, said refusing to reconvene the Senate today was a ploy by the leadership which is not going down well with majority of senators.

"They don't want us to reconvene. It is a ploy by the leadership. They fear that pressure is too much for the impeachment of Wabara. My understanding is that the fear eating them is that they too may go," Dansadau said.

The Northern senators position, according to Senator Dansadau, is that the Senate should reconvene today so that Wabara could resign, adding that this is the only way the upper chamber

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News

Dusty wind envelopes Maiduguri

From Abdullahi Bego,
Regional Editor (Maiduguri)

A gale of dusty wind and the hot whether has led to the partial 'closure' of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital as many streets remain empty because people prefer to remain indoors to avoid the inconvenience.

The situation has begun to raise health concerns in a city which experts say has a poor attitude to waste disposal.

Daily Trust findings shows that although the Easter holiday season naturally makes people to stay at home with their families, the scale at which people remain indoors far goes beyond holidaying, as many people attributed their stay at home to 'bad whether'.

The dusty wind situation has affected business in the Borno state capital in various ways, with car painters, especially, complaining that their work was being hampered because the dusty wind affects work quality.

"It is so bad for us. The wind doesn't allow us to paint well because sand would mix with the paint as we spray on the materials being painted. This causes us to delay the execution of our work", said Mallam Musa, a *panel beater* and painter at Wulari area of Maiduguri.

In addition to its effect on business, the 'bad whether' and dusty wind now blowing across Maiduguri also causes 'physical weakness', according to many people interviewed by *Daily Trust*.

Mallam Nura, a cement dealer along Baga road, Maiduguri, told *Daily Trust* that the windy weather makes him feel 'weak and sleepy', adding "if you stay outside, you get splashed by dust; and if you go into the shop or indoors, you feel weak and want to sleep".

In a chat with our correspondent, a health expert in chest-related diseases and Medical Director of the Maiduguri Chest Diseases Hospital, Dr. Bukar Mustapha Bintube, said dusty winds can and do lead to the spread of a lot of bacteria that "cause secondary bacterial infections which may lead to discomforting health effects".

Dr. Bintube added that the dusty wind also causes 'allergic bronchitis' because many people react to dust.

The health expert however advised that people should try to cover their nose when outdoors as the wind intensifies so as to reduce its effects adding that parents should especially cover the nose of their children below the age of five, as it is easy for them to contract some diseases that are spread through the wind.

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will demonstrate to Nigerians that it is serious about tackling the issue of corruption.

The lawmaker noted that the impeachment of Wabara is not only a majority position but a unanimous one taken by the Northern senators at the meeting they held last Thursday.

Other senators confirmed this position even though one source added: "We have agreed that Wabara should resign but we want to avoid a situation that may make it look like we are acting out President Obasanjo's script. It should go at our own pace."

The source further said that the Northern senators meeting deliberated on the issue and many believe that Wabara must vacate his position on the floor of the Senate today. The forum also mandated the Deputy Senate president, Alhaji Ibrahim Mantu, to convey this stance to the leadership of the Senate.

Minority Whip of the Senate, Senator Abba Aji, said even though the Senate is supporting the fight against corruption, President Oluse-gun Obasanjo has made a mistake by taking the whole matter in a manner that breached Section 36, subsection (5) of the constitution.

"We asked all our colleagues mentioned in this scandal and they said they don't know anything about it. At least therefore, they have the right to be heard before a position is taken."

Senator Abu Ibrahim said: "The fact that a meeting took place in Wabara's house is enough indictment. But we don't want to be rushed into taking decisions. This time, we will not allow any outside force to influence the choice of our leader."

Senator Abu Ibrahim further said the Senate has to safeguard its independence and also confirmed that Northern senators position was that Wabara should resign and this position has been conveyed to the leadership of the senate.

Senator Baba Tele in his turn said though he has been away during the heat of the issue, he was aware that Northern senators have agreed that Wabara should go, adding that "I was not around but I heard about it too. I just came to Abuja. I am still trying to get across and know exactly what is happening."

In his response, the special adviser on media and publicity to the senate president said: "I am not aware that the senate is reconvening." On the position of Northern senators that Wabara should resign, he said "everybody is entitled to his own opinion, so there is nothing I can say on that."

Efforts to reach the Senate Leader, Senator Dalhatu Sarki and the chairman, Senate Committee on Information, Senator Tawar Wada, failed as their phone rang without being answered. Other principal officers of the Senate switched off their phones or ignored calls.

A source close to the leadership of the Senate said there is mounting pressure for the reconvening of the Senate before April 5, but the leadership wants to buy time to give Wabara a soft landing.

Asian quake *Contd. from Pg 1*

areas of Sumatra.

Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and India are also on alert after forecasts of a "widely destructive tsunami".

The quake struck between the Sumatran cities of Padang and Medan at around 2315 local time (1615 GMT) and lasted up to three minutes, according to Indonesia's Meteorological and Geophysics Office.

I thought I was hallucinating at first, but then I heard my neighbours screaming and running out

Its epicentre was located at about 200km (125 miles) off the Sumatran mainland.

Most people were in bed at the time and there were no immediate reports of damage, says the *BBC* correspondent in the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

Reports from Banda Aceh say thousands came out into the streets, fearful of collapsing houses, while an official quoted by *Reuters* news agency spoke of "dozens" killed on the island of Nias.

Communications were swamped, although some mobile phone messages were getting through.

The 26 December tsunami caused major damage and killed tens of thousands of people in states across the region.

Russ Evans, a seismologist from the British Geological Survey, told the BBC that Monday's tremor quake was almost certainly an aftershock of the earlier quake, which had a magnitude of 9.

A new tsunami was certainly possible, he said, but on a smaller scale.

The quake was felt across the region with people in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, some 500km away, evacuating high-rise buildings and running out into the streets.

"I was getting ready for bed, and suddenly, the room started shaking," said Kuala Lumpur resident Jessie Chong.

"I thought I was hallucinating at first, but then I heard my neighbours screaming and running out."

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chairman, Hon. Bello Mutawalle, who exclusively disclosed these to *Daily Trust* yesterday, confirmed that all the letters have been duly served, adding that his committee was tasked to ensure that justice must prevail in the probe.

He said the committee is interested in finding out whether the EFCC investigations were based on any documented evidence or not, adding also that the EFCC is expected to furnish the committee with all the evidence it has regarding the allegations, and to explain the processes it followed in its investigation and how it arrived at its conclusions.

According to Mutawalle, Ribadu was specifically required in writing to come along with all relevant documents relating to the matter for the committee to verify all facts and that any member found guilty of the charge will be dealt with in accordance with the code of conduct and ethics of the House approved recently.

Mutawalle also said that the committee will ascertain whether or not Osuji actually gave the money to the members and what might have subsequently transpired and all those summoned are to come with all relevant documents to prove their position.

Hon. Suswam and Osita Izunaso claimed that the president mentioned their names in error in the bribery scandal because the EFCC did not questioned them while the House panel said it will x-ray all accusations and counter accusations in the matter to determine who might have erred and recommend appropriate action to the House.

He suggested that the House will not take it lightly with the EFCC if its allegations could not be substantiated, even as he said the House would not spare any corrupt member.

Meanwhile, a member of the House committee on Ethics and Privileges, Hon. Lawal Garba, has assured of the committee's resolve to get to the root of the allegations of involvement of some members of the House.

Garba told *Daily Trust* in Daura that the committee will not hesitate to recommend necessary sanctions against anyone involved in the scam, while assuring however that the committee will make a thorough investigation before any decision is arrived at.

Hon. Garba said however that the NASS will never be the same again following this injurious attack by the president, adding that the law gives equal status to each of the three tiers of government.

"I believe the House of Representatives is interested in getting to the root of the issues highlighted by Chief Obasanjo and intends to react based on the findings and recommendations of the House' Ethics and Privileges committee.

On the fact that the actors in the scam are members of the ruling party and the possibility of party affiliation becoming a factor in their investigations, the legislator said "though it is true the majority are members of the PDP, but what is paramount in our minds is to get to the root of the issue raised regardless of party affiliations and I assure you in two weeks, we will investigate, deliberate and submit our investigation report appropriately."

Muslim leaders *Contd. from Pg 1*

preme Council for *Sharia* in Nigeria (SCSN), Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi, Sheikh Adams Idoko, Chief Imam of Onitsha Central Mosque who represented the South-South and South-East Muslims, Sheikh Ja'afaru Adams from Kano and the Imam of NNPC mosque in Kaduna, Sheikh Usman Babantiye and a host of others who pointed to the marginalisation of Muslims not only at the conference but also in the military, civil service and parastatals.

President Obasanjo was represented by the Head of Service, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed, who delivered the president's address calling on the meeting to put the interest of the nation first and urging the meeting to believe that there was no deliberate plan to marginalize Muslims.

At a point after his speech, the Emir of Gwandu, stormed out of the meeting as some speakers tried to influence him to return.

It was however the timely intervention of the Zamfara State Governor, Alhaji Ahmed Sani, who was the only governor in attendance that saved the meeting from ending in a deadlock

While affirming that he was ready to recall Zamfara state delegates immediately if that is the wish of the meeting he however suggested the setting up of another committee to harmonise the divergent views at the meeting. The meeting thus agreed that a committee will be set up within the week with the mandate to meet President Obasanjo again and report back.

In their own contribution Deputy Senate President, Ibrahim Mantu, Senate Leader, Dr. Dalhatu Sarki Tafida, Dr. Umaru Dikko, Alhaji Magaji Dambatta, among others, urged for caution and advised that the war should be that of words rather than of bullets. They cautioned against rash actions pointing out that "whoever does not plan his action is already planning to fail."

At the end of the meeting, those on the side of caution carried the day as the JNI Secretary General, Justice Abdulkadir Orire, read out the resolution of the meeting thus: "To set up a powerful committee comprising the *Ulama,* traditional rulers, governors, ministers, members of the National Assembly and delegates to the conference to meet with Mr. President and report back to the meeting within one week."

Even as Orire read the resolution, many among the spectators who wanted an immediate decision on the actions to be taken shouted him down and it was clear that majority of the people were not for any restraint. "Enough is enough," several of them had shouted.

The meeting was a follow up to the meeting between JNI and President Obasanjo on March 9, 2005, which was followed by another meeting between the JNI led by the Sultan and Obasanjo's delegation led by the Head of Service, Alhaji Yayale Ahmed.

In his speech, the Sultan recalled that out of the five demands presented to Obasanjo, only one; the appointment of a Muslim co-secretary has been met and that action was yet to be taken on the other four.

These included the appointment of a Muslim co-chairman, the replacement of the eight people on the president's list who rejected their nominations with Muslim delegates from the South-West, an affirmation that the conference decisions will not be by simple majority and that henceforth, any decision on national issues should reflect federal character.

The governors of Kano, Jigawa and Lagos among others sent representatives.

Confab: Zamafara seeks two-party system

By Habeeb I. Pindiga,
Political Reporter

The Zamfara state delegation to the ongoing national political reform conference has recommended a two-party system to replace the multi-party democracy operating in the country.

In a 30-page memorandum submitted to the conference secretariat in Abuja, the delegation lamented the tribal and other parochial inclinations of political parties since 1922 and proffered nine recommendations to curtail this.

They include: "The country shall have two political parties based on ideology whose membership shall cut across the thirty six states of the country and the FCT. With the two political parties, we are of the view that no one section of the society in the country (tribal, ethnic or religious), could hijack, dominate the parties.

"The two political parties shall also be partially funded by the federal government in order to ensure the survival of the opposition party."

Zamfara further called for a limit to the number of party offices such that only national, state, local government and ward offices are allowed to operate.

Also, posters and banners should be pasted only in party offices, while "campaign of calumny and character assassination" should be banned.

On electoral reforms, the delegation suggested that membership of the election body should be funded as a first line from the consolidated revenue fund.

It also sought the reduction of the age limit in contesting for posts such that 30 years would be the minimum for all positions apart from councillorship, which should remain at 25 years.

The delegation further demanded the widening of the scope of the courts of Appeal to include criminal cases from *Sharia* courts and all aspects of Islamic law.

It recommended an increase to 70 years in the retirement age of all judicial officers and suggested the abrogation of section 289 of the constitution that disqualified certain legal practitioners from serving as judicial officers to address manpower shortage in the sector.

The memorandum called for the retention of the police, but sought powers for state governors to issue directives to their commissioners of police without the need for the commissioners to refer to the Inspector General of Police.

On the structure of government, Zamfara sought the retention of the presidential system and unilateral powers for states to create local governments.

The memo was signed by six Zamfara State delegates: Yahya Abdulkarim, Abubakar Moriki, Yusuf Garba, Malami Yandoto, Muhamad Takori and Mansur Sani.

News

Census: FG biased against Muslims – *NACOMYO*

By Abbas Abdullahi

The federal government has been called upon to publish the names and religious persuasions of the newly recruited officials of the National Population Commission (NPC) in each state of the federation.

In a communique issued at the end of the national executive council (NEC), meeting of the National Council of Muslim Youth Organisations (NACOMYO), held at Islamic Movement for Africa (IMA), research centre, Abeokuta, Ogun state, the body noted with great concern the reported lopsidedness in the composition of the census officials.

"The council notes with great concern reports of the preponderance of Christians within the rank and file of census officials, even from the preliminary stages," the communique signed by Alhaji Muhammad Lawal Maidoki and Alhaji Kamal'Idin Akintunde, national president and secretary-general respectively noted.

NACOMYO therefore challenge the NPC to make public the names and religious persuasions of the newly recruited officials of the NPC, while calling on Muslims to be vigilant against any hidden agenda over the forthcoming national population census.

The communique which commended the federal government and the Nigerian Muslim community for their superlative performance and great generosity at the national mosque rehabilitation fund raising ceremony, called on the federal government to stop regarding the mosque as a national monument "A house of God cannot be regarded as a mere monument," it added.

The body condemned the religious discrimination and intolerance against Muslim corps members at an orientation camp by some National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) officials and therefore called on the federal government to check such officials to advert unnecessary crisis in the national scheme.

"We are particularly disturbed by the most recent show of hatred for Islam by the camp commandant in Ogun state who not only prevented Muslim corpers from exercising their freedom of worship but also went ahead to punish them," the communique noted.

While calling for the re-establishment of a full-flagged National Hajj Commission comprising competent, committed and God fearing Muslims of proven integrity, the body blamed the ad-hoc arrangements of the government, which it said led to the plight and discomfort experienced by Nigerian Muslim pilgrims during this year's Hajj operations.

The council also considered the resolution of the United Nations asking Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon as a double standard while American and Israeli troops continue to occupy Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine illegally.



Children celebrating Easter Monday at the Kado estate garden, Abuja ...yesterday. *Pix: Felix Onigbinde.*

Daily Trust loses State House correspondent

The death has occurred of Mr Reuben Kuteb Yunana, the State House correspondent of Media Trust Limited, publishers of *Daily* and *Weekly Trust* newspapers.

Aged 46 years, the late Mr Yunana hailed from Jenuwa-Kogi town in Ussa local government area of Taraba state.



Late Reuben Yunana

Before joining the Media Trust stable, he had worked as an area information officer of the ministry of information in the then Gongola state, reporter, Gongola *Community Concord*, chief correspondent, *Concord* newspaper and as State House correspondent of the defunct Examiner newspaper, here in Abuja.

An exceptionally gentle and enter-prising reporter who joined Media Trust in 2001, the late Mr Yunana is survived by his wife and five children.

Among the first people to condole Mrs Yunana were the Editor-in-Chief of Media Trust, Malam Kabiru Yusuf and *Daily Trust* Acting Editor Garba Deen Muhammad.

Former Dep. Gov., Kwatalo, is dead

From Hassan Karofi, *Correspondent (Dutse)*

The former Deputy Governor of Jigawa state, Alhaji Ibrahim Kwatalo has died at the age of 53.

He died yesterday at Chasel Hospital, Kaduna at about 5:20 p.m. after a protracted illness.

A close aide of the former deputy governor told *Daily Trust* that Alhaji Ibrahim had earlier been rushed to the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Kano about two weeks ago after he fell ill during the annual general meeting at IMB Bank which held in Lagos.

He left behind two wives and 18 children.

Kwatalo, a renowned politician, resigned his deputy governorship position and left the ruling All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in the state for the Peoples Democratic Party in 2002. He was later to reform the ANPP.

A family source disclosed that the late politician will be buried today at 7:30 a.m. in Dutse.

Desert encroachment: Buhari calls for renewed commitment

From Lawal Ibrahim, *Correspondent (Katsina)*

The All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) presidential candidate, General Muhammadu Buhari, has called for renewed efforts by governments at all levels to combat desert encroachment as a result of the threat it poses to the survival of the people.

Speaking in Katsina over the weekend while presenting hospital equipment worth N5.3 million donated by the Katsina state government fund *(Gidauniya),* to 29 local government health centres in the state, General Buhari said desert encroachment is so serious that immediate steps must be taken to address the situation.

General Buhari who also called for continued sensitisation of the people to guard against further encroachment, described the situation in some parts of the country as very alarming, lamenting his earlier school days in 1953 when they had to run from few places because of fear of the forest which has now been eaten up with the growing size of population who now use it as an abode for them and their families.

"Desert encroachment now even emanates from the cities with people trooping more into the agricultural land making it non-sufficient for farming activities and drinkable waters becoming scarcer by the day."

In their various responses, the board members of the *Gidauniya* which include former president, Court of Appeal, Justice Mohammed Nasir, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim A. Commassie, retired IGP, Alhaji Umar Muttallab, chairman, First Bank of Nigeria Plc and others, commended the efforts of the chairman, board of trustees, General Muhammadu Buhari for steering the foundation to great heights.

Earlier, the director general of the fund, Alhaji Suleiman Dauda Kanbi, had disclosed that the foundation spent over N200 million to execute various projects across the state, saying that as at February this year, the *Gidauniya* had about N379 million in it's coffers and said it planned to spend about N15 million this year alone to boost the health sector across the state.

Among the items donated to the local government health centres included examination old which crouch, bed and pillows, stethoscope, dissecting forceps, stretchers, strainers, surgical equipments, and other facilities equipments. The permanent secretary, Katsina state ministry of health, Dr Salisu Baje delivered a vote of thanks on behalf of the ministry and government of the state.

NCAA investigates Kano plane mishap

From Yusha'u Adamu Ibrahim, *Correspondent (Kano)*

The Accident Bureau of the Ministry of Aviation and the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority have commenced investigations in Kano to find out the cause of the near plane crash of the Bellview Airlines Boeing 373 aircraft at Malam Aminu Kano International Airport (MAKIA).

The Aviation Minister, Alhaji Isa Yuguda, who disclosed this yesterday in Kano while addressing newsmen over the averted plane crash, said that more information will be made public after the investigations.

Alhaji Isa Yuguda who spoke through the General Manager, Public Affairs, of the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Alhaji Adamu Abdullahi, disclosed also that due to the fire which destroyed a number of transformers and some cables, runway 24 of the airport has been closed.

He pointed out however that MAKIA is open to traffic as runway 06 is operational and maintenance on the affected area has already commenced.

The aircraft with registration number SN BFX departed the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport at about 1146 hours on Sunday with 101 passengers including the five crew members on board.

Barely five minutes after take off, an emergency landing was declared due to fire on one of the aircraft's engines. The flight was then aborted and the aircraft landed safely at about 1205 hours.

However, at about 1152 a sbushfire erupted at the end of runway 24 which was suspected to have resulted from a ball of fire that fell on the dry grasses from the departing aircraft.

FAAN and Kano state fire service men who responded immediately brought the fire under control at about 1357 hours and the damage caused by the fire on runway 24 led to the closure of the runway.

Immunity clause abused – *Akanbi*

The Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices, and other related offences Commission (ICPC), Justice Mustapha Akanbi, says the immunity clause in the nation's constitution has been abused.

The Nigerian constitution, particularly section 308 grants immunity to state governors, their deputies, the president and his deputy from criminal and civil proceedings.

"Granting immunity itself is not the problem," Akanbi told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), at the weekend in Abuja.

Akanbi added that "the whole idea of granting immunity is founded on the fact that those people who are covered by immunity will show themselves to be men of integrity and honour."

He said that it was also the general believe that those covered by immunity would be men who will represent the best interest of the nation.

According to him, the circumstances which brought about the immunity is that the King does no wrong' and that whoever is the president or governor will not do any wrong.

Akanbi said that in such circumstances, the president and others were seen as the embodiment of integrity and that they will not do things which are improper.

Due Process slowed down 2004 budget implementation – *Prof. Ayagi*

From Musa Umar Kazaure, *Bureau Chief (Kano)*

The 2004 budget could not be fully implemented because of the stringent procedure introduced by the Due Process Unit of the presidency which made it cumbersome for ministries to access their approved budgetary allocations.

Professor Ibrahim Ayagi, the chairman of the National Economic Intelligence Committee (NEIC), who revealed this exclusively to *Daily Trust* in Kano yesterday, said that the sum of N374 billion was approved for capital projects in 2004 and a corresponding N374.6 billion was released by the government for the projects.

He added, however that "because of the Due Process procedures, we discovered that even though one hundred percent of the capital budget allocations was released, only 68 percent was accessed by the various ministries, agencies and parastatals."

Professor Ayagi said that due to the lapses discovered in the Due Profess in the implementation of the 2004 budget, the government decided to extend the period of closing its 2004 budget spending to the end of March, 2005.

"Normally, by 31st December, 2004, the books are closed but they issued a circular to say those institutions who are unable to access their funds have until 31st March, 2005, to access them. This is why you see them rushing to get their funds. But despite this, we are hopeful that even by the end of March, 2005, we may achieve 80 percent implementation of the 2004 budget," he assured.

The NEIC chairman said he supports the decentralisation of the Due Process, adding that the due process unit of each ministry, parastatals and agencies should be reactivated and empowered to clear contracts of not more than five million naira.

NEWS FOCUS

Furore over unsettled FCT hotel bills

From Nasir Imam,
Assistant News Editor

With the National Political Reform Conference taking place in Abuja, hotels in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), are smiling to the bank, especially as delegates are said to be spending most of their N20,000 daily allowance in settling hotels bills.

It has always been rosy for hotels in the FCT anytime such an event like the confab is billed for Abuja which hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), the All-Africa Games (COJA), and the recently held meeting of the African Union (AU) leaders.

But as hotels are apparently counting their gains, some individuals and government agencies are hell bent on crippling the effort of the hospitality industry.

History is replete with such incidents of abuse of privileges and in some cases individuals are known to harbour criminal intent in the pursuit of accommodation in FCT hotels.

In March 2002, one Abubakar Sadiq, 19, was arraigned before an Abuja Chief Magistrate's court for allegedly presenting himself as the guest of former Head of State, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, at the NICON Hotel and Sheraton Hotels, Abuja.

According to a Police First Information Report (FIR), the accused had allegedly been accommodated and incurred a bill of N39,216, and another bill of N31,500 at Sheraton Hotel between 22 and 28 of the same month using the former head of state's name.

The report disclosed that the accused was again accosted at Arewa Suites, Abuja on April 29, 1999 on a similar ploy which was contrary to Section 97, 179 and 325 of the Penal Code.

Prosecution witness, Sergeant Effiong Inyang, told the court at the time, that the general manager of Arewa Suites told him that she received the phone call on the April 27 from someone who presented himself as General Ibrahim Babangida and asked her to reserve a suit for one of his guests that would be coming in the next day.

According to him, the general manager told him that the caller said the accommodation would be for 30 days and that one Captain Jalingo, personal assistant to the General, would settle the bill.

Inyang told the court that immediately after a phone call, the general manager called Minna to confirm from the Captain himself who denied knowing anyone like Sadiq.

If this case has some criminal undertone, there are, however, other cases of genuinely securing hotel accommodation, but which may cause embarrassment to the individual concerned and even the federal government.

Earlier September, 2003, Nigerians woke up to find out that the Nigeria National Petroleum Company (NNPC), has so far spent a total sum of over N240 million to accommodate its Group Managing Director, Mr. Jackson Gaius-Obaseki, in hotel since he took on management of the company in May, 1999.

In an interview with *The News* magazine, Mr. Obaseki said he believed "he was making a sacrifice for the country" to have stayed in the hotel, and that he believed he was the cheapest group managing director the NPPC has ever had.



FCT Minister, Malam Nasir el-Rufa'i

Investigations revealed that the kind of Presidential Suite Obaseki maintained in the hotel cost N155,000 per night, including charges for Value Added Tax (VAT).

This amount also include bills for the 3 bedrooms in the suite as well as the food the group managing director and other occupants have been taking within the past 51 months, May 1999-August, 2003.

This also goes to show that at N155,000 per night, including VAT, the NNPC spends N4.7 million per month, and N56.6 million per year on its GMD's hotel bills alone.

The revelation came at the heels of the federal government's move to cut down the huge cost of government which is largely incurred through overhead costs, with its new policy of monetisation of fringe benefits of public servants, political office holders, judicial and legislative officers of the federation.

In line with the monetisation policy, the federal government has decided to pay each worker 100 percent of annual basic salary as housing allowance.

Only recently, former FCT minister and now Special Adviser to the President on Civil Society, Engineer Mohammed Abba Gana, was fingered by the Abuja Sheraton Hotel and Towers for incurring a N25.3 million outstanding debt being bills incurred by his relatives and cronies while in office.

Abuja Sheraton and Towers, through its director of finance, Samuel Ziwa, had written a letter dated 9th March, 2005 to the present FCT minister, asking that the outstanding amount be settled.

The FCT ministry on 14th March, was said to have directed his chief of staff to verify the bill – authorisation and reasons for such accommodation, but wondered why it took this long for the Sheraton Hotel to request for payment.

However, the invoice sent by Sheraton Hotels to the FCT minister, with reference A/R Account: 71 and No. GVT-71-08.07.02, indicate that the bills incurred by Engineer Abba-Gana dates between 8th July, 2002 up till the date he left office as FCT minister on 17th April, 2003.

The Sheraton invoice sent to FCT ministry showed that between this period, over N23 million was incurred as bills by guests of Engineer Abba-Gana, a list which include his son Zanna Gana, his then Special Assistant, Lawal Abaya, his Chief Security Officer (CSO), Alka Wakil, and former Minister of Transport, Umar Dikko (see published list).

However, Engineer Abba-Gana, who spoke with *Daily Trust* over the issue, quickly described the allegation as "mischievous".

"These were not personal bills but bills of government. Government guests were handled by the FCT administration then, and it was the responsibility of the FCT to accommodate legitimate government guests, remember, we were hosting a lot of meetings then.

"It is mischief to make a special case of the bills. There is nothing special about hotel bills, they are just like any other bills incurred on contracts, or other sections like health, education, etc.

"This is how they said I spent so much on tea and coffee during the United States of American President's Bill Clinton visit when I was not even minister then," Engineer Abba-Gana said.

Daily Trust investigation revealed that Sheraton Hotels and Towers was privatised while the former minister was still in office and el-Rufa'i was the helmsman of the Bureau of Public Enterprise (BPE), which sold Sheraton to a group, STARWOOD Hotels and Resort Worldwide, believed to be owned by the Ibru family.

Responding to the matter, Chief of Staff to the minister, Alhaji Lawal Balarabe and the Chief Press Secretary to the minister, Mr. Kingsley Agha, in separate interviews, however, confirmed that the outstanding hotel bills were incurred during Abba-Gana's tenure as minister.

"About N21 million was incurred by the former minister, and some of the money were paid before the former permanent secretary queried it and payment was stopped, but I don't know whether his family is involved, we're still investigating," the chief of staff said.

Sheraton's public relations officer, Nanji Tyem, in a telephone interview said she's not aware of any outstanding bill incurred by Abba-Gana.

Director of Finance of the hotel, Samuel Ziwa, however said that in the hospitality industry, incurring hotel bills is routine.

Sheraton Hotel, he said, used to be owned by the MFCT/FCDA before it was privatised by the BPE.

He said that it is in the character of every hotel to incur outstanding bills from the customers especially ones they've established long term relationship with, like the MFCT.

"It is not only MFCT or FCDA that is owing us, several ministries and parastatals owe us and it is only normal that after a while, we write to our debtors to try and settle there bills," Mr. Ziwa said.

Sheraton's Summary of Outstanding MFCT Hotel Bills (Contd.)
(between 18/07-17/12/2002)

Check out Date	Invoice Number	Guest	Room No.	Invoice Amount	Paid	Balance
21/10/02	113866	Gana, Zanna	870	487325.00	0.00	487325.00
21/10/02	113868	Abaya, Lawal	870	491301.00	0.00	491301.00
25/10/02	114243	Yakassai, T	866	264896.00	0.00	264896.04
26/10/02	114465	Yakassai, T	865	232201.00	0.00	252201.00
26/10/02	114468	MFCT guest	865	58400.00	0.00	58400.00
29/10/02	114874	Minister o	862	95190.50	0.00	95190.00
29/10/02	114877	Gana, Zanna	862	214641.00	0.00	214641.00
29/10/02	114878	Minister o	862	68480.00	0.00	68480.00
29/10/02	114884	Abaya, Lawa	862	217160.00	0.00	217160.00
31/10/02	115137	Banquet	860	545000.00	0.00	545000.00
04/11/02	115697	Dikko, Umar	856	155365.00	0.00	155365.00
07/11/02	115971	MFCT Cockt	853	242780.00	0.00	242780.00
07/11/02	116076	Abaya, Lawa	853	338585.00	0.00	338585.00
08/11/02	116123	Dikko, Umar	852	198555.00	0.00	198555.00
16/11/02	117225	Abaya, Lawa	844	268910.00	0.00	268910.00
23/11/02	118093	Fed. Capit	837	1167805.00	0.00	1167805.00
23/11/02	118113	Dikko, Umar	837	613890.00	0.00	613890.00
02/12/02	119003	Gana, Zanna	828	824321.00	0.00	824321.00
02/12/02	119005	Minister o	828	8200.00	0.00	8200.00
02/12/02	119006	Wakil, Alka	828	223770.00	0.00	223779.00
02/12/02	117225	Abaya, Lawa	828	539055.00	0.00	593055.00
02/12/02	119011	Gana, Zanna	828	21960.00	0.00	21960.00
02/12/02	119014	Minister o	828	146140.00	0.00	146140.00
06/12/02	119297	Dikko, Umar	824	125665.00	0.00	125665.00
14/12/02	120284	FCDA (Peter	816	98170.00	0.00	98170.00
17/12/02	120753	Dikko, Umar	813	374505.00	0.00	374505.00

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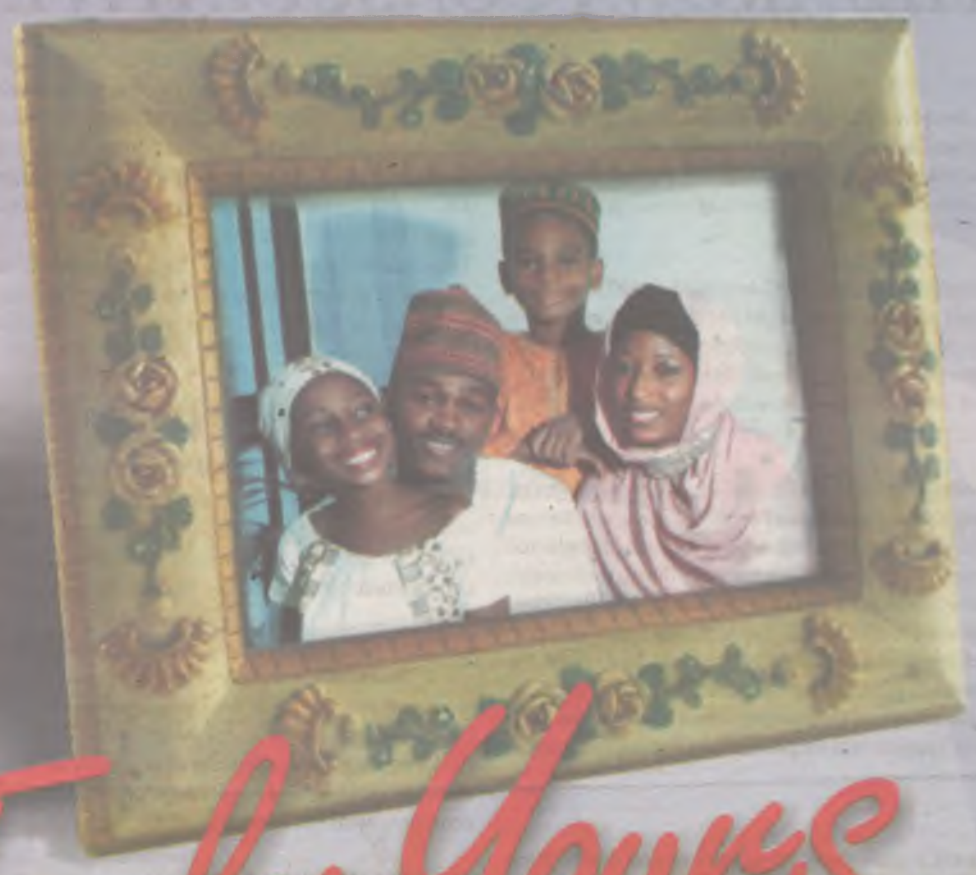
(between 18/07-17/12/2002)

Check out Date	Invoice Number	Guest	Room No	Invoice Amount	Paid	Balance
08/07/02	203623	Abaya, Lawal	975	232031.00	0.00	232032.00
01/08/02	105970	Gana, Zanna	951	582806.00	0.00	232032.00
01/08/02	105972	Abubakar, A	951	1097966.04	0.00	1097966.04
01/08/02	105973	Abaya, Lawal	951	833946.00	0.00	833946.00
24/08/02	84130	Wakil, Alka	928	282968.00	0.00	282968.00
24/08/02	108180	Minister of	928	550802.50	0.00	550802.00
24/08/02	108182	Gana, Zanna	928	569386.00	0.00	569386.00
24/08/02	106310	Abubakar, A	928	1186581.00	0.00	1186581.00
24/08/02	108183	Abaya, Lawal	928	673301.00	0.00	673301.00
24/08/02	108185	Mele, Bukar	928	198916.00	0.00	198916.00
24/08/02	108486	Mele, Bukar	924	186720.00	0.00	186720.00
09/09/02	109535	Yakassai, T	912	169876.00	0.00	169876.00
16/09/02	110358	Gana, Zanna	905	562341.00	0.00	562341.00
16/09/02	110361	Abubakar, A	905	1065966.00	0.00	1065966.00
16/09/02	110362	Abaya, Lawal	905	663305.00	0.00	663305.00
02/10/02	111877	Abaya, Lawal	889	628611.00	0.00	628611.00
02/10/02	111878	Abubakar, A.	889	702806.00	0.00	702806.00
02/10/02	111879	Gana, Zanna	889	386896.00	0.00	386896.00
02/10/02	111882	Minister of	889	339540.00	0.00	339540.00
02/10/02	111883	Minister of	889	123440.00	0.00	123440.00
03/10/02	111954	Yakassai, T	888	57200.00	0.00	57200.00
03/10/02	111955	Yakassai, T	888	82496.00	0.00	82496.00
04/10/02	112089	Dikko, Umar	887	64831.00	0.00	64831.00
05/10/02	112195	Abubakar, A	886	41400.00	0.00	41400.00
10/10/02	112607	Biu, M. Umar	881	110666.00	0.00	110666.00
12/10/02	112832	Dikko, Umar	879	234561.00	0.00	234561.00



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NATIONAL POLITICAL REFORM CONFERENCE POSITION OF THE AREWA CONSULTATIVE FORUM (ACF)

PREAMBLE

1. The Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) accepts the principle of national conference in which representatives of the broad strata of the Nigerian society assemble to discuss some of the recurring problems of the Nigerian society and together proffer solutions to them. This principle underlines all previous efforts at Constitution-making and is consistent with the tenets of consensus-building necessary for welding our diversity into a strong country.

2. Consultations, albeit limited, led to the promulgation of the Clifford Constitution (1922) and the Richards' Constitution (1946). The Ibadan Conference of 1950 resulting in the McPherson Constitution (1951), the 1953 and 1954 London Conferences which produced the Lyttelton Constitution (1954) while the London and Lagos Conferences which produced the Independence Constitution (1960) also provided the basis for the Republican Constitution of 1963. The same principle produced the 1979, 1988 and 1998 Constitutions.

3. In the context of the foregoing, the current (2005) political reform conference is not novel. However, what is curious about this conference is that a sovereign. Government and representative institutions exist at all levels in Nigeria and yet the Federal Government chose to convene a Conference of unelected delegates, all of them either nominated by State Governors or drawn from socio-cultural, traditional, religious organisations and civil society organisations based on a quota allocated by the President who personally and single-handedly nominated a quarter of the delegates and appointed the Chairman and Secretary for the Conference, in addition to defining its agenda. This anomaly has raised the spectre of the Conference pandering to the pre-determined agenda of its convener. The atmosphere is, therefore, hardly conducive for sober reflections on the future of the country. Nevertheless, the ACF accepts to participate in the Conference and here below summarises its position on the major issues at stake.

ATTITUDE, NOT STRUCTURE

4. The ACF does not accept the proposition that Nigeria's main problem of nationhood derive from the subsisting system or structure of governance. Rather, the central problem is the attitude of the operators of the system. The flagrant violations of the check and limitations enshrined to curtail any negative tendencies and the subversion of the legal provisions to apprehend and prosecute violators make it impossible for any system to operate effectively to meet the legitimate expectations of citizens and their developmental aspirations as a country. As long as negative attitudes remain unchanged, no systemic or constitutional tinkering will place Nigeria on the path of political unity, peaceful co-existence and accelerated social and economic development which the common man earnestly desires.

CENTRALITY OF VALVES

5. Closely related to attitude is the centrality of values. All Nigerians have to appreciate that governance, laws, conduct of leaders and institutions are meaningful for a society only when they are firmly anchored to the worldview and values of the population. If they are not, they can neither inspire loyalty nor enjoy popular appeal and are therefore bound to fail. A nation in which who you know is more important than what you know and a society in which what you have is more important than the manner of acquisition, does not cultivate in citizens the fundamental values of
discipline, self-restraint, hard work, cooperative spirit, tolerance, moral courage, sacrifice, vision, justice, integrity, God-consciousness, public spirit, efficiency and prudence necessary for success. The current crisis of values afflicting the Nigerian nation is one of the most important challenges before the Conference.

THE ECONOMY

6. The Nigerian economy is the fundamental element binding the country together. As in other nations, it is also at the heart of our progress and problems. It is the benefit of a large economy, an extensive internal market and the myriad of opportunities for wealth creation and prosperity which justifies the effort, energy, compromises and occasional inconveniences which a federation entails. Our society is characterised by extremes of unjust income disparities among citizens with serious negative impact on social cohesion. The problem can only be compounded by short-term political solutions such as resource control. The ACF believes that all hydrocarbon and solid mineral resources found anywhere in the country, and financial benefits accruing therefrom, belong to the country as a whole and not the component units in which they happen to be located. The objective here is to use our common patrimony to ensure balanced development of the nation's coastal areas and the hinterland, a principle negotiated and agreed by our nation's founding fathers since 1954 (and remains true till date) as the only basis for sustaining a federal set up.

7. The ACF is of the firm belief that over-dependence on oil as the principal source of foreign exchange is unhealthy to the nation's economic growth and development. Oil is a finite resource and its exploitation has no doubt despoiled and degraded the fragile ecology and environment of the Niger Delta. The greatest challenge facing the nation is how to substantially and systematically reduce our reliance on oil, develop all the productive sectors of the national economy and ensure that all sections of the country contribute their rightful quota to the nation's resource pool.

REVENUE ALLOCATION

8. With respect to the horizontal allocation of resources among the federating units, emphasis should be placed on derivation, population and land size. However, a determined and sincere effort must be made to put in place institutional structures which would stem the ecological degradation in the Niger Delta and ensure sustainable and meaningful socio-economic development of the area. Before the incursion of the military into governance, our leaders recognised the need for special attention to be paid to the problems of the Niger Delta. Some forty years ago, Sir Ahmadu Bello, the Premier of Northern Nigeria addressed with great concern the environmental degradation of the Niger Delta as follows:
"Those who may feel that the problems of the oil producing areas are not in their backyard, and feel a safe distance from oil communities should be reminded that Nigeria is an entity within one' environment; a decay in one part will ultimately affect the rest of the nation. The fate of the mineral producing communities should be a concern for all."
Accordingly, ACF believes that there is the urgent need to establish an.
Environmental Degradation Fund, charged from the Federation Account, to deal with environmental and ecological problems in other parts of the country. The exploration of hydrocarbon in the Benue and Chad basins and solid minerals in central Nigeria should also be intensified.

STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT

9. ACF is aware of the sentimental appeal for the re-creation of regions. At the same time, we are worried by the proliferation of states and the cost of administration. We, therefore, welcome any honest effort to ensure a cost effective development for the overall benefit of Nigerians. However, we firmly believe that the creation of structures shall not be predicated upon:
(i) Selfish and parochial concerns designed to establish a confederal state or destroy the federation. So much blood has been shed to keep this country together. We cannot therefore be a party to the whims and caprices of a few vociferous individuals and allow the toil and sacrifices of our patriots to go in vain.
The creation of regions will duplicate superfluous structures and institutions which can only add to. the cost of governance to the benefit of office-seeking elites and the continued impoverishment of the generality of Nigerians. They will also constitute new centres of contention and strife over real or invented issues.

10. The ACF is of the opinion that if there is any sincere and honest desire to create regions, we should consider the following:
(i) Revert to the old regional structure which obtained in Nigeria on 15th January 1966 viz: The Northern Region, The Western Region, The Eastern Region and the Mid-Western Region. These were what today would be called the federating units before the incursion of the military.
(ii) Draw up clear and widely acceptable guidelines and procedures which underline a genuine commitment to establishing regions for any group of states or local governments which need them.

11. The ACF is not fully convinced that those who call for the creation of regions are genuine in their quest. We cannot be a party to any stratagem for the dismemberment of this country. In the circumstance, we are of the view that the rational course of action is to:
(i) Retain the present states structure as the federating units of the country.
(ii) Drastically reduce the cost of administration through frugal, cost effective spending, strict adherence to financial laws and regulations and enhancement of good governance so as to improve the socio-economic well being of Nigerians.

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT

12. As practised in Nigeria, the presidential system concentrates far too much power in the hands of the President and the Governors, with the exercise of restraint from the Legislature being virtually absent. As the President and the Executive Governors undertake their state functions, both within and outside the country, the day-to-day business of government is usually left to suffer with no firm direction and control.
Age old financial regulations and procedures are totally discarded and public funds and assets are used as if they were private estate. Furthermore, the immunity against prosecution being enjoyed by the President as well as the Executive Governors further creates a sense of invincibility and lack of discretion and restraint. Absolutism in governance is therefore apparent everywhere in a supposedly democratic setting.

13 . We wish to recommend the adoption of a hybrid system which evenly distributes power at both federal and state levels and safeguards the day-to-day business of government from incongruities of the present presidential system. This hybrid system shall provide for:
(i) A President to be elected by direct universal suffrage for a fixed one≤term of six (6) years. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Federation. To ensure its survival and prosperity, he serves as the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, manages foreign policy, declares state of emergency and appoints the Prime Minister.
(ii) The Vice-President who is elected along with the President. He deputises for the President and serves as the President of the Senate.
(iii)The Prime-Minister shall head the Council of Ministers to be appointed from the majority party in the National Assembly and runs the day-to≤day business of government. The Prime Minister, unlike the French system, should head the Council of Ministers, who shall be appointed in consultation with the President. All Cabinet Ministers must be members of National Assembly.
(iv) At State level, the Governor also appoints a chief Commissioner from the majority party in the Assembly. The Governor, however, heads the Executive Council.
(v) The National Assembly (House of Representatives and Senate) and the. States House of Assembly shall be retained with a more robust role to ensure democracy and good governance.
(vi) All public office-holders, including the President and the Governors, shall all be liable to criminal prosecution whenever they breach the laws of the country based on procedures to be spelt out by the Constitution.

THE LEGISLATIVE LIST

14. With 68 Legislative items, the list is overpowering. It is therefore proposed that the Federal items should be confined to 18 Exclusive items while the other 50 items are to be shared between the Concurrent and Residual. The proposed exclusive list is as follows:
(i.) Defence
(ii.) Foreign Affairs
(iii.) Aviation
(vi.) Communications
(v) Customs
(vi) Census
(vii) Currency
(viii) Banking
(ix) Energy
(x) Cross border commerce
(xi) Shipping
(xii) Ports and Harbour
(xiii) Immigration/Emigration
(xiv) Federal Highways
(xv) Inter-state Waterways (xvi) Marine and continental shelf (xvii) Railways
(xviii)Coordinating research and development

AGRICULTURE

15. As the mainstay of the nation's economy, agriculture accounts for 45% of our"
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employs 70% of our population. Its pivotal status in the nation's economy and society cannot be over-emphasised. The role of the Federal Government in agriculture should therefore be confined to policy coordination and research. Agriculture should entirely be a matter for the component units and revenue for this purpose should be devolved commensurate with the additional responsibilities in this regard.

EDUCATION

16. No nation can achieve social cohesion or aspire to technological and economic greatness in the face of huge disparities in education among its component units. Educational imbalance must be recognised as a national problem to which a national solution must be devised. The ACF advocates an affirmative action targeted specifically at educationally disadvantaged area nationwide. This shall be amply funded from the Federation Account over an agreed and specified time frame during which the States and Local Governments concerned should be served a notice that at the expiry of the time frame, no part of the country shall be considered as educationally-disadvantaged for admission into tertiary institutions and recruitment into the federal civil and public services. This should be done without prejudice to the principle of federal character.

FEDERAL CHARACTER

17. The principle of federal character enshrined in our Constitution is intended to foster a sense of belonging and balanced participation in the public affairs of the nation. This principle remains relevant and should be retained in any future constitutional arrangement.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW

18. Chapter II of the 1999 Constitution contains the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles c e Policy. The ACF is satisfied that the provisions of the Chapter are adequate and reasonable in realising our democratic and egalitarian aspirations as a country. The main problem is how to achieve its tenor and secure for the citizens the benefits conferred by its provisions. The entire Chapter should be suitably amended and made enforceable and justiciable.

NATIONAL SECURITY

19. ACF is of the view that national security includes everything that ensures, facilitates or threatens peace, public order, public safety as well as the territorial integrity and external image of the country. In this connection, it is important to
distinguish national security from regime security. All too often, a government.
equates a threat to its existence or survival as a threat to national security. This need not be so as in a democracy, governments may indeed be changed but the sovereign state survives. And, provided changes are effected according to the rule of law, there is nothing wrong with such changes of government. There are, of course, two broad divisions of national security: internal and external.

THE ARMED FORCES

20. The ACF believes that no useful purpose will be served by decentralising and regionalising the Commandants of our Armed Forces and their training institutions. They are established for the defence of the territorial integrity of the nation and their command structure and location of formations should be based on strategic rather than political considerations. They should, more than ever before, be protected from partisan political tinkering while every necessary step should be taken to ensure that they remain loyal to their oath of allegiance to the nation and confined to their constitutional responsibilities at all times.

21. The powers of the National Assembly to make laws for the establishment, equipping and maintenance of the Armed Forces of the Federation and to regulate and moderate the powers of the President to control the Armed Forces are set out in Sections 217 to 220 of the Constitution. In particular, the National Assembly is tasked by Section 219 to establish a body to ensure compliance with Federal character provisions in the composition of the armed forces. This body is yet to be set up six years after the coming into force of the 1999 Constitution. The ACF calls for the formation of this body.

THE NIGERIA POLICE

22. Sections 214 to 217 of the Constitution which deal with the Police Force clearly give the National Assembly the power to make laws to regulate the conduct, organisation and administration of the Nigeria Police Force. However, the Constitution also contains some ambiguities and contradictions which explain why the Inspector-General of Police tends to be obsessed with regime security on the one hand, and why there is a spirited agitation for the establishment of State Police Forces on the other. One of the ambiguities, which the National Conference should seek to clarify through a constitutional amendment, has to do with the President's power to appoint the Inspector-General of Police and the latter's consequential subservience to the President.

23. The present Police Council and the Police Service Commission should be replaced by a new body to be known as the Nigeria Police Commission to perform the functions assigned to the two bodies under paragraphs 28 and 30 of the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution. The Chairman and members of the new Commission should be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of Civil' Society and Statutory oversight institutions such as Independent Corrupt Practices Commission, ICPC; Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC; Human Rights Commission; Federal Character Commission, FCC and the Nigerian Bar Association, NBA. In this way, the Inspector-General of Police and members of the Commission would cease to be the President's personal appointee and would therefore be more likely to exercise independent judgment in the discharge of their duties to the nation.

24. This arrangement will prevent the use or misuse and the abuse of police powers or non-cooperation on the basis of party political affiliation; sympathy or antagonism in furtherance of the rule of law. ACF believes that no useful purpose will be served by the creation of State Police. The reasons for the merger of the Local Authority Police with the Nigeria Police some 40 years ago are still very present and valid.

NIGERIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

25. ACF is concerned with the parlous state of Nigeria Diplomatic Missions abroad. The country has suffered and continues to suffer all kinds of grave embarrassment as a result of poor funding of our embassies. The physical state of the embassies show neglect and lack of care and maintenance.
The Government must ensure that our embassies are well funded to enable them discharge effectively the diplomatic services assigned to them. In this regard, the Anyaoku Report on the state of our diplomatic service should be made available to the Conference.

REGIONAL INTEGRATION

26. The benefits of an enlarged economy for the West African sub-region has been the major reason for the establishment of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOW AS). The modest achievements recorded in the areas of travel, monetary policy and peace-keeping should be intensified and broadened. Doing so will be of enormous benefits to Nigeria, considering our size of our economy and influence in the West African sub-region.

TRADITIONAL RULERS

27. Traditional rulers continue to play important roles in the development of the country, especially in ensuring harmony and peaceful co-existence in their areas of
jurisdiction. Therefore, they should be conferred with appropriate constitutional and statutory recognition, especially in the area of culture and security at the local level, especially in their domain.

PRIVATISA TION OF THE ECONOMY

28. The ACF believes that the Government must assume important responsibilities and not surrender the commanding heights of our economy to the vagaries of market forces. The State must assume a frontline role in providing infrastructure, education, health and welfare. It should be the vanguard for our industrialisation and the creation of a vibrant economy. These principles are enshrined in the 1999 Constitution as the fundamental objectives and directive principles of state policy. The wholesale disposal of our national assets under the current privatisation programme is not in our interest and goes against the grain of the Constitution.

29. What ACF is saying is that instead of government washing its hands off the initiation and creation of sound infrastructure in education, communication, health, transportation and energy, etc, government should ensure involvement in these areas in an efficient and corruption free way. The examples of China, the Asian Tigers like Singapore, South Korea and Malaysia shows that Big Government and economic growth and efficiency are not mutually exclusive.

JUDICIARY AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM

30. Our judicial and legal system must continue to reflect the plurality of our country.
In a system of separation of powers, the judiciary must be independent of the executive and be seen to be so. The pooling of the judiciary personnel for the appointment, discipline and promotion of judges has been very salutary for checking of corruption and maintenance of standards and should be preserved and strengthened. The hierarchy and
jurisdiction of the courts should give adequate recognition to the plurality of the federation.

31. It is common knowledge that for many years, the judiciary has suffered neglect in its finances, quality of personnel and physical facilities. It should be given autonomy over its finances, equipped with modern amenities in addition to well trained and well motivated personnel to enable it perform its functions.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTORAL REFORM

32. On political parties, the ACF believes that parties evolve from the politics of the
society. It is therefore futile to regulate them or legislate on how they should develop. Citizens should be able to form their own parties and contest for elections at whatever level (local, state or national) without the undemocratic requirement of registration with the electoral commission. However, all parties should be required to submit copies of their logos and constitutions to the electoral commission for administrative purposes only. Foreign funding of political parties had dire consequences on national security and must not be allowed.

ELECTORAL PROCESS

33. For any democratic system to endure, there must be credible elections which is only possible where there is a credible electoral commission. To this end, the National Conference should ensure:
(i) the appointment of credible, knowledgeable, impartial and unbiased commissioners and senior electoral staff;
(ii) the funding of electoral commissions and the total work they have to do as part of a multi-year plan which could be directly charged to the Consolidated Fund and the federation account;
(iii) the appointment of commissioners, senior electoral staff or even state and local government staff by bodies made up of disinterested majority, drawing its members from non-partisan, advocacy, professional and monitoring organizations.
(iv) their exclusion from all political and electoral duties;
(v) discontinuance of their deployment to so called "flash points" on election days and during the election period;
(vi) limiting their assignment to the maintenance of law and stationing them in discretely designated places to avoid giving them a chance to intimidate, harass and terrorize voters as we have seen them do during the 419 elections.
(vii) the conditions and circumstances for their deployment and the rules of engagement of the uniformed services in relation to political and election duties should be specific, clear and restricted. They should also be subject to regular review by interested parties and civil society organizations.
(viii) independent monitoring of their activities and their movement during elections and demonstrations and accompanying government officials engaged in campaign work should also be thought over. The idea should be to stop soldiers and policemen being used to steal ballot boxes, thumb-print them, intimidate political party agents and even terrorize the "enemies" of government in their homes and offices.
(ix) that everything is done to ensure the neutrality of the uniformed forces in political activities including elections. An enabling legislation should be . entrenched in an unambiguous way so that they would not be easy to circumvent.

34. ACF supports the entrenchment of various mechanisms for controlling and monitoring the deployment of the coercive forces of state such that their neutrality especially in political, religious and ethnic conflicts are enhanced. This is clearly in keeping with the high standards laid down by their professions and their avowed commitment to the system as a whole and not only to those in power.

CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS

35. As a multi-religious and multi-ethnic nation, Nigerians must be able to reside
in any part of the country of their choice and to enjoy all the rights and benefits of citizenship. Appropriate restitution shall be paid by the Government of any state for the violations of the rights of any citizen, including compensation in the event of unrest targeted at people on account of their ethnicity or other considerations.

CONCLUSION

36. The ACF is of the strong opinion that decisions of the Conference should be reached on the basis of consensus rather than voting. The latter method will cause so much ill-feeling and acrimony. Furthermore, in constituting committees for the National Conference, the Conference Secretariat has indicated that a Drafting Committee for a new Constitution will be set up. We advise that if this is done, the Conference draft which would amend the Constitution should be subjected to the amendment provisions in the 1999 Constitution.
37. The ACF notes that those provisions do not include a referendum. In any case, with our recent experience of massive election rigging, a referendum is unlikely to fair any better. A rigged or manipulated Constitution with the usual inducements will carry the seed of its own destruction and bring to naught all the labours of the Conference.

Signed:

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23rd March, 2005

OBITUARY

We've lost a reliable course mate



LATE MAJOR GENERAL ABDULKAREEM ADISA mni

The Monitor-General of National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies Kuru (NIPSS) course 9, Malam Ismaila Isa Funtua, on behalf of other course mates, sends sincere condolences to the family of Late Major General Abdulkareem Adisa, who died as a result of injuries he sustained in an auto accident recently.

We have indeed lost a very honest, hardworking and humble course mate and friend. It is our prayer that God will grant his soul eternal rest and his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Signed
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Between Obj and his Senators

"Never confuse motion with action"
-Ernest Hemmingway

Nigerians it is becoming increasingly obvious, have in recent times, been so pummelled into a state of amnesia by the atrocious style of this administration to the extent that even in this weary and unfortunate of times, when a sitting senate president was ensnared in a bribery scandal, they appeared to have lost the capacity to be shocked any further. Yes, the president may have gone on the air to indict the number three man in the government hierarchy for official corruption in a manner unprecedented in the annals of governance in the country, but in my opinion, the allegation against Wabara or the erstwhile Education Minister Fabian Osuji, were far less grievous and less scandalous than the unfortunate attempt to remove Ghali Na'Abba as the Speaker of the House during the president's first term in office; or the recent allegation of monumental corruption against the former IGP Tafa Balogun. Both incidents easily qualified for the Book of world records in terms of their gravity and nauseating value and yet quite inexplicably, they failed to provoke commensurate response from the president.

I had in the past lamented the president's inaction regarding the Na'Abba affair which even involved the graphic and shocking display of exhibits on the floor of the House in this same column, but his total silence on the allegations against Tafa Balogun defies belief and inevitable gives those who condemn his selective approach to the fight against corruption sufficient ammunition to question his sincerity and even credibility on the issue. Given the seriousness and the full implications of the allegations against Balogun, and the huge sums he allegedly stole, one would have expected a sterner and more public response from the president or any of his minders to underscore his indignation but none was forth coming.

Instead, the acting IGP who naively thought the policy changes he initiated soon after taking over statements credited to him which embarrassed and indicted his predecessor were pleasing to the ears of most Nigerians, was quickly whipped back into line when he was reminded that his posting was in acting capacity. Not much has been heard from him ever since. That is not to forget the case against Makanjuola- the president's alleged cousin who stole a quarter of a billion Naira from our badly funded defence establishment, and was last sighted in one of the western capitals where he fled after the executive arm infamously entered a plea of *nolle prosequi* in the case against him. But Osuji, Wabara and the hordes of thieving lawmakers fingered in the bribery scandal involving what by our standards, represents an insignificant sum have now been publicly disgraced – and that is if they have any shame at all; tried and convicted on television and radio by no other person than the nation's number one citizen Olusegun Obasanjo!

Now, I have little sympathy for the high felons because in my opinion, what they actually deserve is a visit from the hangman because armed robbers who steal paltry sums by comparison don't even get the benefit of a television trial. These days, we are told that those unfortunate enough to be caught, are silently gunned down to save the cost of prosecuting them in formal courts while others fortunate enough to be remanded in prison custody can expect to remain there for eternity awaiting trial.

Regardless, when El-Rufai first blew the whistle on the sordid state of affairs in the senate, Nigerians already knew who the actual culprits were but again, the president for reasons the current face-off between the executive arm and the National Assembly may yet reveal, chose to look the other way and promptly rehabilitated both men. Mantu in particular in close association with Florence Ita-Giwa who was rewarded with her current position for the Brutus-like efficiency in effecting the impeachment of late Okadigbo, emerged as the president's main majordomo in the scheme of affairs in the assembly. Earlier in the year, he was officially named Amirul-Hajj and he truly showed his quality at the expense of thousands of innocent pilgrims experienced untold suffering with faith in their hearts and Allah on their lips.

Their prayers obviously has now been answered because last week, at a news conference chaired by Mantu the National Assembly took on the president for making scapegoats of them in his selective war against corruption. Now, if their obscene grandstanding was not laughable, the mien of the lawmakers present at the briefing actually resembled that of family Dons in a classic Mafia film! The picture would have been complete if a few of them also dared to wear dark goggles but they didn't. Incredibly and almost beyond belief, they could still afford a strong show of decency and resolve in the defence of their disgraced colleagues when the same characters we must not fail to recall, sat idly by and watched as the president committed countless impeachable offences including the disdainful failure to implement approved budgets for successive years without as much as a discreet rebuke!

Still, in case you are perplexed as to why the normally docile men and women in the National Assembly who also doubled as his foot soldiers suddenly turned against their benefactor, the answer is simple enough. I reliably gathered that the scam involving the Education ministry was not an isolated incident but a widespread syndicate involving several other Committees to the extent that even an amateur investigation into the work of the more lucrative Committees would expose mountains of filth enough to send most of them to the gulag. It is precisely for that reason that Mantu and the rest are now prepared to defy the president especially after the seemingly innocuous but pregnant statement he made in the course of his broadcast, which seemingly vindicated El-Rufai's earlier bribery allegation against them. In that sense, their collective approach to the threat posed by the executive arm was merely a battle for their survival alone and not for the general well being of the nation. Most have dirt on their hands and when we consider the thousands that have died as a result of the poor state of our roads, healthcare and allied social services, which have suffered due to their deliberate actions or inaction, they also have blood literally dripping from their fingers, but that is a story for another day.

In the meantime, Nigerians are actually the biggest beneficiaries in the ongoing show of shame between both parties. The executive arm has been mediocre in its performance despite the unprecedented high revenue from oil in the past several years. The lawmakers fared even worse in their failure to exhibit even the minimum traits of effective representation. Their selfishness and obvious inability to overcome naked greed coupled with their profound a betrayal of public trust is perhaps the greatest threat to our nascent democracy, as imperfect as it may seem. But even that is hardly surprising.

Most of them sold their conscience a long time ago when they allowed the executive to determine their elections. That perhaps explains why we now have a culture of deceit in place of responsible governance.

The air is so tick with the stench of dishonesty because from the president, senate president to the indicted lawmakers, Nigerians are no longer sure of whom to trust. The president was dishonest in the vein attempt to hold the National Assembly solely accountable for the scourge of corruption while the EFCC report made public effectively indicted Wabara and Osuji who should now spare us from the childish attempt to publicise the issue. What we have in place in the corridors of power are not only characters with questionable integrity, but also a bunch of high profile liars. We are all being treated to the same old macabre tango of high graft by the same pot-bellied characters, who conspired to scuttle the faint hopes we had yesterday and may yet ruin our aspirations for a better tomorrow. The tragedy for now is that we all seem helpless to do anything about it. Pity!

Opinion

A nation of fetish practices?

By Moses Onoja

This society must indeed be very deep that five able-bodied citizens can be over- powered, killed and their headless bodies systematically redistributed to correspond with the areas they live in the city of Ibadan in the year of our Lord 2005. If anything can be spine-chilling, this must be it, the greatest manifestation of the reported complete take-over of Nigeria by evil.

Following closely the mysterious perishing of a family of ten in the same Ibadan, the perpetrators of these acts must have succeeded in sending the message of intimidation that only such agents of waste can send. Considering the recurrent accidents at a particular space in that same Ibadan within the last one year, it seems Ibadan is sending a message to Nigeria about the value of life in the emerging political economy. Headless bodies distributed obviously according to the residential locale of the victims, mostly labourers, certainly present a problem for scientific explanation.

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But whatever the explanations turn out to be, there is still the intriguing element that neither the conventional nor the secret Police nor any of the numerous and emergent security forces, including the guardians of traditional authority pre-empted this from being successfully carried out.

In the looseness of the slums in Nigeria, policing can be really difficult, something that must have been compounded by the new paradigm of not releasing budgets. Still, an entrenched Police force like the Nigeria Police ought to be able to abort some of these killings.

It is however interesting that when State Directors of the SSS were obviously asked to grant Press Conferences last year, they all said that more than 90 per cent of killings going on in the country were the criminal face of electoral corruption. So, it may look ritual on the face value, the political may also underpin a lot: at least the atmosphere under which these kinds of killings take place.

It will be too much to expect the Police to unravel this but certainly, something has to be done to re-assure the people and stabilize their psyche. So much wasting of human lives is going on in Nigeria. Where it is not through punitive expeditions by the Nigerian state to Odi or Zaki-Biam, it is ethno-religious violence in which we demonstrate how bestial we can be to fellow human beings. Otherwise, it is mystery deaths, sponsored killings, armed robbery or impunity killing by the law enforcement agencies, particularly the Police; so much that the temptation is to ask whether the Nigerian state has so completely disappeared.

To the extent that the police have always got those they want to get, it is believed they should, if they haven't already arrested, those behind these kinds of bestiality. One is not ignorant of the fact that most of these actions are supported by entrenched forces in the society, those the police would be afraid to put in their proper place. But that is the challenge in this case, especially at a time that there are supposed to be no sacred cows anymore. It is something the press, the human rights and the larger civil society would be keenly interested in, in terms of the law taking its course and justice being seen to be done.

Moses writes from Wuse II, Abuja

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YOUR LETTERS

Re: In defence of Rev. Father Kukah

I have read the above piece by Sanusi Lamido Sanusi in the Monday column of 14th March, 2005 edition of your paper.

Sanusi laboriously defended Kukah while he accused his (Kukah's) critics of possessing unsubstantiated evidence. It is not surprising that Lamido will go this length to defend the lopsidedness against Muslims at the National Confab. However, some issues need to be made clear.

I wonder what Lamido's reaction will be if Kukah tells him he saw him (Lamido) drinking alcohol from a kettle used for ablution. Lamido may not be moved, after all he is a 'moderate Muslim' who takes that gut from a so-called liberal theologian.

One also wonders what point Kukah (and as justified by Lamido) wants to make about racial discrimination in Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries. Does he mean Arabs are more racist than America or apartheid South Africa?

There is no doubt that Kukah sees himself first as a northern Christian minority than recognise his so-called intellectual status. His utterances and writings attest to this. He has the right to defend himself but nobody should be confused about his identity. Lamido on the other hand wants to identify himself as a Muslim but not as a ' bigot ' or 'fundamentalist'. He represents Muslim elites who find it uncomfortable for various reasons to celebrate their identities.

One point I will concede to Lamido however, is that both Muslims and Christians of this nation have been vis-

dress this malaise, both should be responsible as well. There is no denying the fact that religion represents a major divide among Nigerians. The elites from both sides have also sought support using this weapon. One would expect a rational leader to be sensitive to this. Hence the questioning of the confab's composition.

The government had been challenged several times on this divide-and-rule tactics. One will recall the hues and cries raised by Christians on the appointments of Professor Jibril Aminu and Prince Bola Ajibola as ambassador and High Commissioner to US and UK respectively. These Nigerians were not accused of not having intellectual merit. Their demerit was being Muslims. They were recalled and replaced with Christians.

The case of Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) cannot be forgotten. The fact that Nigeria has representative in Vatican City (a religious body) at government level notwithstanding, Nigerian Christians raised objection to the country's membership of OIC.

One may ask: who tells Lamido that Obasanjo could not have appointed all delegates on merit from his Otta farm or Ogun state or better still his South-West (geopolitical) zone? If ethnic or geographical representation is seen to be necessary why should religious consideration be ignored?

As we wait to see what tangible thing the conference will discuss, Muslims cannot sit back when issues affecting them will be tabled for discussion. Does Lamido ex-

liberalism to say anything new about Shari'a for instance? Has he ever hidden his disposition to the issue of Shari'a or other issues affecting Muslims? The experience of Muslims during the first military regime of Obasanjo in 1979 is still fresh in our memory. This cannot be repeated.

The fact that the conference itself is diversionary notwithstanding, Muslims demand that they are represented where issues affecting them are to be discussed. This *Ummah* will not be distracted by the so-called Muslim elites like Lamido.

The fact that Muslim scholars are now involved by Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) in deliberation with government is a good development.

Obasanjo cannot ignore the Muslims of this nation who represent 65% of the population. His appointment of Professor Ishaq Oloyede as co- secretary is welcome. However, this is not our only demand. If he is interested in justice and fair play, he should apologize to the entire Muslims for insulting our leaders who wanted to patriotically draw his attention to the lapses in the confab's membership composition. He should then invite them to discuss all issues initially presented to him.

For now, let Kukah stay. Professor Oloyede will *insha Allah* blow whistle whenever the need arises. Lamido should also kindly read Oloyede's credentials and confirm if he 'merits' the position.

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Re: el-Rufa'i and Wuse market demolition

Kindly allow me a space to react to one Abdullahi Bilya's letter in the edition of 15th March, 2005. I disagree with Abdullahi's claim that it seems Malam Nasir el-Rufa'i is saying that Abuja is not for the masses. Abuja is for everybody and I believe you misunderstood the minister.

The demolition of Wuse market, therefore, was preceded by adequate notice to the traders. Those that had containers were notified as to when to remove them but people like Abdullahi declined. He should remember that the demolition work is to sanitise the market. This is something done in public interest and not for the minister to intimidate anybody. The ongoing reforms in the FCT, spearheaded by Malam el-Rufa'i are not only quite commendable but long overdue. I believe the minister deserves commendation on the good work he is doing.

I hope when next Abdullahi visits Abuja he will be able to judge for himself. For example, we are all aware of the effort of the minister to bring water from Gurara dam in Kaduna state, to serve the city. The work is in progress. As for refuse dumping, it has changed, as the so called satellite towns Abdullahi is talking about already have social basic amenities. This is not counting the various capital projects going on in various schools in the FCT. May Allah help and guide the minister.

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JAIZ bank and the UK example

The rising tide of Islamic banking across the international financial system is an exciting development that should pre-occupy the financial regulatory authorities in the developing world. This is so because the developing world is at the receiving end of debt repayment, interest rates and inflation index management crisis, coupled with lack of clear cut micro-credit system.

The emergence of Islamic banking in United Kingdom has added value to the culture of tolerance and choice, which is the hallmark of democracy. It is exciting, walking into the London branch of the bank on Edgaware Road and by chance watching Micheal Hanlon its Managing Director, seeing an elderly customer off with satisfaction on both faces. Its also more exciting when you watch

highlighting the importance of the Islamic Bank of Britain(IBB)to the British economy. He is always repeating his mission: positioning the bank as an inclusive one, not specifically for Muslims but for all. He is also constant at reminding his viewers the ethical and transparent nature of their operations which are requirements of Islamic-compliant banking and also values that increasingly appeal to conventional bank customers.

It is with these thoughts in my mind, that I found myself while visiting Nigeria, in an Investors forum organised by Jaiz International Plc, promoters of the bank in Nigeria. The calibre of people on the board of the company comforts me as to the seriousness of this long-awaited venture in a country yearning for investors. The forum was educative

the U*mmah* who are lucky the project is coming on board in a democratic setting that provides for choices.

It is worth noting that the bank met all the necessary requirements for a licence since its initial public offer of N2bn which was over-subscribed by about 120%, only for a new requirement to be put in place namely the N25bn required for new banks. Most observers are perplexed on why the new regulation should apply to this bank when, in essence, it met the then legal requirements. If we take micro-credit for instance, this bank with its zero interest approach will certainly create avenue for the development of skills, cottage industries, small-scale and agro-allied ventures across the country. The people are now waiting for the regulatory authorities to borrow a leaf from their British counterpart, by seeing this venture as a great business potential waiting to be tapped for the good of all.

I urge the *Ummah* and all those interested in ethical financial dealings to support the projects that will engage so many souls seeking something doing rather than handouts from the crumbs of the political table.

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ADVERTORIAL

RE: WHO IS AFRAID OF ATIKU ABUBAKAR?

ANOTHER DIMENSION TO DESPERATE PROPAGANDA

Clearly, the masked forces working tooth and nail to set President Obasanjo against Vice-President Atiku Abubakar have failed to achieve their sinister motives. And as their desperation increases, so does their relentless intrigue,melodrama and their shameless preoccupation with "reverse propaganda".Clearly,someone is desperately trying to relaunch the image a former ruler after its battering by Nigerians irrespective of tribe,region or religion.

Do they think that there can be PR quick-fixes for the problem of low esteem and rejection for men who, when they ruled Nigeria, ruined everything good about it and brought it to the brink of civil war for their personal ambition before God Almighty made them to "Step Aside" (whatever that meant)?. If there is anything to their running advertisements under one fake organization or the other, it is that they have widened the frontiers of bad taste in our politics, exposed the lack of competence of their advisory team as well as the huge crisis in which they wallow.

As men desperately racing against the clock to meet a mischievous deadline set against March 31,2005 to bring the cordial relationship between the president and his deputy to a hopeless end in order to exploit the rupture for their political objective, all is grist that comes to their mill, no matter how tainted the grains may be!

It was not long ago that an obscure organization that calls itself the National League for Democracy (NDL) called for the immediate resignation of Vice-president Atiku Abubakar because of his alleged "betrayal" of the president. Using uncouth language and ridiculous accusations against Atiku, there was nothing unsavoury the NDL sponsors did no write, which was clearly intended to incite the passion of hostility and hatred of the President against his Deputy.

Given the weight of the inciting allegations they levelled against Atiku, pretending to be "friends" of the President, the NDL sponsors were silently celebrating that with such propaganda, it would be a matter of days before the President could move against the Vice-President like a steam-roller.

Indeed, in keeping with their crude propaganda tactics, they had hoped to build themselves on the ruins of others. It appears, however, the President did not rise to their poisoned bait or play into their hands. According to many informed observers, it is the height of folly for anyone to assume that he could use President Obasanjo to bring down his loyal deputy or any other person for that matter, because the President has a mind of his own.

Because their objective did work out with the deadly efficiency and speed they had anticipated, the NDL and its sponsors have now reversed their propaganda tactics. Bringing their motives to the surface, they are now re-emerging under various dubious new names.

The latest such name is the so-called Youth Initiative for Democracy (YID), which dubiously extolled the virtues of Atiku Abubukar and blamed Obasanjo for the alleged poor leadership under the present democratic order. **(SEE VANGUARD, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005 AND THISDAY NEWSPAPER OF MARCH 21, 2005).**

Their latest game is to attack President Obasanjo so savagely so that accusing fingers could be pointed at Atiku Abubakar as the sponsor of such uncouth attacks. Isn't it strange that the same men who had previously assailed the character and competence of the Vice-President now turning round to crucify the President instead? In fact, there is no way Atiku Abubakar could have endorsed such advert by the so-called Youth Initiative for Democracy (Y.I.D), which freely attacks the economic and political reform programmes of the Obasanjo administration. Vice-President Atiku Abubakar's faith in such policies is unassailable, because at every available opportunity he had, he strenuously defended the flagship policies of this administration.

The Y.I.D did not even realize how at every turn they were entangled by the cobweb of self-contradiction. How could anybody that attacks the policies of Obasanjo administration, which Atiku deeply believes in, and yet claim to be the admirer of the Vice-President? The advert was in bad taste, rudely insulting to the intelligence of Nigerians, and its sole objective is to achieve now what it did not accomplish previously through the same propaganda tactics. But then, redesigns are the last resorts of scoundrels.

The so-called National Democratic League (NDL) and its twin partner in mischief, Youth Initiative for Democracy (Y.I.D.) are pathetically desperate to set the President and the Vice-President at each other's throat. But Nigerians are well aware that after years of a devilish and hedonistic rule over our hapless nation, these marauders have exhausted their policies, their energies and their claim to ever rule Nigeria again(Thank you Fani-Kayode; thank you Nuhu Ribadu).

By their crude methods, however, they are exposing their desperation and the moral weaknesses of their strategy. And if they think they are smart, they are only fooling themselves in the eyes of discerning Nigerians.

As Norman Schwatzkopff, America's Gulf War veteran had once noted, "the higher up the flagpole the monkey goes, the more he exposes his arse." And nothing can be further from the truth, considering the anaemic campaign by NDL and Y.I.D. to tear Atiku and Obasanjo apart. The two men are wise enough not to be swayed by such unethical propaganda of hate-mongering. Their desperation is unfolding stage by stage and so shall it crumble steadily.

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News

TAC signs MOUs with Commonwealth, others

Nigeria's Technical Aid Corps (TAC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Commonwealth and other international organisations for the deployment of TAC volunteers.

Under the deal, the commonwealth would directly deploy recruited TAC volunteersto needy countries and pay their allowances, while TAC monitors their performances.

TAC director general Mamman Daura who disclosed this to newsmen in Abuja, said that TAC had since built a data of experts in various fields.

According to him, the minimum requirement is 10 years of unbroken practice in such field.

Those serving under the Commonwealth would only be an addition to TAC recruits posted by Nigeria to needy countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).

Daura said that the commonwealth had showed a special interest in judges to be posted to needy nations under the Justice Improve-ment System (JIS).

According to him, The Gambia would be the first to benefit from the JIS as a number of judges had been recruited for them.

NGO donates to Yelwa crisis victims

From Rakiya A. Muhammad,
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Succour has come to a victim of the Yelwa crisis in Plateau State, Longwan Vengong whose two eyes were plucked during the mayhem, as a non-government organization has presented him a cash gift for his upkeep.

The organization, Voice of Christian Martyrs Nigeria which presented a cheque of N260,000 to Longwan Venbong at a ceremony also donated N2 million for the reconstruction of the Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN) in Yelwa.Also, 70 grinding machines were presented to widows who lost their husbands during the crisis while a vocational training centre, to train dependants and the widows was also opened.

Making the presentation, director of the organisation, Mr. Isaac Oluwole Newton stressed the need for those left behind after the ugly incident to be taken adequate care of.

Mr. Olumole disclosed that in the last five years, the organization had been taking care of 71 children who lost their parents in various religious crises in Kaduna, Kano and Jos, adding that the children were receiving free education at the Stephen's Centre International in Abeokuta, Ogun State.

He called on Christians to join hands in demonstrating true love to those in need, stressing that a true religion is one that teaches care for widows and orphans.

The COCIN president, Rev. Yamsat Pandong who received the cheque on behalf of the church, urged Christians to emulate the gesture of the organization which was founded by a Romanian Jewish Christian, Rev. Richard Wumbrand.

Also receiving his cheque, Rev. Venbong expressed appreciation to the organistion for giving him the opportunity to train himself at the school for the blind., Gindiri where he was almost rejected for financial constraints.



Joshua Dariye, Plateau Gov

NMA seeks quick assent to appropriation bill

The Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) wants President Olusegun Obasanjo ``to quickly assent to the 2005 Appropriation Bill.

``This is to save the nation's tertiary health sector another round of shortfall in personnel emoluments," said the NMA's second national vice-president, Dr Osahon Enabulele.

Enabulele complained in a statement at

the weekend in Benin, that ``disbursements to the health institutions for January, February and March indicated shortfalls blamed on the non-pas sage of the current appropriation bill".

The chief executives of the health institutions currently bore the brunt of the shortfalls, he noted.

According to Enabulele, ``their planning is now done on ad hoc basis, breeding tensions, frustrations, agitations and threats of further strikes".

Meanwhile, the NMA has lauded President Obasanjo ``for his recent broadcast over the National Assembly bribe scam".

Describing the action as bold and courageous, Enabulele said the action was a response to the calls by Nigerians for transparent, honest, sincere and exemplary leadership.

Ajakpo wants a Surgeon-General for Nigeria

A delegate to the national confab, Dr Godwin Ajakpo, has called for the establishment of the office of the Surgeon-General of the Federation in line with the presidential system of government.

Ajakpo, in a paper to the confab's committee on health, said that the surgeon-general would be a technical adviser to the presidency on health issues.

``In a political setting, the minister of health might not even be a health personnel and this is why we need the office," Ajakpo said in his submission.

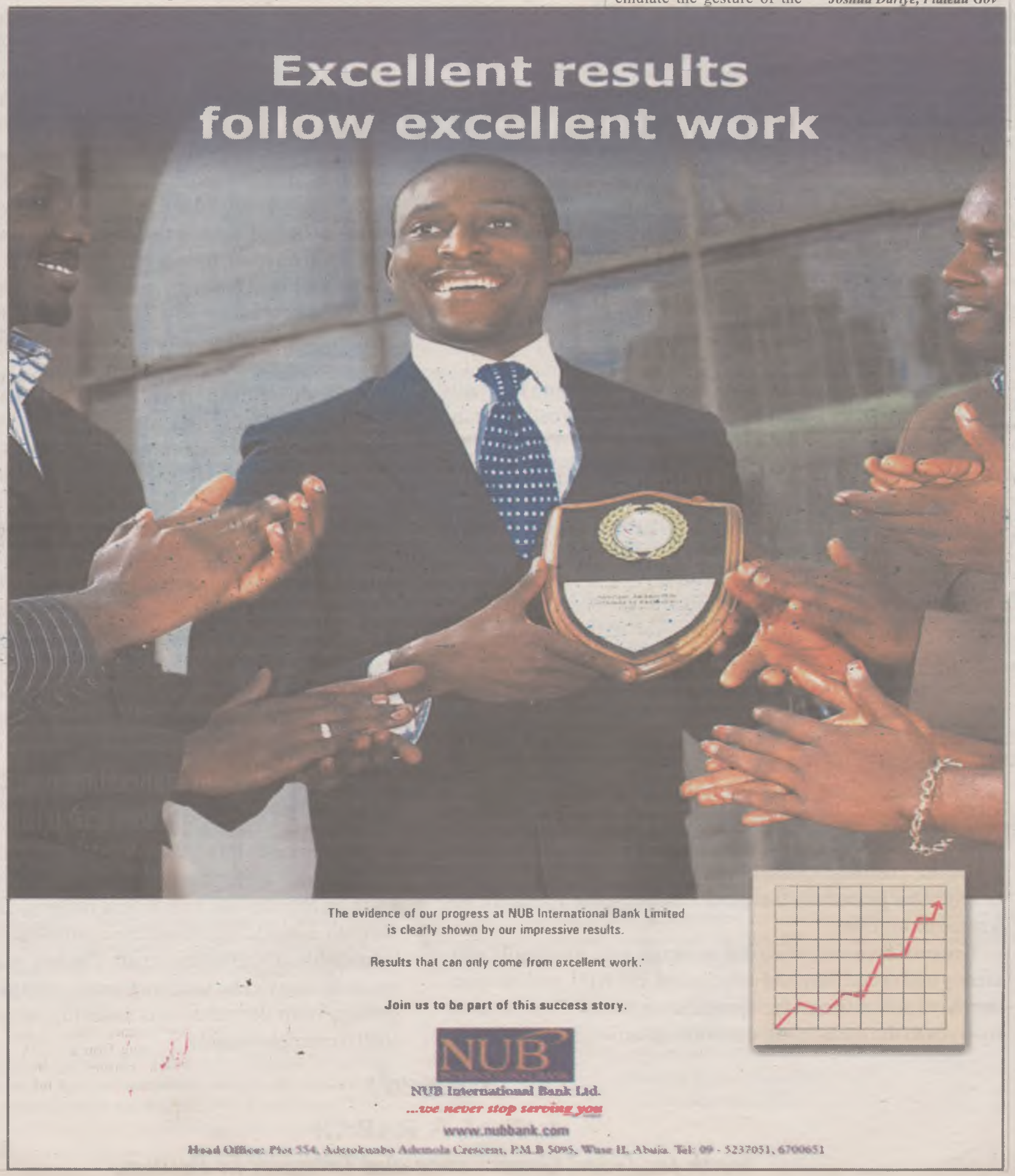
He observed that lot of unhealthy practices prevail because there was no central officethe presidency could consult on health matters.

``The Officer so appointed will be expected to advise the presidency on issues related to cigarette smoking, alcohol consumption and their implications first to health, and then the economy," he said.

Ajakpo who is the Medical director of Sauki Hospital in Wuse, Abuja, also called for a national ambulance and emergency service to provide such services in the country.

He said that the provision of such services had greatly improved the health situation in Israel.

``This service will aid workers on federal highways where compact emergency units will be established to give immediate first aid and life saving treatment to accident victims," he said



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World Report

Muslim Brotherhood members arrested in Egypt

Egyptian security arrested scores of members of the banned Muslim Brotherhood late on Sunday, but hours later the group demonstrated against the government - eluding thousands of riot police who were awaiting their protest with a last-minute change of location.

The crackdown and protests came barely a month after President Hosni Mubarak proposed a constitutional amendment to open presidential elections later this year to more than one candidate. The move revived Egypt's stagnant politics and triggered a debate on the country's future and leading to pro-reform activists demanding change.

A Muslim Brotherhood spokesman, Mohammed Osama, initially put the number of arrests at 48, saying that most members were taken into custody during early raids in at least five different provinces. Hours later, group official Badr Mohammed Badr, said that 64 were detained.

Top Brotherhood official and prominent physician, Abdel-Monaim Abul-Fetouh, and businessman Abdel-Fatah Rizq were among the arrested, according to Osama and Badr.

State security prosecution officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the arrests.

The Muslim Brotherhood is Egypt's oldest and largest Islamic political group and is believed to have tens of thousands of supporters in the country. The group was established in 1928 and outlawed in 1954 after the government accused it of advocating the violent overthrow of Egypt's secular government.

Since the 1970s, the Muslim Brotherhood has pledged to use only peaceful democratic means to establish an Islamic state.

Running as independents, the group and its supporters won 17 seats in the 2000 elections, making the Brotherhood the largest opposition bloc in the 454-seat legislature.

The group planned to demonstrate on Sunday in front of Cairo's parliament building. Generally, demonstrations are tolerated even though they violate Egypt's decades-old emergency laws. Riot police however always outnumbers the protesters.

The Egyptian Interior Minister, Habib El-Adly, who is in charge of internal security, warned in remarks published this week that demonstrations would be permitted but legal action would be taken against protesters shouting insults at 'leaders,' a reference to Mubarak and top regime officials.

On Sunday, Cairo traffic was disrupted for hours and thousands of riot police waited outside the parliament, but Muslim Brotherhood demonstrators did not show up. They appeared instead in front of al-Fateh Mosque, about three kilometres away in the sprawling capital, shouting, 'Islam is coming, coming, and the Qur'an will rule!' and 'No extremism, no terrorism! We want to rule by the book (Qur'an) ... Islamic law, Islamic law!'

Some riot police got into place quickly to face the demonstrators with a few hundred shields held up in front of them, according to the Associated Press (AP). AP saw as many as 3,000 demonstrators urging



Conjoined twins Isis Milagro (L) and Isis Esperanza lay in a hospital bed in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, recently. The girls, born March 8, are scheduled for surgery in a Cleveland hospital.

Ebola-like virus death toll rises

The toll from the Ebola-like Marburg virus in Angola rose to 122 after a baby died in the northern town of Uige, a government spokesman said. The virus, which first broke out in Uige province last October, has now spread to the capital, Luanda. Angola has sought to allay fears over the spread of the virus, saying that there was no need for people to leave the country or cancel plans to visit.

The South Africa-based Netcare Travel Clinic said that travellers should stay away from Angola for at least a week. However the Angolan Deputy Health Minister, Jose van Dumen, told the *BBC* that the situation had improved with the arrival of international medical aid.

Angolan health ministry spokesman, Carlos Alberto, told the *AFP* news agency the baby's 19-year-old mother died on Sunday morning. 'This is extremely serious - strong preventative measures are needed to contain this outbreak of Marburg disease,' he said.

The number of people afflicted with the virus has also risen by five to 132, including a Portuguese citizen and a 12-year-old girl in Luanda. The outbreak is now approaching the most serious ever recorded when 123 people died in the Democratic Republic of Congo between 1998 and 2000.

UN and aid agency officials are working with the Angolan government to contain the virus. A pregnant woman was reportedly its first victim in the country's northern Cabinda province on Saturday, having travelled there from Uige.

The virus was first identified in 1967 among laboratory workers in Europe who had been working with monkeys. According to the World Heath Organization (WHO), three-quarters of the virus' victims have been children.

The European Union announced last week that it would give $650,000 (£348,000) to fight the disease. Its early stages are marked by diarrhoea, stomach pains, nausea and vomiting. As it develops, patients can experience chest pains, severe internal bleeding and eventual death.

Cleric calls for uprising against Mugabe

A senior church leader in Zimbabwe has openly called for a peaceful uprising against President Robert Mugabe. Catholic Archbishop, Pius Ncube, told the Johannesburg-based *Sunday Independent* newspaper that he hoped the people would oust Mr. Mugabe after Thursday's poll..

He said that the parliamentary ballot had already been fixed to ensure the victory of the ruling Zanu-PF, and urged a 'non-violent, popular mass uprising.'

Zanu-PF, which denies past vote-rigging claims, has promised fair elections. International human rights groups have however already raised concern about a climate of fear and intimidation in the run-up to the vote.

Archbishop Ncube of Zimbabwe's second city, Bulawayo, was outspoken in his criticism of Mr. Mugabe. People should pluck up just a bit of courage and stand up against him and chase him away, he said. 'I hope that people get so disillusioned that they really organise against the government and kick him out by a non-violent, popular, mass uprising,' he told the paper. He lamented that 'people have been too soft with this government.'

30 businessmen accused of economic sabotage in Liberia

Thirty businessmen in Liberia have been accused of 'economic sabotage' after allegedly inflating the price of rice for their own benefit. The government said that the men had hoarded rice – Liberia's staple crop - and then sold it at nearly double the state-controlled price. The cost of rice is a highly sensitive issue in Liberia, price rises having led to a coup in the early 1980s. If convicted, the men could be jailed and lose their business licences.

The *BBC's* correspondent in the Liberian capital, Monrovia, said that the arrests were made after rice prices increased from 1,320 Liberian dollars (US$24) to 2,475 dollars (US$45) for a 50 kilogram bag.

Liberia's interim leader, Gyude Bryant, said that the men had hoarded the rice in order to create an artificial shortage, thereby triggering a sharp rise in price. 'We consider their behaviour economic sabotage,' he said. 'We will not allow anybody to extort [from] the Liberian people when it comes to rice,' Mr. Bryant continued.

The men, all Liberians, will be prosecuted and are expected to appear in court

UN admits phone fraud in Eritrea

United Nations peacekeepers in Eritrea have rung up more than $500,000 of unpaid international calls. The fraud was discovered last year when auditors noticed huge billing discrepancies in 2003, the UN said. The 'irregularities' were attributed to the theft of pin-codes and abuse of a one-minute grace period before being charged for a connection. The home countries of the peacekeepers caught in the swindle have been charged, but only $14,000 has so far been recovered.

The UN Mission to Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) said that the process of unravelling the fraud was 'painstaking and complex, involving the manual verification of 1.4m lines of computer billing data.' Members of the UN staff are affiliated to the peacekeeping missions from their countries at the UN headquarters in New York.

To avoid absorbing the cost itself, UNMEE has forwarded $364,000 of confirmed bills to New York. Since the year 2000, a 3,000-strong UNMEE peacekeeping force has patrolled Eritrea's tense border with Ethiopia.

The two Horn of Africa countries fought a war between 1998 and 2000 in which more than 70,000 people are believed to have lost their lives.

164 suspects may face trial over Darfur crimes

Sudan will take 164 suspects to court, including some government officials, for alleged crimes such as rape and murder in the war-wrecked western region of Darfur. The state SUNA news agency said that a judicial commission of inquiry had charged the suspects. 'All those suspects, including some government officials, will be sent to the judiciary to stand fair trial,' Mohammed Abdel Rahim Ali, the commission's chairman and a high court judge, was quoted as saying in the North Darfur state capital of El Fasher. He said that 150 of the cases involved offences in North Darfur and the other 14 accusations were from South Darfur.

In a related development, the UN Security Council will on Wednesday debate a French draft resolution to charge 51 suspects with committing war crimes in Darfur at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. However the Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail said Sunday that the country would reject any UN resolution to prosecute Sudanese suspects of war crimes in a court aboard. The United States has suggested a UN-African Union tribunal to be held in Arusha, Tanzania but Sudan, which is not a signatory to the ICC, would reject both resolutions. 'Both of them are not suitable to Sudan,' Osman Ismail said. 'We are totally against any resolution that is going to include taking of a Sudanese — whether he is a rebel or government official — outside Sudan.'

14 killed as fighting resumes in Somalia

Fighting over the weekend in the south-western Somali town of Baidoa has damaged hopes of an immediate return of the Kenya-based interim government. There was a lull in fighting yesterday between militias loyal to rival Somali warlords - both of whom are members of the transitional parliament. At least 14 people are reported to have been killed and more than 30 injured in two days of clashes.

The clash began over whether or not the exiled government should be located in Baidoa. MPs last week backed a proposal that the government should not be based not in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, but in Baidoa and Jowhar. There were celebrations to mark this decision in Baidoa on Saturday. However one powerful warlord apparently ordered his troops to attack those who were out on the streets and a fierce gun battle broke out.

Baidoa is now in the hands of the militia led by Mohamed Ibrahim Habsadeh. The militia commanded by Hassan Mohamed Nur Shargudud is reported to have left the town. A *BBC* correspondent in the region said that this latest round of fighting makes it appear unlikely that the interim government will soon be going back to Somalia from the Kenyan capital.

Meanwhile, a group of nine Somali MPs from Nairobi arrived in Mogadishu on Sunday to assess the security situation.

Somalia has not had a functioning government for 14 years and has been divided by rival warlords. East African countries have agreed to send some 6,800 Sudanese and Ugandan troops to Somalia to aid the government's return, but several Mogadishu-based warlords oppose the use of foreign troops. MPs were involved in a brawl during a debate on the issue last week.



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	13:15
	17:00
Maiduguri - Abuja	06:50
Abuja - Maid	17:00
Lagos - Yola	1:00 p.m
Abuja - Yola	14:30
Yola - Abuja	15:30
Yola - Lagos	4:00 p.m

Chanchangi Airlines

Lagos - Abuj	8:15a.m.
	11:00a.m.
	12:10p.m.
	4:45p.m.
Kaduna - Lagos	8:30a.m.
P/H - Lagos	9:00a.m.
	4:30p.m.
Abuja - Kaduna	2:30p.m.
Kaduna - Abuja	1:30p.m.

IRS Airlines

CBQ - Abuja	8.00 a.m.
Abuja - Lagos	9:45a.m.
Lagos - Kaduna	9:30a.m.
Kano - Lagos	7:30p.m.
Lagos - Kano	11:15a.m.
Kaduna - Lagos	11:00a.m.
Lagos - Abu/MM	2:30p.m.
Abuja - MM	1:45p.m.
MM - Abuja	3:45p.m.
Abuja - CB	5:15p.m.
Kano - Abuja	1:15p.m.
Abuja - Kano	2:30p.m.
Kano - Lagos	3:45p.m.
Lagos - Kano	6:00p.m.

EAS Airlines

Lagos - Abuja	8:15p.m.
	11:45a.m.
	5:45p.m.
Abuja - Lagos	10:15a.m.
	7:15p.m.
Lagos - Jos	11:45a.m.
Jos - Lagos	2:30pm.

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Auja - Lagos	8:30 a.m.
Lagos - PHC	10:30 a.m.
PHC - Lagos	12:30 a.m.
Lagos - Kano	2:30 p.m.
Kano - Lagos	4:30 p.m.
Lagos - Abuja	6:30pm.

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Lagos - Calabar	11:15 a.m.
Calabar - Lagos	7:20 a.m.
P/H - Lagos	9:45 a.m.

Most airlines operate the same flight schedule on week days.

CBN mops N110.6bn from circulation

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) last week mopped a total sum of N110.6 billion from the financial system, which was N36 billion above preceding week's record of N73 billion.

Out of the above, the daily open market operation (OMO) achieved N29.9 billion while the primary market auction (PMA) recorded N80.8 billion.

The above record was impressive judging by the fact that it was a four-day week due to the Easter celebration, while the bonds sold on Monday and Tuesday had 35 days tenure, the ones on Wednesday and Thursday were 49 days tenured.

Although there was no repayment in the OMO segment of the market the rates were the same on the first two days of the week in review as range of bid rates stood at 10.73 to 10.75 percents, issue rates 10.73 to 10.75 percents and true yield 10.8619 percent respectively.

Wednesday rates were 10.65 to 10.75 percent and true yield 10.9071 percent. The Thursday situation was range of bid rates 10.75 percent issue rates 10.75 percent and true yield 10.9071 percent.

The sales were Monday (N8 billion), Tuesday (N7 billion), Wednesday (N9.8 billion), Thursday (N5 billion). The PMA saw the 182 days tenure department recording N25 billion while the 91 days tenure achieved the highest with N55.8 billion.

However, there was no repayments in the 182 days tenured segment whereas investors in the 91 days tenured department were repaid N53.3 billion.

The range of bid rates stood at between 12.48 to 13.98 percent, issue rates 12.48 to 13 percent and true yield 13.9011 percent for the 182 days department. Nevertheless, the 91 days segment had range of bid rates of 10 to 12.99 percent, issue rates 10 to 10.50 percent and true yield 13.9011 percent.

It would be recalled that the minimum rediscount rate is still 13 percent where it was recently placed by CBN from 15 percent. However, despite this moderation, the inter bank lending rates are not falling as well as that in the open market.

For most analysts, the ongoing banking sector consolidation is responsible for the current rates in the market despite the low MRR.

Our investigation reveals that confidence is presently low on our financial system because given the low MRR the expectation was that more funds should be flowing to the capital market, but this has not been the case.

To some individuals, the share glut in the capital market is the specific reason why the market capitalisation of the NSE which topped N2 billion in 2004 is currently at around N1.6 trillion while the index that eclipsed N25,000 is currently just over 20,000.00.

Megavons hosts March IoD evening

Megavons West Africa Limited, a security printing and publishing company, will host directors of businesses, conglomerates and organisations of the Institute of Directors (IoD) at the March edition of the monthly evening round-table talk. The March talk is scheduled at IoD secretariat, 4b Bayo Kuku Road, Ikoyi, Lagos on Wednesday, March 30, 2005.

According to a statement signed by its public relations executive, Mr A. A. Okunda the guest speaker, Dr S. O. Aeyegbe, Senior Deputy Registrar, Head of Research/headquarters Office of the West African Examination Council (WAEC) will give a talk on *Human Capital Development in Nation Building:* Intervention of an Examination Body.

As Okunola A. A. stated, the company, Megavons, is co-owned by five West African countries namely, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone and the Gambia.



Mr. Jacobs Ajekigbe, Managing Director & Chief Executive, First Bank of Nigeria Plc (left) presenting a cheque to the first prize winner of the First Bank 2004 Essay Competition , Miss Oluyemisi Aina of the Department of International Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife (middle). With them is an official of the university, at the event.

Access Bank's capital base to hit N20bn Sept. – *DMD*

From Bright Ewulu, *Deputy Business Editor (Lagos)*

Access Bank Plc's Deputy Managing Director, Mr Harbert Wigwe has disclosed that the bank raised N12.5 billion from its latest public offer and that its capital base will hit N20 billion by September 2005.

According to him, the bank plans to effect a merger with other banks which should take its shareholders funds to N32 billion.

Speaking at the bank's stakeholders forum held, in Lagos, Mr Wigwe disclosed that Access Bank Plc "has been able to create a short list of four banks that can lead to significant value creation."

He stated that the bank is bound for a great future and that it needs stockholder's support in order to execute its consolidation plans which will enable it achieve the target of becoming the top five bank in the industry by 2007.

According to him: "Access Bank is today too big to lose its strong franchise value and is well on track for compliance with shareholders fund of N32 billion by December of 2005.

"We are well on track to achieving our top five bank status on critical indices by 2005", adding that Access Bank will surely maximise shareholders value.

He projected that by 2006 that the dividend payout of Access Bank should hit around 30 kobo and that 2007 that the payout would have hit 57 kobo.

Mr Wigwe praised the accomplishment of the bank's current management team, saying that the team has seemingly transformed the future of the bank.

According to him, from a capital base of just around N1 billion at the turn of this decade, the banks capital base has risen to N17 billion, saying that this should intimate investors as to the capacity of the Access Bank team.

OPEC bides time on output hikes

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is taking its time in increasing output quotas by an additional 500,000 barrels per day due to global petroleum market fluctuations, a spokesman for the oil producers' cartel was quoted on Sunday as saying.

OPEC earlier this month agreed to raise production quotas by 500,000 bpd and said it would consult on whether to increase them by a further 500,000 bpd if prices continued to rise.

"Oil prices have witnessed fluctuations on world markets in the past two days, which prompted the organization to take its time in implementing the second increase," Abdel-Rahman al-Khreiji told Kuwait's state news agency KUNA in Vienna.

The spokesman echoed recent remarks from OPEC President Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahd al-Sabah, Kuwait's energy minister that the time had not come yet to hike production quotas further.

Khreiji said OPEC will monitor petroleum prices in the coming few days and "if it finds that there is a need to interfere, the cartel president will consult with the remaining ministers to specify a date for implementing the new increase."

"Pumping this increase is subject to prices remaining at levels they had reached during the OPEC meeting in Isfahan, Iran on March 16 at about $55 to $56 per barrel," he said.

Khreiji said that despite OPEC's decision at its March meeting to boost its output ceiling by 500,000 bpd, several factors were pushing oil prices upwards, including global refining problems and speculation on world markets.

"These two factors are still impacting oil prices," he said.

World oil prices rose sharply on Thursday after a deadly explosion at the third largest refinery in the United States triggered worries over gasoline supplies.

NYMEX crude for May delivery settled up $1.03, or 1.9 percent, at $54.84 a barrel on Thursday. Khreiji said that by the end of the year OPEC would have the capacity to provide some 3 million bpd extra if need be, KUNA added.

Khreiji told KUNA that Kuwait will host in mid-May a joint workshop organized by OPEC and the International Energy Agency as part of a dialogue drive with energy-related agencies and bodies to discuss ways to stabilize world oil markets.

OPEC also plans to hold an open dialogue with the European Union (EU) in Brussels on June 9 on similar issues, he said.

ACB offers: Proceeds to be given as loans

The Managing Director of ACB International Bank Plc, Mr John Udeka has disclosed that the bulk of the proceeds from the bank's ongoing initial public offer (IPO) would go to the actual business of banking, saying that ACB is serious about maintaining its brand name.

According to him, this is different from the situation with some of the banks raising funds from the capital market, who will need to build new branches and equip them, saying that ACB has about 85 branches across the country which only need repairs.

Therefore, he said apart from the little funds from the offer which would be directed towards branch expansion that 75 percent of the offer proceeds which is around N20 billion will serve the purposes of loans and investments.

Speaking on the occasion of the bank's interactive session with financial journalists at Golden Gate Restaurant, Ikoyi, Lagos, Udeka disclosed that it had paid-off old depositors and pensioners of the bank.

As he said, the payments so far made totalled N700 million with N600 million going to the depositors and N100 million going to old pensioners, stressing that ACB is in good health, financially.

On the ongoing offer he stated that although one cannot judge how well an offer has done until the end but that if reception of people is anything to go by then the IPO should be over subscribed.

According to him ACB arguably took the market by storm and has run a good campaign from all perspective.

He stated that ACB as a bank, was the first, in this country, to be given the lic-ense as a deposit taker in United Kingdom and only too other top banks in this country have the same licence.

He disclosed that ACB may finally merge with another bank if the situation warrants, but that the bank's name will be retained.

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Motoring

Hyundai introduces new cars at show

The South Korean automaker, Hyundai Motor Co., which enjoyed higher-than-average U.S. sales last year, hopes to increase its market share with two new cars introduced at the New York International Auto Show on Thursday. Hyundai unveiled its all-new flagship sedan, the 2006 Azera, and its redesigned 2006 Accent compact. The two vehicles are among seven all-new or redesigned vehicles Hyundai plans to launch over a two-year period, according to Hyundai Motor's America CEO Robert Cosmai. Hyundai's Tucson sport utility vehicle went on sale last year.

The Azera replaces Hyundai's XG350 sedan, which was first introduced as the XG300 in 2001 and has been a low seller. The Azera will compete with upscale sedans like the Ford Five Hundred, Buick LaCrosse, and Nissan Maxima. The Azera has a 265-horsepower V6 engine and a longer and wider body than the XG350. The interior has several standard luxury features new to Hyundai, including dual-zone climate control and a memory system that adjusts the driver's seat, mirrors, foot pedals, and the steering column. The Azera will be in showrooms later this year. Hyundai didn't say how much the vehicle will cost, but the XG350 starts at around $25,000.

Cosmai said that the third-generation Accent will gain Hyundai a foothold in the increasingly competitive small-car segment. Accent sales have fallen nearly 20 percent this year compared with the first two months of 2004, according to Autodata Corp. The new Accent is larger and has a more powerful 110-horsepower four-cylinder engine. Despite the increased power, Hyundai says the Accent is still expected to be certified as an ultra-low emission vehicle. Hyundai didn't reveal a price, but the cost of Accent currently starts at around $10,000.

Both vehicles have standard side curtain air bags, which protect the occupants' heads, and seat-mounted side air bags that protect the lower body. Hyundai also said this week that all models will have factory-installed radios from XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. by the 2006 model year.

Hyundai has enjoyed increased sales after overcoming its once shaky reputation. Last year, J.D. Power and Associates said that Hyundai was the most improved of 37 nameplates in its closely watched annual quality survey. Hyundai ranked seventh in the survey, up 16 positions from 2003.

Earlier this month, Consumer Reports said that the 2004 Hyundai Sonata was the most reliable vehicle in its latest survey of vehicle owners.

Hyundai's US sales were up 4 percent last year, mostly because of a 17 percent jump in truck sales. That compares to a 1 percent increase in sales for the entire industry.



2006 Accent Compact unveiled by Hyundai at the ongoing New York auto show

Suzuki unveils compact SUV

Suzuki Motor Corporation has revealed at the New York International Auto Show (NYIAS) its compact SUV Suzuki Concept-X2, a customer-focused SUV for adventure-seekers unwilling to sacrifice capability, power, performance, safety, or style in a right-sized sport-utility package. The Concept-X2 was unveiled as the second embodiment of the automaker's new customer-focused *Way of Life* philosophy - a new brand vision for Suzuki that was unveiled at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit with the Concept-X.

'We're especially excited to reveal Concept-X2 to New York show-goers because it signifies the next great SUV from Suzuki and the perfect incarnation of our new Way of Life product-development process,' said Koichi Suzuki, president of ASMC Automotive Operations. 'Our twenty years of experience in the U.S. SUV market has taught us that SUV enthusiasts don't want to have to sacrifice their own quest for adventure and unique way of life simply because they drive a compact SUV,' added Mr. Suzuki. 'The Concept-X2 blends refinement, comfort, utility, and all-road performance in a right-sized sport-utility design that American drivers increasingly want.'

The Majestic Graphite Concept-X2 revealed today displays distinctive design, interior sophistication, and leading Suzuki SUV engineering. Combining a V6 engine, four-mode, full-time, 4x4 transfer case and built-in ladder-frame construction with class-leading interior features such as an AM/FM/XM CD stereo with seven speakers including a subwoofer, the Concept-X2 was designed to be as comfortable off-road as it is on the road.



Suzuki Concept-X2 (SUV)

Mahindra opens steel center in Middle East

By Hamisu Muhammad,
Business reporter

As a part of the initiative to expand Mahindra Group's presence globally, Mahindra Intertrade Ltd (MIL), a predominantly steel trading company of the Mahindra Group, has set up a steel service centre - Mahindra Middleast Electrical Steel Service Centre in Sharjah for processing electrical steel in the Middle East.

A company statement said that it has also entered into a strategic alliance with Nippon Steel Corporation (NSC). NSC, which will be an equity partner in this venture, will supply the necessary raw material.

While speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Mr R. R. Krishnan, Managing Director of Mahindra Intertrade, said that 'Given the product and processing expertise, MIL has ventured outside India to add a critical value chain to the transformer industry. An efficient model has been built in to service the customers in the Middle East and neighbouring regions, including Africa.' The transformer industry is poised for major growth in the Middle East region and the new venture will therefore have a critical role to play. The service centre has been set up in a record nine months' time and has already made its first commercial despatch to ABB, Riyadh.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr Bharat Doshi, Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (M&M) said: 'This venture is yet another initiative to expand the Group's presence globally. The service centre will be the first manufacturing activity of the Group in the Middle East region.'



Indigo, a brand of Tata vehicles.

Tata targets Malaysian market

India's largest carmaker, Tata Motors Ltd., is looking into selling passenger cars in Malaysia, the Malaysian national news agency Bernama reported Friday. The automaker already assembles and sells commercial trucks in Malaysia, but wants to expand sales to its passenger car line. Initial market surveys in Malaysia have been positive and 'we hope for something to materialise over next year,' V. Sumantran, the executive director of Tata's passenger car business unit, was quoted by Bernama as saying.

The Malaysian market is well suited for the company's Indica hatchback and the Indigo sedan, as well as the Marina compact station wagon and the Safari four-wheel drive, Sumantran told Bernama in an interview during a recent visit to Malaysia.

The Indica and Indigo are made in both petrol and diesel versions. 'We always developed our cars to have both (versions), so we plan to bring in both; but this will be guided by what the market research tells us and what we will initially focus on,' he was quoted as saying.

Sumantran said that Tata, India's most famous truck and bus maker before venturing into the domestic car segment, was also evaluating whether to bring its cars to Malaysia as completely knocked down (CKU) or completely built up (CBU) units. 'For instance when we entered South Africa, people told us that we could not go in without being a local assembler. But so far we have been successful in South Africa,' he said.

Tata currently has a tie-up with a local conglomerate, DRB-Hicom, which assembles the Indian company's commercial trucks in Malaysia. Asked whether it would be difficult to enter the Malaysian market due to its high taxes on imported cars, Sumantran said: 'At the end of the day, you have to take what is given in business and make the best out of it.'

Tata vehicles are exported to more than 70 countries in Europe, Africa, South America, Asia, and Australia. Besides Malaysia, Tata has assembly operations in Bangladesh, Kenya, South Africa, and Egypt. It has also tie-ups, among others, with MG Rover where the European-oriented Indica is being sold in its market as City Rover.

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   ii) Copy of Tax Clearance Certificate for the past 3 years (for individuals and corporate bodies)
   iii) Copy of Certificate of Incorporation (for corporate bidders)
   iv) Certified Bank Draft for the non-refundable bidding fee in favour of "Implementation Committee on Federal Government Landed Property."

e) Completed bidding forms should be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to:
The Secretary, Implementation Committee on Federal Government Landed Property, PAC, 1st Floor, Federal Secretariat Phase 1, Abuja on or before **4.00 pm, 28th April, 2005**

f) At the close of bidding the Committee will sort out the bids and publish in the print media the names of successful bidders.

g) Winners of bids will be expected to pay in full plus 10% transaction cost within 60 days (for public servants who are recognised sitting tenants) and 30 days for others.

Prospective buyers are advised to inspect the properties and make their assessment before submitting their bids. To arrange for property inspection, please contact: The Federal Controller of Housing, St. Gregory Road, Onikan, Lagos.

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i) All recognized sitting tenants who are interested in buying the houses they occupy must bid in order to qualify to be given first offer to buy.

ii) In the case of blocks of flats, occupants of any block are advised to come together and present a single bid for the entire block.

i) Bids can be submitted either directly or through Agents/Consultants.

(Signed)
Prof. P.T. Ahire
Committee Secretary

LIST OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES FOR SALE AT IKOYI

SNo	House Address	Description of House
1	1A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carport
2	1B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carport
3	3, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	3A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carport
5	5A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + 3 Carport
6	7, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 2-BR Chalet + 2 Gar + Carport + 3-Rms BQ
7	7A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	1J, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	11A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
10	13A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
11	15A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
12	15B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carport
13	17A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ
14	19A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + 2 Carports
15	19B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
16	20A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + 5 Carports
17	20B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
18	22, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
19	23A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
20	23B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
21	24A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
22	25A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
23	25B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
24	26A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
25	27A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
26	27B, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
27	28A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
28	29A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
29	31A, Adeyemi Lawson Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	4, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-No. Gst Charlet + 4-Rms BQ
2	7B, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-No. Gst Charlet + 4-Rms BQ
3	11B, Alexander Avenue,	4-BR Det. Hse + 4-Rms BQ + Lock-up Gar
4	14, Alexander Avenue,	4-BR Det. Hse + 4-Rms BQ + Lock-up Gar
5	17, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	24, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
7	26, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	34, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	38, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
10	48, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + BQ + 2 Gar
11	50, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + BQ + 2 Gar
12	50A, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + BQ + 2 Gar
13	60, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + BQ + 2 Gar
14	62, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
15	64, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
16	66, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
17	70, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2-Lounges + 1-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ
18	74, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
19	76, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
20	78A, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ
21	78C, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ
1	17, Awolowo Road, flats 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3—flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	2, Barrow Avenue, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 4—flrs (with g—flr parking space) + 12 Rms BQ
2	3A, Barrow Avenue,	Bungalow
3	3B, Barrow Avenue, flats A-B	Blk of 2-Nos. 3-BR flats on 1—flr (with g—flr parking space) + 4 Rms BQ
4	3, Barrow Avenue, flats E & F	Blk of 2-Nos. 3-BR flats on 1—flr (with g—flr parking space) + 4 Rms BQ
5	5, Barrow Avenue,	BLock of 4-No. 3-bedroom flats
1	3A, Bank Road,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + 2-Stores + Gar
2	7A, Bank Rd,	7-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 3-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + Blk of 4-Nos. 2- flats + 3-Rms BQ + Tennis Court
3	7B, Bank Rd,	7-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 3-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + Blk of 4-Nos. 2- flats + 3-Rms BQ + Tennis Court
4	11, Bank Rd,	BLock of six flats
1	2A, Bedwell Avenue,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR & 2-Nos. 1-BR G-Charlet + 3-Rms BQ
2	3B, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms BQ
3	4B, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms BQ
4	4C, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
5	4D, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
6	4E, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
7	4F, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
8	5B, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms BQ
9	6, Bedwell Avenue, BLock A, flats 1-6	3-BR flat with BQ
10	6, Bedwell Avenue, BLock B, flats 1-6	3-BR flat
11	8B, Bedwell Avenue, flats A- P	4-BR bungalow in a Compound + 13 Hsg units
12	10, Bedwell Avenue,	5-BR Det Hse with 3-Lounges & + 2-BR G-Chalet + 4Rms BQ + Gar
1	1, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
2	1B, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
3	31A, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	36A, BourdilLon Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	40AA, BourdilLon Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	40AB, BourdilLon Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
7	45, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + Squash Court
8	46, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
9	47, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
10	48, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
11	50, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges & a study + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + Gar
12	54A, BourdilLon Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
13	54B, BourdilLon Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
14	58, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges & a study + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 4 Carports
1	Brown Road, BLock 1, flats 2- 5	Blk of 5-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
2	Brown Road, BLock 2, flats 7, 8, 9, 11 & 12	Blk of 5-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
3	Brown Road, BLock 3, flats 13, 15, 16 & 17	Blk of 4-Nos. 2-BR flats on 2-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 4 Gar
4	Brown Road, BLock 4, flats 19 - 24	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
5	Brown Road, BLock 4, flats 25 - 30	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
6	Brown Road, BLock 6, flats 31- 36	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	5, Cameron Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
2	6, Cameron Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
3	8, Cameron Road,	5-BR Det. Hse with 3-Lounges & study + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 2 Carports + Sqaush Crt
4	9, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	10A, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	10B, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
7	10C, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	10D, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	11, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + Gar
10	12, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + BQ + Gar
11	17, Cameron Road,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 3 Rm BQ + Gar
12	18B, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3 Rms BQ
13	19, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3 Rms BQ + Gar
14	21, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
15	21A, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
16	29, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
17	31, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 5 Rms BQ
18	33, Cameron Road,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-Rm BQ + Gar
19	34, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges & a study + 2-BR Chalet + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
20	35, Cameron Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + Bore hole
21	39, Cameron Road, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6-Nos. Gar
22	43, Cameron Road, flats C- F	Blk of 4-Nos. 2-BR flats on 2-flrs + 4 Rms BQ + 4-Nos. Gar
1	1, Club Road,	6-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 7 Rms BQ + Gar
2	1A, Club Road,	Big duplex
3	1A, Club Road, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 4-flrs (with g—flr car park) + 12 Rms BQ
4	2, Club Road,	6-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	2B, Club Road,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	3, Club Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
7	4, Club Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
8	5, Club Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
9	6AA, Club Road,	2-BR s-det. hse + 1-Rm BQ + Gar
10	6AB, Club Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 1-Rm BQ + Gar
11	8, Club Road,	6-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ
12	9, Club Road,	6-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ
13	14, Club Road,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
14	Club Road, BLock 18, flats 7- 12	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ and Gar
1	19B, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	20B, Cooper Road,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	22AA, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	22AB, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	23, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	24, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + a hall + Gar
7	31, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	32, Cooper Road,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + 2 Carports
9	33B, Cooper Road,	2-BR Det. Hse + 5-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + Gar
10	35, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + Gar
11	38, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Carport
1	Dolphin SCheme, BLock A, flats 1-6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ
2	Dolphin SCheme, BLock B, flats 1-6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ

Ancillary buildings at Alagbon ToweRms

1	BLock A, flat 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ
2	BLock B, flat 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ

2	2-No. pair of 4-bedroom semi detaCheD bungalows with two room boy's quarter	
1	9, FaLomo CLose,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + Gar
1	2B, Force Road, Onikan,	2-bedroom flat
2	3, Force Road, Onikan, flats 1- 8	Blk of 8-Nos. 2-BR flats on 4-flrs + 18 Rms BQ & Carports
3	5, Force Road, Onikan, flats 1- 9	Blk of 9-Nos. 2-BR flats on 5-flrs + 18 Rms BQ & Carports
1	3, Fowler Road, flats 1- 6,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 12 Rms BQ & Carports
2	7B, Fowler Road, Room 3- 4	Blk of 2-Nos. 2-BR flats a-flr + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
3	7B, Fowler Road, flats 9-12,	Blk of 4-Nos. 2-BR flats on 2-flrs + 8 Rms BQ + Gar
4	8A, Fowler Road, flats 13-18,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
	9, Fowler Road, flats 7 -12,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
1	9, Fowler Road, flats 13-18,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
1	2, George Street,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
2	5A, George Street, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
3	5B, George Street,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
4	6A & 6B, George Street,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
1	Gerrard Road, BLock 27A, flats 1-6	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
2	Gerrard Road, BLock 27B, flats 7-12	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
3	27, Gerrard Road,	5-BR Det. Hse + Gar
1	1, GLover Road,	5-BR Det. Hse + Gar
2	8, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	12A, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	12B, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	14, GLover Road,	3-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	15, GLover Road,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
4	16, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + 3 Carports
8	18A, GLover Road, flats 7- 12	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
9	20, GLover Road,	7-BR Det. Hse with 3-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
10	21, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
11	22A, GLover Road,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
12	23A, GLover Road,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
13	23B, GLover Road,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
14	23C, GLover Road,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
15	23D, GLover Road,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
16	24, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
17	25A, GLover Road, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
18	27B, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 3-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
19	29, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 3-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
20	30A, GLover Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges & a study + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
21	30B, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges & a study + 1-BR Portakabin Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
22	32, GLover Rd, flats B, C, E & F	Blk of 4-Nos. 2-BR flats on 2-flrs + 4 Rms BQ + 4 Gar
23	34, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
24	35, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
25	35, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
26	36, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
27	37, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
28	37, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
29	38, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
30	39, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
31	40, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
32	40A, GLover Rd, flat 2	Blk of 1-No. 2-BR flats a-flr + 1 Rms BQ + Gar
33	42, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
34	43, GLover Rd, flat 3A	Blk of 1-No. 2-BR flats a-flr + 1 Rms BQ + Gar
35	43, GLover Rd, BLock A, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
36	43, GLover Rd, BLock B, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
37	47, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
38	47A, GLover Rd,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
39	48, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
40	54D, GLover Rd,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
41	56A, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	1A, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
2	1B, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
3	2, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
4	4, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR bungalow with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + Carports
5	7, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	7B, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
7	9, Hawksworth Road, flats 1-12	Blk of 12-Nos. 3-BR flats + 12 Rms BQ + 12 Gar
8	10, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
9	11, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
1	2, Ikoya Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
2	3A, Ikoya Avenue,	5-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
3	3B, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
4	4, Ikoya Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
5	4A, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	9A, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
7	9B, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar

1	15, Ikoyi Crescent,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	27, Ikoyi Crescent,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	37A, Ikoyi Crescent, flats A- H	Blk of 8-Nos. 3-BR flats + 8 Rms BQ + 8 Gar
4	37B, Ikoyi Crescent, flats J- Q	Blk of 8-Nos. 3-BR flats + 8 Rms BQ + 8 Gar
1	6, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	16A, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	22B, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	24A, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 2-BR Chalets + 5-Rms BQ + Carports
5	24B, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
6	28A, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
7	28B, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
1	2, Ilu Drive,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	3, Ilu Drive, BLock A, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
3	3, Ilu Drive, BLock B, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	1A, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	1B, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	2A, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	2B, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	3A, Imoru CLose,	6-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ
6	3B, Imoru CLose,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ
7	34, Imoru CLose,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ
1	4, Inner Crescent,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	5, Inner Crescent,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	1, Inupa Drive,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	1A, Iru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalets + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar + Carports
2	2A, Iru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
3	2B, Iru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
4	3B, Iru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
5	4A, Iru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + Carport
1	1A, Kalabari CLose,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	1B, Kalabari CLose,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	33A, Kingsway Road, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos.2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 12 -R BQ + 6 Gar
2	39, Kingsway Road, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 4-BR flat on 4-flrs with ground-flr car park + 12 -R BQ
1	2, Lawrence Street, flats A - F	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flat on 3-flrs + Rms BQ + 6 gars
2	6, Lawrence Road, flats A - F	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flat on 3-flrs + Rms BQ + 6 gars
3	7, Lawrence Road, flats B - F	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flat on 3-flrs + Rms BQ + 6 gars
4	8, Lawrence Road, flats A - F	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flat on 3-flrs + Rms BQ + 6 gars
1	4A, Lugard Avenue,	4-BR Det Hse with 2 Lounges + 1-BR Chalet + 3-R BQ + Gar
2	6B, Lugard Avenue,	5-BR Det Hse + 2-R BQ + Gar
3	15B, Lugard Avenue,	4-BR Det Hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
4	16, Lugard Avenue,	4-BR Det Hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
5	18B, Lugard Avenue,	3-BR Det Hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
6	19A, Lugard Avenue,	5-BR Det Hse with 2 Lounges+ 2-Rms Chalet+ 3-R BQ + Gar
7	24B, Lugard Avenue,	4-BR Det Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	26A, Lugard Avenue,	5-BR Det Hse + 3-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	26B, Lugard Avenue,	6-BR Det Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 8-Rms BQ + Gar
10	27, Lugard Avenue,	5-BR Det Hse with Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + Gar
11	30A, Lugard Avenue, flats 1 - 9	Blk of 9 Nos. 1-BR flats on 2-flrs
12	30B, Lugard Avenue, flats 1 - 9	Blk of 9 Nos. 1-BR flats on 2-flrs
13	30C, Lugard Avenue, flats 1 - 9	Blk of 9 Nos. 1-BR flats on 2-flrs
14	35, Lugard Avenue, flats 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs with 12 Nos. BQ Rms in 3 single-storey blks + 6 Nos. Gar
15	37, Lugard Avenue, flat A, B, D, E & F	A Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 12-Rms BQ + 6 Gar.
16	39, Lugard Avenue, flats 1 - 6	3-bedroom bLock of 6 flats
1	12, MacDonald Road, flats 1 - 4	Blk of 4 Nos. 2-BR flats + 4-Rms BQ atop 4 Gar (2-flrs)
2	14, MacDonald Road, flats 1 - 8	4-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
3	16, MacDonald Road, flats 1 - 4	3-BR bungalow with a study + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	19B, MacDonald Road,	5-BR Det Hse with Lounges + 2 Nos. 2-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
5	23, MacDonald Road,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 4 Gar
1	2B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	3B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ (roof-less and dilapidated)+ Gar
3	7A, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
4	8A, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	8B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
6	9A, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
7	9B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
1	3A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
2	5A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	5B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	7A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	7B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
6	9, Mekunwen Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 4-Rms BQ + Gar

7	11, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	12, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	13, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
10	22B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 1-Rms Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + carport
11	26A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
12	26B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 3-Gar + carport
1	1B, MacGregor Road,	3-BR Det Hse + 4-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + Gar + Tennis court
2	3B, MacGregor Road, BLock A, flats 1 - 6	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
3	3B, MacGregor Road, BLock B, flats 1 - 6	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
4	5, MacGregor Road,	3-BR Det Hse with Lounges + 1-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 3-Gar
5	9, MacGregor Road, flats 1 - 12	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	10A, MacGregor Road,	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
7	10B, MacGregor Road,	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
1	9, Macpherson Road,	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	5B, Marina	2-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
2	10A, Marina	2-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
3	10B, Marina	2-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
1	25, Macarthy Street, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 3-BR flats + 6-Rms BQ + 6-Gar
1	4A, Milverton Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Guest Chalet
2	4B, Milverton Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Guest Chalet
3	5A, Milverton Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	5B, Milverton Road,	4-BR s-det. hse + guest Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
5	6B, Milverton Road,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	7A, Milverton Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
7	9A, Milverton Road,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	9B, Milverton Road,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges and study + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + 4 carport
9	17, Milverton Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with Lounges + 2 Nos. 2-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
10	18, Milverton Road,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 4-Gar + 3 carport
1	5, MoorHouse Road,	5-BR s-det. hse with 3 Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + 3-Gar
2	6, MoorHouse Road,	Bare land walled on 3 sides (no front wall)
3	8, MoorHouse Road,	2-BR Det Hse + 3-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar
1	2, Mosley Road,	5-BR Det Hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ
2	Mosley Road, BLock 4, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
3	Mosley Road, BLock 5, flats 14 - 18	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
4	Mosley Road, BLock 6, flats 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
5	Mosley Road, BLock 7, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
6	6B, Mosley Road,	4-BR s-det. hse bungalow + 2-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	Mulliner Road, BLock 4, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 4-flrs with ground-flr car park + 6-Rms BQ on 4-flrs
2	6, Mulliner Road, BLock 6, flats 1 & 2	4-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
3	6A, Mulliner Road	4-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
4	6B, Mulliner Road	4-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
5	Mulliner Road, BLock 7, flats 1 - 4	5-BR Det Hse + 1-Rm BQ + Gar in a compound with 3 other hses
6	Mulliner Road, BLock 8, flats 5 - 8	5-BR Det Hse + 1-Rm BQ + Gar in a compound with 3 other hses
7	10, Mulliner Road,	5-BR Det Hse + 3-Rm BQ + Gar
1	6, Okotie Eboh Road, flats A - F	Blk of 6 Nos. 4-BR flats on 4-flrs with ground-flr Gar + 12-Rms BQ
2	7, Okotie Eboh Road,	Blk of 6 Nos. 4-BR flats on 4-flrs with ground-flr Gar + 12-Rms BQ
3	9, Okotie Eboh Road,	5-BR Det Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	10, Okotie Eboh Road,	5-BR Det Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	2A, Oroke Drive,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	3A, Oroke Drive,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	4B, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	5A, Oroke Drive,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + carport
5	5B, Oroke Drive,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ
6	6A, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
7	6B, Oroke Drive,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	7A, Oroke Drive,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	8A, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
10	8B, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
11	10A, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
12	11B, Oroke Drive,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
13	12A, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
14	13A, Oroke Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	8A, Second Avenue, BLock A, flat 10	3-BR flat + 2-Rm BQ + Gar
4	8A, Second Avenue, BLock A, flat 20	3-BR flat + 2-Rm BQ + Gar
5	10A, Second Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + Rm BQ + carport
6	10B, Second Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + Rm BQ + carport
7	11, Second Avenue,	4-BR Det. Hse + Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + Gar
8	14A, Second Avenue,	2-BR bungalow + 4- Rm BQ
1	1, Shaw Road,	5-BR Det. Hse + 4 Rm BQ + Gar
2	3, Shaw Road, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 No. 2-BR flats + 6 BQ + 12 Gar.

2	6, Temple Road,	4-BR Det Hse + 1-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
3	11, Temple Road,	4-BR Det Hse + 1-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
1	2, Thompson Avenue,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2 Lounges + 2 -BR Chalet + 3 Rm BQ + 2 Gar. + Carports
2	6, Thompson Avenue,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2 Lounges + 2 -BR Chalet + 3 Rm BQ + 2 Gar. + Carports
3	9, Thompson Avenue,	4-BR Det. Hse + Lounges + 2 -BR Chalet + 3 Rm BQ + 2 Gar. + Carports
1	12, Turnbull Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3 Rm BQ + Gar.
2	15, Turnbull Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + Rm BQ + Gar
3	27, Turnbull Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	33, Turnbull Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	35, Turnbull Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	37, Turnbull Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
7	39, Turnbull Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 2-Nos. 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	Webb Road, BLock 1, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
2	Webb Road, BLock 2, flats 7, 8, 9, 11 & 12	Blk of 5 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 5-Rms BQ + 5 Gar
3	Webb Road, BLock 3, flats 13 - 18	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
4	Webb Road, BLock 4, flats 19 - 24	Blk of 5 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 5-Rms BQ + 5 Gar
5	Webb Road, BLock 5, flat 25	Blk of 1 Nos. 2-BR flats on 1-flrs + 1-Rm BQ + 1 Gar
6	Webb Road, BLock 6, flats 31 - 36	Blk of 6 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6-Rms BQ + 6 Gar
7	Webb Road, BLock 8, flats 44 - 48	Blk of 5 Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 5-Rms BQ + 5 Gar
12	50A, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + BQ + 2 Gar
13	60, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + BQ + 2 Gar
14	62, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
15	64, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
16	66, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
17	70, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2-Lounges + 1-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ
18	74, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
19	76, Alexander Avenue,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
20	78A, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ
21	78C, Alexander Avenue,	5-BR Det. Hse + 1-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ
1	17, Awolowo Road, flats 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3—flrs + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	2, Barrow Avenue, flats A-F	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 4—flrs (with g—flr parking space) + 12 Rms BQ
2	3A, Barrow Avenue,	Bungalow
3	3B, Barrow Avenue, flats A-B	Blk of 2-Nos. 3-BR flats on 1—flr (with g—flr parking space) + 4 Rms BQ
4	3, Barrow Avenue, flats E & F	Blk of 2-Nos. 3-BR flats on 1—flr (with g—flr parking space) + 4 Rms BQ
5	5, Barrow Avenue,	BLock of 4-No. 3-bedroom flats
1	3A, Bank Road,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + 2-Stores + Gar
2	7A, Bank Rd,	7-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 3-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + Blk of 4-Nos. 2- flats + 3-Rms BQ + Tennis Court
3	7B, Bank Rd,	7-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 3-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + Blk of 4-Nos. 2- flats + 3-Rms BQ + Tennis Court
4	11, Bank Rd,	BLock of six flats
1	2A, Bedwell Avenue,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR & 2-Nos. 1-BR G-Charlet + 3-Rms BQ
2	3B, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms BQ
3	4B, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms BQ
4	4C, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
5	4D, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
6	4E, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
7	4F, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 1-Rm BQ
8	5B, Bedwell Avenue,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms BQ
9	6, Bedwell Avenue, BLock A, flats 1 - 6	3-BR flat with BQ
10	6, Bedwell Avenue, BLock B, flats 1 - 6	3-BR flat
11	8B, Bedwell Avenue, flats A - P	4-BR bungalow in a Compound + 13 Hsg units
12	10, Bedwell Avenue,	5-BR Det Hse with 3-Lounges & + 2-BR G-Chalet + 4Rms BQ + Gar
1	1, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
2	1B, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 2-Rms BQ + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
3	31A, BourdilLon Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	36A, BourdilLon Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	40AA, BourdilLon Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	3, Club Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
7	4, Club Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
8	5, Club Road,	3-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + 3 Gar
9	6AA, Club Road,	2-BR s-det. hse + 1-Rm BQ + Gar
10	6AB, Club Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 1-Rm BQ + Gar
11	8, Club Road,	6-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ
12	9, Club Road,	6-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ
13	14, Club Road,	5-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
14	Club Road, BLock 18, flats 7- 12	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ and Gar
1	19B, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	20B, Cooper Road,	4-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	22AA, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar

5	23, Cooper Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	24, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + a hall + Gar
7	31, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	32, Cooper Road,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + 2 Carports
9	33B, Cooper Road,	2-BR Det. Hse + 5-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + Gar
10	35, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 4-Rms BQ + Gar
11	38, Cooper Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Carport
1	Dolphin SCheme, BLock A, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ
2	Dolphin SCheme, BLock B, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ
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1	BLock A, flat 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ
2	BLock B, flat 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ
	2-No. pair of 4-bedroom semi deta Ched bungalows with two room boy's quarter	
1	9, FaLomo CLose,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + Gar
1	2B, Force Road, Onikan,	2-bedroom flat
2	3, Force Road, Onikan, flats 1- 8	Blk of 8-Nos. 2-BR flats on 4-flrs + 18 Rms BQ & Carports
3	5, Force Road, Onikan, flats 1- 9	Blk of 9-Nos. 2-BR flats on 5-flrs + 18 Rms BQ & Carports
1	3, Fowler Road, flats 1- 6,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 12 Rms BQ & Carports
2	7B, Fowler Road, Room 3- 4	Blk of 2-Nos. 2-BR flats a-flr + 4 Rms BQ + Gar
3	7B, Fowler Road, flats 9-12,	Blk of 4-Nos. 2-BR flats on 2-flrs + 8 Rms BQ + Gar
4	8A, Fowler Road, flats 13-18,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
4	9, Fowler Road, flats 7 -12,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
5	9, Fowler Road, flats 13-18,	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats on 3-flrs + 6 Rms BQ + Gar
1	2, George Street,	3-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
38	47A, GLover Rd,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
39	48, GLover Rd,	4-BR Det. Hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
40	54D, GLover Rd,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
41	56A, GLover Rd, flats A- F	Blk of 6-Nos. 2-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	1A, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
2	1B, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
3	2, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Charlet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
4	4, Hawksworth Road,	4-BR bungalow with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar + Carports
5	7, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	7B, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
7	9, Hawksworth Road, flats 1-12	Blk of 12-Nos. 3-BR flats + 12 Rms BQ + 12 Gar
8	10, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
9	11, Hawksworth Road,	3-BR bungalow + 1 BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
1	2, Ikoya Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
2	3A, Ikoya Avenue,	5-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
3	3B, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
4	4, Ikoya Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
5	4A, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
6	9A, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar with Drv's Rm
7	9B, Ikoya Avenue,	4-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + 2 Gar
1	15, Ikoyi Crescent,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	27, Ikoyi Crescent,	5-BR Det. Hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	37A, Ikoyi Crescent, flats A- H	Blk of 8-Nos. 3-BR flats + 8 Rms BQ + 8 Gar
4	37B, Ikoyi Crescent, flats J- Q	Blk of 8-Nos. 3-BR flats + 8 Rms BQ + 8 Gar
1	6, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	16A, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	22B, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	24A, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 2-BR Chalets + 5-Rms BQ + Carports
5	24B, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
6	28A, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
7	28B, Ilabere Avenue,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Carports
1	2, Ilu Drive,	3-BR s-det hse + 1-BR Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	3, Ilu Drive, BLock A, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
3	3, Ilu Drive, BLock B, flats 1- 6	Blk of 6-Nos. 3-BR flats + 6 Rms BQ + 6 Gar
1	1A, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	1B, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	2A, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	2B, Imoru CLose,	3-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	3A, Imoru CLose,	6-BR s-det hse with 2-Lounges + 2-BR Chalets + 3-Rms BQ
4	19B, MacDonald Road,	5-BR Det Hse with Lounges + 2 Nos. 2-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
5	23, MacDonald Road,	4-BR bungalow + 2-Rms Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + 4 Gar
1	2B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
2	3B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ (roof-less and dilapidated)+ Gar
3	7A, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
4	8A, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	8B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
6	9A, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
7	9B, Maroko CLose,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
1	3A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
2	5A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
3	5B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	7A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
5	7B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 2-Gar + carport
6	9, Mekunwen Road,	5-BR s-det. hse + 4-Rms BQ + Gar
7	11, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
8	12, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
9	13, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
10	22B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 1-Rms Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + carport
11	26A, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
12	26B, Mekunwen Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + 3-Gar + carport
1	1B, MacGregor Road,	3-BR Det Hse + 4-BR Chalet + 5-Rms BQ + Gar + Tennis court
2	3B, MacGregor Road, BLock A, flats 1-6	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
3	3B, MacGregor Road, BLock B, flats 1-6	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
4	5, MacGregor Road,	3-BR Det Hse with Lounges + 1-BR Chalet + 6-Rms BQ + 3-Gar
5	9, MacGregor Road, flats 1 - 12	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
6	10A, MacGregor Road,	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
7	10B, MacGregor Road,	2 Blks of 12 Nos. 3-BR flat (6 flats per blk) + 12-Rms BQ + Gar (in-built)
1	9, Macpherson Road,	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	5B, Marina	2-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
2	10A, Marina	2-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
3	10B, Marina	2-BR s-det. hse + 2-Rms BQ + Gar
1	25, Macarthy Street, flats 1 - 6	Blk of 6 Nos. 3-BR flats + 6-Rms BQ + 6-Gar
1	4A, Milverton Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Guest Chalet
2	4B, Milverton Road,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + Guest Chalet
3	5A, Milverton Road,	4-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
4	5B, Milverton Road,	4-BR s-det. hse + guest Chalet + 3-Rms BQ + Gar + carport
5	6B, Milverton Road,	5-BR s-det. hse with 2 Lounges + 3-Rms BQ + Gar
1	2, Osborne Road,	4-BR Det Hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 1-BR Chalet + 4-BR BQ + 5 Gar
2	14, Osborne Road,	4-BR Det Hse with 2 Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 1-BR Chalet + 4-BR BQ + 5 Gar
1	1, PoLo Road,	3-bedroom duplex
2	1A, PoLo Road,	3-bedroom bungalow
3	1B, PoLo Road,	3-bedroom bungalow
4	3A, PoLo Road,	" "
5	3B, PoLo Road,	4-BR Det. Hse + 2-BR Chalet + 3 Rm BQ + 8 Carports
6	5A, PoLo Road,	Duplex
7	5B, PoLo Road,	" "
1	14, Queens Drive,	" "
2	24, Queens Drive,	7-BR Det. Hse + 4 Lounges and a study + 2-No. 1-BR Chalets + 2-Gar + 9 Rm BQ
3	35, Queens Drive,	4-BR s-det. + 2 Rm BQ
4	35A, Queens Drive,	" "
5	35B, Queens Drive,	" "
6	35C, Queens Drive,	" "
7	35E, Queens Drive,	" "
8	39A, Queens Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3 Rm BQ + Gar
9	39B, Queens Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3-Rm BQ + Gar
10	40A, Queens Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + 3 Rm BQ + Gar
11	40B, Queens Drive,	3-BR s-det. hse + + 1-BR Chalet + 3 Rm BQ + Gar
1	1B, Reeve Road,	3-BR bungalow + 2 Lounge + 2-BR Chalet + 3 Rm BQ + 5 Gar
2	3, Reeve Road,	3-BR bungalow + 4-BR Chalets + 9 Rm BQ
3	9, Reeve Road, Units A - F	4-BR bungalow + 5 other rooms
4	10, Reeve Road, flats A - F	Blk of 6 No. 4-BR flats on 4-flr(s) + Carport + 6 Rm BQ
1	Rumens Road, BLock 1, flats 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Blk of 5 No. 2-BR + 5 Rms BQ + 5 Gar.
2	Rumens Road, BLock 2, flats 7 - 12	Blk of 6 No. 2-BR + 6 Rm BQ + 6 Gar.
3	Rumens Road, BLock 3, flats 13 - 18	Blk of 6 No. 2-BR + 6 Rm BQ + 6 Gar.
4	Rumens Road, BLock 4, flats 19, 20, 21, 22 & 24	Blk of 5 No. 2-BR + 5 Rms BQ + 5 Gar.
5	27A, Rumens Road, flats A - F	Blk of 6 No. 2-BR flats + 6 Rm BQ + 6 Gar.
6	27B, Rumens Road, flats A - F	Blk of 6 No. 2-BR flats + 6Rm BQ + 6 Gar.
7	28, Rumens Road,	8-BR Det. hse + 2 Lounges + 3 Rm BQ + 1 utility + 3 Gar.
8	32, Rumens Road,	5-BR Det. hse + 3 Lounges + 2-BR Chalet + 12 Rm BQ (in 4 buildings) + Gar
1	4, Ruxton Road, flat A - D	3-BR bungalow + 3-Rm BQ + carports
2	6, Ruxton Road,	2-No Blks of 12 -No 3-BR flats (i.e flats/Blk) + 12 Rm BQ + carports
3	9A, Ruxton Road,	4-BR bungalow + 3 Rm BQ + carport
4	11, Ruxton Road,	4-BR bungalow + 3 Rm BQ + Gar
5	16, Ruxton Road,	4-BR bungalow + 3 Rm BQ + Gar
1	6A, Second Avenue,	4-bedroom with boys quarter
2	6B, Second Avenue,	" "

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SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FOR PUBLIC- PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) STUDY ON IRRIGATION AND DAMS

FOR

RIVER BASINS DEVELOPMENT AUTHOURITY IN NIGERIA (RBDA)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business No. 561 of June 30th 2001.

The Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for the appointment of Consultant for Public- Private Partnership (PPP) Study On Irrigation and Dams aimed at advising the secretariat on the best option for its commercialization.

In the earlier 1970's, the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) created the RBDAs to manage the country's river basins. The RBDAs' original functions and mandates included:

(i) Developing both ground and surface water resources for multipurpose use, with emphasis on irrigation;
(ii) Undertaking a scheme for erosion and flood control for watershed management;
(iii) Constructing and maintaining water facilities and additional infrastructures within the basin (e.g., dams, roads, dykes, wells, irrigation and drainage systems);
(iv) Allocating water among users and sectors; and
(v) Operating water legislation and control measures in the basin.

The Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) now invites eligible Public- Private Partnership (PPP) consultants for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the purpose of undertaking a study on Irrigation and Dams.

The BPE requires that all consultants firms responding to this request for expression of interest have at least ten (10) years of professional experience advising and working in the water resources sector and with water resources sector participants, especially in developing countries such as Africa and Latin America.

Preference would be given to any consultant involving local member with experience in research implementation in Nigeria.

SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOIs)

Expressions of Interests (EOIs) from prospective Advisers should specify the following information as basis for pre-qualification:

- ❑ Profile of Firm/Consortium (local/foreign) including ownership structure;
- ❑ Names and Curriculum Vitae of Firm's top executives who will be assigned to the service(s) being applied for, including qualification and individual experience in handling similar assignments in Nigeria and abroad;
- ❑ Evidence of track record in a similar industry or consultancy in Nigeria or elsewhere in the world;
- ❑ Financials: - balance sheet, profit and loss account, income statement;
- ❑ Experience of Firm/track record (local/foreign);
- ❑ Technical competence;
- ❑ Proof of Alliances/Partnerships (if applicable);
- ❑ Intended approach to assignment (work plan and proposed time line);
- ❑ Evidence of registration with relevant authorities.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 1997 (Revised September 1997)

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in six (6) copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked *"Expressions of Interest for Public- Private Partnership (PPP) Study On Irrigation and Dams Advisory Services for RBDAs".*

The expressions of interests should be addressed and delivered not later than **5.00 pm on Thursday 28th April 2005, in room 115** of the address shown below.

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Interested consultant may obtain further information at the address above from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday through Friday (except public holidays)

Only short listed consultant would be contacted.

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

Workers mobilize against impending purge

Stories by Samson Ojo,
Correspondent, Lagos

Workers in the federal civil service under the aegies of Concerned Federal Public Service Workers (CFPSW) have urged the Coalition of Labour and Civil Society Organisation (LASCO) to join the workers in resisting the federal government's plan to sack about 40 per cent the total workforce in the public service.

The concerned federal public service workers in a letter addressed to LASCO and the National Political Reform Conference (NPRC), urged the coalition to extend its commendable battles against fuel price hike to the struggle against the totally unnecessary and unjustifiable mass retrenchment of Nigerian Workers.

The letter, jointly signed by Mr. Jola Abayomi, Mr. Nuhu Ahmadu and Okey Eze on behalf of the workers, implored LASCO to demand that the federal government abandon such an anti-people plan, failure which it would embark on an industrial action.

According to the letter, the federal government's impending mass retrenchment in the public sector was part of International Monetary Fund (IMF) designed programmes, which most often inflict great pains on the citizens.

Explaining further, the concerned workers expressed dismay that the government in carrying out its mass retrenchment exercise in the federal civil service, has ignored the civil service rules and procedures in disengaging the workers.

The text of the letter reads in part: "Like the case of the ministry of finance, for instance, It is just now that the officials of the ministry are waking up from their deep slumber to realize that most of the workers who have served the ministry meritoriously for many years are not university graduates and deserved to be flushed out".



The general secretary of Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE), Comrade Abdulkadir A. Salam (right) and other labour leaders from African countries at a workshop organised by Public Service International (PSI) in Abuja...recently

Oil workers insist on warning strike

The National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas workers of Nigeria (NUPENG) and its senior staff counter part; PENGASSAN have been ordered to embark on a three day warning strike, effect from April 11, 2005.

The directive was curtained in a communiqué issued at the end of joint Lagos zonal council meeting of NUPENG and PENGASSAN held at NUPENG zonal secretariat.

The one page communiqué jointly signed by Mr. Ikechi, deputy president and Mr. Tokkubo N, Kwodo, zonal secretary for NUPENG and Mr. A.S Abubakar, zonal chairman and Mr. Sunny Onyemachi for PENGASSAN after exhaustive deliberation strongly condemned the non compliance with the points contained there in by employers and the government.

The joint PENGASSAN and NUPENG NEC also instructed all branches to mobilize their respective congresses and brief members on the development and to commence wearing of red clothe effective Monday 4th April, 2005, saying defaulters shall be sanctured accordingly.

It would be recalled that in February 26, 2005 at its joint National Executive council meeting in Calabar, Cross River state, NUPEN/ PENGASSAN frowned at the manner in which employers in the oil and gas industry were rendering the workers redundant.

Also the unions in a letter to all the affected employers of labour in the industry condemned the abuse of expatriate quota.

NMA says salaries, allowances of staff not arbitrarily fixed

The National Maritime Authority (NMA) has said that the salaries and allowances of its workers are not arbitrarily fixed.

A statement made available to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos on Thursday by the Head of Corporate Affairs, Dr Iliyasu Dhacko, explained that the salaries and allowances of the workers were in line with what obtained in the Federal Civil Service.

It added that the workers earned what was stipulated by the Salaries and Wages Commission.

Dhacko explained that there was no truth in some media reports that the new Director-General, Mr Festus Ugwu, slashed the allowances of the workers.

A source at the NMA, however, told NAN that what the new management did bringing the Housing allowances of officers on grade levels 14 to 17 in line with the Conditions of Service.

The source said that the measure reduced the housing allowances of the concerned officers to N750, 000, N1.2million, and N1.5 million.

"The National Maritime Authority which recently witnessed a change of leadership, is being repositioned to serve the nation better," the statement said.

It stated that the maritime safety administration and the challenges of successfully implementing the recently-introduced Cabotage regime were topmost on the agenda of the new leadership of the organisation.

It described Ugwu as an astute administrator whose credentials showed this.

The statement noted that the successes recorded by the new Director-General, who was a former Commissioner for Works in Enugu State were enough testimonies to justify his appointment by President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Unemployment worries council boss

From Mustapha Isah Kwaru.
Correspondent, Kano

The vice chairman of Nassarawa local government council in Kano State, Alhaji Ibrahim Tanko Yakasai, has raised alarm over the growing level of unemployment particularly among university graduates, just as he canvassed for the intervention of the private sector.

Alhaji Yakasai, who made the observation when he paid a courtesy visit to the management of Terylex Nigeria Limited, in KAno recently lamented that unemployment has forced youths to engage in unlawful activities.

He said that the private sector should expediate action towards total eradication of unemployment and restiveness, adding that the problem, if unchecked will not augur well for the future of youths in the country.

The vice chairman said also the council will reduce the tax and other fees paid to it by private firms within the area, only if they engaged the services of unemployed youths in the area.

Alhaji Yakasai, however implored all tiers of government to initiate and implement active strategy to curb the menace of unemployment. This he said will minimise social vices such as armed robbery and theft, among others.

Responding, the managing director of the company, Mr. Pradie Kabral, applauded the council for its series of effort aimed at re-orienting the society, describing the move as timely.

He said the company was making moves to employ indigenes of the area, adding that the council should on its part mediate in the problem of lingering scarcity of power and water, which had hindered industrialization.

New Bill'll help labour-*Rep*

From Bassey Ita,
Correspondent, Calabar

The new labour law recently passed by the National Assembly will not strangulate the organised labour against its opposition roles but will rather allow trade unions to take actions that will not retard their existence as well as guiding the labour union from taking certain actions, Chairman, House of Reprdsentatives Special Committee on Liberalization of trade union and labour relations, Chief Obeten Okorn, as said.

Chief Obeten who disclosed this to newsmen in Calabar, explained that the organised labour would not in any way be subjected to government control but will henceforth be free to network their operation and collectively canvas for their right and better conditions of service for their members.

He said further that the bill would also take care of grey areas in labour activities especially in guiding it against taking actions detrimental to its existence and welfare of its members.

"President Olusegun Obasanjo, in line with his privatization, commercialization and liberalization policies, believes that democracy should exist in the public and private sectors. The NLC was created by a decree and lacks so many provisions.

"All that the president sought to do was to democratize labour so that workers are not forced to belong to unions they do not want. We did justice to the Bill hence even the leadership of the NLC commended us", he said.



The Chairman House of Representatives Comiittee on Pensions, Honourable Sani Mahmud Sha'aban (left), confering with Honourable Sani Shehu Minjibir at a function in Abuja...recently

NPA sacks 100 officers

The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) has retrenched 100 officers in an exercise described as a fall-out of the organisation's periodic performance assessment.

The NPA assistant general manager, Public Affairs, Mr Christopher Borha, told newsmen in Lagos recently that the retrenched officials were those who who fell short of the assessment.

Borha told newsmen that the periodic performance assessment of staff was usually carried out to determine the genuity of appointments of officers.

He confirmed that those affected had been served their letters and were now receiving their entitlements.

The NPA Spokesman also disclosed that there were some other staff who were not affected by the exercise but were also currently being screened by the certificate falsification panel set up by the management.

He said that salaries of such staff would be withheld until the investigation was concluded.

Meanwhile, the executives of Senior Staff Association of NPA went had commenced deliberation on the retrenchment exercise.

The President of the association, Mr Peter Abolarin, told newsmen that the union was aware of the development and was trying to analyse the situation.

"We are trying to analyse the situation so that we can respond to it immediately," he said.

When *ulama* gathered to discu

By Abubakar Haruna,
Reporter Abuja

It looked like the political reform conference but it was more of he regional conference of African Islamic faith-based organisation with the theme "Islam and family well-being" About 200 delegates from 17 sub-saharan African countries gathered at Nicon Hilton, Abuja, recently, to forge common ground and to gain greater knowledge and understanding of Islamic views on issues related to reproductive heath, maternal health, women, population and development.

The conference which lasted for five days was organised by the United Nations population fund (UNFPA), it also covered six main sub-themes which include family planning and the fight against maternal and infant mortality, knowledge fund (UNFPA), it also covered six main sub-themes which include family planning and the fight against maternal and infant mortality, knowledge of HIV/AIDS and strategies to fight it, female genital cutting (FGC) and it harmful practices, mother and child health, rights and responsibilities of women in islam, family life education and adolescent health in islam and reason for he creation of a Islamic faith-base network on population and development.

The conference was not rowdy like political gathering but planned and against through which religion and cultural beliefs motivated people to promote and improve the lives of the Muslim communities. The groups of Islamic scholars, men and women dressed in colourful Muslims robes, gave the value a festive mood.

In her speech during an opening ceremony of the conference, the Executive director of United Nations Population Funds (UNFPA), Thoraya Ahmed Obiad said of their collective efforts to build a network of faith-based organisation that cuts across sub-saharan Africa.

Thoraya said, "We operate under the basic assumption that religion and culture are the realities of history and geography and that they are the context in which all developments work takes place".

She added "religion and culture are also the context in which international human rights agreements are implemented. At the same time, we are aware that interpictation of religion, in particular, the elements that deal with daily behaviour and societal interact as well as cultural values are dynamic".

While people are the products of their culture and beliefs, she also said they are also active participants in shaping them through interpretation and clarification.

She hoped that by the time the interfaith umbrella networks fully established, then its membership would cover every country and every religious group on the African countries.

Various papers were presented by experts from different sub-saharan African countries, and there were working groups which were divided into five groups of discussing while at the end of the debates they came up with recommendations that provided a way forward for African Muslims the following areas of discussion are;

Female Genital Cutting (FGC)

The participant has disproved the widely held perception that female genital cutting is a religious requirement. "Illegal" was the word used by delegates at the conference to describe female genital cutting among practicing communities in Africa.

An expert in population and development issues, Dr. Abdul Aziz Kebe attributed the retrogressive practice to customary law and tradition. He said "female genital cutting is neither sunni duty nor an obligatory on any one".

In Saudi Arabia, not a single girl is circumcised. How can we claim it is from the Quran?" wondering Dr. Kebe.

Family planning

The question of weather or not Islam allows family planning was one of the subjects discussed at the conference. While there seems to be some differences in the methods there was consensus that the practice is allowed in Islam.

Presenting a paper titled "Islam and family planning in the Sharia" the secretary general of LAA Raabutat of the *Ulamas* of Morocco and Senegal, Sheik Ibrahim Mahmood Diop Barhama, said "nothing prohibits family planning in the Shariah".

However, a distinction has been made between family planning and birth control, family planning means delaying or hastening a pregnancy (child spacing), while birth control is to put a complete stop to giving birth control so that one has the desired number of children in life. Muslim scholars at the conference said birth is prohibited in Islam.

Sheikh Barhama identified the most important motivation for family planning as economic cultural and health care consideration. For example, if pregnancy poses a risk to the woman's health that pregnancy would justifiably be delayed on the recommendation of qualified health personnel. According to him, family planning is allowed when a woman is weak or when she is subjected to close pregnancies and when the pregnancy endangers her life.

Most of the scholars who contributed to this subject have disproved family planning on account of economic reasons. According to them Allah Almighty would provide for every person in one way or another.

Rights of a woman in Islam

In is paper titled "rights and responsibilities of the woman in Islam" Sheik Tahir Usman Bauchi said that Islam gives a woman rights in life to choose her companion, to benefit from her doorway, to contract a marriage and to inherit property, among other. While a woman has a right to sexual relationship, said Sheik Tahir, Islam allows only those relations which take place within the frame work of marriage. Extra-marital relationships are prohibited for both men and women.

"Allah said in the Quran that men should restrict themselves to their women" said Sheik Tahir.

Prophet Muhammad (SAW), reportedly said that before the days of Islam, if Arabs gave birth to baby girls they hid them, because they took it as a misfortune to the family thereby unknowingly concealing the pleasure Allah had given to them. This belief was later to be changed by Islam. The Prophet (SAW) also said a woman's father did not have the right to give her away to a man without her consent because it was the woman's right to choose the man she wanted to be with.

Sheik Bauchi added that even after marriage the man has a duty to facilitate divorce and annual the marriage if it becomes necessary and not to keep the woman hostage.

Sheikh Bauchi further said that a wife also has a right to her man's body and to be entitled by her husband. The prophet reportedly used to take his wife Aisha out and run errands with her.

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Fighting against HIV/ AIDS

There was heated debate as participants sought to forge common ground. The conference has conceded to starting the fight against HIV/ AIDS a little too late, but even



Delegates representing Tanzania during the regional conference of the African Islamic faith-based organisation.



A cross-section of delegate representing Sierra Leone during the 5-day regional conference.



Sheikh Ali Abdulfatah Maiduguri (left), Sheikh Bashir Usman, (right) during the confernece.

ıss family well-being in Islam



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with recognition that the disease has adversely affected Muslim communities. Many participants who spoke on the above topic said that giving the youth a green light to condom use is tantamount to promoting promiscuity.

The participants agreed to continue preaching abstinence which according to them is the way recommended in Islam Family life education and adolescent health in Islam.

Family life education and adolescent health in Islam

In her paper title "Teaching Family life education in Islamic communities: The Nigerian experience" Hajiya Bilkisu Yusuf said that in Nigeria, the opposition to the use of the word "sexuality" in some parts of the country led to the adoption of term" family life education (FLE)" as a substitute.

According to her, the need to teach FLE emanzed out of concern about the health and well being of young people in the country.

Bilkisu said that sexuality education has been defined as a life long process of acquiring information and forming attitudes beliefs and values about identity relationship, and intimacy.

According to her, sexuality education taught Islamiyya School through fiqhu, the science of Islamic jurisprudence. It teachers young Muslims of both sexes about menstruation, cleanliness, ritual heath after fasting becomes obligatory.

For the boys, the wet dream and breading of voice is the criteria used as the measures of maturity when fasting becomes building. Fish leston also focuses on child birth, breast feeding and purification rituals after sexual intercourse, what the constitutes sexual intercourse and what the law stipulates for fornication and adultery.

Also speaking at the closing ceremony of the conference, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Maccido said that the attendance and papers that have been delivered and the debates that followed have shown that African opinion leaders were fully alive to the problems facing the continent or issues of population and development.

He said "given the limits of our human and material resources, African alone cannot effectively implacement the programme of action; we therefore, need the increase support of the international community.

While describing the event as a land mark step he noted that one of the history outcomes of the conference was the decision to establish the African network of Islamic organisation for population and development.

He hoped that the continent of Africa has blaze the trail for other continents to follow.



A cross-section of some of the Nigerian delegates.



A cross-section of Ulama from different African countries.



Zamfara state governor, Alhaji Ahmed Sani (left), Alhaji Hassan Ahmed, Magajin Garin Sokoto (middle) and secretary general, Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Alhaji Lateef Adegbite (right) during the conference.



Some of the delegates representing Chad Republic.

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

SSAUSCGC faults railway presidential c'ttee

Adelenwa Bamgboye, *Correspondent, Lagos*

The Senior Staff Association of Utilities Statutory Corporation and Government Companies (SSAUSCGC), Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) branch, has faulted the composition of the presidential sterring committee on the concessioning of the Nigerian Railway Corporation.

According to comrade Mike Agogonye, president of SSAUSCGC, the association was not involved in the activities and operations of the corporation and are not adequately represented.

To this end, he requested that a representative of the SSUASCGC be co-opted into the presidential sterring committee on concessioning of railways.

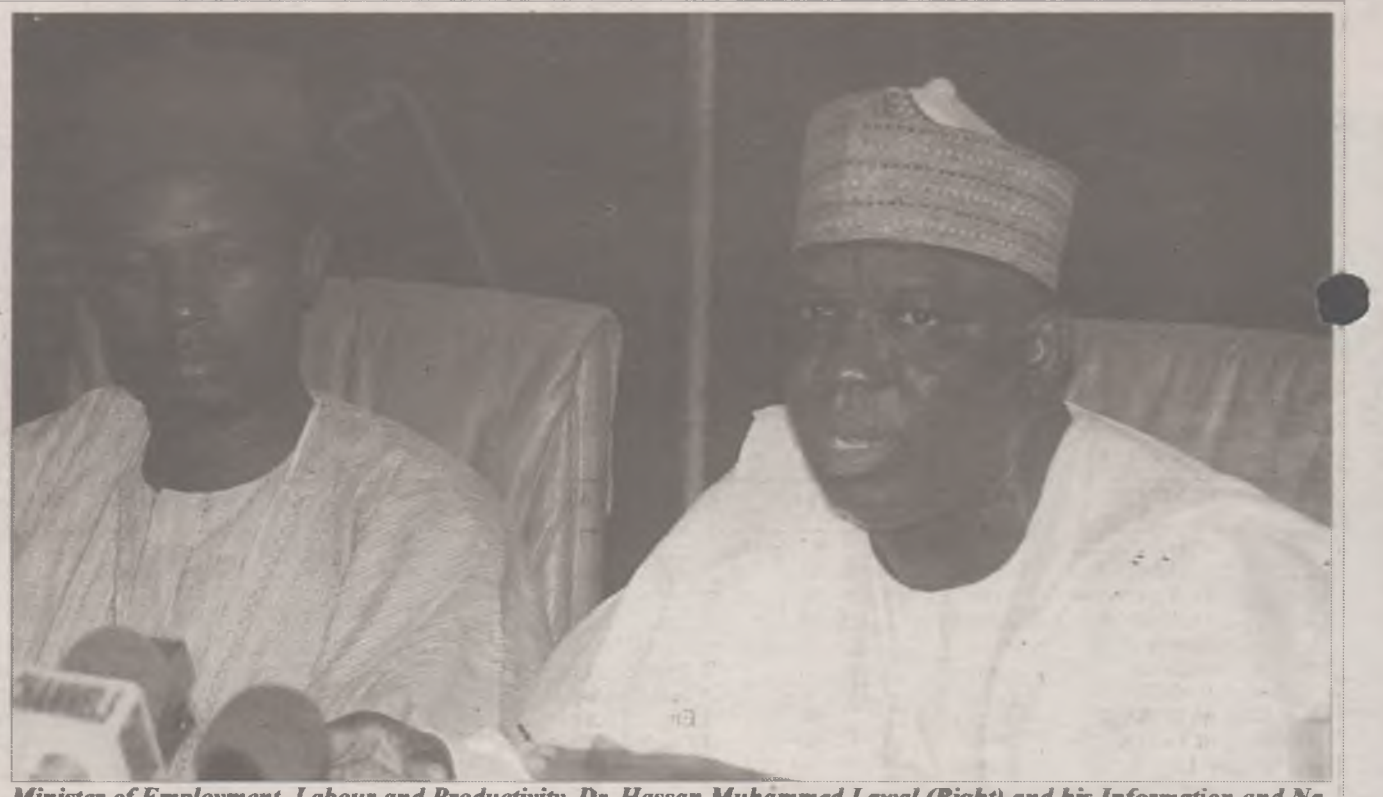
The SSUASCGC president stressed that if the concessioning of the sector will stop the present bleeding of the NRC then the idea is timely.

It would be recalled hat the NRC can not even pay its work force while it still owes pensioners over twenty-five months pension arrears.

The Union while addressing the transport minister recently in Lagos tasked the minister on the urgent rehabilitation of NRC's obsolete and decayed infrastructure to enhance effective and efficient operations as well as encouraging honesty with the federal government reform agenda.

The presidential sterring committee on concessioning of the NRC is to work out the modalities of the railway concession which is expected to take place before the end of the year.

Ahead of this, the minister of transport Dr. Abiye Ssekibo, M.D NRC Alhaji AbdulRahim Abubakar, CEO National Inland Water Ways (NIWA), Engr. R.D Abubakar and Executive Secretary Nigerian Shippers Council (NSC) have embarked on a fact finding tour on a nationwide train ride to see for themselves the state and terminals along the Lagos/ Kano route.



Minister of Employment, Labour and Productivity, Dr. Hassan Muhammed Lawal (Right) and his Information and National Orietation counterpart, Chief Chukwuemeka Chikelu, briefing newsmen at a function in Abuja recently

NULGE vows to rid self of crisis

The Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) has vowed to rid itself of its current crisis before fixing a date for its delegates' conference.

The crisis began when the union's former president, Dr Deji Akinwalere, wrote to the Registrar of Trade Unions to audit NULGE's accounts before the union's delegates' conference, earlier slated for March 30, 2005.

The union's National Executive Council (NEC) on March 19 dissolved the central working committee and set up a seven-man committee, led by Mr Tunde Monehin, to settle the crisis.

Briefing newsmen in Lagos, Monehin said: "there is a need to restore the image and integrity of the union, cleanse her of regional and ethnic bigotry and restore her to the path of sanity.

"The lingering crisis, which started in form of a power tussle and personality clash, has gradually eaten deep into the fabric of our great union with its resultant ethnic and regional polarisation.

"We want to go to the delegates' conference and come out with a leader who will be acceptable to all our members and respected by the government irrespective of his religious or ethnic background," he said.

Mr. Monehin urged the Registrar of Trade Unions to always audit NULGE's accounts whenever he has doubts about the union's fund, saying: "the union has nothing to hide".

The committee has two weeks to report back to the NEC on its findings.

Minister apologises to railway pensioners

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma, *with agency report*

The Transport Minister, Abiye Sekibo, has tendered an apology to pensioners of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) for the non payment of their pensions.

Mr. Sekibo made the apology to workers and pensioners of the corporation at Ibadan during a stopover while on a nationwide fact-finding facility tour.

"I want to apologise on behalf of the federal government to all railway pensioners who are being owed 28-month pensions arrears. I am concerned about the situation, as I consider you just like I would consider my own parents," the minister said.

He said that he had brought the issue of unpaid pensions before President Olusegun Obasanjo and the president had in response issued a directive for the Minister of Finance, Mrs. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to release the funds.

The minister added that pensioners would "smile very soon as I am following up the president's directive for the release of the money".

It would be recalled that pensioners' of the NRC, known as the Pre-June 1996 group, are being owed 28 months pension arrears.

Workers of the railways are also being owed seven months salary arrears, which Mr. Sekibo also said would soon be cleared.

The minister had late last year written to the president requesting the release of N2.6 billion to offset railway pension arrears.

Electricity workers link NEPA privatization to IMF, World Bank

Stories by Samson Ojo, *Correspondent, Lagos*

The National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) has attributed the federal government's insistence on the privatization of the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA) to the dictates of the IMF, World Bank and World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Delivering a keynote address at a five-day retreat organised for full time officers of the Union in Lagos, NUEE general secretary, Dr. Precious Kiri-Kalio, regretted that the Nigerian government has fallen victim of what he called neo-economic policies.

Said he: "It is unfortunate that the Nigerian government has fallen victim of neo-economic policies or globalization despite repeated warnings from patriotic Nigerians on danger inherent on listening to some financial hawks working for the interest of the IMF, World Bank and WTO".

The NUEE scribe pointed out that a review of the manifesto of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and election promises made by President Obasanjo revealed that one of the major policy thrusts of his administration, privatization was never canvassed as abinitio.

He maintained that president Obasanjo was embarking on privatization of public enterprises, despite overwhelming opposition because Nigeria is a debtor nation that has been compelled by its external creditors to privatize.

While doubting the ability of the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE), with its recent failure to carry out the privatization of NITEL, in presiding over large and complex parastatals like NEPA, he said that the BPE does not know the value of NEPA.

"The BPE and National Council on Privatization (NCP) are on their own in the programme they have lined up for the power sector," he said.

...want electricity regulatory commission

The National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) has called on the federal government to set up the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NURC) to midwife the reforms in the power and steel sector.

The Union in a letter dated March 18, 2005 tagged: "Now that the Electric Power sector reform bill has been signed" addressed to President Olusegun Obasanjo, argued that the setting up of the body has become imperative in view of the complex nature of the electricity sector.

The letter signed by the NUEE General Secretary, Dr. Precious Kiri-Kalio reads in part: "It would not be out of place to assign more time to this commission than was assigned to the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) that regulates the telecommunications sector. This length of time being asked for would enable the commission study the terrain and perform all the functions assigned to it by the Act, especially to set standard for the sector and guide transaction".

The Union, in the five-page letter expressed dismay that the federal government has decided to privatize NEPA despite opposition by the stakeholders in the sector.

"We want to call your attention to the fact that the electric power sector reform bill is not only about NEPA. It goes beyond NEPA, hence the concentration of the BPE to balkanise and sell NEPA should be viewed with suspicion as they have not been able to successfully privatize corporations like NITEL, which are smaller and less complex than NEPA.

The Union scribe also called on President Obasanjo to immediately open a discussion with labour on the payment of their severance package and grantuity in order for the workers not to disrupt the government privatization of the sector.

Said he: "We equally observed that there are issues that must be critically discussed with labour and national council on privatization concerning the welfare of the workforce. Issues like pension, severance package and gratuity should be thoroughly analysed and conclusively discussed to avoid unforeseen circumstances. The BPE and NCP should shield their pride and invite labour for serious discussion," he said.



President Olusegun Obasanjo

NAFCON mgr slams former chairman over TV interview

From Muhammad Ajah, *Correspondent, Port Harcourt*

A top management employee of the National Fertilizer Company of Nigeria (NAFCON), Engr. O.W Wakama, has denied remarks that the firm is dead and should be forgotten.

Engr. Wakama in a swift reaction to a statement made by the two-time former chairman of NAFCON, Alhaji Hassan Adamu Wakili in a television interview with DBN that the company was dead, said that the former boss is not aware of the present condition of the company.

"How can Wakili have the guts to say openly that NAFCON is dead. Who killed this giant firm? Can he please tell Nigerians a single thing he did to sustain the firm when he changed the board twice? He is a disappointment", he said.

Engr. Wakama who has worked in NAFCON since it's establishment, said that there is no secret about the company which he does not know and that he contributed effectively and efficiently to the Akanbi Judicial Commission of inquiry on the firm's affairs.

According to him, when one Dr. Mrs. F. Amachere who was second to NAFCON from NNPC to revive the company came on board, workers hoped for betterment was strong as she was committed to do the job.

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7	AUDU	Adaje	M	B.Tech Geology
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17	SULEIMAN	Jibril	M	B.Tech Geography

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75	AGHAULOR	Kenneth	M	B.Sc Geology & Mining
76	AKOMODE	Wallace U.	M	B.Sc Applied Maths.
77	DAFIAGHOR	Moses O.	M	B.Eng Agric/Mechanization Engr
78	PROSPER	Elo O.	M	B.Eng Production Engr.

EDO STATE

1	ABUDU	Rahman O.	M	B.Sc. (Chem. Engr.)
2	AGHENJA	Emmueal A.	M	B.Eng Elect/Elect
3	AGIAYE	Emmanuel I.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
4	AIDAMENBOR	Jaunty E.	M	B.Tech Chemistry
5	AISUENI	Osakpamwan M.	M	BSc
6	AJAYI	Esther O.	F	B.Sc. (Elect Elect.)
7	AMIKE	Obudu O.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
8	ATOGBO	Dominic E.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
9	BENSON	Esigie S.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
10	BRAIMAH	Armiyay	M	B.Eng Elect/Electronics Engr.
11	EBOJIE	Felix	M	B.Tech Physic/Electronics
12	EBUEHI	Ideh C.	M	B.Eng Elect/Elect
13	EDIAGBONYA	Osahon E.	M	B.Eng Elect/Electronics Engr.
14	EDWARD	Peter O.	M	BSC Geology
15	EHEBHA	Griffithonus	M	B.Eng Computer Engr.
16	EMUZE	Joseph E.	M	B.Eng. (Computer Science)
17	ENIOBAKHARE	Amienyaru	M	B.Eng. Prod. Engr.
18	ERHAHON	Emwanta I.	M	BSc Maths/Economics
19	IKHARIA	Izirien	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
20	IKHARIA	Tunde E.	M	B.Eng Elect/Elect
21	IMHOMOH	Augustine O.	M	B.Eng Elec/Elect Engr.
22	IMONITIE	Agbaotor M.	M	B.Sc Economics
23	IRUMEKHIA	Oshiomha I.	M	BSc Accounting
24	ISIDAHOMEN	Osemenkhaian	M	BSc Economics
25	JOSEPH	Ozaueshe	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
26	MONOFI	Unokhaso Z.	M	B.Eng Elect/Elect
27	OBAZE	George I.	M	B.Sc. (Civl Engr.)
28	ODANLUMEN	Sunday G..	M	BSc Ind. Maths
29	ODIAMEHI	Philip	M	BSc Geology/Mineral
30	ODIASE	Henry O.	M	BSc Accounting
31	ODIGIE	Osamudiamen E.	M	BSc Ind. Physics
32	OGBEIFUN	Gregory E.	M	B.Eng Chem Engr.
33	OJEYOKAN	Derick	M	BSc Mech Engr.
34	OKOIRUELE	Osezua K.	M	BSc Geogrpahy
35	OMOROGBE	Osaigbovo	M	BSc Ind. Physics
36	OSAHON	Iguosadia O.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
37	OTARU	Oziofu I.	F	BSc Compt Sc.
38	UGBEBOR	Joy B.	F	BSc Compt Sc.

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2	AHIAUZU	Chinedu	M	B.Tech. (Civil Engr.)
3	AKERE	Solomon L.	M	B.Tech. (Mech. Engr.)
4	AMASO	Inewari A.	M	B.Tech. (Petroleum Engr.)
5	ATEKE	Abiye S.	M	B.Tech. (Mech. Engr.)
6	BENIBO	Soala S.	M	B.Tech. (Chem/Petroleum)
7	BOB-MANUEL	Danagogo O.	M	B.Tech. (Mech. Engr.)
8	BULL	Okpara S.	M	B.Sc. (Chemistry)
9	CHARLES	Adokiye P.	M	B.Tech. (Marine Engr.)
10	DIMKPA	Benson N.	M	B.Eng. (Petroleum Engr.)
11	EBINI	Nelson O.	M	B.Sc. (Applied Physics)
12	EDWIN	Isaiah K.	M	B.Sc. (Civil Engr.)
13	GEORGE	Chinotu F.	M	B.Sc. (Geology)
14	HORSFALL	Nicholas	M	B.Tech. (Chem/Petroleum)
15	IBANIYE	Tamunokuro A.	M	B.Tech. (Electronics)
16	IBIANGA	Opuala I.	M	B.Tech. (Mech. Engr.)
17	IKENYIRI	Udo O.	M	B.Tech. (Marine Engr.)
18	JONATHAN	Atunima E.	M	B.Tech. (Geology)
19	JUMBO	Sandison T.	M	B.Tech. (Mech. Engr.)
20	KONNE	Joshua L.	M	B.Sc. (Chemical Engr.)
21	LAW	Sokeipiriala	M	B.Tech. (Chemical Engr.)
22	LAWSON-JACK	Tonye	M	B.Tech. (Chem/Petroleum)
23	LENYIE	Sualoo M.	M	B.Sc. (Accounting)
24	MBATA	Anthony U.	M	B.Sc. (Geology)
25	NMEGBU	Iwezor A.	M	B.Eng. (Electrical)
26	OGOLO	Egbert A.	M	B.Tech. (Chem/Petroleum)
27	OKERE	Alozie	M	B.Sc. (Geology)
28	ORIJI	Bright N.	M	B.Tech. (Petroleum Engr.)
29	ORUGBANI	Belema	M	B.Tech (Mech. Engr.)
30	SIMEON	Divine-Justice	M	B.Sc. (Geology)
31	SUKUBO	Ibianga A.	M	B.Tech. (Petroleum Engr.)
32	YOUNG-HARRY	Biyateaga O.D.	M	B.Tech. (Civil Engr.)
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1	ADODE	James A.	M	BSC Economics
2	ADOGA	Charles O.	M	B.Eng. (Petroleum Engr.)
3	AGRINYA	Agrinay Julius	M	B.Engr. Mechanical Engr.
4	ATSEYE	Fidelis A.	M	BSC Banking & Finance
5	BASSEY	Sahobor U.	M	BSC Economics
6	EDEM	Cryil U.	M	BSC Geology
7	EFFIONG	Effiom E.	M	BSC Mech Engr.
8	EGBE	Peter I.	M	BSC Chemical Engr.
9	EKPENYONG	Eyo B.	M	BSc Mathematics/Statistics
10	GREGORY	Etilieojo	M	BSC Economics
11	IBRO	Arikpo E.	M	BSC Geology
12	ITOKEM	Francis O.	M	B.Engr Electrical Electronics
13	IYA	Asuquo J.	M	B.Eng Petroleum Engr.
14	MBOTO	Nkanu I.	M	BSC Geogrpahy & Reg. Planning
15	MUKPA	Uduak E.	F	BSC Economics
16	ODEY	Michael O.	M	B.Eng. (Chemical Engr.)
17	OFFIONG	Agnes E. A.	F	B.ED Env. Edu (Phy)
18	OFOR	James A.	M	B.Eng Petroleum Engr.
19	OFORIADOM	Frank	M	B.Eng Metallurgical
20	OROK	Bassey E.	M	BSC Chemistry
21	UNDIANDEYE	Peter A.	M	BSC Geology
22	USANI	Kasi O.	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
AKWA IBOM STATE				
1	ADIAIDUO	Ini U.	M	B.Sc Physics
2	AKWA	Okokon O.	M	BSC Maths/Stat
3	ANANA	Ifreke J.	M	BSC Computer Sc.
4	ASANGUSUNG	Udeme S.	M	B.Eng Chem. Engr.
5	ATTIH	Mfon A.	F	BSC Bio Chemistry
6	BASSEY	Iberedem U.	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
7	BASSEY	Jacob U.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
8	EDEM	Ebong B.	M	B.Sc Computer Sc.
9	EKANEM	Christopher M.	M	B.Eng Material/Meta Engr.
10	EKANEM	Odiogong J.	M	BSc Urban and Reg. Planning
11	EKPAT	Patrick J.	M	B.Sc Petroleum Engr.
12	EKPO	Jeremiah	M	B.Sc Physics
13	EKPO	Victoria E.	F	B.Tech Industrial Chemistry
14	ESA	Idongesit E.	M	B.Elec/Elect Engr.
15	ESSIEN	Itoro M.	F	B.Eng Mechanical Engr.
16	ETON	Godwin E.	M	Bsc Geology
17	ETUK	Idorenyin M.	M	B.Sc Elec/Elect Engr.
18	IFOK	Nkereuwem K.	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
19	IME	Edet	M	B.Sc Geology
20	ISANGEDIGH	Henreitta N.	F	B.Sc Biochemistry
21	ITAUMA	Itauma	M	B Eng. Electrical Engr.
22	JAMES	Israel B.	M	B.Tech. (Chem/Petroleum)
23	JAMES	Emmaunuel E.	M	B.Sc Geology
24	NSSIEN	Anietie P.	M	B.Eng Elec/Elect Eng.
25	NWAOHIRI	Ezinne D.	F	BSC Mech Engr.
26	OKOKO	Imo E.	M	B.Sc Analytical Chemistry
27	UDO	Ephraim E.	M	B.Sc Geology
28	UDOFIA	William E.	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
29	UDOFOT	Oto	M	B.Eng Elect Electronics Engr.
30	UDOH	Anictie B.	M	B.Eng. (Chemical Engr.)
31	UDOH	Ekaette L.	F	B.Sc Computer Sc.
32	UDO-IMEH	Nsikok	M	B.Eng (Mech)
33	UDOSEN	Anietie S.	M	B.Eng. (Mech. Engr.)
34	UDUAKA	Akaninyene E.	M	B.Sc Economics
35	UKO	Uwem E.	M	B.Sc. (Geology) + TOEFL
36	UMANA	Alexander N.	M	B.Eng Elec/Elect Eng.
37	UMOH	Aniekeme D.	M	B.Sc Computer Sc.
38	UMOH	Kufre N.	M	B.Tech Mech Engr.
39	UMOH	Mfoniso	F	B.Eng Electrical
40	UMOH	Odudu F.	M	B.Sc Computer Sc.
41	UMOREN	Ndifreke	F	B.Eng Elec/Elect Eng.
42	UMOREN	Nsikak U.	M	B.Sc Geology
43	USORO	Nsikak	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
44	ETOK	Nsima	M	BSc Physics
BAYELSA STATE				
1	DAWORIYE	Lawrence T.	M	B.Sc. (Chemistry)
2	EJERU	Kamelayefa	M	B.Tech Chemical Petroleum
3	FURO	Ayebatonye S.	M	B.Tech Chem/PetroChem Engr.
4	IGENE	Harrison A.	M	BSC Industrial Chemistry
5	INAIBO	Dein S.	M	B.Tech Science, Elect Engr.
6	L.A.EGI	Rachel	F	BSC Business Admin
7	LELEI	Ikiaebi	M	B.Tech Mech Engr.
8	MAKKINTOSH	Timinere	M	B.Eng (Elect Elect
9	MIEYEBO	Akpoebi N.	F	B.Tech Chemical Petroleum
10	NABENA	Helen E.	F	B.Eng PetroChem Engr.
11	NATHANIEL	Godknows E.	M	B.Tech Urban & Reg.Plan
12	NWOKOLO	Christopher E.	M	B.Eng Petroleum Engr.
13	OBI	Peter A.	M	B.Tech Chem/PetroChem Engr.
14	OJUJOH	Otegha T.	F	BSC Biochemistry
15	OKPUVWIE	Ejuvweyere J.	M	BSC Geo & Reg. Plan
16	OMALE	David O.	M	B.Tech Chem. Petchem Engr.
17	OTOBO	Donatus	M	BSC Marketing
18	SAM	Odumo J. E.	M	BSC Computer Sc.
19	SAMSON	Chinedu	M	B.Eng. (Petroleum Engr.)

NORTH-WEST ZONE VENUE: Theather 1, Old Site, Bayero University, Kano, Kano State. Time: 9.00 a.m.

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JIGAWA STATE				
1	ABBA	Sanni	M	B.Tech Comp. Sc.
2	ABDULLAHI	Umar	M	BSc Biochemistry
3	ABUBAKAR	Zakaria	M	B.Eng Civil & Water Res. Engr.
4	ADO	Muhammad	M	B.SC Chemistry
5	ALIYU	Imamu	M	BSc Business Admin
6	EL-HUSSEIN	Salisu	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
7	HAMZA	Isa Mohammed	M	B.Tech Compt. Sc.
8	HAMZA	Salius M	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
9	IBRAHIM	Abdullahi	M	BSc Applied Biology
10	IBRAHIM	Aminu	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
11	IBRAHIM	Mansur	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
12	BALA	Hashim	M	B.Sc Engr. Chem Engr.
13	MUHAMMAD	Musa	M	B.Sc Engr. Chem Engr.
KATSINA STATE				
1	ABDULLAHI	Mohammed N.	M	BSc Business Admin.
2	ABUBAKAR	Abdulsalam	M	BSc Econs
3	ALKILU	Usman	M	BSc Business Admin
4	AMADU	Yusuf	M	BSc Biochem
5	AMINU	Habibullah	M	B.Tech Comp. Sc.
6	BAKORI	Hamu A.	M	Applied Chemistry
7	BELLO	Aminu	M	BSc Accts
8	IBRAHIM	Abubakar	M	BSC Accounting
9	MAMMAN	Usman I.	M	B.Eng Chem Engr.
10	MOHAMMED	Sade	M	B.Eng (Elect)
11	SANDA	Kaita M.	M	B.Eng (Elect)
12	SANI	Nasiru G.	M	B.Eng Civil
13	SHEHU	Ummar	M	BSc Maths
14	SULEIMAN	Aliyu	M	B.Eng Elect Elect
15	UMAR	Nura K.	M	BSc Comp. Sc.
16	YUSUF	Armayau	M	BSc Accounting
17	ZAYYAD	Tauhida	F	BA INT BIZ/INT REL
18	NAZIF	Abdulqadir	M	B.Eng Electrical Engr.
KEBBI STATE				
1	ABARSHI	Mu'awuya M.	M	B.Sc Chmistry
2	ABUBAKAR	Mansur	M	BSc Economics
3	BALA	Yazidu	M	BSc Geography
4	DAUDA	Ibrahim	M	B.Eng Electrical Elect Engr.
5	GARBA	Bashir	M	BSc Applied Chemistry
6	GARBA	Ibrahim W.	M	BSc Applied Chemistry
7	HANAFI	Sa'ad S.	M	BSc LLB
8	MICHAEL	Anthony	M	B.Eng Chemical Eng
9	MOHAMMED	Idris J.	M	BSc , B.Eng Land Surveying
10	MOHAMMED	Sanusi	M	BSc Comp. Sc.
11	MUSA	Hassan	M	BSc Urban & Regional Plan.
12	MUSA	Husaini A	M	BSc Urban & Regional Plan.
13	NUHU	Koko A.	M	BSc Management Studied
14	SAIDU	Bashir	M	BSc Applied Chemistry
15	SIDI	Ridwan	M	B.Eng Elect Engr.
SOKOTO STATE				
1	IBRAHIM	Yusuf A.	M	BSc Mgt Studies
2	DIKKO	Aliyu A.	M	BSc Compter Sc.
3	MOHAMMED	Adbulqadir	M	BSc Applied Chem
4	ALIYU	Bello	M	BSc Biochemistry
5	UMAR	Faruk D.	M	BSc Compter Science
6	UMAR	Mustpha	M	BSc Comp. Sc.
7	SABO	Abubkar	M	BSc Physics
8	BELLO	Dange A.	M	BSC Applied Chemistry
9	YAHAYA	Mansur I.	M	BSC Applied Chemsitry
10	MUSTAFA	Aminu	M	BSC Maths
11	ABDULLAHI	Ibrahim	M	LLB - Law
12	MOHAMMED	Aminu	M	B.SC Economics
13	ABDULKADIR	Mukhtar	M	B.Engr. Chem. Engr.
ZAMFARA STATE				
1	ABDULLAHI	Surajo	M	BSC Applied Chemistry
2	ABUBAKAR	Amina H.	F	BSC Comp. Sc.
3	ABUBAKAR	Mohammed	M	BSC Biochemistry
4	AHMED	Sanusi	M	BSC Computer Sc.
5	GARBA	Ibrahim	M	BSC Micro biology
6	GARBA	Nasiru	M	BSC Chemistry
7	GARBA	Sani	M	BSC Computer Sc.
8	MOHAMMED	Ibrahim	M	B.Eng Civil Eng
9	SANI	Abdul	M	BSC Political Science
10	SANI	Nasiru	M	BSC Applied Chemistry
11	SHEHU	Sha'aya U.	M	BSC Biochemistry
12	YAHAHA	Halliru	M	BSC Geography
KADUNA STATE				
1	BALA	Shuaibu	M	BSC Biochemistry
2	KWABU	Aminchi	M	B.Tech Computer Sc
3	MUSA	Joel	M	B.Tech Geology
4	SULEIMAN	Hamisu	M	BSC Accounting
5	TAVNA	Aristobulus N.	M	B.Eng (Mechanical)
6	YERO	Suleiman	M	B.Eng Mech Eng,
7	YOHANNA	Mary	F	BSC Architecture
KANO STATE				
1	ABDULLAHI	Musbahu	M	B.Eng Elect Engr.
2	ABUBAKAR	Ibrahim	M	BSC Accounting
3	ADO	Aminu	M	B.SC Business Admin
4	AHMED	Abubakar	M	B.Eng Elect Engr.
5	ALI	Muhammed	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
6	BABAGU	Umar	M	BSC Economics

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7	BASHIR	Aliyu	M	B.Eng Chemical Engr.
8	DISO	Aminu	M	B.Eng Elect Power Inst comuter
9	DISO	Bashir	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
10	LAWAL	Mohammed	M	NDA Mechanical Engr.
11	LAWAN	Bilya	M	B.Eng Electrical Engr.
12	MIJINYAWA	Abdulrahman	M	B.Eng Chemical Engr.
13	MOHAMMED	Ahmed	M	BSC Micro Biology
14	MUSA	Auwalu	M	BSc Physcis
15	NASIDI	Yusuf	M	BSC Chem Engr.
16	SAEED	Abdurrahman	M	BSc Economics
17	SAID	Saleh	M	BSc Political Sc.
18	SHEHU	Ahmed	M	B.Eng Electrical Engr.
19	WADA	Ibrahim	M	BSC Economics
20	YAHAYA	Sani F.	M	BSC Economics
21	YUSUF	Yunusa B.	M	BSC Economics
22	ZIMIT	Abubakar	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
23	BALA	Umar	M	B.Sc Physics

NORTH-EAST ZONE VENUE: MPH 1 & 2 Halls, New Complex, University Campus, University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Borno State. Time: 9.00 a.m.

1	ABDULALLAHI	Aliyu G.	M	BSC Accounting
2	ABDULKADIR	Danlami	M	B.Tech Comp. Sc.
3	ABDULLAHI	Mohammad	M	B.Tech Compt. Sc.
4	BABANI	Mohammed	M	BSc Accounting
5	BARAU	Sabiu	M	B.eng Mech
6	BATURE	Muktar	M	B.Eng Civil Eng
7	DANLAMI	Ibrahim	M	BSC Economics
8	EZEKIEL	David M.	M	B.Eng Elect/Electronics
9	HASSAN	Abubakar	M	Civil Engr.
10	JABBO	Josiah	M	BSC Geology & Mining
11	JARMA	Idris	M	BSC Business Admin
12	LADAN	Abdulmalik	M	B.Eng Civil Engr.
13	MAHAMUD	Umar	M	B.Tech Comp. Sc.
14	MAHMOOD	Husna	F	B Tech Operations Res.
15	MOHAMMED	Abubakar	M	BSC Mech Engr.
16	MOHAMMED	Ibrahim	M	BSC Geology
17	MOHAMMED	Mukhtari	M	BSC Geology
18	MUDI	Abubakar	M	B.Eng Mech Prod. Engr.
19	MUSTPHA	Zarcefa	F	BSC Computer Sc
20	NASIRUDEEN	Baba	M	B.Tech Ind. Chem
21	UMAR	Bappah	M	B.Tech Applied Geology
22	YAKUBU	Maikudi	M	B.Tech Applied Maths
23	YA'U	Auwal M.	M	BSC Geology

BORNO STATE

1	BABA	Muhammed	M	B.Eng Civil & Water
2	BUKAR	Muhammed	M	BSC Geology
3	DANIEL	Ozarma	M	B.Eng Elect/Elect
4	IZA	Paul Y.	M	B.Sc. (Bus. Admin.)
5	JARMA	Ibrahim	M	B.Eng Water Resources
6	KALAUSA	Hyelni	M	B.Tech Applied Geology
7	KATSALA	Ayuba	M	B.Eng Mech
8	MOHAMMED	Bintu K.	F	BSC Geology
9	PETERS	Sunday	M	BSC Geology
10	PINDAR	Bitrus	M	BSC Geology
11	SAMAILA	Idi Ardo	M	BSC Geology
12	IBRAHIM	Abdulmajeed	M	BSC Geology

ADAMAWA STATE

1	APAGU	Adamu V.	F	B.Eng Chemical Engr.
2	BAHA	Yusuf	M	B.Tech Computer Sc.
3	BAKARI	Abubakar	M	B.Eng Civil Eng
4	BAKARI	Maryam	F	BSC Accounting
5	BAWA	Sanusi	M	B.Eng Elect Elect
6	DUNAH	Akaka	M	B.E(Electrical Electronics)
7	FILGONA	Joel	M	B.Tech Microbiology
8	GARBATI	Umar	M	B.Tech Surveying
9	GIDADO	Godwin	M	BSC Agric Econs
10	HASSAN	Ibrahim	M	BSC Geology
11	IBRAHIM	Abubakar	M	B.Eng Elect Engr.
12	IBRAHIM	Auwal	M	B.Eng Chemical Engr.
13	JOHN	Gaman	M	B.Tech Operations Research
14	JOHN	Yakubu	M	B.Eng Chemical Engr.
15	LAWAL	Saidu S.	M	B.eng Elect Engr.
16	MAGANI	Jonathan G.	M	B.Tech Computer Sc.
17	MAMMAN	Saidu	M	B.Eng Civil Eng
18	MBAMO	Peter	M	B.Tech Operations Research
19	MOHAMMED	Njidda	M	B.Eng Elect Elect
20	NYACHAKA	Christopher	M	B.Eng Mech Engr.
21	SALEH	Usman	M	BSc Economics
22	SULEIMAN	Ishiyaku Aliyu	M	B.Eng Civil & Water Res. Eng.
23	TAHIR	Salaudeen	M	BSC Geology
24	WAPANUWARI	Tsktiya	M	B.Tech Industrial Chem
25	YUSUF	Jamal	M	B,Eng Agric Eng
26	TAHIR	Suleiman	M	BSC Economics

GOMBE STATE

1	ABUBAKAR	Aminu	M	BSC Geology
2	ABUBAKAR	Ezra	M	B.tech Industrial Design
3	ALIYU	Musa	M	B.Tech Q.S
4	IBRAHIM	Abdulahi	M	B.Tech Geology
5	MODI	Bala	M	B.Tech Computer
6	MSHELIA	Rifkatu	F	BSC Accounting
7	SALISY	Abubakar	M	B.Tech Applied Geology
8	YAHAYA	Abubakar	M	BSC Accounting
9	ABDULLAHI	Usman	M	B.Sc Economic
10	BURUNDA	Mohammed	M	B.Sc Geology

YOBE STATE

1	BAKA	Barnabas	M	B Tech Operations Research
2	BANGULU	Yusuf Y.	M	BSC Geology
3	BUNDI	Mohammed J.	M	BSC Accounting
4	LAMIRI	Ayuba N.	M	BSC Accounting
5	MAI-SULE	Hadiza	F	BSC Economics
6	MOHAMMED	Bilyaminu H.	M	BSC Geology
7	MUKHTAR	Salisu I.	M	B.Eng Electrical Engr.
8	SIDI	Mohammed W.	M	BSC Geology
9	YAHAYA Musa		M	BSC Accounting

TARABA STATE

1	SANI	Sulaiman	M	B.Tech Maths
2	AMANUNDU	Joseph	M	BSC Civil Engr.
3	BAGUDU	Dahiru	M	B.Tech Satiscs & Operation Research
4	TAFIDA	Mohammed	M	B.Tech Chem. Engr.
5	JAURO	Joel R.	M	B.Tech Electronic & Electrical Engr.
6	GASSOL	Sales	M	BSC Geology
7	SULAIMAN	Murtala	M	BSC NDA Geography
8	ABATUBA	Aromnde	M	B.Eng Electrical & comp. Engr.
9	SILAS	Hosea A.	M	BSc Economics

SOUTH WEST ZONE VENUE: Health Sciences Lecture Theather, Theather 'C', Obafemi Awolowo University , Ile-Ife, Osun State. Time: 9.00 a.m.

EKITISTATE

1	ADEBULEHIN	Adedayo	M	B.Sc Geology
2	ADEJUGBA	Ibukun I.	M	BSC Metallur/Materials
3	ADELODUN	Adewale	M	Applied Geophysics
4	ADEWALE	Ayodeji	M	B.SC Business Admin
5	AGBEDE	Oluseye O.	M	B.Tech. (Chemical Engr.)
6	AJAYI	Adekunle	M	B.Eng Mech & Prod. Engr.
7	AJAYI	Bamidele	M	B.Eng Mining Eng.
8	AKINOLA	Kehinde	M	Applied Geology
9	ALABI	Adebusola B.	M	B.Tech. (Physics)
10	ALOFUN	Ayodeji	M	B.Sc Geology
11	ANIMASAHUN	Olarewaju	M	B.Eng Mech
12	ARIBISALA	Adesoji	M	B.Eng
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Preamble

Since the transition from military rule to the civilian Fourth Republic, Nigeria's quest for effective democratic governance has confronted many challenges. The integrity of the electoral system is a major issue facing Nigeria's new democracy. We know from past history that turbulent elections have been a source of political crisis in Nigeria. Controversies surrounding elections have serious potential to undermine the legitimacy and stability of democracy. There could be the most serious consequences for democratic development if political leaders are unable to reach consensus on rules of political conduct, and if the Nigerian public therefore becomes alienated from the electoral process. Nigerians would universally suffer from further political crises or an interruption of democratic rule.

We therefore resolve

Democracy is the sole political choice for Nigeria, and the best system for managing the nation's current challenges, fostering better governance, and ensuring popular welfare.

We reject all unconstitutional means of contesting or obtaining power in Nigeria.

We recognize that public legitimacy is the bedrock for a successful and stable democracy.

We further recognize that a fair and transparent electoral process is an important basis of citizens' legitimacy in a democracy, and we commit ourselves to ensuring free, fair, and honest elections in Nigeria.

We affirm the following commitments

We will take every measure, on our own behalf and in cooperation with others, to promote the goals of a fair, competitive, and transparent election system in Nigeria. We condemn and renounce all forms of rigging, fraud, and election misconduct. Nigeria's electoral process must attain the highest standards of integrity, efficiency, and legitimacy.

We support strong, capable, and fully independent Electoral Commissions at the federal and state levels. Accordingly, government must provide all necessary resources and facilities to allow INEC and the SIECs to operate with autonomy, and to promote their best performance. Those institutions must also take necessary steps to strengthen their capacities and to ensure full independence in the nation's election administration.

We condemn and renounce all forms of political violence. We commit ourselves to exercising discipline and restraint over all political forces under our authority, to resist provocation by rivals, and to appeal to legal procedures for resisting and containing electoral violence. We further renounce any forms of intimidation or coercion that would limit the participation of any candidate, voter, election official, agent, or observer.

We expect and encourage all political party organizations to follow democratic rules and procedure in their internal affairs, and in political competition. Party leaders must effectively regulate all their members, whether incumbents, candidates, or supporters, in meeting the highest standards of fair and transparent competition. Party organizations must reject any efforts to intimidate or disenfranchise political opponents. They must also agree to refrain from any undue influence over election officials.

We commit ourselves to a regular consultative process to insure the integrity of elections. This includes (but is not limited to) regular meetings among party leaders and campaign organizations; among political parties, INEC and the SIECs; among INEC and government; among civil society monitors and INEC. These meetings should encourage regular dialogue over best practices, and the exchange of any available information over infractions of fair electoral procedures.

We endorse the goal of a simplified and fully transparent electoral counting process. We accept a role for independent observers to witness all stages of the counting process. We encourage INEC to post election returns down to the level of the constituency/polling station to ensure transparency.

We endorse the fullest possible role for election observers. Domestic civil society organizations should have access to all polling places without intimidation or unreasonable restriction, and they should be welcome to send qualified representatives to witness the counting process. International observers should also be welcome to observe any polling place, and all stages of collation or counting.

We encourage an independent, efficient, and public system of election tribunals. The tribunals should be enabled to process election complaints in the speediest possible fashion, and full transparency should be maintained.

We support an increase in public funding for political parties as a means of balancing the undue influence of private funds. We commit to the goal of full transparency in political party finances. We also endorse unrestricted access for all candidates to all forms of media.

We support and encourage efforts by government and civil society to promote civic education, public information, and other measures to ensure the fullest electoral participation. We advocate a fully inclusive electoral process that incorporates Nigerians of every gender, ethnic group, religion, and walk of life.

ABUJA TRUST

Two in court for intimidating Senator

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Two suspects, one Abdulazeez Bello, alias Yakubu Achor, and Ado Abubakar have been arraigned before an Abuja Chief Magistrate sitting in Jabi for allegedly intimidating one Senator Suleiman Makanjuola Ajadi who served in the senate from June 1999 to July 28, 2004 by threatening that he will be 'eliminated' if he refused to pay them the sum of N150,000.

'An unidentified caller called my line with phone number 08034488159 at about 10.00pm in the night, saying that he is a member of a group of hired assassins and that they had been paid to eliminate him,' Senator Ajadi said. Senator Ajadi told the court that the caller, who called him for five days running, told him that political leaders paid them the sum of N350,000 to eliminate him because he was 'giving them too much trouble over his election in the senate and had ambition for the 2007 election.'

The caller, according to the first prosecution witness, one (PWI) Suleiman, told him that the money they paid them was not enough and that he should bring N150,000 in order to spare his life.

According to Senator, Ajadi, 'I gathered my friends, one Senator Isaq Salman, Barrister Moses Ibiyemi, Alhaji Abdulrahamani Akanni Jimoh, and the Minister of Communication, Chief C.O Adebayo, for their advice. They advised me to report the matter to the police.'

Senator Ajadi, who revealed that he and his friends opened the phone speaker to record the conversation, said that they reported the matter to the Force Police Headquarters and were referred to a Commissioner of Police (C.I.B). 'I wrote statement and the matter was assigned to three police officers, one CSP Ali, Inspector Maji, and one other,' PWI said.

According to PWI, 'Inspector Maji advised me to repeat the conversation by phoning the caller, which I did in the presence of the police for them to record. He also told the court that he was asked to buy him two MTN N1,500 recharge cards, which he bought for two days.

'The caller, who called himself Don, told me that he gave me August 25, 2004 as deadline to pay the N100,000 out of N150,000 to the account number 98914310025 named Ashor at Union Bank Plc Auchi,' Senator Ajadi said.

Senator Ajadi told the court that the police arrested one of the accused persons at Union Bank Auchi when he told them that he paid the sum of N100,000 to the said account and the second accused was arrested in Lagos.

Barrister Ben I. Udeh, the defence counsel, asked for adjournment saying that he will produce some documents that were signed by the complainant before proceeding with his examination in the next adjournment. The presiding chief magistrate, Othman Musa, granted the application by the defence counsel adjourned the case to April 19, 2005.

It was gathered that on August 16 2004 at about 2:00pm the two accused persons were charged with criminal conspiracy and intimidation contrary to sections 97 and 397 (b) of the penal code law.

The accused, according to the First Information Report (FIR), demanded of one Senator Suleiman Makanjuola Ajadi of Apo Legislative Quarters, now living in the Wuye district of Abuja, to pay the sum of N150,000 ransom for his life or, if he refused, they would kill him 'the way they killed the Kogi State INEC chairman.'

The accused, who pleaded not guilty to the charges, were granted bail in the sum of N100,000 each.

400 shops available for traders in Wuse market –*Mgt*

By Ebenezer John Buoro, *(Intern)*

The management of the old Wuse Market has revealed that 400 open spaces were available in the market for petty traders. The public relations officer of the Abuja Market Management, a subsidiary of the Abuja Investment and Development Company, Mr. Innocent Amechina, revealed this to *Abuja Trust* last week in his office. He said that the process of allocation via balloting was democratic, adding that all displaced petty traders whose shops were demolished in Wuse market and who had interest were asked to buy registration forms at N500 for the ballot in which the 3,000 traders affected were to participate.

Mr. Amechina said that the registration form sells for N500 for the stalls and 1,2[illegible] traders participated in biddi[illegible] for the 400 stalls. He also said that N20,000 was levied on butchers and N10,000 on petty traders for constructing the stalls.

Amachina however declared that those who lose the ballot for the open space stalls will have another opportunity since some traders have failed to return the form and bidding file. According to him, the act is a gesture to the petty traders pending the completion of their permanent site which is on-going.

Man charged with breach of trust

By Ekanem Bassey *(Intern)*

One Mr. Ogbonaya Ene, a businessman, has appeared before a chief magistrate court in Jabi, Abuja for breach of trust. According to the First Information Report (FIR) the accused was alleged to have collected medicated glasses valued at N110,000 from one Dr. Bello Okafor, whose office is opposite UTC in area 10, and issued him a post-dated cheque of N100,000 with serial number 01320102043 which was dishonoured by the bank. The offence is contrary to section 312 and 302 of the penal code.

Mr.Ene denied the charge against him, while his counsel Dr. Nnana applied for his bail based on section 36 (B) 341 of the criminal procedure law and the African chapter on people's and human rights.

The presiding magistrate, Uthman Musa, granted the accused person bail and adjourned the case to May 5, 2005 for further hearing.



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Woman to contest Sabon-Gari ward councellorship

By Jamilah Nuhu Musa,
Correspondent (Kano)

A woman politician in Kano, Madam Lilian Dike, has declared her intention to contest the councellorship seat of Sabon-Gari west ward in Fagge local government under the platform of ANPP. The woman political aspirant who declared her intention at the Orlu Divisional Hall (ODU) in Sabon-Gari during a dinner party organised for her supporters and well wishers, said that she intended to better the lot of the people of Sabon-Gari.

Madam Lilian Dike observed that the problems of Sabon-Gari ranged from water scarcity in some areas and lack of culverts and drainages. She lamented the lack of effective refuse disposal in Sabon Gari, the poor condition of the environment, as well as the absence of a scholarship scheme for children in West ward.

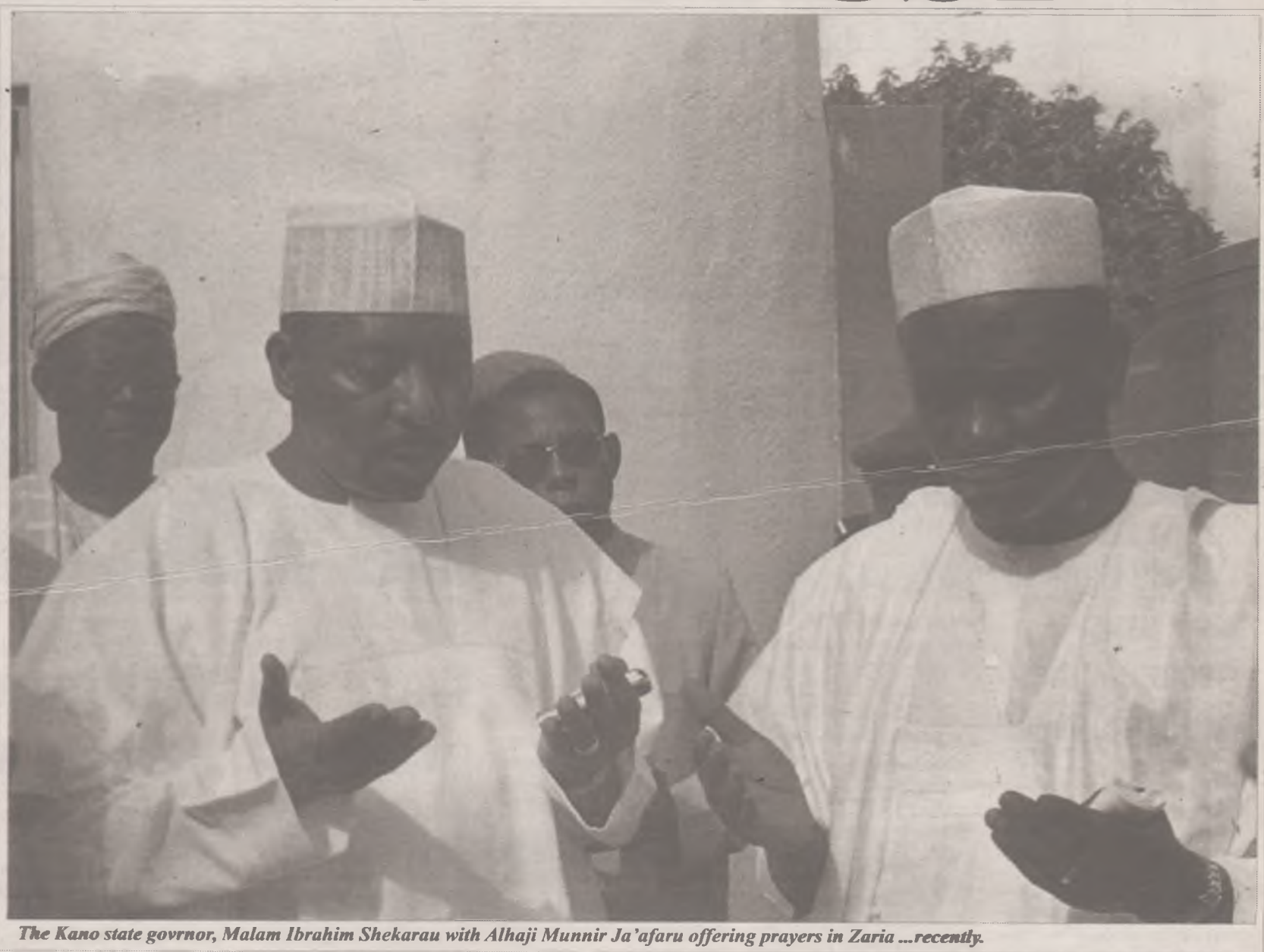
The woman aspirant said that she had written to elders in the Fagge local government and made her intention known to the people of her constituency. She disclosed that they all have given her the necessary support and promised her their votes.

Madam Dike regretted that most politicians have not lived up to expectation and pursed other agenda upon their election that differed from their manifesto. She however commended Governor Ibrahim Shekarau for concentrating on crucial projects in Sabon Gari, which, she said, has improved the lot of the people.

Madam Dike mentioned that the 'honesty and transparency' of the Shekarau administration informed her decision to join the ANPP. She declared that the ANPP 'will lead us to victory in the forthcoming local government election in the state.'

Meanwhile the campaign director of Madam Dike, Mr. J. O. Odemba, a former speaker of the Fagge local government council, called on the people of Sabon-Gari to give Madam Dike the necessary support to enable contribute to the development of West ward.

Mr. Joseph Aliwa, former chairman Sabon-Gari West ward, called on the political aspirant to be God fearing and 'deliver the goods' when she eventually clinches the councellorship contested by eight other male aspirants.



The Kano state govrnor, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau with Alhaji Munnir Ja'afaru offering prayers in Zaria ...recently.

C'ttee advises KNSG on Qur'anic degree programme

By Yusha'u Adamu Ibrahim,
Correspondent (Kano)

The Kano state government has been advised to affiliate the Mallam Aminu Kano College of Islamic and Legal Studies with Kano University of Technology, Wudil (KUT) to ensure a proper take-off of the degree programme on Qur'anic studies. The chairman of the committee on the establishment of the degree programme in Qur'anic studies at the Mallam Aminu Kano College of Islamic Legal Studies, Professor Munzali Jibril, gave the advice while submitting the committee's report to the secretary to the state government, Alhaji Abdul-Karim Hassan.

Prof. Munzali explained that before going to that extent, the laws establishing the university and its programmes should be reviewed. He stressed that with minor modification in the university programmes, which could be done within a short time, the degree programme in Qur'anic studies could be operated even without external control and with minimal expenditure. He thanked the state government for enabling them to contribute their quota and called on the government to thoroughly study and implement the committee's recommendations. He disclosed that the committee had explored and recommended several options for the consideration by the state government concerning the introduction of the degree programme on Qur'anic studies.

On his part, the secretary to the state government, Alhaji Abdulkarim Hassan, reiterated the state government's commitment to implement the committee's recommendations. Alhaji Abdulkareem, who appreciated the report of the committee, said that members of the committee have done a good job and that the government will do its best to ensure proper implementation of the report.

Kano water board staff gets motorcycle loan

By Ahmed Abubakar,
Reporter (Kano)

Standard Trust Bank has given out 34 motorcycles as loans to staff of the Kano state water board to ease the difficulty of transporting themselves to work. Receiving the keys to the vehicles on behalf of the benefices, the assistant general manager of the water board responsible for administration, Alhaji Garba Mohammad - Rogo, acknowledged that the motorcycles will assisting his staff to come to work early. He called on the management of Standard Trust Bank to continue with their good work.

Alhaji Garba Mohammed, who represented the managing director of the water board, said that the kind gesture by Standard Trust bank was the first of its kind enjoyed by the employees of the water board. 'In the past,' he disclosed, 'Standard Trust has given us motorcycles to enable us run errands for the company.'

The business manager of the bank, Sani Usman, revealed that about 3,500 staff of the water board would benefit from the loan scheme, but due to logistical problems only 34 vehicles were released as the first batch of the scheme. He said that the beneficiaries will repay the loan (which will be recouped within a period of 18 months) with ease.

The chairman of the Amalgamated Union of the water board, Comrade Aminu Salisu Kura, assured the bank of his members' commitment to repay the loan promptly. He said that apart from the insurance attached to the loan agreement between the bank and the beneficiaries, the interest on the motorcycle loan was the lowest ever obtained by workers in Kano

Tribunal annuls Makoda LG elections

The April 2003 local government election earlier won by the PDP in Makoda local government has been quashed by the Election Appeal Tribunal sitting in Kano. Submissions by the counsel representing Hassan Abbah Abdullahi of ANPP alleged irregularities in the conduct of the election. Justice Nura Sagir Umar, who presided over the tribunal, said that the ruling was based on the submission of the counsel. An earlier ruling by a magistrate court in favour of Ali Haruna Abubakar and 18 others as the executive chairman of the council was therefore rejected.

After the ruling was handed down by the magistrate's court, Hassan Abbah appealed to the tribunal and prayed the court to revisit the ruling of the magistrate. He made the call while receiving party paid him a courtesy call shortly after the election was quashed.

Earlier Alhaji Hassan Abbah Abdullahi, who was favoured by the ruling, urged the former chairman of the council, Alhaji Ali Haruna Abubakar, to accept the ruling in good faith.

Emir tasks parents on Islamic education

The Muslim Ummah in Kano state has been called upon to pay adequate attention to sending their wards for Islamic education to enable them live a pious life and worship their Creator. The Emir of Kano, Dr. Alhaji Ado Bayero, made the plea recently at the graduation ceremony and endowment appeal fund for the Musa Iliyasu Islamic Education Centre in Kano.

Alhaji Ado Bayero urged parents and children to intensify all efforts to seek Islamic knowledge and advised the graduands to extend what they have learnt

While inspecting the architectural model design of the school, he pledged the sum of N1 million naira to the Centre. Dr. Aminu Dantata, a renowned philanthropist, also donated N1 million to the Centre. The chairman of Musa Illiyasu Motors likewise donated N1m, while the chief launcher, Alhaji Yahaya Muhammad Kyabo, donated 2 million naira.

In his remark, the chief launcher and chairman of the college, Alhaji Musa Illiyasu, called on the people to acknowledge the significance of Islamic education to the society, which he described as 'the bedrock of any

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LASG treats, rehabilitates destitutes

Stories by Olumde Bajulaiye, *Correspondent (Lagos)*

The Lagos State Government has begun the rehabilitation of indigent patients-turned-beggars on streets across the state for corrective surgery, just as it announced that malaria accounts for 60 per cent of cases in its hospitals.

The State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Leke Pitan, who disclosed this during a news conference in Alausa on Thursday, also said the state had begun the restructuring of its hospital registration authority.

Pitan said that the Lagos State Governor, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, had authorized free corrective surgery for all indigent persons begging on street corners in the state.

According to him, residents of the state should stop encouraging them to beg by giving them money, but bring them to the Ministry of Health to obtain a cover letter for the free corrective surgery.

He sard, "We are waiting for those cases of goiter, tumour, anemia, deformities to voluntarily surrender themselves for treatment. We encourage residents to stop giving them money but help bring them to the Ministry of Health to obtain a cover letter for treatment".

On the high level of malaria cases he said, "The disease remains the major childhood 'killer disease' because it accounts for about 20 per cent mortality rate among children. From data available, about 60 per cent of outpatients who visits our general hospitals are for malaria management.

"This is overwhelming on the hospital health workers who also have to tend with referred and difficult cases'.

According to him, the Private Hospital Registration Authority restructuring is to expand its scope and make it more efficient in the performance and the implementation plan for its take-off is in the offing.

The agency set at regulating the standard of private health facilities in the past year registered 157 new private health facilities, 634 of those already existing renewed their certificate of registration.

A total of 133 inspections were carried out, 117 health facilities were fined and five health facilities found to be substandard were forcefully closed down.

Pitan disclosed that the state government had sourced for a World Bank/African Development credit facility of $5 million to strengthen the state's health sector.

He said part of the credit loan would be applied to rehabilitate decayed health facilities at both the primary and secondary healthcare levels.

Medical equipment, instruments; medical furniture; vehicles and medical consumables would also be procured under the facility.



Gov Bola Tinubu of Lagos state (r) decorating Alhaji Adebisi Jimoh, with a recomended glass at the flaggin-off ceremony of the community base free eye screening exercise in Lagos ...recently. Middle is Femi Pedro, Deputy Governor. *Pix: Xtopher Eniola*

World Bank to assist communities with drainages

The Lagos State Deputy Governor, Mr. Olufemi Pedro has disclosed that communities in semi-urban and rural areas of the state will benefit from the next phase of drainage construction sponsored by the World Bank.

The World Bank assisted project is part of the state government's efforts to ensure proper development of communities to stem rural-urban migration by opening up the hinterlands.

The deputy governor said this during a tour of some sites in Lekki Local Government area of the state on Saturday during the environmental sanitation exercise.

He said the planned project would help remove the unbridled and unplanned developments that characterise most urban cities, adding that the state government would ensure that flood prone areas are guarded this year.

According to him, plans are also afoot to design a Private Sector Participation for waste disposal in such communities which will take into cognizance their specific needs and may involve even government subsidizing.

Pedro while commending the level of communal participation in the sanitary exercises encouraged Lagosians to imbibe such spirit as exhibited by rural communities.

He said the administration had passed the test of putting in place a good policy and following through with effective monitoring, Pedro said government will continue to strive to ensure filth-free environment.

Policeman arrested over warehouse robbery

A four-man gang of armed robbers led by a mobile policeman identified as Sunday Akinwande is now in police net for alleged forceful breaking of the Stallion Group's Warehouse stealing 60bags of rice.

The warehouse located along Itire on Apapa-Oshodi expressway was said to have been forcefully opened by the gang in other to transport the 60bags of rice to an unknown destination.

The armed-bandits whose other three members gave their names as Wasiu Ayelabegan, Sikiru Yusuf and Sina Olatunde were said to have been arrested in the act at about 2.00am last Tuesday in the premises of the company by officers and men of the anti-robbery squad of the Lagos state police command.

Eko Trust gathered that the kingpin an Ibo man who led the men of the under world into the warehouse has disappeared since the period of the arrest.

Information has it that the state police command have also begun investigation that could lead to possible arrest of the suspect.

The bolted robber was reported to have spearheaded many successful operations in the area with the hope of bringing him to book.

According to a police source, the Mopol, Sunday Akinwande 26-years-old of from Ake Abeokuta, in Ogun state had wanted to open fire on the team of policemen who affected his arrest, but not until they all shouted Espirit-de-corps on the discovery that he was battle ready.

But in a chat with our correspondent the officer said the operation was his first attempt in the act of robbery adding that he was lured into it with the sum of N16, 000 share by the runaway gang leader.

Meanwhile the police have arrested three persons suspected to deal in human parts allegedly for rituals purposes.

They were picked up at their hideout by a team of policemen attached to Epe Division, on Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

According to a police source, the arrest followed a tip-off by a member of the public in the area.

Eko Trust gathered that when the team of armed policemen stormed the residence of one of the suspects, objects suspected to be human skulls and bones were recovered from them.

The suspects are; Balogun Yusuf; Shefiu Adams; and Yomi Alausa all of 15 Oke-Egan street, Orimetu, Ibeju-Lekki Lagos.

The state police spokesman, Ademola Adebayo who confirmed the incident, said that the three suspects had made useful statements to the police.

Late Pa Williams, one of greatest lawyers -*Tinubu*

Lagos State Governor, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu and the Attorney General of Lagos State, Professor Yemi Osibajo have expressed misgivings at the demise of late Pa Alade Williams whom they say is one of the greatest lawyers that ever lived.

The Governor who was among the early callers to the home of Pa Williams at midnight Saturday, said he would miss him terribly and sadly.

"The passage of this sage is therefore the end of an age and the beginning of a new era, for us and the millions of people who hold the progressive future of our country close to our heart, his sunset must call forth a new sunrise of a great and truly Fede al Republic of Nigeria"

"I was at the residence of the late Pa Frederick Alade Williams, fondly called F.R.A. by his numerous admirers less than three hours after he gave up the ghost, to commiserate with the family and console myself.

"I was there to console myself because F.R.A Williams was the father of my administration in so many ways.

He was my model of a leader-practical, pragmatic and patriotic. He was my hero as a professional- deeply creative, analytical and intellectual".

Tinubu said that for many his death had woken them up to the reality of his colossal influence on their lives and policies.

"Visiting his home is like getting to the edge of an abyss where hitherto had stood like an Iroko tree; thinking of him is like confronting a void, where hitherto a mas-sive edifice had stood.



Gov. Bola Tinubu

"We shall miss him terribly and sadly because his loss makes us feel lonely on the battlefront against those who seek to foist misrule over a people in love with civil rule and dictatorship over a citizenry in love with democracy"

Tinubu said that it was in recognition of his intellectual prowess and ideological focus that his administration had dedicated a library to him in the Ministry of Justice. "That library remains to this day, a rare demonstration of those immortal words of another sage of the age".

The Attorney-General of the state when he spoke with our correspondent said that Pa Williams death came as a shock because, just on Saturday, the State Governor was scheduled to meet with him but the appointment had been cancelled.

"It came as a shock because the state governor was still scheduled to meet with him on Saturday but could not make it so the meeting had to be cancelled.

"I have closely followed his activities since October last year and he had been very fit. It very sad that we have lost a father.

"I think we have lost a lawyer of Lawyers. One of the greatest lawyers that ever lived in the Commonwealth not just in Nigeria".

"He truly believed in all of the ideal of the rule of law and he lived that way to the very end".

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FG to spend N34bn on food security

By Austine Odo, *Assistant News Editor*

The federal government is to spend the sum of N34 billion on the second phase of the National Special Programme on Food Security between 2006 and 2010. This was disclosed by the minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mallam Adamu Bello, while giving details of the draft programme for the expansion of the NSPFS during a stakeholders meeting in Birnin Kebbi.

A statement from James Odaudu, the ministry's press secretary, said the programme would be financed through annual budgetary allocations for the next five years. He added that the federal government was already consulting with the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory on modalities for implementing the programme through cost-sharing agreements among the three ties of government.

He further told the meeting, which was chaired by President Olusegun Obasanjo, that funds and other forms of assistance were expected from friendly countries, bilateral and multilateral agreements as well as international financial institutions. Mallam Bello also informed the meeting that a projected 70,000 farm households, covering a population of 6.5 million rural dwellers, would benefit through the enhancement of their yearly incomes arising from higher productivity.

President Obasanjo, in his opening remarks, noted that the federal government was anxious to improving the standard of living by investments in agriculture, and tasked all stakeholders in the programme to take it seriously to enhance government's success in the fight against hunger, poverty as well as economic and social deprivations.

Meanwhile, the perennial shortage of fertilizer across the country will soon be a thing of the past, as efforts are being made by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and other stakeholders towards ensuring an efficient marketing environment where farmers could obtain quality fertilizer at affordable prices. This assurance was given by the permanent secretary in the ministry, Baba Ijo Olusegun Ogunkua, while declaring open the 1st meeting of the national fertilizer development committee in Minna, Niger State.

According to him, the meeting became necessary because since the liberalisation of the fertilizer subsector in 1997, it has been grappling with various crises ranging from poor response of the organised private sector to inadequate supply to farmers, thereby impacting negatively on agricultural production generally.



Kogi State governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Idris, (l) and the national chairman of Arewa Consultative Forum, Chief Sunday Awoniyi during a confernece on the national political confab in Lokoja ...recently.

Benue shippers demand take-off grant

From Hir Joseph, *Correspondent (Makurdi)*

Barely three years after its inauguration, the Benue State Shippers Association is still crying for a take-off grant, a problem which its vice-president, Mr. Joseph Kwraghgba Abokis, traced to what he described as "suppression" by the zonal office of the National Shippers Council (NSC).

Speaking with the *Daily Trust* in Makurdi, Abokis said that the NSC zonal coordinator, Mr. Bonini Iwambe, merely inaugurated the association in 2002 without giving it the statutory assistance which includes the take-off grant.

Mr. Abokis, who decried the action, stated that Iwambe has been disregarding previous directives by the Federal Ministry of Transport, which directed that he (the coordinator) should stop interfering in the association's matters. He recalled that during the official visit of the minister of Transport, Dr. Abiye Sekibo, to the state recently, the zonal coordinator again 'suppressed' the association's demands for a take-off grant as well as other necessary financial assistance.

Dated October 26, 2004, the minister in a letter made available to the *Daily Trust*, acknowledged receipt of complains from the shippers that the NSC took a decision to dissolve the association. The letter therefore directed the NSC to rescind its decision and to, instead, dialogue with the association with a view to proffering better solutions, and at the same time, declared that the association was an independent body whose activities were not supposed to be interfered with.

But the association's vice president said the zonal coordinator ignored the directives, and went ahead to seize its relevant documents, including register and accounts. He also alleged that the zonal coordinator deliberately removed the association from the schedule of the minister's recent visit; a development which he (Abokis) said stopped the minister from declaring its (association) office open with a take-off grant.

"And yet it was on my own recommendation that the minister visited Makurdi to inspect the possible locations for the establishment of a river port. But Mr. Iwambe suppressed us by way of stopping the minister from visiting us to open our office and give us a take-off grant," said Mr. Abokis, who appealed to both the state and federal governments to look into their plight.

'Muslims receiving support of Rivers'

From Mohammed Aja, *Correspondent (PH)*

The chairman of the Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board in Rivers State, Alhaji Hassan Tom–Dangles, has extolled the cooperation of the Rivers State government to Muslims in the state. Speaking with *Daily Trust* in Port Harcourt, Alhaji Dangles, who praised Governor Peter Odili in particular, said Muslims in the state received the greatest support compared to their colleagues in other South-south and South-east geopolitical zones.

The chairman noted with satisfaction the achievements so far attained by the Odili-led government and called for more. He said the state had sponsored more than one thousand Muslim pilgrims to the holy land of Mecca since its inception in 1999, adding that this year witnessed the highest number.

"This government gave the highest DTA to Muslim pilgrims in the country. The governor himself ordered the day-to-day monitoring of the pilgrims' welfare in Mecca," he observed.

Alhaji Dangles maintained that the government's donation of N20 million for the rehabilitation of the National Mosque; N3 million to the Islamic *Ummah* every *Salah*; buses to both northern and Yoruba communities and other Islamic organisations in the state was commendable.

He revealed that the pilgrim board secretariat has been renovated, adding that the success recorded in this year's hajj was attributable to the governor's early move to release fund.. the Directorate of Pilgrim Affairs in Abuja.

Confab: Zamfara delegates deny receiving N10m each

From Salisu Zakari Maradun, *Correspondent (Gusau)*

Delegates representing Zamfara State in the ongoing National Political Reform Conference have jointly debunked the speculation that they collected 10 million naira each from the state government before participating in the conference.

Briefing newsmen in Gusau, the chairman of the delegates, Malam Yahaya Abdulkarim, described the speculation as unfounded. The chairman, who was represented by the secretary of the delegation, Alhaji Abubakar Husaini Mariki, explained that they were not surprised to hear such rumour "because this is a political dispensation; everyone has right to air their views".

According to him, as far as they were concerned, they were in the confab to represent their state, and also to protect the interest of both the government and the people of the state.

He also disclosed that they have not made any statement in respect of the allegation "because it is not true," stressing that people should always cultivate the habit of saying the truth.

Malam Yahaya explained that in a situation like this, dedication and honesty should be paramount because 'this is a place where national issues are being discussed'.

The chairman therefore appealed to the people of the state with pieces of advice to forward them to the office of the state delegates in Gusau to help in achieving the set objectives.

When asked on their efforts to defend the Shariah in the confab, the chairman explained that it was not the only issue that brought them there, but they were also fighting vigorously for its recognition in the entire Muslims states.

"We are lucky that one of our members is a member of the judiciary and legal reform committee, and I am sure in collaboration with his brothers, he will be able to touch the hearts of the rest of the members of that committee."

AISA criticises sale of DSC, NIOMCO to Indian firm

The African Iron and Steel Association (AISA) has criticised the sale of Delta Steel Complex (DSC) to Global Inf., the Indian firm handling the Ajaokuta Steel Complex (ASC).

AISA secretary general Sanusi Mohammed, who spoke to the *News Agency of Nigeria* in Abuja, Monday, also alleged that the Indian firm had also taken over the National Iron Ore Mining Corporation (NIOMCO) at Itakpe.

"I think government is also toying with the steel sector. I am shocked that these three very essential outfits (ASC, DSC and NIOMCO) have been handed over to one firm whose ability is still being tested.

"Available information also showed that the Indians are already working towards taking over the Warri port and the railway line linking Itakpe and Warri, and I fear this will only complete the rout.

"I am sad about the speed with which the Indians are given everything on steel. They already have a May 29 deadline to produce liquid steel at ASC handed to them last year.

"We should have waited to see whether that target will be achieved. By giving the entire steel sector to one firm, we are already plotting a disastrous fall with all eggs in one basket. We had the same fears over Solgas and our fears were unfortunately confirmed. Now we are already treading the same path," he stated.

Mohammed alleged that an indigenous firm originally won the bid to buy DSC but was "denied overnight" in preference for the Indians. He reiterated his fears that the Indians could never produce steel at the ASC before May 29, as they boasted.

"They probably only want to use the sintering plant which could only be useful with Iron Ore, Coke Freeze, Iron fines, Colomite and Limestone," he said.

According to him, government was dealing with the wrong firm as ISPAT, which claims to be a subsidiary of Global Inf., is not known for steel production.

Mohammed insisted that the Indians were "taking Nigerians for a ride and were out to exploit the enormous resources at ASC".

He said that AISA fears were further compounded by the unlimited powers the Indians had at ASC where they were allowed to sack people 'unceremoniously'.

"They (Indians) do not even need to pay the entitlements of the sacked ASC workers. They just sack them. This has killed the morale the entire workforce," he said.

The AISA scribe also expressed fears that the nation would have no steel expert in the next five years.

"In the next five years, 90 per cent of those fully trained for the steel sector would have reached natural retirement age and there is no where to train people to take over from them. There would be a great vacuum. The most painful aspect of it is that many of such people never had the right opportunity to practise their trade for the benefit of the nation. When that happens, the companies now handling the steel sector would employ foreigners after claims of a dearth in local manpower. In fact, that is what they are angling for," he declared.

Emir urges govs to help farmers in Hadejia-Nguru wetland

From Musa Umar Kazaure, *Correspondent (Kano)*

The Emir of Kano, Dr. Ado Bayero, has appealed to the governors of Kano, Yobe and Jigawa states to join hands in rescuing the farmers in Hadejia-Nguru wetland currently being ravaged by poverty due to the problems associated with the River Hadejia.

The emir, who made the appeal during a visit of a delegation of commissioners of water resources of the three states and officials of the Joint Wetland Livelihood, recalled that the affected areas have been the food basket of Kano-Hadejia-Nguru axis.

Dr. Bayero assured the delegation, which was led by a senior JWL official, Alhaji Muhammed Ciroma, that he was fully behind their efforts to solve the problems of the Hadejia-Nguru wetland and called on the states and federal government to join hands in alleviating the sufferings of the people of the area.

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OUR VIEWS AND POSITION ON THE KADUNA STATE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO UNRAVEL THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT AT THE BACHAMA ROAD CEMETRY, TUDUN WADA, KADUNA

The Kaduna State Government has released a White Paper on the Report of the *Administrative Commission of Inquiry to Unravel the Unfortunate Incident at the Bachama Road, Cemetery, Tudun Wada, Kaduna.*

Prior to the setting up of the administrative commission of inquiry by the Kaduna State Government, Human Rights Monitor, conscious of its mandate as a promoter and protector of the people's fundamental human rights, carried out full-scale investigations to unravel the mystery surrounding death of the 12 year old schoolboy, Mohammed Sani Idris on the 11th day of October 2004 during the Nigeria Labour strike action; and the burial and exhumation of some corpses at the Bachama Road Cemetery, Tudun Wada, Kaduna.

Our investigations were thorough and our findings very revealing. We have made our findings known in many publications and press chats. In the light of the release of the Government White Paper, we feel duty bound to place our report side by side with that of government, to either establish correlations or contradictions. We also wish to address contentious issues that have arisen since the release of the White Paper.

THE ISSUES IN CONTENTION

There are four issues arising from the Kaduna State Government White Paper on the Report of the Administrative Commission of Inquiry to Unravel the Unfortunate Incident at the Bachama Road Cemetery Tudun Wada, Kaduna
The first is whether the corpses buried by the Nigerian Police Force at the Bachama Road Cemetry, Tudun Wada, Kaduna and exhumed by some youths on the 18th day of October 2004 were those of the 33 persons arrested by the Police as a result of the strike action of the Nigerian Labour Congress on the 11th day of October 2004.

The second is whether the Kaduna State Government had a hand in the burial of the corpses at the Bachama Road Cemetery, Kaduna on the 18th day of October 2004, and in the death of the 12-year-old schoolboy, Mohammed Sani Idris during the strike ordered by the Nigeria Labour Congress.

The third is whether the Administrative Panel of Inquiry set up by the Kaduna State Government succeeded in unraveling the Unfortunate Incident at the Bachama Road Cemetery Tudun Wada, Kaduna on the 18th day of October 2004.

The fourth is whether further inquiry is needed given the enormity of the issues and the level of public interest in the matter.

OUR FINDINGS

Human Rights Monitor attended the sittings of the Administrative Commissions of Inquiry set up by the Kaduna State Government to Unravel the Unfortunate Incident at the Bachama Road Cemetery, Tudun Wada Kaduna State. Human Rights Monitor also commissioned an independent Inquiry to unravel the mystery surrounding the incidents. Human Rights Monitor's independent Report is titled *Licensed* to *Kill: Widespread Extra Judicial Executions in Kaduna State.*

There is a correlation between the findings and recommendations of Human Rights Monitor and that of the Administrative Commission of Inquiry to Unravel the Unfortunate Incident at the Bachama Road Cemetery, Tudun Wada Kaduna.

Human Rights Monitor found as a fact that the bodies buried and exhumed at the Bachama Road Cemetery Kaduna are not those of the 33 persons arrested by the Nigerian Police in connection with the 11th October, 2004 Nigerian Labour Congress strike action. Human Rights Monitor confirmed that the Nigerian Police Force arrested the 33 persons and charged them to the Ibrahim Taiwo Magistrate Court, Kaduna. The trial Magistrate granted the 33 accused persons bail, and they have been attending court.

Human Rights Monitor also found as a fact that the Nigerian Police Force acted alone and independent of the Kaduna State Government in the events leading to the Unfortunate Incident at the Bachama Road Cemetery Kaduna on the 18th day of October 2004, and in the death of the 12 year old schoolboy, Mohammed Sani Idris during the NLC strike action. Human Rights Monitor also found as a fact that the timely intervention of the Kaduna State Government doused tension and restored calm in the circumstances of the events.

Human Rights Monitor found as a fact that the persons buried by the Nigerian Police Force and exhumed by some youths at the Bachama Road Cemetery, Kaduna are those of armed robbery suspects that were detained by the Kaduna State Police Command for over three months without being charged to court.

Human Rights Monitor insists, in line with the recommendations of the Administrative Commission of Inquiry and the decision of the Kaduna State Government, that the Inspector General of Police and the Office of the Attorney general of the Federation conduct further investigation into the death of the suspects buried at the Bachama Road Cemetery by the Police and the killing of the 12 year old schoolboy, Mohammed Sani Idris. This is in line with the findings of the Administrative Commission of Inquiry that the Police did not handcuff the 12 suspected armed robbers during their movement and relocation to the Rigasa Police Station.

Human Rights Monitor's investigation also confirmed that the 12-year-old boy Mohammed Sani Idris died as a result of gunshot wounds he sustained from bullets fired by the Nigerian Police Force during the strike by the Nigerian Police Force on the 11th day of October 2004. The Administrative Commissions of Inquiry made the same findings and recommended that the Federal Government should conduct further inquiry with a view to identifying the Police Officer who fired the bullet that killed 12 year old Mohammed Sani Idris and mete out an appropriate punishment to serve as a deterrent.

Our findings did not however establish the complicity of the Kaduna State Government in the Police killing of the 12-year-old Mallam Mohammed Idris on the 11th day of October 2004 and the mass burial of suspected armed robbers by the Nigerian Police on the 18th day of October 2004 at the Bachama Road Cemetery, Kaduna. On the contrary, our findings revealed that the Kaduna State Government was proactive in dousing the tension arising from the unfortunate incidents.

OUR POSITION

■ Given the persistence of alleged instances of extra-judicial executions by the Police across the nation, which constitute gross violation of suspects' fundamental rights, the Federal Government must set up a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to investigate extra-judicial executions committed by the Nigerian Police Force since 1999, including the 11th and 18th October 2004 incidents in Kaduna.

■ The Judicial Commission of Inquiry must be headed by a serving or retired Justice of the Court of Appeal. The composition of the Judicial Commission must include representatives of the Nigerian Bar Association, the Nigerian Labour Congress, the Nigerian Medical Association, the human rights community and some forensic experts.

■ The Judicial Commission must be given a mandate sufficient to enable it to establish whether there is state complicity in extra-judicial execution of robbery suspects by the Police.

■ The Judicial Commission must look into the operations of the Legal Aid Council and the quality of legal representation offered to those accused of capital offences.

■ The Judicial Commission must have the power to make recommendations that will carry weight in determining future Government policy. The gravity and seriousness of the present situation deserves a thorough and painstaking examination of the issues involved in the crisis.

Signed
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News

Benue ALGON boss canvasses adherence to traditional norms

From Hir Joseph, *Correspondent (Makurdi)*

The Benue State chair man of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON), Comrade Abba Moro, Saturday appealed to Nigerians not to be ashamed of their rich tradition but to live as ambassadors of Africa wherever they found themselves. Comrade Moro made the appeal while speaking in Otukpo recently.



Gov George Akume of Benue

Comrade Moro, who expressed happiness with some young people who followed traditional processes of marriage however lamented the brazen disregard of tradition by many young Africans.

He expressed worry that many young men today imitate western lifestyle instead of observing Africa's rich tradition.

He regretted that many people have refused to marry while at the same time indulge in immoral acts, which according to him causes the spread of HIV/AIDS as well as early pregnancies.

He therefore appealed to Nigerians who have reached marital age to follow the traditional process of finding a marriage partner with a view to adding colour to Africa's rich tradition and by extension, encouraging decency.

FG to execute shelter belt project

From Salisu Zakari Maradun, *Correspondent (Gusau)*

The federal government is currently planning to execute the shelter-belt project aimed at arresting desertification in the country for a period of 15 years.

Speaking to newsmen in Gusau, Zamfara State, the minister of Environment, Colonel Bala Mande (rtd), said the project would ensure the re-vegetation of the north in particular, as well as Middle-Belt and some southern parts of the country.

The minister, who was in Gusau to celebrate his Easter break, explained that the federal government was presently working in relationship with the state governments toward achieving the desired goals.

He added that monetary assistance had already been given to states by the federal government in order to ensure a successful implementation of the project.

According to him, about two million seedlings would be procured in each of the eleven states from the northern part of the country, which would subsequently be planted in the shelter-belt.

"The federal government is very much concerned about the desertification problem of the entire country and is currently leaving no stone unturned toward ensuring that the problem is over," the minister explained.

On the achievements of his home state, Colonel Mande stated that work was currently going on for the arrest of erosion at Kungurki, Kaura-Namoda and Maradun.

Contract, continued the minister, had also been given to Zurmi for the forest reserve in the local go ernment, and the gesture would also be extended to other parts of the state.



YOUR HEALTH

DOTS records 80% success in TB treatment –*Lambo*

By Sunday Ejike Benjamin, *Health Reporter*

The Minister of Health, Prof. Eyitayo Lambo, has said that the Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS) involved in the treatment of tuberculosis in the country has recorded a success rate of 80 per cent. In view of the success, the minister announced government's plans to incorporate the DOTS' guidelines into the curriculum of medical and paramedical institutions in the country.

The Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS), according to the minister is a strategy recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the treatment of tuberculosis, this, he said involves direct observation of treatment, government commitment, microscopy services, uninterrupted drug supply and monitoring system.

Prof. Lambo who made these statements in a message to mark this year's, "world stop TB day" described DOTS as a highly effective low technology treatment that cures tuberculosis.

Already, he pointed out that health workers in the country have been trained in this respect, adding also that there exist in the country 547 TB diagnosis centres in 495 local government areas, with 1929 health facilities across the country.

The health minister observed that the key to controlling TB was to make sure that the patient swallowed each dose of medicine in the presence of health or community workers or trained volunteers for initial phase of two to three months of treatment, adding that patients can swallow medicine at home for the remaining six months to complete the period of eight months.

NHIS boss decries weak base of HMO applicants

The executive secretary and chief executive of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), Mohammed Lecky, has said that the over 40 Health Maintenance Organisations (HMOs) that applied to be part of the scheme have weak financial standing.

Speaking recently in Abuja at the opening of a workshop for desk officers who will be in-charge of the implementation of the scheme at federal government establishment, Lecky maintained that 25 out of HMOs that applied met the initial requirements, adding that only six of them scored 60 per cent and above after the final assessment that resulted in their ranking.

He pointed out that most of the HMOs applied to be part of the scheme to make quick money, stressing also that they (HMOs) saw the NHIS as another foreign exchange business put together by the government where a lot of money would be made through round tripping. He further stated that HMOs that applied were new in the business of managing health insurance scheme and therefore needed help for them to grow and garner more experience.

While pointing out that the HMOs that came first with 85 per cent of the listed eligibility criteria also had a weak financial base that was rated 40 per cent, the NHIS boss further opined that many of the companies had gone to the Ministry of Health to lobby for contract and assured that NHIS would not compromise its laid down requirement for whatever reason.

He announced that the list of HMOs applied and their ranking would be made public so that Nigerians would know the companies that were qualified and those that were not.

Lecky who said the scheme will take off properly on May 29, 2005, further added that issuance of identify cards to beneficiaries would commence same day.

Commenting on how money would be raised for the scheme, he said the federal government would contribute 10% out of the 15% required of each worker's salary for the next two years, while workers would commence mandatory contribution of five per cent of the basic salary on the expiration of the two years.

Government's contribution, he explained is free of charge, as it would not be deducted from the salaries of civil servants, adding also that the service to be rendered would be worth 10% and that there would be tremendous improvement as soon as workers start making their contributions to the scheme.

Lecky noted that seven per cent of the money for NHIS implementation would be paid to HMOs, while another seven per cent would be kept as reserve fund.

On the benefits, he said that each contributor, his/her spouses and four children below 18 years would benefit, even though there would be a surcharge if an additional person would be brought as a beneficiary.

UNICEF holds HIV/AIDS programmes for corps members

As a way of fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country, UNICEF is supporting the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and various reproductive health partners in Niger State by organising a training programme on ways of combating the pandemic.

According to a UNICEF official, Mr. Jasper Oei who spoke at the Paiko NYSC Orientation Camp in Niger recently, the essence of the training programme is "to equip 80 youth corps members with the right knowledge for a healthy reproductive life."

NAN reports that the programme, according to Mr. Oei was also to create awareness on HIV/AIDS, with a view to imparting refusal and negotiation skills in the youths regarding their sexuality.

"The UNICEF officer also explained that the 80 volunteer corps members who are being trained would further train other youths as peer education trainers.

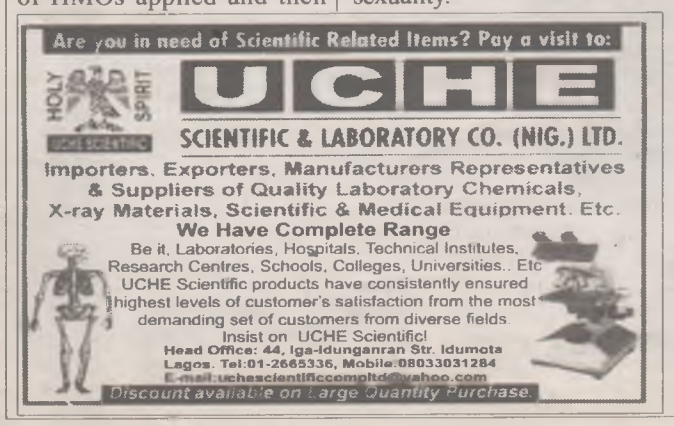
"The peer education trainers will subsequently be deployed to secondary schools for their primary assignments, where they will further train other adolescents," Mr. Oei declared.

Each of the trained corps member, he noted is expected to train and mentor 40 adolescents, who in turn are expected to educate their peers on the realities of the scourge and how to fight it.

He said UNICEF is working hard to integrate the training programme which was initiated in the year 2002 into the NYSC scheme.

The team leader of the programme in Niger State, Mrs. Florence Balewa, in her remark said the corps members were being equipped with skills for behavioural change and informed choices about their sexuality.

"We give them knowledge to empower their refusal skills and make them assertive in their decisions. This is to ensure that they do not indulge in risky sexual behaviour that exposes them to HIV/AIDS," she pointed out.



Handling mother to child HIV transmission

By Suleiman Mohammed *(Associate Editor)*

The alarming record presented by Dr. A. S Akanmu of the Department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, College of Medicine, University of Lagos, on the level of mother to child transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) left many stunned at the alarming rate which the trend is moving.

According to Dr. Akanmu, records have shown that of about 800,000 children infected by HIV in 2001, seven out of every eight live in sub-Saharan Africa and almost all acquired the infection from their mothers. He went further to disclose that in Botswana and Nigeria, more than half (53%) of the infection occurred in women. He spoke in Lagos at a two-day (March 22-23, 2005) sensitisation workshop for media organisation on the anti-retroviral drugs (AVRs) and Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission of HIV in Nigeria (PMTCT) organised by the Federal Ministry of Health.

This record as presented by Dr. Akanmu, brought to fore the fear that AIDS as a disease has come to stay (in Africa?) and if nothing concrete is done, we may one day wake up and be told that every family in Africa has some one living with AIDS.

Notwithstanding Western propaganda which project AIDS as a disease of Africa and the third world, the prevalence of HIV, mostly infected through sex is increasing by the day. But the campaign on preventive mechanism which centres on "Abstinence, Be Faithful and use Condom (ABC)" has little to say about our moral values, behavioral change and the need for mutual fidelity in marriage. The emphasis on the use of condom as been propagated through adverts which says, "with condom I dey kampe" continue to give the impression and believe that using condom is the basic. More so, it encourages promiscuity and infidelity in our society.

According to Virologists, the Human Immune Virus (HIV) is a retrovirus, with a diameter of 80 - 100mm (that is 0.lmicrons), while condoms on the other hand have an in-built voids, with a diameter of about 5 microns. Condoms manufacturers have also warned that 0.4 per cent of any given batch of condom could be defective before a recall is ordered. Worst of it, a recent research (still on-going) have indicated that frequent use of condoms could lead to permanent infertility. With these facts, one doubt that condoms are really fool proof to HIV infection.

Research however, shows that the use of condom only recorded 80 per cent success in preventing pregnancy, because the sperm, which is 450 times bigger than the size of HIV, cannot penetrate the voids of condom. This is aside from the possibility of friction that is associated with coitus and the attendant risks of breakage, which is most common.

In view of the forgoing, what is the safest way of preventing infection and mother to child transmission of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)? This is what the workshop was targeted to achieve; in addition to educating the media on the subject matter. Resource persons who spoke on various topics included Dr. A. S. Akanmu of the University of Lagos, Dr. Funmi Doherty, an expert on Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), Dr. E. O. Soola and Dr. B. A Laninhurn of the University of Ibadan did their best in profering solutions in this regard.

According to Dr. Akanmu, though UNICEF sponsored projects are on - going in Nigeria, records have however shown that not all babies born to HIV infected mothers can acquire the disease from their mothers, as worldwide rates of maternal - foetal transmission vary between 15 to 30 per cent in the absence of any intervention and breast feeding. "If babies are breastfed as is usually the case in developing countries, a resources limited nations rate may increase by another 15% ie 30 - 45%" he said. Mother to child transmission, according to experts, can occur at three different times namely: (A) In utero, that is during embryo genesis and foetal growth in the womb, (B) when the baby is negotiating its passage through the birth canal (Parturition), (C) or as a result of infant feeding with maternal breast milk. All these processes have great risk for the child.

Dr. Akanmu explained further that the first level of transmission (postnatal) could be through exposure to blood and blood products and sexual activity during pregnant. A study by the French Cohort involving 1,386 babies born to HIV infected mothers, he said shows that they suffer rapidly than those infected late in gestation or during parturition (birth). As per transmission through breast milk, it was observed that HIV DNA have been detected in over 50% of breast milk samples used, thus the chances of child not infected by the HIV infected mothers is very slim.

Therefore, the issue of counselling comes into effect here. One basic problem today is the lack of desire to know our HIV status, a situation which makes it difficult to curtail the spread of the disease globally. This is mostly caused by the stigmatisation of people living positive (PLWH) by the society. A case in point was that of Mr. Frederick Adegboye who was denied admission by the Nigeria Institute of Journalism (NIJ), Lagos in 2004 for a two - year diploma course simply because he confided in the authorities that he is positive. It happens everyday in both public and private organisations globally. Going by African culture where mothers breast feed their babies for at least 18 months, a nursing mother who is HIV infected will find it difficult to explain to curious observer(s) why she is not breast feeding her baby.

According to Mrs. Funmi Doherty, an expert in counselling, the situation is delicate but could be handled through effective counselling and providing Psychological support. "Couple counselling comes into play here" she said. Why is VCT so important? Mrs. Doherty explains: "VCT helps in knowing one's serostatus and also provides opportunity for prevention counselling and referral to care and support services. VCT is an entry point and not the end point."

In proffering solution to HIV infected maternal breast milk, Mrs. Elizabeth Akinde of the School of Midfery, Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) recommended three ways out: (A) Exclusive breast feeding not exceeding two months, and if need be for a one month extension, an HIV infected nursing mother must express her breast milk and boil before feeding the baby. (B) Provision of home made feed (eg soya beans milk, pap or any acceptable local infant feed). (C) Application of infant formular (eg NAN, etc), subject to the economic status of the couple. She however warned that chances of failed transmission of virus through exclusive breast milk is very slim. "The longer the baby stays in breast milk, the more the risk of transmission", she warned. Therefore, the best option is for HIV infected mothers to avoid exclusive breast milk in order to save the child from infection; and it is only by so doing that the prevalence of mother to child transmission can be curtailed.

In summary, for us to get rid of the disease, campaigners must de-emphasise the use of condoms, and promote family values, which are built upon love, respect and mutual fidelity. Voluntary Counselling Testing (VCT) is also important here, but until the Federal Ministry of Health provides designated and accessible VCT centres across the country. The problem of AIDS will indeed be better solved by behavioural changes than telling us that using condom is the safest way out or mere abstinence.

YOUR HEALTH

Lambo inaugurates antimalaria drug c'ttee

Stories by Sunday Ejike Benjamin, *Health Reporter*

The minister of health, Prof. Eyitayo Lambo has inaugurated a National Anti-malarial Drug policy Implementation Transition (NAPIT) committee, to brainstorm and come up with effective and feasible plans for a sustainable implementation of the newly proposed anti-malarial treatment policy in the country.

Inaugurating the committee recently in Abuja, the minister declared that the decision to change the anti-malarial treatment policy was as a result of the findings that chloroquine, which has being the first line drug has lost its efficacy due to the emergence of chloroquine resistant strains of plasmodium falciparum.

He said since Chloroquine was no longer providing cure for majority of its users, especially in children, it therefore become necessary to review the anti-malarial treatment policy to be in line with the World Health Organisation's (WHO) recommendation for national drugs.

According to Prof. Lambo, "effective case management is a key strategy in the Roll Back Malaria (RBM) initiative in reducing the morbidity and mortality of malaria," adding that the effectiveness of the strategy depends on the availability and access to safe and efficacious anti-malarial drugs for treatment.

Though the Artemesinin-based Combination Therapies (ACTs) which replaces Chloroquine in the treatment of malaria is currently not readily available, nor affordable in the country, the minister noted that consultations are being held with manufacturers and growers of the raw materials, Artemisia annua to improve availability and affordability in the country.

According to him, the plant can be grown in Nigeria and called on the agricultural sector to explore the possibility and work with pharmaceutical manufacturing group of the manufacturing association of Nigeria to manufacture ACTs locally.

The national anti-malarial drug policy implementation transition committee comprise of technical working groups on, the drug registration, supply and management; treatment guidelines and training; Information, education and communication/behavioural change communication, advocacy and monitoring and evaluation.

The terms of reference for the committee according to the minister include, providing policy direction and technical support in the implementation of anti-malarial drug policy change, mobilise resources, assess the requirements for implementation of the new treatment policy as well as monitoring the phased implementation process and drug resistance.

The committee, with members drawn from line ministries and parastatals, professional councils, development agencies, non governmental organisations, organised private sector and the media has two years to operate in the first instance, pending necessary review.



The Registrar, PCN, Pharm. Ahmed T. Mora delivering a welcome address at a workshop for middle level staff of PCN/2nd Fred Adenika Memorial lecture. Sitting from right is the deputy governor of Niger State, Dr. Shem Zagbayi Nuhu, the chairman of PCN governing council Prof. F.A. Ogunbona.

Minister challenges pharmacists on healthcare services

The minister of state for health, Princes Olufunke Adedoyin has challenged Nigerian pharmacists to demonstrate knowledge, skills and professional instincts in the provision of supports and advice to members of the communities they operate.

Princes Adedoyin handed over the challenge in an address she delivered on the occasion of the opening ceremony of a workshop on tuberculosis organised by the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association (CPA) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) in Abuja recently.

Pharmacists, she noted must and should quickly recognise and handle cases based on their level of competence as well as recognise cases that should be referred to more established health facilities for prompt action by combined team of health care providers.

She further charged pharmacists to participate in all community-based programmes and, through advocacy, education and direct interactions encourage good health practices that have positive impact on members of the community.

While commending the efforts of pharmacists in the country in the successful implementation of the country's health programmes, Princes Adedoyin also maintained that their expertise as well as other health workers must be brought to bear in the management of health related cases.

She said tuberculosis can be cured when discovered early and appropriate treatment is provided and properly administered, adding that with the introduction of the recommended treatment approach using the Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS), the duration of treatment is drastically reduced to the point where compliance and adherence are now the sole determinants of complete cure.

Syngenta to launch malaria project soon

By Samson Ojo, *Correspondent (Lagos)*

Syngenta, a leading agribusiness company, globally and in Nigeria has concluded arrangements to launch a malaria project in the month of April 2005.

Addressing a press conference, held at the company's corporate headquarters in Lagos at the weekend, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Syngenta Nigeria Limited, Mr. Emma Ajayi, disclosed that Malaria is one of the ills militating against agriculture in Nigeria.

Epantiating further on the Syngenta malaria project, tagged: Syngenta Initiative Against Malaria and Mosquito SIAMAMO" the syngenta CEO, hinted that evidences abound that out of the N32 billion economic losses due to malaria in Nigeria, 22 percent of it has a direct impact on food supply.

According to him, Syngenta resolved to lead the war against malaria because researchers in malaria and agriculture in Nigeria showed that farmers loose 20 percent annually of the time they should have spent on farming.

Speaking further, Mr. Ajayi lamented the global drop in crop productivity by about 50 percent, which according to the agricultural expert, no nation can afford.

Said he: "there is also a positive correlation between volume of agro chemicals consumed and the volume of crop output and development indices of nation, hence the more developed countries consume more of agrochemicals and consequently get higher yields and overall crop productivity."

On the aims and objectives of syngenta Nigeria limited in working more closely with the farmers, Mr. Ajayi said "we want the farmers to know that we are available for them at this crucial stage of their farming enterprise."

Secondly he added, we want to provide farmers with vital information they need, as the company has identified that one of the main limiting factors in agriculture is access to quality imputes at appropriate prices and time.

NGO advises AIDS patients over unhealthy foods

People living with HIV/AIDS has been warned against actions or consumption of food that are capable of increasing the rate of opportunistic infections which are identified as the principal causes of deaths of people infected by the disease.

"Since the body immune system cannot fight against diseases that get into the body, care must be taken on what one takes into the stomach as they may react negatively," the project director, Centre for the Right to Health (CRH), Mr. Bede Eziefule maintained while addressing no fewer than 25 people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) at a workshop organised for them in Abuja.

For meaningful progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the country, Mr. Eziefule said provision of painkillers, treatment of opportunistic infections and availability of anti-retroviral drugs which helps in suppressing the effect of the virus on the immune system of PLWHAs must be taken very serious.

He added that, although the ART drugs are not cure for HIV, they improve the rates of mortality and morbidity, prolonged lives, improve quality of life, revitalised communities and also help in transforming perceptions of HIV/AIDS from a plague to a manageable chronic disease.

The project director, CRH, a nongovernmental organisation involved in the research, training and advocacy for the full realisation of the right to health in Nigeria, further lamented the non-affordability of ARV drugs to those who need them adding that some of those who do, are not knowledgeable about their use.

According to him, patients are hurriedly placed on ARV once they tested positive without recourse to patients' state of health and ability to continue on the drugs financially and advised that patients should be counselled about the drugs, their nature, drug regime, adherence, nutrition, stress management and monitoring.

Mr. Eziefule warned PLWHAS to desist from the act of stopping ARV drugs only to start when illness comes, pointing out that the drugs are meant to be taken for life by those infected by the disease.

He warned PLWHAs to always consult doctors whenever they noticed any opportunistic infection instead of buying drugs on their own from chemist shops, pointing out that the consequences of buying drugs on their own will be more than when they get prescription from doctors.

Meanwhile, a score of PLWHAs at the workshop complained of the high cost of ARV drugs which they said they are supposed to live on for life, adding also that, it is the high cost that has made some PLWHAs to stop taking them or refused to be placed on them resulting in the deaths of so many PLWHAs.

They therefore called on government to be kind enough to reduce the cost of the drugs just as they called for the increase of ARV treatment centres across the country.

CPA councillor laments absence of private sector in TB control

The Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association (CPA) councillor in Nigeria, Dr. John Alfa has observed that private partners are yet to be entrenched in the TB control and prevention programme of the country.

Dr. Alfa who made this observation in a workshop, tagged, "the burden of tuberculosis in Nigeria," jointly organised by the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association (CPA) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) held recently in Abuja.

He said a preliminary surveillance on the activities of some agencies and the national programme on tuberculosis and leprosy control conducted by the association showed that, the Directly Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS) programme is mainly limited to some selected government hospitals with TB drugs still being sourced from private institutions by a good number of TB patients.

"It has also been discovered that there is minimal involvement of pharmacists on the DOTS and TB control programme nation-wide," he said.

The CPA councillor in Nigeria further maintained that pharmacists, by virtue of their training and disposition can be involved in advocacy activities, treatment of TB patients, supporting patients on DOTS programme, manage DOTS drugs in storage, rational distribution and accountability.

He expressed believe that his association using Nigerian pharmacists can partner with the government and other stakeholders to achieve optimal result in rooting out tuberculosis from the country.

President of the association, Grace Allen Young, in her remark applauded the initiative in developing education strategies that would assist pharmacists in the management of tuberculosis.

Compliance to prescribed TB treatment, she noted is essential, pointing out that pharmacists are positioned to provide support, to aid compliance and also provide education to the community to reduce the risk of infection or transmission of the disease.

BORNO STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

WORLD BANK ASSISTED BORNO STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II (HSDP II)

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This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice that appeared in Development Business No. *608* of June 16, 2003.

1. The Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association towards the cost of **BORNO STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II** and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for Civil Works Activities. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Credits and IDA Credits.*

2. The Borno State Health Systems Development Project II invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **upgrading of thirteen (13) Health Clinics to Primary Health Centres as given below:**

LOT NO.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	LOCATION	BID SECURITY	COMPLETION PERIOD
1	Upgrading of Chul Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Askira/Uba LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
2	Upgrading of Jaradali Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Bayo LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
3	Upgrading of Malam Maja Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Dikwa LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
4	Upgrading of Njetra Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Gubio LGA	N891,698 or $6,775	90 days
5	Upgrading of Marari Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Guzamala LGA	N858,810 or $6,506	90 days
6	Upgrading of Izge Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Gwoza LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
7	Upgrading of Yale Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Konduga LGA	N786,741 or $5,960	90 days
8	Upgrading of Leje Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Mafa LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
9	Upgrading of Dushe Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Mobbar LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
10	Upgrading of Borno Yesu Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Magumeri LGA	N499,213 or $3,728	90 days
11	Upgrading of Ngurno Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Monguno LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
12	Upgrading of Warshele Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Ngala LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days
13	Upgrading of Badu Health Clinic to Primary Health Center	Nganzai LGA	N747,379 or $5,662	90 days

Bidders may quote for one or more complete lots. Bids for part of a lot will be considered non- responsive.

3 Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the Project Office of Borno State (HSDPII) situated at No.1 Damboa road Opposite Police Commissioner's Official Residence Maiduguri for a nonrefundable fee of N20,000.00 or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency, for each set. The method of payment will be by cash Or Bank draft. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address below.

The Project Manager,
Borno State Health Systems Development Project II
No.1 Damboa Road, Maiduguri
Office Hours 8.00am - 4.00pm.
Tel: 076-342590

4. Bids shall be valid for a period of 120 days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by security as indicated in the table under paragraph 2 above and shall be delivered to the Project Manager HSDPII No,1 Damboa road Maiduguri on or before Monday 20th May, 2005 at 10:00 am at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

5. Qualified domestic contractors may be eligible to receive a margin of preference of 7 1/2 percent in Bid evaluation.

KAKA ALKALI
PROJECT MANAGER (HSDP II)

BORNO STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

WORLD BANK ASSISTED BORNO STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II (HSDP II)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

(INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

COUNTRY: **NIGERIA**
PROJECT: **BORNO STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOVIENT PROJECT II**
DESCRIPTION: **PROCUREMENT OF COLD CHAIN APPLIANCES, IEC & OFFICE EQUIPMENT**
CREDIT NO: **3653 UNI**
IFB NO: **BOHSDP II/ICB/2005/002**
DATE OF ISSUANCE: **25TH MARCH 2005**
LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION: **9TH MAY, 2005**

1. This invitation for Bids *follows* the general procurement notice that appeared in Development Business issue No. 608 *of* June 16,2003.

2. The Federal Government *of* Nigeria *has received credit* from the *International Development Association* toward the Cost of Borno State Health Systems Development Project II and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this *credit* to payments under the contract **for Procurement of Cold Chain Appliances, IEC and Office Equipment.**

3. The Borno State Health Systems Development Project II now invites sealed bids from digible bidders *for* the .supply of under listed items:

LOT NO	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	BID SECURITY	DELIVERY PERIOD	DELIVERY DESTINATION
1	1	Cold Chain Appliances Complete Solar Fridge System with Accessories (4x6 watt BP)	12	At least 3% of the bid price	120 days	Borno State Health Systems Development Project II, No1 Damboa Road, Maiduguri
2	1	Large Deep Freezer (BD 425)	57	At least 3% of the bid price	120 days	
	2	Large Standing Frisge (480 ltrs)	64			
	3	AVR (5000 watts)	11			
	4	AVR (2000 watts)	120			
	5	1 HP AC (Window type)	30			
3		**IEC Equipment**		At least 3% of the bid price	120 days	
	1	Set of public address systems	2			
	2	Wireless public addresse system	5			
	3	Video Machine (ED 333)	5			
	4	Video Recorder (Multi syatem)	5			
	5	20" Television Set (Colour)	5			
	6	Empty Video Cassetes (for ED	1tn			
	7	333)	5			
	8	Video cd (RV 55)	4			
		Camera				
4		**Office Equipment**		At least 3% of the bid price	120 days	
	1	Desktop Computer and its accessories	4			
	2	Printer	4			
	3	UPS	4			
5	1	Photocopy Machine	5	At least 3% of the bid price		
	2	Scanning machine (4400c series)	3			
	3	Fire proof filling cabinet with 4 drawers	6			
	4	Medium size standing fan	10			
	5	Laminating machine (x-320)	4			
	6	Paper cutting machine (cut master 4)	4			

4. Bidders may bid for anyone or more lots and discounts offered for the award of combined lots will be considered in bid evaluation.

5. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Credits and IDA Credit* and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.

6. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Borno State Health system Development Project II and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below

The Project Manager,
Borno State Health Systems Development Project II
No.1 Damboa Road, Maiduguri
Office Hours 8.00am - 4.00pm.
Tel: 076-342590

7. *A* complete set of bidding documents in English *language* may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission or a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Ten Thousand Naira (N10.000.00) or Eighty US Dollars (US$80.00). The method or payment will be cash or Bank draft. The Building document will be collected by hand from the above Project Office or can be forwarded to the Bidders by courier service on request

8. Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before 10.00am on 9th May, 2005. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of at least 3% *of bid price* or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency *and shall remain valid for 30 days* beyond the bid validity period of 120 days. 1.ate bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence; of the bidder's' representatives who choose to attend at the address above by 10.00am on 9th May, 2005.

KAKA ALKALI
PROJECT MANAGER (HSDP II)

BORNO STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

WORLD BANK ASSISTED BORNO STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II (HSDP II)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

(NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

COUNTRY: **NIGERIA**
PROJECT: **BORNO STATE HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II**
DESCRIPTION: **PROCUREMENT OF LABORATORY REQUIREMENT, TEACHING AIDS AND INFECTED TREATED NETs (ITNs)**
CREDIT *NO:* **3653 UNI**
IFB NO: **BOHSDP II/NCB/2005/001**
LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION: **26th 1 APRIL, 2005**

1. This invitation for Bids follows the general procurement notice that appeared in Development Business issue No. *608 of* June 16,2003.

2. The Federal Government of Nigeria *has received a credit* from the *International Development Association* toward the cost of Borno State Health Systems Development Project II and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this *credit* to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Laboratory Requirement, Teaching Aids and Infected Treated Nets (ITNs)

3. The Borno State Health Systems Development Project II now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of under listed items

LOT NO	IIEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	BID SECURITY	DELIVERY PERIOD	DELIVERY DESTINATION
1	1 2	Laboratory Requirement Teaching Aids and Books	As listed in the schedule of requirements	At least 3% of the bid price	60 days	Borno State Health Systems Development Project II, No 1 Damboa Road Maiduguri
2		Infected Treated Nets (ITNs)	20,000 pieces	At least 3% of the bid price	60 days	

4. Bidders may bid for any or more lots and discounts offered for the award or combined lots will be considered in Bid evaluation. Bids for part of a lot will be considered non- responsive.

5. Bidding will be conducted through the National competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Credits and IDA Credits,* and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.

6. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Borno State Health Systems Development Project II and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below

The Project Manager,
Borno State Health Systems Development Project II, No.1 Damboa Road, Maiduguri
Office Hours 8.00am - 4.00pm,
Tel: 076-342590

7. A complete set of bidding documents in English *language* may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Fifteen Thousand Naira (N15,000.00) or its equivalent in a freely- convertible currency, for each set. The method of payment will be by cash or Bank draft. The Bidding document will be collected by hand from the above Project or can be forwarded to the Bidders by courier service on request.

8. Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before 10:00 am on 26th APRIL, 2005

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of at least 3% of the Bid price or an equivalent amount in a Freely convertible currency *and shall remain valid for 30 days* beyond the bid validity period of 90 days. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above by 10.00am on 26th April, 2005

SIGNED
KAKA ALKALI
PROJECT MANAGER

Announcement

RURAL ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME UNDER THE ZAMFARA STATE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ZASIDEP)

This is to inform the general public and particularly those who are interested in becoming contractors for the construction of Rural Roads under the Zamfara State integrated Development Programme (ZASIDEP) that applications are being invited for pre-qualification in accordance with the general policies and guidelines for the operation of ZASIDEP.

2. Prospective contractors are required to supply the following information:

a. Evidence of proper registration of the firm with relevant authorities

b. Management structure of the company/Firm with qualifications of the key management staff.

c. List of projects executed by the firm in the past and those in progress if any, giving details of the nature, location and cost of the projects.

d. List of equipment owned by the firm, their locations and present conditions.

e. A letter of introduction from the contractors Bankers indicating how healthy their financial position is.

Prospective contractors should note that roads to be constructed shall have carriageway width of 7.3 meters with 1.50 metres shoulders on either side and the carriageway shall have two layers of surface dressing.

Interested contractors shall submit the required information to the **Hon. Commissioner for works** not later than **10 days** from the date of publication for evaluation and onward submission to **ZASIDEP Technical Coordinating Consultants.**

Signed
Muhammad Aliyu Anka
Permanent Secretary/Programme Coordinator
(ZASIDEP)
Government House, Gusau

Inside Politics

Buhari Organisation not impressed with Obasanjo's war on corruption

The Buhari Organisation (TBO), has dismissed President Obasanjo's reaction to the N55 million bribery scandal as mare grandstanding saying that Obasanjo has no moral right to accuse anybody of corruption when his mandate is a stolen one.

In a communiqué issued by the Chairmen of the chapters of the 36 states and Abuja, the TBO observed that the "current show of shame" in the National Assembly was a vindication of its position that nothing positive will come out of institutions founded on falsehood.

It likened Obasanjo's reaction on the scandal to a "Kettle calling the pot black" and said that "Chief Obasanjo will not have the moral credential, integrity and credibility without first confessing his involvement in fraud and corruption and denounce them publicly and return the ANPP's stolen sacred mandate"

The group also frowned at the cordial relationship between president Obasanjo and some of the ANPP governors urging them to distance them-selves from Obasanjo since the party (ANPP) has not recognized him as president.

It also expressed shock at Ohenaeze vote of confidence on Obasanjo's "selective" exposure of corruption even as it lauded the cautions reaction of Afenifere and other socio-political organizations.

The communiqué also supports the participation of the ANPP in the on going national political reform conference expressing its confidence on the party's delegation as it urged them to turn the political fortunes of the country for the better.

The Buhari Organization also reaffirmed its unflinching support to General Muhammadu Buhari for remaining "consistent with integrity, honesty and respect for rule of law" expressing optimism that "the end will vindicate the just."



Chairman House Committee on Navy, Hon. Anthony Aziegbemi (l) and other Reps members, Ganiyu Solomon (m) and Hon. Mudasiru Useni discussing the N55 million allegation against some legislators ... recently Pix:Felix Onigbinde

Masari, APGA mourn FRA Williams

By Hammeed M. Bello,
Senior Political Reporter,
Habeeb I. Pindiga

The Speaker of the House of the Representatives, Hon. Aminu Bello Masari has described the death of legal luminary, Chief F.R.A. Williams as a huge loss not only to the legal profession but to the country at large.

Williams died Saturday night in his house in Lagos after returning from a medical check up overseas, and in his condolence message, Masari said that the late Williams was a legal icon who "bestrode the profession like a colossus."

The condolence message, signed by the Special Assistant, Print Media, to the Speaker, Mr. Leon Usigbe, said Williams would not be forgotten too soon for his contribution to the legal and political evolution of the country which will last for a while.

The Speaker, according to the statement, recalled William's pre-independence political activities, and his recent effort in strengthening the polity through the civil society organization, the Patriot, and said his death came at a time his efforts are most needed.

Masari expressed regrets on Williams's death but was confident his legacies would last, and prayed for the response of his soul and for the fortitude to his family to bear the loss.

The All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) has also described the death of Chief Fredrick Rotimi Williams as a challenge to all for the upholding of the rule of law and substance of democratcy.

A statement yesterday in Abuja by the party's National Chairma, Chief Ehekwas Okrie, said Williams "was a man of principle who strongly resisted autocracy, oppression, injustice and misadministration in Nigeria."

While condoling with the deceased's family, APGA described Williams' death as a great shock coming at a period when the nation needed the man's experience much.

It said: "Chief Williams was a lawyers' lawyer. His patriotism, intellectualism, professionalism, nobility and integrity greatly endeared him in the hearts of his fellow compatriots."APGA said further that Williams' death "is a challenge to lawyers, and all progressives to uphold the noble ideals he lived and died for, particularly the rule of law and sustainable democracy in Nigeria."

The party prayed for the repose of the deceased's soul and for fortitude to the family to bear the loss.

Justice Minister accused of breaching constitution

By Hammeed M. Bello,
Senior Political Reporter

Hon. John Longhor, a member of the House of Representatives has accused the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the federation, Chie Akinlolu Olujinmi of breaching the constitution for waiving the immunity of Plateau State Governor, Chief Joshua Dariye.

Hon. Longhor said the Justice Minister lacked the powers to sit in his office and doctor the constitution, and had by doing so committed a serious legal offence by unconstitutionally setting aside the immunity provided for Dariye under the law.

Expressing concern as to whether Olujinmi had the backing of the president in the alleged constitutional breaches, the lawmaker also accused the federal government of sending details on Dariye to the British Metropolitan Police because it was pursuing a vendetta against the governor.

He said the British Police wouldn't have stepped into the matter because they lacked evidence to substantiate allegations of money laundering against the Governor, alleging against Dariye. He said the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) hatched the allegation.

He believed that the controversy on Dariye could be solved politically without the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) setting up a probe panel, even as he alleged that something must have exchanged hands for the metropolitan police to testify in Kaduna court.

He said the money alleged to have been laundered by Dariye belonged to Plateau people, and only the Plateau state Assembly and the people of the state have the right to complain adding that the federal government has no jurisdiction to charge Dariye to court on that basis.

On the broadcast by the president, lawmaker doubted the sincerity of the president because no broadcast was made on more serious allegations of corruption, like the N9 billion case of Mr. Tafa Balogun, former Inspector-General of Police. Also, he said the president did not make any broadcast in the wake of the certificate scandal of Cross Rivers State Governor, Donald Duke.

He said the president was unfair to the legislature because such attack on the institution of the National Assembly was an attack on democracy, adding however that the National Assembly will deal with the issue in its way.

Marwa group woos Benue youths

From Hir Joseph,
Correspondent (Makurdi)

For the second time in less than one month, the national coordinator of Middle-Belt Organization for Marwa (MBOM), Comrade Joseph Aondona Mtom toured Benue state to canvass support of youths for the 2007 presidential aspiration of Brig. General Muhammad Bubara Marwa (Rtd).

Comrade Joseph Mtom, who met with over 100 leaders of various youth groups across the three Senatorial zones of the state, in Makurdi, also briefed them of the decision of the presidential hopeful to formally speak to Nigreians this April concerning his widely speculated presidential aspiration.

Calling on Benue youths to be fully in support of the former Lagos state military administrator in his bid for the presidency come 2007, the Middle Belt youths leader debunked insinuations that General Marwa was only fronting for his former boss, General Ibrahim Babangia.

Accroding to him, actions of the former military president rather shows that he is soilidly behind the candidature of Generl Marwa for president, claiming that at various occasions, General IBB recommended the Albarka Airline Chairman for the acceptance of Nigerians, come 2007.

"Rather, IBB who is like a father to all of us in the political scene has never failed to recommend General Marwa for Nigeria's acceptance, any time he has the opportunity to speak in the media," said Colmrade Mtom who added that both ex-military officers are credible enough and would not decend so low in playing such politics.

Concerning speculations that General Marwa may formally join the peoples Democratic Party, Comrade Mtom disclosed that the presidential hopeful would be talking to Nigerians on the matter this April.



Abia State Governor, Dr. Orji Kalu and his Bayelsa State counterpart, Chief D.S.P. Alamieyeseigha inKatsina during the turbanning of Kalu as the Maiyakin Katsina ... recently

Guber aspirant urges caution on NASS bribery scandal

From Lawal Ibrahim
(Katsina)

A gubernatorial aspirant in Katsina state, Rtd Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG), Alhaji Suleiman Maiwada has expressed worry over the alleged involvement of a member of the House of Representatives from Katsina state in the N5 million bribery scandal even as he cautioned against pointing all accusing fingers at the ruling People Democratic Party (PDP).

Fielding question from newsmen at his White House Campaign Headquarters in Katsina yesterday, Alhaji Suleiman Maiwada observed that it was a caucus for serious worry to all members of the party in the state because the accused federal lawmaker is a caucus members of the PDP and prayed that no member of the party falls victim of such allegation, again.

The gubernatorial hopeful cautioned Nigerians against pointing accusing fingers at the ruling party but to instead view the whole scandal as a national problem which requires a national approach in addressing the issue.

"Corruption is a multi facet issue in Nigeria which requires all the support fight" he said expressing his support for the removal of immunity clause in the constitution to allow for check against corrupt public officers even as he urged for caution in the manner of application to avoid witch-hunt.

Alh. Maiwada also expressed supported for the anti-corruption drive embarked by President Obasanjo supporting the application of appropriate disciplinary measure against any corrupt public officer.

RESPONSIBILITY OF NPA TO NIGERIANS AND THE ECONOMY

... Notes from the New NPA.



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Sports

AFRICAN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

Angry Mali fans riot, force suspension of game

A World Cup qualifier at Mali was stopped when fans rioted following a go-ahead goal by Togo in the 90th minute.

Fans blocked a main road with flaming tires and smashed car windows after they invaded the field on Sunday. Police fired tear gas as protesters descended on the capital's main African Unity Avenue.

"There are many people injured, and many arrests have been made," Interior Minister Colonel Sadio Gassama told *The Associated Press* yesterday.

Precise numbers of those injured or arrested were not released.

The multi-storey building housing the local Olympic committee was burned down, committee director Habib Sissoko said.

Fans at the packed 70,000-seat stadium saw Mali take the lead on Soumaila Coulibaly's goal in the 12th minute. But Salifou Mustapha tied it in the 83rd minute, and Kader Koubadia put Togo ahead 2-1 in the 90th. Police fired tear gas at dozens of angry fans who ran onto the field after the goal.

State television cut its live transmission just after police fired the gas canisters.

As fans stormed down the main street, some screamed about the play of Mali's top players.

"Give us Frederic Kanoute and Mamadou Bakayoko!" they demanded. "We're going to kill them!"

Presidential spokesman Seydou Sissouma said all players had been "secured" under guard.



Kanoute



Coulibaly

Mali Prime Minister Ousmane Issoufi Maiga went on national radio Monday to congratulate Togo for its victory, and said his government would work to repair the damage caused by its nation's "unsporting behaviour."

Thousands of fans, joined by residents who were not at the match, marched to the city centre, setting up barricades of burning tires and throwing rocks and stones at traffic lights, billboards and vehicles. The window of Bamako's biggest bakery, the Patisserie Almandine, was smashed and the store was looted. One man was eating a cream cake as he carted a chair away on his head.

Cellular telephones, money and cameras were stolen from passers-by.

"I understand the people's disappointment, but nothing justifies such acts," Sissouma said.

Several monuments were reduced to rubble, including the multi-storey Africa Tower at Faladie Square, the site where the president receives foreign dignitaries.

"We haven't seen anything like this since the March 26 revolution," said one woman, referring to the 1991 riots that ended decades of military dictatorship in the West African country [illegible] million.

If Togo is awarded the victory, it would force a three-way tie with Zambia and Senegal atop the Group One standings. Mali is in last place, and would be eliminated from World Cup contention with a loss. Only the group winner will qualify for the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

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Unit: Treasury **Position:** Manager

Job Description:

- Responsible for the efficient mobilization and management of organizational funds using ingenious means and innovative investment channels and technologies aimed at minimizing risks and maximizing resource utilization.
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- Managing of the company's relationship with its bankers. Day-to-day management of cash including planning and controlling cash levels and cash movements and general administration of liquidity policy.
- Selection of safe and profitable investment outlets in the money and capital markets for investment of the company's excess funds.
- Managing the company's balance sheet and other associated matters.

Attributes:

- The candidate must be capable of innovative and creative use of financial instruments, and must be at home with money/capital market operations.
- He/she must have excellent communication and customer relations skills.

Unit: **Inspection/Internal Control** Position: **Assistant General Manager**

Job Description:

- Responsible for evaluating the activities and performance of departments, units and sections to ensure compliance with operational guidelines set by regulatory authorities/approved by the Board.
- Manage and perform ongoing regulatory compliance and internal control assurance testing for the company.
- Develop improvement plans as needed. Obtain agreement from applicable management. Perform follow-up to ensure implementation.
- Reviews and evaluates all new, or changes to existing, products and processes to ensure adequate internal controls and compliance assurance.
- Prepare monthly management reports on testing results and other assurance activities.

Attributes:

- Strong knowledge of best practices related to regulatory compliance and internal control assurance testing with
- expert familiarity of applicable laws and regulations.

Superior ability to communicate and interact effectively with staff, management and regulatory agencies.

- Superior analytical and problem resolution skills combined with exceptional ability to work effectively with team members, staff and management. Also good sense of maturity coupled with leadership and mentoring capacity.

Previous experience in banking operations and bank inspection in EDP environment are additional requirements.

Unit: Marketing **Position:** Manager

Job Description:

- Creatively reviewing and developing attractive products to enhance the company's earnings potential and market share.
- Promotion of the Company's image through adverts, promotional items and publicity to create public awareness of the company and facilitate larger patronage.
- Ensuring aggressive mobilization of funds to maintain a high deposit base.

Attributes:

- The candidate must be intelligent, sociable, with excellent communication and inter-personal/customer relations skills. Previous bank customer relations exposure is an additional requirement.

Unit: Mortgage Operations **Position:** Manager

Job Description:

- Responsible for creating standards for mortgage originations, underwriting and servicing.
- Overseeing the initial review and preliminary underwriting of all case files by managing the loan processing team, which includes, sourcing, appraising and packaging of good mortgages.
- Effective administration of mortgage to deliver high value to customers and generate income for the company.
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- Ensuring effective liaison and rapport with the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria for hitch-free collaboration.
- Continuous research to maintain unbeatable product offerings in the market.

Attributes:

- The candidate must also be highly numerate and computer literate. Excellent customer service & communication skills are required.

Unit: MIS/Systems Analyst **Position:** Manager

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Sports

Cowdray Park lift Belgian Ambassador's Cup

The visiting team from Cowdray Park Polo Club in United Kingdom, team Cowdray Park, has lifted the Belgian Ambassador's Cup, while team Xenon won the Patron's Cup in this year's edition of Vmobile/Abraka international polo tournament.

The Cowdray Park quartet of Chris Bethel +3 as captain, dangerous Justin Gaunt +5, and two brothers, Charles and Andrew Seavil, handicaps +3 and +4 respectively, walloped the Bello Buba-led Abraka Guards by eleven goals to four to emerge as winner.

As expected, patriotic feelings of the crowd at the capacity-filled arena was betrayed during the tension-soaked encounter. Naturally, the home team had all the support needed, but they could not withstand nor stop the superior firepower of the English players.

Particularly outstanding during the match was Justin Gaunt. Although the players played as a team, the handicap +5 player single handedly wrecked the Nigerian players with his conversion of every single opportunity into goals. At the end of the match, Justin Gaunt netted in 6 of the 11 goals scored during the encounter. The pressure put on Abraka Guards resulted in their conceding of four penalties, which were played by Justin. He converted two of them into goals.

By Ismaila Umaru Lere, *Group Sports Editor*

The Patron's Cup was also decided when team Xenon defeated Goodfellows in their second match of the tournament. To emerge as winner, the combined handicap +9 players, which comprised of Khalid Dasuki +1, Baba Kyari +2, Dawule Baba +4, and Mustapha Junaid +2 accumulated 17 goals from two matches, having defeated Trafigura on day two of the tournament, and Goodfellows on day three by 9° goals to 8 and 7° goals to 6 respectively. Even though Trafigura also recorded a total of 17 goals from two matches, victory went to Xenon because it won two matches above the former.

Contest for the Beginners Cup was between Aqua-Dulcis and Vactive. At the end of the encounter, the former went away with victory, having defeated the latter with a slim margin of 2 goals to 1. The Ahmadu Yakubu Cup was decided the previous day with Ashton Wells carrying the day, having defeated Veego with a slim margin of 6 goals to 5.

Vmobile/Abraka International polo tournament is an annual polo fiesta held at the Abraka Turf and Country Club, Abraka, Delta State.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

Drogba, Côte d'Ivoire lead the pack in Africa

Côte d'Ivoire's relentless march toward a first-ever FIFA World Cup finals appearance continued on Sunday as Didier Drogba returned to spur them on to another win in the qualifying campaign.

Two goals from the oft-maligned Chelsea striker, injured during the encounter. The pressure put on Abraka Guards resulted in their conceding of four penalties, which were played by Justin. He converted two of them into goals.

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Ivory Coast players celebrating Bonaventure Kalou's goal against Benin Republic during their World Cup qualifier in Abidjan on Sunday

Captain Bonaventure Kalou got an early opening goal at the Felix Houphouet-Boigny stadium before Drogba added his double to take his tally of goals to five in the qualifiers.

The Ivorians' two major threats, Cameroon and Egypt, also won on Sunday but in contrasting fashion.

Cameroon's Indomitable Lions are seeking to qualify for a fifth successive FIFA World Cup finals but were told by new Portuguese coach Artur Jorge they needed to win all their remaining five qualifiers to stand any realistic chance.

They have seemingly taken his advice to heart but left it until stoppage time at the end of their match in Yaoundé against Sudan to claim all three vital points .

Substitute Achille Webo got the decisive goal after a moment's hesitation by Sudan goalkeeper Sherif Abubaker to spare blushes for the Indomitable Lions. They had also scored in stoppage time away against Sudan in Omdurman in October to pull off a 1-1 draw in for their last qualifier in October, ensured an easy 3-0 win over Benin in Abidjan and, at the same time, extended the Elephants' lead in Africa's Group Three, edging them closer to a place in the finals in Germany next year.

Egypt found themselves 1-0 down to Libya in Cairo on Sunday but bounced back for a 4-1 win with all their goals coming in the last 35 minutes.

The first goal marked a positive return for prodigal son Ahmed 'Mido' Hossam, back in Hassan Shehata's side after a falling out with Egypt's previous coach, Marco Tardelli.

In Group One, Togo pulled off a surprise 2-1 win away at Bamako over Mali in a match that had to be brought to a premature end after Cherif Maman scored a last-minute winner.

Furious home fans invaded the ground in Bamako after Togo got their second goal in 10 minutes, having fought back after Soumaila Coulibaly scored early on for a Mali side who were playing their first match under French coach Pierre Lechantre.

Togo remains level at the top of the standings with Senegal and Zambia, both victors at home on Saturday, setting up a potentially breathtaking finish in the group in the coming months.

Nigeria, having escaped with a late win over Gabon on Saturday, received further good fortune on Sunday when Zimbabwe did them a major favour by beating Angola in Harare.

It was the first defeat in their last qualifier.

Group Four for Palancas Negras and sees them now slip two points behind the Super Eagles, while Zimbabwe are now back in the race for a place at Germany 2006.

Also in Group Four, Mansour Boutabout's fourth goal of the qualifiers ensured Algeria won their first match, albeit in an unconvincing fashion against Rwanda.

The two bottom sides were separated by the goal from the Le Mans striker in the 47th minute of the match in Oran, where home fans whistled their own players off the pitch at half-time with the scoreline still goalless.

There was also disappointment for the biggest crowd of the day at Kinshasa's Stade des Martyrs where the Democratic Republic of Congo were held to a 1-1 draw by Ghana in front of some 80,000 passionate supporters .

The Simbas were down at the break after a listless first-half performance but were pipped up in the second half by super sub Mbuta Mbala, who proved their saviour again with his tricky runs at the opposing defence.

It was the diminutive Israeli-based talent who provided a welcome return to the side for Shabani Nonda, restored as captain after a long exile from the Congolese national side.

Uwua admits NPA played better

Insurance FC of Benin coach, Godwin Uwua, on Saturday admitted that Lagos Seasiders NPA were the better side in their week seven Globacom Premier League tie played at the Onikan Stadium, Lagos.

Uwua blamed his goalkeeper and defenders for the two goals scored by the home side.

"The two goals were clear defensive errors, the first by my goalkeeper while the second was by a defender," he told reporters after the match.

Uwua said he planned to seal all loopholes noted in the game to avoid repetition of such mistakes in future matches and absolved the referee of any blame for the goals.

"This is a league and you are not expected to win all your matches," he noted.

NPA team manager Mike Idoko, said the winners were still in a transition period, predicting that the team would continue to improve in subsequent games.

"You can see that we are getting better with every match. We are still trying to develop a team and when we do get there, you will all know for sure that we have indeed arrived."

Gabriel Agu, who provided the passes for the double strike and had netted two goals for the side in the competition, said he was looking forward to finishing the season as the league's top scorer.

"That would certainly be a pleasant surprise. We promised our management we intend to notch one of the continental slots and that remains our focus," added Agu.

The two goals of the match came in the 35th and 70th minutes before a scanty crowd.

NPA took their points tally to nine from seven games while the Benin sides have amassed 10 points.

We went to sleep in the first half – *Okocha*

Super Eagles captain, Austin Okocha has explained why the team could not make any headway in the first 45 minutes of their World Cup cracker against Gabon.

Though, many observers believed the Eagles could not find their way early in the match because of the rain which made the pitch to be wet and slippery, the Bolton Wanderers captain said that loss of focus, rather than the rains was responsible for the team's poor display in the first stanza of the World Cup qualifier.

Okocha disclosed to *Trustsports* that it took his intervention to re-awaken the team from its slumber, as they were playing to gallery.

From AbdulRaheem Aodu, *Sports Reporter, in Port Hrcourt*

"We were not playing up to our best in the first half of the game and the players need somebody to wake them up which is my responsibility, as the coaches will not come into the pitch to help us play. The game was not going our way so I have to re awaken the team, as some of the players seemed to have gone to sleep even though if I have to shout on some of them to make them

refocused on the task at hand. That was why we seemed to be quarreling on the pitch," he explained.

...renews contract with Vmobile

Super Eagles and Bolton Wanderer's Skipper, Austin Jay Jay Okocha has renewed his contract with leading GSM operator, Vmobile Nigeria.

The contract signing ceremony which took place at the Ocean View Restaurant in Lagos yesterday will have Okocha as Vmobile's brand Ambassador for another one year.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, the Super Eagles' captain noted that, he agreed to renew the contact because of the inspiring gestures and offers from the management of Vmobile.

"I'm impressed with what the organization has been offering me since going into partnership with them and I believe that this relationship will go a long way," he said.

Responding on behalf of Vmobile, the Brand Manager, Veego, Ope Aleibiosu expressed satisfaction over the desire of the Super Eagles captain to renew the contract and promised the organizations continued support for its ambassadors.

Other Brand Ambassadors of Veego are Super Eagles ace, Nwankwo Kanu and Inter Milan forward Obafemi Martins.

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Before the sale of Abuja houses

The Federal Executive Council, FEC announced at its March 2 meeting that it would be offering for sale an estimated 25,000 Abuja government houses currently occupied by civil servants. The announcement is in furtherance of the two-year old monetisation policy of the government. The government believes it would make an estimated N300 billion from the sales and wants it done by the end of April this year.

In a deregulated economy, there is absolutely nothing wrong with this decision. But in the Nigerian situation, a few observations need to be made. The houses in question were built between 20 and 25 years ago. With this policy, they are not to be sold at their current value with their state of wear and tear, but at the cost of replacing them. This is a flawed procedure.

The policy of offering the houses to the current occupants is a good one. But what has not been taken into consideration is the fact that this policy itself disenfranchises scores of civil servants who would have loved to live in government houses but have not been allocated any because of non-availability. The question that comes to mind is where is equity?

Again, there are many instances where the current occupants of a flat have only a room to themselves. In this case who among the various occupants will have first option to purchase the house?

Another flaw in this decision is that it was made with military fiat. The occupants of these houses were never consulted neither was there a research as to the effect of forcing out those who may not be able to afford the prices on their productivity, their lives as well as those of their dependants. Government says it is floating a bond on the Nigerian Stock Exchange by which the Federal Mortgage Bank would be able to raise the money needed to finance the process for civil servants. Two private banks, UBA Plc and Standard Trust Bank have offered N50 billion to defray the costs. In effect, government wants its money while beneficiaries are sentenced to the vagaries of market forces, very exorbitant and sometimes misanthropic interest rates that would transform the loanees into perpetual debtors.

One would have thought that the federal government, having agreed to offer these houses to its present occupants would work out a modality by which it could recoup its cost over a period not less than ten years. This would put the beneficiaries in the necessary frame of mind to continue to work without stress or strain.

Government's argument is that civil servants should rent houses while their allowances fall flat in the face of the gross inadequacy of housing needs in the federal capital. The number of fluid structures being demolished by the FCDA shows that the houses are simply not there. This inadequacy has forced several civil servants into neighbouring states from where they commute with stress and strain to and from work daily. It is also important to note that as it stands, the federal capital authorities are unable to adequately cover the first phase of the FCT with adequate infrastructure such as pipe-borne water, electricity, sewage and drainage systems. Any policy that increases this stress would automatically reduce the level of productivity of the civil service thereby weakening its structure and making it unusable for the purpose for which it was designed.

It is for these and several other reasons that the federal government ought to look at a more humane way of implementing this policy without contributing to the social malaise that is already plaguing the federal capital.

Government should formulate and implement policies bearing in mind the social contract it has with its citizenry who fortunately also double as the electorate. A policy that is going to cause unnecessary hardship and destroy the body that helps translate government policies into practical reality should be avoided. As it stands now, if the government goes ahead with this policy without taking into consideration the salient issues raised here, it would be putting itself in a position where another government would be forced to reverse this decision, return the certificates of occupancy to be issued to the potential beneficiaries and return the city to its status quo. If that happens, a good policy of gradual disengagement would have been defeated. We believe that governance should be a continuum and policies should be formulated in such a way that it would be for the greatest good of the greatest number.

President Obasanjo Vs National Assembly

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Considering the level of embarrassment to the members of the National Assembly by the media broadcast of President Obasanjo and their sweep reactions to the allegations of massive corruption against the distinguished and honourable members, it would not be an exaggeration to proclaim a state of war between the two tiers of government. The battle-line is certainly drawn and it would take some form of divine intervention to contain the level of hostility between the two gladiators.

By exposing Prof. Fabian Osuji, the former minister of education and his alleged conspirators in the procurement and sharing of the 55 million Naira bribe to some members of the National Assembly to facilitate the passage of this year's budget of the education ministry, the president certainly staged a coup de tat against the legislators. He has by addressing the nation in a special nationwide radio and television broadcast, the president went for the jugular of the National Assembly. By the national standard, where corruption has eaten deep into the conscience and body fabric, the sum of 55 million Naira is obviously too low and meagerly to warrant a presidential broadcast.

This is an amount that can be associated with clerks and other junior officers in government ministries and agencies. This is a nation where Tafa Balogun was once its Inspector General of Police and where media reports have alleged the discovery of over three billion Naira liquid cash in his bank accounts and several properties in choice locations all the major cities of the country. But the big man still sleeps in his house. Instead of being in jail and despised by the public for the national shame and bringing disgrace to his community, the top royal fathers of his area are busy lobbying for him to escape justice.

In fact, even journalists from Lagos where he resides have decided to look elsewhere for news and commentaries rather than their own backyard. A conspiracy of silence of some sorts has emerged where the name of probably one of the most corrupt public official in this millennium has all of a sudden disappeared from the leading journals, magazines and newspapers south of River Niger. Similarly, a nation that produced Julius Makonjola, the former permanent secretary, Ministry of Defense who in collaboration with others allegedly stole over 450 million Naira, got his trial stopped midway by the nation's Attorney General and Minister of Justice without a whisper from its president cannot be celebrating the exposure of 55 million Naira. There are several examples and cases of mind-boggling amounts stole by Nigeria's public officials and stashed away all over the world without any word of disapproval from the presidential villa in Abuja.

What is different this time around is not the amount of money involved but the characters that included the number three-man in the country and president of the Senate, Chief Adolphus Wabara, some Senators and members of the House of Representatives. In deed, by the standard of the National Assembly, 55 million Naira is also very low to attract any serious attention if we remember that not too long ago, a member alleging to be bribed by somebody laid the sum of 400 Million Naira cash before the House of Representatives. Since then, I do not know what happens to the money or the alleged bribe giver.

According to the news going round Abuja, of the 55 million Naira that was given out by education ministry to lubricate the budgetary machinery so as to ensure he ministry got a fat budget, the money was taken to one Senator's house from where the sharing was conducted. The Senate appropriated the largest chunk with Senator Wabara allegedly going home with a whopping ten million Naira. At the end of the bribe-sharing exercise, the formula used was not equitable as only eight million Naira was allegedly "allocated" to the education committee members of the House of Representatives. In fact, to show that the "dividends' of democracy went down the ladder, the secretary of the Senate Committee of Education was allegedly not left out as the woman went home with one million Naira. While all went on quietly in the Senate, there was rancour in the House, as the eight million did not go round amongst the education committee members. It was further alleged that some members who were left in the cold in the sharing of the Osuji largesse, blew the whistle and the rest as we all came to know is now history. So from the foregoing, there is very little doubt that money exchanged hands between some legislators to facilitate the budgetary process. What my mind has some doubt is the ten million Naira allegedly collected by Hon. Garba Shehu Matazu, the chairman, House Education Committee to facilitate the 2004 budget of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. As I was writing this piece, I listened on BBC where Matazu, the former Bayero University Kano don was swearing that he knew nothing about the ten million Naira. Having listened to the oath he took inviting God's wrath and all forms of calamities on himself and family if he knew, collected even a Kobo from the ten million Naira Prof. Njoku allegedly gave him, I verily believe him even if he was not telling the truth. But I did not hear him talk of the 2005 budget and the N55 million thereof from Osuji. And on a light humour, I was pleased to hear that Matazu is back, hale and hearty. This is because when the scandal broke out, many thought the man has bolted out. Thus, there was this GSM text message being circulated declaring him missing and requesting anybody that saw him to kindly inform him that Nuhu Ribadu was looking for him! It would therefore appear that the travails of Prof. Njoku are not over as he has a lot of explanations to make about the whereabouts of the ten million Naira.

Also now that the chickens have come home to roost as in Obasanjo's fatal blows on the National Assembly, they should take the onslaught in good faith blaming some of their members for the embarrassment. They should critically examine themselves and begin the self-cleansing rituals to redeem their names, honour and integrity. Their public image has never being so low. I always had this nasty feeling that they were burning their fingers and sooner or later something must give way. Just a few weeks ago while commenting on the suspension of Hon. Yerima over his allegation of the MTN recharge cards bribery; we advised the leadership to act swiftly even if they were involved.

From the rumours making the round on this scandal in its scale, extent and magnitude, many members and senators would need special prayers and sacrifices to survive the tidal waves to follow the release of the results of the investigations allegedly conducted by the National Communications Commission. If I were the House Committee Chairman on Communications, I would just report myself to the controller of Kiri-Kiri prison to commence my term. The National Assembly members have clearly reached their boiling point as they are generally fingered in extorting money from government agencies during budget exercises and oversight functions. That was why last year there was this scandal of slapping syndrome in both the two chambers. Because of the level of decadence as a nation, government official have to bribe other government officials to get money to do government's work. And the tragedy of it all is that some people regard this as normal! Hence you find inside government offices, officials have to bribe themselves to obtain normal approvals or get certain allowances paid. It would appear that it is only the payment of salaries that one could get without giving bribes.

Corruption is so pervasive in our country such that no institution is spared. Our Imams and Pastors are always available to offer special prayers from confessed thieves to avert the course of justices.

Even parents are not spared, as they are always willing to receive money or gifts from their children without asking the source of the wealth. Our traditional rulers would gladly confer prestigious chieftaincy titles on thieves and fraudsters without asking any question on the source of the sudden wealth.

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