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THE crisis in Dogo Nahawa, Kamat and Ramsat villages of Jos South yesterday, left dozens dead and many building torched.

200 killed in Jos villages raid

From Andrew Agbese, Ahmed Mohammed (Jos) & Misbahu Bashir (Abuja)

AT least 200 people were killed yesterday when suspected pastoralists attacked three villages near Jos, where sectarian violence left hundreds dead in January, villagers and officials said.

Witnesses said armed persons stormed the Berom villages of Dogo Nahawa, Ramsat and Kamang, in

Shen district of Jos South Local Government Area, at about 3.00 am, shooting in the air, thereby creating pandemonium as villagers scamper for cover. People who came out of their homes were bludgeoned or macheted to death.

The villages are 10 kilometres south of Jos city, and about five minutes' drive to the country home of Governor Jonah Jang.

Our reporter saw corpses—including those of women and children—with cudgel and machete wounds strewn along the streets. Many houses in the villages were also razed.

Witnesses said they were suspecting the invaders to be Fulani pastoralists because they were heard speaking in Fulfulde as they attack the villagers.

Dogo Nahawa resident Peter Gyang said he hid at an uncompleted building and saw the invaders chanting incomprehensible codes at their would-be attackers before killing them.

"They came around 3 o'clock in the morning and they started shooting into the air," Reuters news agency quoted Gyang as say-

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Sultan: Calls for Dambazau's removal provocative

From Zakariyya Adaramola, Lagos

AGITATIONS by some Christian elders for the removal of Army chief General Abdulrahman Dambazau could have provoked crisis in the country but for the conciliatory efforts of some leaders, Sultan of Sokoto Muhammad Sa'ad Abu-

bakar has said.

Abubakar, who is President of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA) and secretary of the council Abdulateef Adegbite said yesterday in Lagos that the calls for Dambazau's removal by two Christian leaders had religious undertones and were capable of inflaming pas-

sions.

The Northern Christian Elders had asked Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to sack Dambazau over the alleged deployment without permission of troops to the Abuja airport to receive President Umaru Yar'adua from his

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NLC holds protest to oust Iwu

By Francis Okeke

THE Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) said it would hold a "national mass action" to call for the removal of Professor Maurice Iwu as chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

No date has yet been announced for the protest by the union.

NLC reached the decision during its emergency National Executive Council (NEC) meeting held in Kaduna State last Thursday to discuss Acting President Goodluck Jonathan's plea for it to accept the controversial deregulation policy.

A communiqué signed at the end of the meeting states that Iwu must be removed and that "the leadership of Congress was therefore mandated to convey this to the Acting President and the leadership of the National Assembly."

The congress leadership was also mandated to fix a date for national mass action "to drive home our point that Maurice Iwu must go as INEC boss." The union regretted that if Iwu could not conduct a credible election in just one state (Anambra) with all the resources he had.

"In this respect and in the light of the recent failing of INEC during the Anambra governorship election, NEC-in-Session resolved that it is of utmost importance that Maurice Iwu must be removed as the Chief Electoral Officer of the Federation" the union added.

NUPENG, PTD back deregulation

By Hamisu Muhammad

THE National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) and the Petroleum Tankers Drivers (PTD) have expressed support for government's plan to deregulate the downstream of the oil sector.

Rising from its national congress in Abuja at the weekend, the PTD expressed readiness to work with government for the successful implementation of the reform programme.

The union said if the oil sector is deregulated and the Petroleum Industry Bill passed into law, petroleum products will be available for all, adding that government will get the full support of the two most powerful unions in the oil and gas sector.

The National President of NUPENG, Comrade Igwe Achese said it is high time for government to provide answers to some of the unanswered questions about the deregulation plan.

Mr Achese said unless tyres roll, the PTD and NUPENG members will not earn their daily bread, saying if the deregulation means more products supply, less closure of refineries and the vandalisation of pipelines, the government will enjoy the full support of the unions.

The unions also called on the government to ensure that bad roads are rehabilitated within a shortest possible time to avoid their anger.

Yakassai berates Obasanjo over comments

By Muideen Olaniyi

FIRST and Second Republic politician Alhaji Tanko Yakassai yesterday said that nobody can be said to have appropriated Nigeria to himself more than former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

He was reacting to Obasanjo's comment that "no group or section of the country has the right to appropriate Nigeria."

Alhaji Yakassai said the former President was not fair to the North if he was referring to the region.

Yakassai said Obasanjo's move to elongate his tenure, the removal of Solomon Lar, Bernabas Gemade and Audu Ogbah as Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) national chairmen,

the attempt to make himself the life Chairman of PDP Board of Trustees (BOT) were pointer to his conclusion.

While saying that the North as a region had sacrificed for the unity of Nigeria, the ace politician said the idea of rotational presidency was muted by Northerners during the days of National Party of Nigeria (NPN).

He said that: "It is only Obasanjo in the whole of Nigeria that has a tendency to appropriate the entire country, its economy and power to himself."

"I think from my understanding, I think Obasanjo in my opinion is referring to his desperation against the North and if it is true that he is saying it against the North, then he is not being fair to the North. No section of this

country has made sacrifice to strengthen the unity of this country than the North," he said.

He said there was no time the North ever attempted to claim monopoly in Nigeria in spite of the fact that it embodies more than 50% of the total population of this country and over 70% of the total land mass of the country.

"If you remember Social Democratic Party (SDP) Convention in Jos, Chief M.K.O Abiola contested against two Northerners in the party and majority of the delegates at that Convention were Northerners and yet they decided to support Abiola; a Southerner against Babagana Kingibe; a Northerner and Atiku Abubakar; a Northerner. After the Convention, the North supported Abiola; a Southerner against Bashir Tofa; a Northerner," he said.



FROM left: Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, Baba Adini of Lagos, Alhaji Abdulhafis Abou and Speaker, House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole at the fund raising for Najomo Mosque, Abeokuta, held at Syrian Club, Ikoyi-Lagos yesterday.

Nigeria, Angola move to improve ties

By Aisha Umar Agaie

NIGERIA and Angola have expressed the need for regular consultation on bilateral cooperation between them and agreed to immediately convene the outstanding 5th session of the Nigeria-Angola Bilateral Commission in Luanda.

This followed the official visit to Angola by Nigeria's Foreign Affairs Minister Ojo Maduekwe, who expressed Nigeria's wish to

organize a Business Investment Forum and an exhibition of made in Nigeria products at the margins of the session.

The two countries also emphasized the importance of the Gulf of Guinea Commission in the maintenance of peace and security for the optimal exploitation of the oil, gas and marine resources for the benefit of its members.

Maduekwe urged member states to honour their financial obligations to the Gulf of Guinea

Commission for the execution of all its objectives and programmes.

A statement by spokesperson of the Foreign Affairs Ministry Ozo Nwobu said Nigeria and Angola have agreed to use the existing Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA) to facilitate the immediate commencement of direct flights between them and expressed the desire to create a mechanism for the establishment of economic and financial cooperation that will accelerate trade

and investment between the two countries.

Ojo Maduekwe was received in audience by the Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, where he delivered fraternal greetings from Acting President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan.

President Santos wished President Umaru Yar'Adua full recovery and welcomed the decision reached by the Nigerian people towards the consolidation of democracy in the country.

N/Assembly to train lawmakers with N1bn

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE National Assembly management has budgeted N1.099 billion naira for training of lawmakers in 2010.

The training will be carried out through the Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP), which is the intellectual wing of the National Assembly.

The N1.099 billion naira is to be jointly contributed by the African Capacity Building Foundation which will contribute the sum of \$500,000, the National Assembly management

is to give \$3.4 million, Senate and House of Representatives will contribute \$1.66 million each.

The work-plan budget packaged which is under the headship of the Project Coordinator Dr. Ladi Hamalai would cover personnel costs, administrative overheads, capital expenditure, core related activities and training programmes, according to the document made available to Daily Trust at the weekend.

The 2010 work plan of PARP is designed against the backdrop of emerging issues in the political, economic and legislative envi-

ronment in the country. In the political front, three major issues are worth noting: these are the review of the 1999 Constitution, electoral reforms process and consolidation of the gains of the amnesty granted to the militants in the Niger-Delta.

"It is anticipated that general elections against 2011 political succession will start within 2010. The overall success of the foregoing will further enhance sustainable democracy in Nigeria and consolidate a stable foundation for economic growth," the document read.



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LATE Stanley Macebuh

Stanley Macebuh dies at 67

THE Nigerian Guild of Editors yesterday said it received the death of Dr Stanley Macebuh, former special assistant on public communications to ex-President Olusegun Obasanjo, with grief.

Macebuh, who hailed from Abia State, died in the early hours of yesterday at the National Hospital Abuja after brief illness at the age of 67.

In a statement signed by the President of Nigeria Guild of Editors (NGE) Gbenga Adefaye, Macebuh was described as a man of style and panache, and remarkable not just for his pioneering roles in the establishment of good newspapers.

A journalist and educator, Macebuh helped set up *The Guardian Newspapers* in 1983 and was once its Managing Director.

Macebuh left City College in 1977 as a tenured Associate Professor of English, to return to Nigeria as he was invited to the *Daily Times* newspaper to be the Editorial Adviser.

He also worked the defunct *Post Express* which first hit the internet in Nigeria and the *Sentinel Magazine* in Kaduna.

"Years after he had left the business of journalism for think tank job for government, his imprint on quality press remained indelible. His cult-like following for journalism essence continue to influence professional thoughts and processes in Nigeria," Adefaye said in the statement.

Jang says state of emergency not possible in Plateau

GOVERNOR Jonah Jang of Plateau State has said that a state of emergency cannot be declared in his state, as such action would be unconstitutional.

Jang, who addressed supporters on Saturday at the Langtang Township Stadium during his "Meet-the-People-Tour", described the protagonists of emergency rule as ignorant people.

"Some of our politicians, who cannot win elections, want to create problems for someone the people elected. I want to tell

them, the people of Plateau State want peace and for their information, there is no state of emergency in the constitution to sack any government," he said.

Jang declared his intention to seek a second term in office as Governor but assured that all elective positions in the State would be declared vacant for anyone to contest.

"If they know the people want them to come into Government, let them come out. We will all face the people and let the people decide whether they want

them or they want us. But if you defeat us, we will hand over to you. If the people say we should continue, we will continue by the grace of God."

He alleged that some desperate politicians were behind the crises in the state.

"They have so much money that they stole and they don't know what to do with the money and they think they should buy arms for our people to kill themselves and cause trouble on the Plateau. They come and talk peace here and go behind to wage war

against us secretly. I want to tell them that enough is enough," Jang stressed.

Earlier, the Emir of Wase, Alhaji Mustapha Haruna, appealed to the people of the State to live in peace for rapid socio-economic development. He lamented that incessant ethno-religious crises had taken the state backward. The Emir said all religious and ethnic groups had pledged peace and declared their support for the governor, to enable him succeed in the development of the state. (NAN)



SUSPECTED pastoralists attacked three villages of Ramsat, Dogo Nahawa and Kamat in Jos South LGA yesterday, killing over a hundred.

Leaders disagree over Jos cemetery

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

THERE is renewed tension in Jos over a petition filed by the Anaguta community over the ownership of the Naraguta cemetery along Bauchi/Jos highway.

On February 18, the Army Sector Commandant in charge of Jos, Major B.A. Amakor, held a meeting with religious leaders at the Jos Central mosque and advised them to suspend burial at the Rusau cemetery and shift their burials to the Naraguta cemetery pending when the military settles the disagreement over the Rusau grave yard because some youths in Rusau barricaded the roads and said they had

banned burial there, leading to a disagreement that was contained by security forces.

Less than two weeks after the parley between the army and the religious leaders, the Andisama family of Anaguta through the Anaguta Development Association Rigizah District claimed that the Naraguta Grave yard belongs to them.

In a petition they wrote against the village head of Naraguta, Engineer Mohammed Bello, which was signed by Ponso Sani Kauda and six others addressed to the Chairman Jos North Local Government Area, they alleged trespass by the Hausa community on their land.

The petitioners claimed that the Andisama family was the owner of the burial ground and that they allowed the Hausa community to use it as a burial ground for many years and now they observed that the Hausa community expanded it, adding that they commenced the construction of a fence round the area without their consent while the land had not been sold to them.

They said during the January 2010 Jos crisis, all the bodies of the Hausas who died elsewhere were brought and buried in a mass grave on that land.

The petitioners appealed to the authorities concerned to intervene and stop the fencing of the

grave yard, saying continued use of the land for burial may create anxiety and tension as it is very close to the Bauchi bye pass.

Community leaders in Naraguta, Alhaji Muhammadu Naraguta and Alhaji Shuaibu Abdullahi, told newsmen that they were invited by the police over the incident and that the burial ground belongs to them because they were the ones burying their dead for the past 150 years without interference, saying they inherited the place from their ancestors.

Spokesmen of the community said they embarked on fencing the grave yard to cover their dead ones so that animals and ungodly

people do not dig out their bodies, saying it is normal in all parts of the country for Muslim grave yards to be fenced.

They said because of the petition, their village head, Engineer Mohammed Bello, was released on bail by the police after all factions signed an undertaking that they must be peaceful and that there would be no breakdown of law and order in the area pending police investigations.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Mohammed Lerama told newsmen that he would find out the details of the case with the State Criminal Investigation Department before briefing newsmen.

Jos: Jonathan places security agents on red alert

By Mohammed S. Shehu

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday placed all security services in Plateau State and neighbouring states on red alert following reported outbreak of renewed violence in Jos.

The decision to place security services on alert, according to Jonathan, was to stem any cross border dimensions to the latest conflict.

Jonathan said he has directed security services to undertake strategic initiatives to confront and defeat those he described as "roving bands of killers."

A statement by his media aide Ima Niboro quoted Jonathan as saying: "The country arose this morning to news of renewed crisis in Plateau State. Reports reaching us indicate that marauding bands launched a flurry of attacks on certain communities in the state, causing considerable death and injury."

"While it is too early to state categorically what is responsible for this renewed wave of violence, we want to inform Nigerians that the security services are on top of the situation."

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Saudi medical trip two weeks ago.

Speaking at the launching of the appeal fund for the Najah Joint Muslim Organisation (NAJOMO) mosque in Lagos, Abubakar said Muslim elders had never openly or secretly called for the sack of any top serving Christian government official for whatever reason. He said the statement by the northern Christian elders would have caused unrest in the country but for the quick intervention of some well meaning Nigerians.

"Let say me say here that the call by Northern Christian Elders for the removal of Chief Army Staff is wrong; and not in the interest of the country. The call would not do us any good other than heating up the polity. Those making the call do not mean well for the country... Muslims have not been in this country to make such a call against their Christian brethren.

should always be a call for peace; none of these two great religions is synonymous with violence. Let us all watch our utterances so that we would not be provoking people of other faiths to violence," he said.

Adegbite, who is the founder of NAJOMO group, said the Army chief should not be accused of any wrong doing in the deployment of troops to welcome the president. He said it was the prerogative of the military to decide on the size of troops adequate for the protection of the president or the acting president.

He said it would be wrong to question their professional judgment on such security matters. "The military should be kept out of it all," he said.



GWON Gwon Jos (middle addressing journalists on the crisis in three villages near Jos, Plateau State, yesterday.



THE attack on Ramsat village, near Jos, yesterday left dozens dead and many buildings and vehicles burnt.

200 killed in Jos villages raid

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... meant to bring people from their houses and then when people came out they started cutting them with machetes."

An elderly man David Kyang told NAN news agency: "They came and attacked us when everyone slept; they first set the houses ablaze and shot sporadically into the air to scare the able-bodied men away."

Military units began surrounding the affected villages around the same time journalists and officials visited the areas, reports said. "It appears to be reprisal attacks," Red Cross spokesman Robin Waubo told AP news agency, referring to the massacre of Fulani people in other villages of the state in January.

... In nearby Bauchi state, a shift camp still holding victims of January's violence, said Red Cross official Adamu Abubakar. "They started running away from the fighting," Abubakar told AP news agency

Plateau State Commissioner of Information Gregroy Yenlong said up to 500 people were killed and many others were being treated at various hospitals in the state.

"It is nothing but ethnic cleansing," Yenlong told newsmen shortly after visiting the attacked villages. He said all the three villages attacked were Berom villages, making the state government to suspect that it was aimed at a particular ethnic group. He said preliminary

reports indicate that the attack... suspect former state secretary of the PDP Saleh Bayeri of having foreknowledge of the attack because he had been making statements inciting the Fulani people against the Beroms.

But Bayeri denied this, adding that since the attack on the Fulani in Kim Kim and Kuru Karama in January, he had been appealing to his people to be calm. He wondered why the state government was swift to point at a suspect over the latest killings when it failed to name a single person when the Fulani were killed in January.

Secretary of Fulani organisation Miyetti Allah in the state, Mohammed Nuru Abdullahi, said his members had no hand in the attacks and only heard

about them... Larama confirmed the attacks but said he could not give figures of the dead until the end of investigations.

Gbong Gwom Jos, Da Jacob Gyang Buba, who visited the areas affected, said the situation was "sad, heinous, unacceptable and man's inhumanity to man."

Director of the League of Human Rights in Jos, Shamaki Gad, condemned the attack saying the killing of women and children was despicable.

In Abuja, deputy force public relations officer Yemi Ajayi said normalcy had returned to the villages. "The Commissioner of Police in the State had informed the Police Headquarters about the crisis and said it has been contained. It was prevented from spreading," he said.

TMG faults Jonathan's advisory council makeup

By Abbas Jimoh

THE Transition Monitoring Group (TMG) said the setting up of the Presidential Advisory Council (PAC) by Acting President Goodluck Jonathan is not a far-reaching solution to Nigeria's underdevelopment.

The group said the setting up of the council is only another

effort at re-elevating members of the ruling class whose past services to Nigeria brought the country to its present comatose state.

In a statement issued yesterday and jointly signed by TMG chairman Comrade Mashood Erubami and Publicity Secretary Musa Rafsanjani, the group advised Jonathan to put the euphoria of his political promotion behind

him and prioritize the provision of basic infrastructure and electoral reform as the 2011 general election approaches.

TMG said the first right step to justify the installation of the Acting President by the National Assembly resolution should have been to shun the so-called unworkable seven-point agenda of President Umaru Yar'adua,

which it said seems not achievable after over two years.

"In view of this, Acting President Goodluck Jonathan should as a matter of public emergency focus on lesser workable, realistic, specific, measurable and accomplishable program agenda like power generation, employment opportunities, provide infrastructure and enhance

income capacity, improve on the current anti-corruption revolution and ensure good governance that will guarantee credible elections, to move the nation forward."

While calling for the reshuffling of the cabinet to restore confidence and loyalty, it said that there are doubts and bickering among cabinet members.

10 Army battalions for peacekeeping

By Benjamin Auta and Fidelis Mac-Leva

OVER ten battalions of the Nigerian Army will be involved in peacekeeping operations this year, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lieutenant General Abdurrhman Bello Danbazau has said.

The COAS said this when the Director General of the Centre for Management Development (CMD), a parastatal of the National Planning Commission, paid him a courtesy visit in his office in Abuja.

"We inducted ten battalions in 2009 for peacekeeping operations and this year we will try and add more to the number," he said.

General Danbazau called on the CMD to partner with the Army, particularly in the area of conferences and seminars for manpower

development.

The Army Chief also added that the Army stand to gain from the relationship with the CMD, especially in the area of foreign language as the troops will be able to interact with their host communities in peace operation.

Speaking earlier, the DG of the CMD, Dr Kabiru Kabo Usman said the centre was established to address capacity and manpower shortage in both the private and public sector in the country.

He said the military being an intelligence based organization will achieve more when it cooperates with the centre as already some top level officers have been trained in the areas of information technology and project management.

Bauchi gives N1m to family of late NEMA staff

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

BAUCHI State has donated N1million to the family of late Hajiya Fatimah Usman, a former coordinator of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in charge of North East, who died last year in a motor accident.

Presenting the cheque in tears, NEMA's Director of Administration Dr. Zanna Mohammad, who represented the agency's director general ~~Dr. Zanna Mohammad~~ ~~Audu-Bida~~, said prayer for her soil to rest in peace.

In a letter signed by Abubakar Umar, on behalf of the Secretary to the State Government of Bauchi State, the government said the money is meant to assist the surviv-

ing family of Hajiya Fatima Usman.

He said the donation was in recognitions of the cordial relationship that exists between NEMA and Bauchi State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), which was facilitated by the late Fatima,

Collecting the cheque on behalf of the family, husband of the deceased, Architect Abdul Usman, thanked both Bauchi State and NEMA for their support before and after the death of his wife.

her three ~~children~~ ~~died along with~~ ~~bour~~ in a ghastly motor accident in Darazau, Bauchi State, sometime in April last year on her way to Maiduguri. One of her children however survived with injuries.



A crowd waiting for kerosene at the NNPC station in Calabar.

PIC: AFOLABI SOTUNDE

Constitution review: Reps to submit report this week

By Nasidi A. Yahaya

THE House of Representatives ad-hoc Committee on the review of the constitution will submit its report this week.

Chairman of the committee and Deputy Speaker Rep Usman Bayero Nafada (PDP, Gombe State) said the committee has concluded a two-day retreat in Kaduna House on the draft review in the next few days.

The committee concluded work on major issues including the independent candidacy in

elections, succession between the president and vice President and governors and their deputies, independence of INEC and appointment of its chairman and relevant sections that will strengthen the democratic process.

He said because of the primacy of the Electoral Act in the entrenchment of credible elections, the committee needed a little time to deliberate on the Act to enable it remove all obstacles that may impede credible elections in 2011 and beyond.

He however said the submis-

sion of the report will have to wait for a final resolution on the electoral Act to be decided upon by the committee.

It would be recalled that Rep Nafada had recently said the committee would remove all issues bordering on the Electoral Act from the constitution and treat them separately.

A post-retreat dinner was held Governor Nnamdi Sambo at the Government House in Kaduna. Governor Sambo expressed confidence in the committee's ability to produce a popular document.

Unity Forum tasks Jonathan on good governance

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE Unity Forum yesterday urged Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to ensure that the committees he set up were meant to fast track efficient implementation of federal government projects and not parallel structures that may end up being self serving.

Jonathan had last week inaugurated the Presidential Advisory Council and Project Assessment Committee.

Chairman of the Forum Alhaji Musa Maigida Abdu said the role to be played by the two committees may end up heating up the polity further instead solving problems, unless they are carefully managed.

The group expressed hope that the committees' functions would be clearly defined and strictly advisory so that the Acting President can take full responsibility for all his actions.

It called on Jonathan to ensure speedy implementation of ongoing projects and direct government officials and agents to con-

centrate on their primary responsible to the state and the people of Nigeria.

The forum asked Jonathan to direct his energy to the conclusion of the electoral reform programme in line with the recommendation of the Justice Uwais committee to ensure the conduct of transparent election in 2011 and any election

or bye-election that may take place before 2011.

It also forum urged the Acting President to ensure consultation with all stakeholders in running the affairs of the state, including National Assembly members, State governors, security agencies and members of the opposition political parties among others.



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'135 Muslim women in captivity for 5 years'

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

ABOUT 135 Muslim girls and women allegedly abducted during the Yelwan Shendam religious crisis of 2005 are yet to be released by Christian clerics despite all efforts to secure their freedom, the Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria (SCSN) has said.

The President of the council Dr. Ibrahim Datti Ahmad who spoke to newsmen at the week-

end shortly after 50 Muslim organisations from across the country met in Kaduna alleged that the abductees were subjected to forced labour and sexual abuse by their abductors who were mainly Christian clerics. He said they were abducted during the crisis that lasted for days after their husbands and parents had been killed. He added, "After killing their parents in their presence, they took them to the bush, trying

to convert them to Christianity but when they refused to be converted, they started maltreating them through sexual abuse and forced labour".

Ahmad alleged that the perpetrators were doing it with the support and assistance of the Plateau State government. He also said the state government had been suppressing moves by the council to expose the abductors.

"When the abductors realised

that they could not convert the Muslim girls and women to their religion, they asked some of the relatives to pay ransom before their loved ones are released to them. We have done all we could to secure their release, but they never allowed us to succeed," he said.

He called on the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency intervene to secure their freedom and that their abductors should

be made to pay compensation to their families for forced labour and sexual abuse.

"A sizable number of them have put to bed as a result of the sexual abuse by their kidnapers and yet they refused to release them," he added.

The SCSN demanded that the Federal Government must take all necessary steps to make the recent crisis in Plateau State last January the last one.

PDP urges Oshiomhole on LG bosses

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Edo State wants Governor Adams Oshiomhole to implement a resolution by the House of Representatives urging him to revise the suspension of the Chairmen of Orhiomwon and Akoko Edo Local Government Councils of the state.

The party in a statement at the weekend in Benin through the state Chairman Chief Dan Orbih said the country should not tolerate violation of the rule of law.

It would be recalled that the House of Representatives had last week passed a resolution calling on the governor to reverse the suspension of the chairmen just as it also condemned the impeachment of Speaker Zakawanu Garuba.

But Oshiomhole who reacted to the resolution Thursday during a meeting of the National Executive Committee

of the Action Congress said it was "ill conceived", saying the government would not be intimidated and would not implement the resolution. "I am not a parliamentarian, but I know that the two parties went to court on the issue and the matter is still in court. So as one that believes in the rule of law, I will not want to comment on it like some House members who allowed themselves to be used by a godfather who ran to Abuja to seek help because he has lost touch with the people at the grassroots," he said.

However, the PDP in a statement at the weekend commended the leadership of the House for the decision and urged the governor to respect the constitution.

The statement signed by the state chairman of the party Dr Dan Orbih urged the governor to comply with the provisions of the Edo State Local Government laws 2000 as amended in 2006.



GOV. Adams Oshiomhole



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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND TENDER FOR SUPPLIES/INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTIONS OF VARIOUS ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

(A) This is to inform the general public that the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital is desirous of commissioning competent contractors to undertake the Supplies/Installation and Constructions of various items in the year 2010. In view of this, the Hospital is hereby inviting competent and interested contractors for pre-qualification and tender bids in respect of the works in accordance with the Due Process.

LOT/PROJECT NO.	DESCRIPTION
Lot 01	Construction of 2 nd Phase infections Diseases Ward
Lot 02	Construction of Linear Accelerator Bunker for Radiotherapy/Nuclear Medicine Centre
Lot 03	Procurement of Equipment for Virology Laboratory
Lot 04	Construction of Students Hostel at CHC Banki
Lot 05	Computerization of Health Records Unit
Lot 06	Procurement of Renal Equipment/Consumables

(B) PRE-QUALIFICATION

The following are the pre-qualification requirements, which should be submitted by interested companies:-

1. Evidence of incorporation by Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
2. Tax Clearance certificate for the last three (3) years
3. Evidence of Contributory Pension Scheme for Staff.
4. Company profile including names, qualification and experience of Company staff with copies of credentials attached
5. Evidence of financial capability to handle work/Bank reference
6. Verifiable list of similar works successfully completed with names of clients and evidence of award/evidence of partial completion
7. Evidence of registration with the appropriate Federal Works, Registration Board.
8. Evidence of VAT Registration Certificate

The pre-qualification documents must be a separate sealed envelope and clearly marked 'Pre-Qualification of Tender for construction' and should be submitted within two (2) weeks from the date of this publication to the address below'. Full tendering procedure will apply only to bidders that have been pre-qualified and found capable of executing the project.

The secretary Tender Board,
University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital,
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(C) TENDER

Tender document shall be made available to interested companies on payment of non-refundable fees of N20,000.00 to the Finance department who shall issue receipts to accompany the tender on submission. Tenderers should collect Tender documents from the Office of the Assistant Director, Procurement.

Signed
Management

Measles kills 22 in Anambra

From Beatrice Onuchukwu, Awka

BETWEEN February and now, 22 children have died from Measles in Ogwuani-ocha community in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State and 44 others are in hospital. The 44 are in coma, according to the Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Chukwudi Njelita.

During the flag-off ceremony of this year's immunization exercise at the local government secretariat, Atani, Njelita said the state government had assembled medical experts to save the children and to stop further spread of the disease.

He charged parents and guardians to ensure that they immunize their children or wards. The wife of the state governor, Mrs. Margaret Peter-Obi, who represented the governor at the occasion, said the vaccines procured for the exercise were donated by the Rotary International through the assistance of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

She appealed to religious leaders and town union officials to assist in educating and enlightening parents on the need to immunize their children. Earlier, the state Commissioner for Health Professor Amobi Ilika assured that government would do everything within its powers to check the spread of the disease.

C/River farmers to get N1bn loan

THE All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN) in Cross River says the state government has provided N1 billion to be disbursed as loan to its members in the current farming season.

The loan, according to the association, will not be given to individual farmers, but to cooperative groups through First Bank and UBA, the banks designated by the government to administer the facility. Mr Sam Inyang, the state Chairman of AFAN, told newsmen in Calabar that by the guidelines, each cooperative society could get as much as N7.5 million.

He said the only collateral required from each group was a deposit of 25

per cent of the amount being sought.

"It is a revolving loan scheme established by government in 2007. Every year, N1 billion is made available for disbursement to farmers based on applications through cooperative societies," he said. The chairman also said the state government had concluded the process for accessing its share of the N200 billion Federal Government's agriculture loan for farmers in the state. He expressed optimism that the funds would be available for AFAN members in the state before the end of March. On fertilizer, Inyang said the product was available in the state and that its price was highly sub-

sidised by the state government. He said: "The government has subsidised the prices of the two grades of fertiliser we have in the state by as much as 33 per cent. This has brought the rate down to N2,745 per bag of NPK brand from its previous price of N3,600.

"The Urea brand now sells for N2,137 per bag as against its former price of N2,975. Cross River is one of the states in the country where the prices of fertiliser have gone very low, bringing it to the reach of the average farmer. In fact, the good news is that the product is quite available. It is available in designated depots in each of the three senatorial districts in the state." (NAN)



KANO STATE GOVERNMENT

**MALARIA CONTROL BOOSTER PROJECT (MCBP)
PUBLICATION FOR CONTRACT AWARD**

Through:

National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Process.

Country: Nigeria.
 Package Number: KN/MCBP/NCB/MED/04/09
 Package Description: Procurement of Pharmaceutical Drugs.
 Date of Publication: 8th March, 2010
 Name of Project: Kano State Malaria Control Booster Project
 Credit No: 42500-UNI
 Scope of Contract: As described per Lot below
 Contract Signature: 12th March, 2010

Award Recommendation:

Lot: 1: Cotrimoxazole Syrup.

Recommended Bidder for award:

Name and Address of Bidder	Evaluated Bids Price	Proposed Award Price
Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, Plot 3C, Block A, Aswani Market Road, Oshodi/Apapa Express Way, Oshodi, Lagos, Nigeria.	N19,500,000.00	N19,500,000.00

Evaluated Bidders:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Evaluated Bids Price	Ranking
1.	Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	19,500,000.00	19,500,000.00	1 st

Unsuccessful Bidder:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Reason for Unsuccessfulness
1.	May & Baker Nigeria Plc	N18,884,800.00	Non Responsive
2.	Juhel Nigeria Limited	N20,520,000.00	Non Responsive
3.	Neimeth International Pharmaceuticals Plc.	N26,775,000.00	Non Responsive
4.	Geovana Pharmacy & General Enterprises Ltd.	N19,500,000.00	Non Responsive

Lot: 2: Albendazole Tablets.

Recommended Bidder for award:

Name and Address of Bidder	Evaluated Bids Price	Proposed Award Price
Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, Plot 3C, Block A, Aswani Market Road, Oshodi/Apapa Express Way, Oshodi, Lagos, Nigeria.	N72,000,000.00	N72,000,000.00

Evaluated Bidders:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Evaluated Bids Price	Ranking
1.	Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	N72,000,000.00	N72,000,000.00	1 st
2.	Tyonex Nigeria Limited	N116,628,750.00	N116,620,000.00	2 nd
3.	Geovana Pharmacy & Enterprises Ltd.	N136,000,000.00	N136,000,000.00	3 rd

Unsuccessful Bidder:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Reason for Unsuccessfulness
1.	May & Baker Nigeria Plc	N132,000,000.00	Non Responsive
2.	Juhel Nigeria Limited	N88,200,000.00	Non Responsive
3.	Neimeth International Pharmaceuticals Plc.	N58,600,000.00	Non Responsive
4.	Tyonex Nigeria Limited	N116,628,750.00	High Price
5.	Geovana Pharmacy & General Enterprises Ltd.	N136,000,000.00	High Price
6.	Nosak Healthcare Limited	N102,000,000.00	Non Responsive

Lot: 3: Ferrous Sulphate Tablets.

Recommended Bidder for award:

Name and Address of Bidder	Evaluated Bids Price	Proposed Award Price
Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, Plot 3C, Block A, Aswani Market Road, Oshodi/Apapa Express Way, Oshodi, Lagos, Nigeria.	N2,800,000.00	N2,800,000.00

Evaluated Bidders:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Evaluated Bids Price	Ranking
1.	Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	N2,800,000.00	N2,800,000.00	1 st
2.	Geovana Pharmacy & General Enterprises Ltd.	N4,050,000.00	N4,050,000.00	2 nd

Unsuccessful Bidder:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Reason for Unsuccessfulness
1.	May & Baker Nigeria Plc	N58,600,000.00	Non Responsive
2.	Geovana Pharmacy & General Enterprises Ltd.	N4,050,000.00	High Price
3.	Neimeth International Pharmaceuticals Plc.	N4,725,000.00	Non Responsive

Lot: 4: Folic Acid Tablets.

Recommended Bidder for award:

Name and Address of Bidder	Evaluated Bids Price	Proposed Award Price
Geovana Pharmacy & General Enterprises Ltd, 2, Falolu Street, Surulere, Lagos.	N1,490,000.00	N1,490,000.00

Evaluated Bidders:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Evaluated Bids Price	Ranking
1.	Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	N1,500,000.00	N1,500,000.00	2 nd
2.	Geovana Pharmacy & General Enterprises Ltd.	N1,490,000.00	N1,490,000.00	1 st

Unsuccessful Bidder:

S/No	Name of Bidder	Read out Bid Price (s)	Reason for Unsuccessfulness
1.	May & Baker Nigeria Plc	N2,228,800.00	Non Responsive
2.	Juhel Nigeria Limited	N1,440,000.00	Non Responsive
3.	Emzor Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	N1,500,000.00	High Price

The Bid Securities of Unsuccessful bidders will be discharge accordingly.

Signed

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MANAGEMENT

Immigration arrests 2 over e-passport fraud

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) has arrested two suspects attempting to secure another e-passport at the service headquarters in Abuja and Lagos.

NIS spokesperson Ekedeme King said one of the suspects was arrested while attempting to process and collect a second e-passport by "fraudulently making false declaration" to the Passport Processing

Officer.

He said on Nov. 21, 2007, the suspect processed and collected an e-passport in Abuja in the name of Paul Olawale Ogunbusola and gave his place of birth as Ilase Ijesa and date of birth was March 4, 1984.

"However, when he returned to the NIS headquarters on March 3, 2010 to apply for another e-passport even when he was in possession of a valid one, he fraudulently changed

his name to Paul Olawale Awosika. He gave his place of birth as Ibadan and his date of birth as Jan. 12, 1980. At the point of automated enrolment and verification of AFIS, it detected that he already has a valid e-passport," he said.

The spokesperson said Mr. Awosika will be arraigned in court for contravening the provisions of the Passport (Miscellaneous) Act, 2004 as a deterrent to his likes.

Igbo forum rejects call for secession

By Yunus Abdulhamid & Maureen Onochie

THE solution to Nigeria's myriad problems cannot be achieved through threats of secession and disintegration by ethnic nationalities, President General of the Igbo Unity Forum Mr Oliver Chidi IHEMEJE has said.

Mr IHEMEJE was reacting to the threats by the Niger-Delta Peoples Volunteers Force (NDPVF) and the Peoples Salvation Front (PSF) to secede

from Nigeria.

Speaking with *Daily Trust* in Abuja, IHEMEJE said "Secession is not the solution to Nigeria's problem. It has never been and even if you secede today, you will still re-secede again wherever you are especially if you do not gain from the present experiences what you are supposed to gain from it."

Mr IHEMEJE said the Igbo Unity Forum, formed about 15 years ago, was out to facilitate the unification

of the Igbos and by extension the entire country.

He said the unity of the country with regards to the tenets of democracy needs to be respected and the provisions of the constitution adhered to in order to resolve the seeming political logjam plaguing the country's leadership.

"We are saying that the position of the constitution should be upheld in resolving the current political logjam of the ailing President and the acting President," he said.

Lawyer threatens to sue army over retired female major

By Shehu Abubakar

A lawyer has asked the Nigerian Army to immediately recall a retired female major back into the service or face legal action.

Col. Bello Fadile retired said this in a letter dated January 19, addressed to the Chief of Army staff, Lt General Abdulrahman Dambazau.

In the letter, a copy of which was made available to *Daily Trust*, Col Fadile said it was wrong of the Nigerian Army to demote Major Maryam Komo Tho-

mas from the rank of Major to the rank of Captain and subsequently retire her from the Army when her case over the same matter is before the Court of Appeal for consideration.

"Consequently, we urge you to withdraw the letter of compulsory retirement and maintain the status quo till the appeal is concluded. We have the instructions of our client to seek further legal redress to protect her right to fair hearing under our constitution should you not wait till the outcome of her appeal," the letter read

in part. Major Thomas was arraigned before a military Court-Martial between Aug. 2006 and Jan. 2007 for allegedly beating Col E. M. Osuagwu when he was the Commander of the Military hospital in Benin City, Edo state in 2004.

She was convicted by the Court-Martial, which led to her arrest in Dec. 2009 at the Suleja Army barracks, detained for 14 days at Mugadishu barracks in Abuja, and subsequently demoted to the rank of Captain and paid N4, 000 as retirement benefit.

Reps, UK, others unite against cyber crime

By Nasidi A. Yahaya

THE House of Representatives and experts in anti-cyber crimes and terrorism from the United Kingdom (UK), United States of America and other parts of Europe would meet in Nigeria to review anti-cyber laws and Internet fraud globally.

Coordinator of the National Assembly Anti-Money Laundering and

Cyber Security Coalition Rep Bassey Etim said the experts are expected in Nigeria for the proposed national conference on anti-cyber crimes and terrorism congress scheduled to take place in April.

Anti-graft bodies like the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission EFCC, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences ICPC, and other relevant agencies

of government are expected to be part of the meeting.

He said though the process of enacting enabling laws in Nigeria to regulate the operations of the cyber environment has been quite slow, the conference will be a meticulous way of ensuring that the laws, when put in place, shall be strong enough to serve the purpose for which they were established.



University of Abuja, Abuja

New Resumption Dates for the 2009/2010 Academic Session

Senate of the University of Abuja has at its 123rd meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March, 2010 approved new resumption dates for the first semester of the 2009/2010 session as follows:

- (a) **Fresh Students** are to report on Sunday 21st March, 2010. The list of admitted candidates into the various undergraduate programmes of the University will be published in the **Daily Trust**, **The Guardian**, **Nigerian Compass** and the **Daily Sun** newspapers in the working week beginning from 15th March, 2010. New students whose names appear in the published lists will collect their admission letters on arrival at the University.
- (b) **Returning Students** are to report on Sunday 28th March, 2010.

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Student, 25, stabbed to death

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

A 25 year old final year SS3 student of the Sultan Bello Secondary School, Sokoto, Nura Sidi, died after being stabbed Saturday by a group of youths in Sokoto. He later died in hospital.

His older brother, Surajo Sidi, is linking the attack to a N3,500

debt he owed one of the attackers. Surajo said they discovered that Nura had paid N500 and promised to pay the balance later.

He alleged that a member of the gang, Usman Danzullu, hit Nura with a wood before stabbing him on the head.

Nura was an was said to have been stabbed early Saturday and

died shortly after being taken to hospital. Surajo said he was in his room at 6.00pm when another brother of his, Ibrahim Sidi, rushed in to tell him that Nura was in a pool of blood in front of the house. Nura was said to have been dumped in front of his house at the Kofar Atiku after the attack. Surajo said there was a deep

cut on his head from where blood gushed out.

He said they took him to the Marina Divisional Police Station where they reported the case before proceeding to the Usmanu Dan Fodiyo Teaching Hospital. Surajo added that at the hospital, Nura was stitched and put on drip, but later died.

He called on the police to ensure that all those involved are arrested and punished in accordance with the law. Sokoto State Commissioner for Police M. J. Abubakar confirmed the incident, saying the prime suspect, one Aliyu Alias Kiki, had been arrested while they were still looking for two others who are at large.

Bauchi police organises dialogue on peace

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State Police Command is to organize a forum for both traditional and religious leaders to dialogue on ways to bring to end religious crises, the state Police Commissioner Sabo Ibrahim Ringim has said.

The commissioner who said this while speaking to news men in Bauchi at the weekend said the meeting would create an opportunity for people to table their problems with a view to finding solutions to it.

"I will be meeting with them every week because lack of dialogue leads to suspicion which brings misunderstanding and

hatred, but with dialogue such things are avoided. By the time we meet weekly and discuss issues affecting each religion, the leaders can go out and educate their followers on how to live in peace with one another irrespective of religious or ethnic differences", he added. He urged religious leaders to always preach peace, harmony and justice to their followers instead of making provocative statements that could instigate crisis.

"Christianity and Islam are religions of peace. A good Christian will not hate a Muslim because they all believe in one God and He does not allow hatred or killing of innocent people", he said.



DEPUTY Chief Imam of Gwarimpa mosque, Umaru Adamu, leading funeral prayers for Malam Salihu Abubakar, Assistant Editor-in-Chief, News Agency of Nigeria, who died in Abuja at the weekend.

Polio declines in Sokoto

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

SOKOTO State has not recorded any new case of polio for almost a year now, Governor Aliyu Wamakko has said. He said this at the flag-off of the second round of immunization plus days at Wurno Local Government Area of the state.

The governor who was represented by the state Commissioner for Health Dr. Jabbi Kilgari said, "For one year, Sokoto State has not recorded any wild polio virus number one which is the most virulent one and we are very pleased with that.

We want to consolidate and build on the achievement so that we can interrupt polio in Sokoto and contribute to the efforts of the Federal Government in interrupting polio in the country", he said.

He described the success recorded in polio eradication as an indication that the state government was on the right track in the fight against the disease.

Wamakko said the state government was accorded the health sector priority, adding that children under five and pregnant women had been enjoy-



GOVERNOR Aliyu Wamakko

ing free medical services for the past one year. He advised parents to support the immunization exercise to safeguard the health of their children. The governor expressed appreciation to the sultan and other traditional rulers for mobilising their subjects to support the programme.

The Wazirin Sokoto Alhaji Usman Junaidu who represented the sultan, called for support for the exercise, saying polio vaccines had no side effect. Earlier in a welcome address, the Chairman of Wurno Local Government Area Alhaji Mustapha Isa Muttawalle assured of the council's readiness to give all the necessary assistance towards the success of the exercise.

Bauchi denies link to Plateau killings

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State government has denied an Aljazeera television report which said the herdsmen who attacked villages in Plateau State yesterday were from the state, saying the state government was neither aware of such act nor had any hand in it.

The Special Assistant to the state governor on Media Affairs Sanusi Muhammad told our correspondent on phone yesterday that the governor received the story on Aljazeera that

the attackers were from Bauchi with shock and sadness.

"His Excellency's attention was drawn to the story on Aljazeera Television this Sunday which claimed that the Herdsmen/Fulani who were alleged to have perpetrated the crime were from the state. We refute the story. We don't know them and we don't believe they are from the state", he said.

He challenged the Plateau State police officer who the Aljazeera quoted, to substantiate his story, add-

ing that such utterances were the handiwork of enemies of the state. "We call on the country's police authorities to deal decisively with its officers who engage in peddling baseless rumors.

This administration will also not fold its arms and allow its enemies to continue to soil its name", he said. Bauchi is Plateau's next door eastern neighbour which has also provided shelter to displaced people from the crises in Jos and environs in recent times.

NYSC urges early request for corps members

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE Nasarawa State Coordinator of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Mr. Anthony Ani has urged employers in the state to send in their requests for youth corps members early to enable the scheme carry out smooth and effective posting of members.

About 2000 members are expected at the state orientation camp of the (NYSC) in Keffi for the Batch A

orientation course slated between March 9 and 30. Ani who addressed newsmen in Lafia at the weekend said registration of corps members would take place between March 9 and 10 while the swearing in ceremony holds on March 11.

Ani said his office had already contacted and briefed collaborating agencies including the Army, police, Red Cross, Man 'O' War, Fire Service and Civil Defence Corps about the required number of personnel.

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Borno to build secondary school in Kale-Balge

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

THE Borno State government is to construct a secondary school at Rann in Kale-Balge Local Government Area of the state to ease the problem facing the children of the area in acquiring education.

Borno Governor Ali Modu Sheriff disclosed this at the weekend during an interaction with the people of the area. According to the governor contract for the construction of the secondary school would be awarded this week.

Sheriff also laid the foundation stone for Kale-Balge boarding primary school. The governor disclosed that a health centre would be constructed in a suitable location, adding that the problem of going to Cameroon or Maiduguri for medication by the people of the area would soon be a thing of the past.

Yakasai faults Jonathan's advisory c'ttee

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

ELDER statesman Alhaji Tanko Yakasai has faulted the composition of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan's advisory committee, saying it was a "surreptitious" move to set up a transition committee.

Speaking to newsmen in Kano, Yakasai said the advisory committee was in effect intended to be a transition committee conceived with the belief that Yar'adua's presidency would end last Wednesday.

"The plot was to make the ministers to vote

for the removal of Yar'adua on the ground of his ill-health and incapacitation and therefore, the advisory committee was set up to later on be converted into a transition committee," he said.

The former presidential aide said, "If you remember, Danjuma presided over the transition committee of Obasanjo and the intention is to repeat the same thing. So it is not actually an advisory committee because somebody who is acting, if by the grace of God tomorrow Yar'adua is alright and decides to come back, of what use is that advisory committee since it was not appointed on the orders of Yar'adua?"

On the contract probe committee which was set up by the Acting President to investigate contracts, Yakasai said, "The irony of it is that from the inception of the Yar'adua administration till date, every major contract was approved by the Federal Executive Council and to the best of my knowledge the Vice President has never missed a single meeting of the council."

He therefore declared that the probe was aimed at intimidating the ministers to vote for the removal of Yar'adua. "And those of them who are very close to Yar'adua would fall victim and he would victimize them in the process," he said.

Commissioner advises against meningitis

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

THE Kano State Commissioner for Health Hajija Aisha Isyaku Kiru has advised people in the state to be wary of the current hot weather, saying it makes people vulnerable to Cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Kiru gave the advice while addressing newsmen at a press conference on the successes recorded in the fight against polio in Kano last

Friday. She said it was important that people avoid sleeping in overcrowded rooms during the present season when the virus easily spreads.

She said the rate at which meningitis if not checked kills, is even worse than the rate at which malaria kills, saying it is important that people report to the nearest healthcare facility as soon as the slightest symptom of high fever is noticed.

The commissioner further said

the state had adequately equipped all health facilities in the state with the most efficient drugs to cure the disease when it occurs as well as facilities and personnel to vaccinate the people in any area from which a case of meningitis is reported.

She said six people have so far been reported at the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH) to be infected with the virus that causes

meningitis and have since been treated and discharged while other family members and neighbours were being immunized against contacting the disease.

Speaking on the successes recorded in the fight against polio, she said they were not unconnected with the readiness of the state government and other stakeholders in the crusade to completely eradicate the disease.



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GÉNÉRAL T.Y. Danjuma TY's first advice: Stand firm

THIS is a waste of resources and time. Mr Acting President, what is the work of your advisers and ministers, that you had to set up a presidential advisory committee?

Umarul Farooq
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These things T.Y Danjuma is saying are all political. He wants to create another cabal.

Hassan Kafayos Iliya
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We hope that the council will give advises that will ensure the development of this country.

Dr. Modibbo
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Soyinka leads anti-Yar'adua rally Wednesday

THE action of the SNG is not in the interest of the nation. Soyinka and his associates should consider the interest of the nation and allow peace to reign.

Isa Mariri
isamariri@yahoo.com

Certainly, this is not what the country wants and it will not solve the problem rather, it will complicate it. Please let us respect our leaders decision if we really mean well for this country. Please, let us handle things with care.

Yusufu
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Kaduna Refinery to shut down

IF people refuse to respect themselves and behave properly, they will not have any right to challenge any government policy even if they feel it is not in their favour. People keep vandalizing pipelines and PHCN facilities. These things are done under the watchful eyes of the local communities. Who will you blame now, those in authority or those selfish and greedy people? These are the same people that are quick to blame the government for our problems. Other countries are already refining bio-products, we are still struggling to refine petroleum. I wonder why this problem cannot be brought under control despite the presence of security agents and security reports.

Aji Isuwa Suleiman
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With what is happening to our pipelines, who will invest in our refineries?

SB
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The Federal Government has granted amnesty to militants in the Niger-Delta and the post amnesty programs are ongoing. Why on earth would the government not take very stiff measures against

these vandals? The constitution is clear on economic saboteurs.

Musa Jagab
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The problem of pipeline vandalization is a serious one. There is a cabal responsible for vandalization in this country. Apart from the one in the Niger-Delta, the people responsible for the vandalization of pipelines along the Warri-Benin-Lokoja axis are known to the security operatives whose duty it is to man the area. These security men connive with the vandals, they collect about N50,000, N30,000 and N70,000 from those people. The Federal Government should scrap all pipeline monitoring teams set up by the police and other security agencies and establish and equip a new monitoring squad that would be in charge of pipelines.

Okoro Ben
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You see, to be candid with you, the NNPC has come a long way to still be having these kind of problems

John
suhani68@yahoo.com



NNPC Group MD Mohammed Barkindo

May I use this opportunity to appeal to fellow Nigerians to have a re-think and desist from vandalisation. How can we expect Nigeria to be better when we cannot even make the least effort by protecting available infrastructure. Please, let us help

ourselves and this country.
Waziri Kano
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This is totally unacceptable. We need change now.
Ayodeji
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Jonathan: 'Big scam in FG contracts'



ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan

IF you continue to expose all the corrupt practices of these ministries as you have just demonstrated here, then, there is hope for a vibrant and entirely new Nigeria.

May the Almighty grant you the wisdom and ability to restore Nigeria to its rightful place.

Pastor Thomas Ativie
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Is the Acting President not part of the FEC that has become more or less a tenders board where contracts are being awarded?

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If what he is saying is really true, then let him prove it.

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Contracts are today, awarded to the highest bidder. Transparency has lost its meaning. Only God can save us.

Agbabiaka
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I support you and I hope you will leave no stone unturned.

Nura Garba Bakori
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How '12 wise men' averted cabinet crisis

A good compromise, just like the doctrine of necessity that empowered Jonathan as Acting President. But whether this compromise can stand the test of time, we have to wait and see, especially as the doctrine of necessity that produced an Acting President is being challenged in the courts. But note that compromises only bring temporary relief.

Pita
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I think the Acting President needs an experienced politician or a university don on Political Science as adviser. This will probably help him to avoid possible mistakes.

Auwalu
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The stance of the Governors' Forum on the media campaign against Yar'adua by some members

of his cabinet really shows a sense of patriotism. NASS, PDP and some ministers have equally condemned negative statements, saying there are heating up the polity. I think it is a good development, may God help us all.

Isa Mariri, BUK
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If we love Yar'adua, we should allow him to take his medication and be attended to by his doctors. As for Akunyili, she should be removed for not being loyal to her boss.

Ephraim Balarabe
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Alhamdulillah, the advise profffered by the 12 wise-men is truly a wise one. May the Good Lord deliver us

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Saudi police write Nigeria over Gummi

PLEASE allow our Malam to go, don't harm him.

Inuwa A.M
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I would like to advise the Saudi government not to entertain anti Islamic issues as demonstrated by western countries.

Zanna Bukar Baruwa
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I hope and pray that the

detention of Sheikh Gummi was not masterminded by the West because he speaks the truth. I believe the truth will prevail and he will come out unscathed.

Naibi Zubairu
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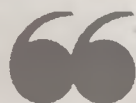
I hope they are not linking him with Al-Qaeda.

Ali
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Lamido sacks Accountant General

FORWARD ever, backward never. He, who gives never lacks. We give thanks to Allah that you did not

bring disgrace to your family.
Zahrau Haruna Ahmad
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By William David

The role of auditors in bank failures

One of the most insidious viruses that have sucked and continue to suck the vitality of the Nigerian banking system but which appears to have so far escaped appropriate media and regulatory scrutiny is the incompetent, some would say fraudulent, record-checking of Nigeria's multi-billion-naira external auditing firms.

Last year, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) rightly sacked the CEOs and management teams of 8 banks on account of poor corporate governance and malfunctioning accounting procedures. What seems to have escaped the public's attention, however, is the fact that the books of these banks were supposed to have been scrupulously audited by supposedly independent external auditors. Why did the external audits by reputedly respected external audit firms not reveal the rot that the

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CBN audit discovered? Why have the auditing firms been so far spared the consequences of their sloppy work? That's the question many financial experts are now asking?

An external audit, which Nigerian banking laws mandatorily require for all banks, is an independent examination of the financial statements prepared by an organization. When properly conducted, it is supposed to detect fraud where it exists, such as the existence of a plethora of non-performing loans in the case of Nigerian banks.

According to the Nigerian Statement of Accounting Standards, the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990, and the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act 1991, an audit exercise ideally results in a report which gives an "audit opinion" as to the "true and fair" view of the state of affairs and operations of an organization for a specified period of time. "True" here indicates that the transaction did indeed take place and that an asset exists. "Fair" means that a transaction is fairly valued and that assets and liabilities are fairly stated.

Now, how did Nigeria's audit firms perform in their audit of the 8 banks that the Central Bank has identified as being mired in dire financial straits? Were the audit reports they churned out about these banks "true and fair" and accurate, as the law requires? The summation of the responses of financial experts is that the external auditors not only did a substandard and deceitful job; they were also deeply implicated in the rot that nearly sank the nation's banking sector before the Sanusi Lamido Sanusi-led CBN intervention.

In sacking the executives of 8 troubled banks, the CBN accused them of

granting excessively high levels of non-performing loans to cronies, poor corporate governance practices, lax credit administration, absence of credit risk management practices, and low liquidity and cash adequacy ratio, which put depositors at risk. Now, these are precisely the things that a conscientious external audit is supposed to spot and call attention to. But all the banks that the CBN identified as being in danger of collapse were given a clean bill of health by their external auditors.

What are these audit firms? And why have they so far escaped the hammer of regulatory authorities? In fact, pundits want to know, why are they still retained as the external auditors of our nation's banks without any retributive or redemptive sanctions from the nation's regulatory agencies?

The biggest player, it would seem, is Akintola Williams Deloitte, Nigeria's oldest accounting firm, which is actually a proxy for a multinational audit firm known as Deloitte and Touche Tohmatsu (DTT)—a New York-based auditing firm which has had its own fair share of questionable accounting practices. The Nigerian representative of the company, Akintola Williams Deloitte, is the external auditor for four of the 8 troubled banks in the country. That's an enormous number especially in percentage terms. It means the firm is associated with the near-collapse of 50 percent of Nigeria's troubled banks!

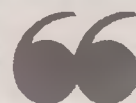
According to official records, Akintola Williams Deloitte is the external auditor for Finbank Plc, Afribank of Nigeria Plc and Union Bank (which it jointly audits with Oyelami Soetan Adeleke & Co.). Oceanic Bank International Plc and Intercontinental Bank Plc are audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers, another international auditing firm with parachute operations in Nigeria.

These auditors, in spite of their outwardly impressive credentials, were unable to properly scrutinize and bring to investors' attention the true state of the affairs of the 8 troubled banks, especially their loan portfolios which the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) says now runs into trillions of naira. Given this grim reality, financial experts warn that these external auditors pose a great long-term systemic risk to our financial system, the kind that led to the collapse of US energy giant Enron and the calamitous busts of Worldcom, Salmon Bros, Bear Stearns, and other high-profile corporations that served as the precursors to the current global economic recession.

This fact has been recognized by many well-regarded securities analysts. For instance, the President of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), Mrs. Iyamide Gafar, said external auditors should take a large share of the responsibility for the failure of Nigerian banks. "If they produced management reports, Nigerians would like to know what they (reports) contained.

To be concluded.

David wrote from 16, Borno Way, Ebute Metta, Lagos.



By Mohammed S. Umar

Re: Needless politicisation the Sokoto election petition case

It is unfortunate that the Sokoto governorship court cases are being tried on the pages of newspapers and sponsored advertisements by desperate individuals whose motive is mainly to twist facts to suit their whims and caprices. Fundamental issues are glossed over in an attempt to heat up unnecessary emotions that merely waylay avowed rule of law of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). But the concept does not in any way arrogate to anybody liberty of insult and venomous language against institutions and persons as a means to an end.

Abdullahi Usman Jabo has been on rampage in different arena to drum up interpretations of Sokoto governorship cases. His personal vendetta against Governor Wamakko is definitely not based on the governorship case but perhaps something extrajudicial only known to him. Sokoto people gave Governor Wamakko their mandate on 14 April 2007 governorship elections which the Kaduna Court of Appeal annulled based on perceived irregularities. The Appeal Court ordered

The Chief Judge of the Federation and the entire judicial system owe Sokoto people some reliefs that because of the interested party

a rerun election which took place on 24 May 2008, which Wamakko won. The verdict of the Appeal Court was that original contestants of the April 14, 2007 elections were eligible to re-contest. DPP duly participated in what they regarded as lawful and legitimate exercise. Had the party won the election should they have continued harping on this interpretation? DPP had no complaint against the rerun election as observed by the Governorship Election Tribunal. What the interpretation is seeking from DPP perspective is to disenfranchise majority of Sokoto State voters which every reasonable person knows is anti-democratic.

It was DPP that went to the Supreme Court to invoke section 22 of the Supreme Court Act in its conflicting suits which prompted Senior Advocate Wole Olanipekun to petition the former President of the Court of Appeal (Justice Umar Abdullahi) on what he called Judicial Confusion and Anarchy (apparently created by DPP). DPP on realizing the confusion they created withdrew one of the cases from Appeal Court, Abuja. PDP had already filed Motion on Notice before the Supreme Court to clear the confusion and anarchy created by DPP. Unfortunately Isa Ayo Salami, President of the Court of Appeal who admitted knowledge of the confusion decided to take personal interest in the case which is against the rule of law and justice.

Jabo failed to inform the public why DPP that first went to the Supreme Court suddenly withdrew the case as he cited. It was based on such panicky acts that Olanipekun raised alarm of confusion and anarchy being perpetrated by DPP in the Nigerian judicial system.

The judgement being pursued for interpretation was presided over by a judge who happened to be the wife of Gombe State DPP candidate in the April 14, 2007 governorship elections. That in itself was enough ground to suggest that Wamakko did not get justice in Kaduna Appeal Court case. The Chief Judge of the Federation and the entire judicial system owe Sokoto people some reliefs that because of the interested party, the Kaduna Appeal Court judgement was not entirely impartial as to annul the April 14, 2007 election.

The petitions written by PDP and INEC were to stall glaring injustice against the people of Sokoto by the President of the Court of Appeal and the Appeal Court judges.

The substance of the petitions hinge on the fact that looking at the appeal which involves substantive question of law, PDP filed a Motion on Notice to move the court to invoke section 295(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 for a reference to the Supreme Court, but surprisingly the panel refused to give a date to PDP lawyers to move the said Motion but went ahead to give a date for judgement, even though they had up to April to deliver the judgement. The Apex Court is saddled with the interpretation of the Constitution especially when it touches substantially on law and jurisdiction. Wamakko and PDP are protesting against the composition of the present Appeal Court trying the case because of persons of vested interest in it, and of course, the tilt of the President of the Court of Appeal based on personal pronouncements before people who can testify on oath. Governor Wamakko and PDP are entitled to right of fair hearing.

We have followed the antecedents with keen interest because of the diarrheal mouth of DPP members. They had leaked the judgement of the Kaduna Appeal Court before it was delivered. Three weeks ago they had organized festivities and even mobilized traders in Sokoto Central Market for celebration of their assumed victory. That was before the Appeal Court, Sokoto Division sat. Later, Sokoto people were made to understand that the Appeal Court judges had a meeting in Abuja where DPP chieftains must have interacted with them.

Sokoto people are aware that DPP chieftains had planned the use of street urchins to unleash mayhem if the case failed to go their way, all in a deliberate effort to remove Governor Wamakko. They will fail.

Umar wrote from Sokoto Liberal Democrats Media Foundation (solid2007@yahoo.com)



Your Letters

PDP's search for 2011 candidate

Nigeria is at a crossroads concerning its future as a corporate entity and a republic. As important as the transition from one civilian government to another was in 2007, much more vital will be the sustenance of such a transition as 2011 approaches. Though the North - South power rotation is only an internal arrangement within the PDP, we shouldn't be too quick to confine this arrangement to the dustbin yet. With the estimated 150million Nigerians from over 300 ethnic groups, the rotation arrangement allows all Nigerians to have an expectation of having a say in the governance

of the nation at some point. At the moment, an Ijaw man is our Acting President, thanks to the PDP power rotation. Hopefully in the near future issues like quota, federal character and rotation would be dropped. Soon we could have a nation where merit will be the only qualification for public office.

While I continue to pray for quick recovery of President Umaru Yar'adua, the pragmatic thing for the PDP to do is to begin a search for his successor ahead of the 2011 elections. While any Nigerian who meets the constitutional requirements is free to stand for president, I believe the North-South rotation should stay. PDP's presidential candidate for 2011 should come from the North. This candidate must have the requisite exposure, experience and broad-based support. He should also be free from ethnic or

religious bigotry.

There's a temptation for many of our northern governors to throw their hats into the ring, and some of them will certainly do so. However their records leave a lot to be desired. Also, it is likely that anyone among them who wins the presidency in 2011 would be tempted to seek for a second term in 2015, thereby upsetting the rotation cart.

That is why I think a very well experienced person like retired General Ibrahim Babangida should be fielded by the PDP. He is a man of honour, and would not insist on going for a second term by 2015. He is a man of wisdom and reason, who does not stay entrenched in a position but evaluates and re-evaluates things based on merit.

Abe Ibraheem writes from Lagos.

Emir Abali Muhammadu of Fika: One year after

By Adamu M. Fika (Wazirin Fika)

Cont'd from last week

He did that against the wishes of one community who told the Governor that they did not want to have emirate, but preferred to have a local created for them instead. The Fika

King Makers again went back to court. The court case was proceeding, when suddenly, the Governor mounted pressure on the Emir to withdraw the case and that in return, the Emir had no option but to oblige.

The change of attitude Governor Mamman Ali surprised many people in Postikum. When the late Senator was sown in, he publicly pledged to effect improvement in the Palace of the Emir of Fika in his capacity as the Chairman of the Council of Chiefs, including the building of a befitting Council Cham-

bers for the meetings of the Council. The announcement was welcomed by many people, particularly in Potiskum, as it restored confidence and understanding the Emirate and the Government. Not only did the not proceed with the project but he became openly hostile to the Emir. This was the until the death of Senator Mamman Ali in January of the Emir in March 2009.

Concluded.

May their souls rest in perfect peace, amen.

Text us on 08 131 8000 30

Street wise

THERE is no doubt, what this country needs now are street level leaders who will organise and lead a mass protest if these politicians continue to mess us up. I think this is the only way to treat those self-appointed political leaders who have betrayed and are still betraying the trust we reposed in them; and those public officers who have decided to

bastardise and disregard the rules and regulations that should guide their official conduct in democratic setting deserve a drubbing. **SALISU A.Suleja, 08069743517.**

Enemy within

THE failure of Nigeria as a nation is as a result of what is in the heart of nearly everyone in the country.

SADIQ Bello Abubakar, ABU, Zaria, 0806542222.

OBJ again?

IT is obvious the former president is suffering from diarrhoea of the mouth. Again he lacks the moral justification to castigate Yar'adua's kitchen cabinet as he is the one who sowed the seed. **ABUBAKAR Ndana, Kaduna, 08068014505.**



By Matins O. Agbo

Re: Anyebe's identity and the Idoma project

Your letter titled above on page 13 of Tuesday, January 26, 2010 edition of *Daily Trust* and *Thisday* of 20th January 2010 above refers. The direction of your diatribe against an honest appeal by an Idoma Patriot and Nigerian Nationalist for a serious reflection over matters of our collective well-being brings the discomfiture of you and your sponsors to the fore at the instance of any confrontation with the truth. Otherwise, a man makes a genuine call for change, in the process indicts himself and calls for a re-generation of our norms for re-positioning our nation in the tale of impending elections and all he gets is reprimand from a deeply marginalized staff in terms of application and relevance in the office of the number 3 citizen.

For the avoidance of doubt, Steve Anyebe did not write his piece as a "concerned and interested stakeholder in the Idoma Project", but as a staff of the President of the Senate. Therefore, his concerned status is understandable. Given your 'concerns', I will like to address your letter from three levels, namely: the issues you raised; the non-issues for which in your observation should be left for self-probe and education but which are organically relevant to the discourse; and the tendency to serious intellectual discourse to petty considerations in defence of patronage and patrons.

Your first salvo was that one rarely hears of Lawrence Onoja until election period. Onoja continues to lead courageous debates of both local and national matters via meetings, making speeches, interviews and lectures in schools, and for organizations and groups. At all such fora, the Idoma question is central. In fact, he was the first to donate to the present Apa state movement.

These facts are rarely hidden except for the purposes of your creating a loose platform for generating hate debate. But was that one of the issues that was raised? Be reminded that the first culprit of such societal neglect even in the presence of an undeserving power is your patron. Apart from his inconclusive 'thank-you-tour' and the December dinner in which a laughable adoption was attempted, of nearly 11 years in the Senate, has he ever enabled one constituency briefing? Onoja holds consultations on Idoma issues every quarterly with various leaders, women organizations and student bodies. He will continue to do that irrespective of your worries.

It is instructive that in spite of your lame defence, of the almost 11 years in the Senate, you could only lay claim to MDG projects for your boss.

Talking about non-issues, all through your guided expose, you did not address issues staked explicitly by the General. Your overriding interest was to protect an imaginary target - your boss - albeit overtly hiding under the toga of a 'concerned and interested stakeholder'. You may like to know that a nation's leadership is at all levels. Do not confine the failure to your patron alone. The General insists that the failure of leadership is at all levels in Idoma land, he inclusive.

The ultimate aim of your toil, needless as it has shown, is to unnecessarily defend a boss under whose inner cabinet you have totally lost relevance owing to your uncharismatic, wholly dispensable character, in order to regain a bounce back. Your tirades are unhelpful to your patron as they are to Onoja.

On the personal level, the General cannot be worried about your outbursts. The signs are heavy.

'We have never had it so good', you said. That is OK, others like Ken Nnamani are democratic heroes, your patron started with telephone-not-for-the-poor, and continued with the sergeant-better-trained-than-the-Nigerian-graduate. 'We have never had it so good', yet we cannot get Apa university.

We syndicate a lottery called scholarship. The beneficiaries in their thousands get the application form for one hundred naira, its awarding ceremony is organized and tiers and institutions of government donate handsomely to the course, aggregating the sum total of the monies gathered from the sale of forms, the few beneficiaries are then paid N5,000 until recently, and from the proceeds of their purchased forms and donations from the aforementioned. Compare this to the then Hon. Gabriel Suswam who was paying 15,000 naira each to his constituents without having to buy forms. 'The Idomas have never had it so good', yet the Asa people of Otukpo are treated to a feudal orgy of relentless land grabbing, C of Os already handy before protests are contemplated. 'We have never had it so good'. Yes, may be we could have had it better if only he had not actively participated in the annulment of June 12, Senator Ameh Ebute could have perhaps ran a full tenure as Senate President following from a widely regarded and unblemished election, unlike the one of 2007.

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The fracas in Kazaure

The violence that erupted in Kazaure town in Jigawa state on February 21, 2010 leading to the burning of churches by miscreants, as unwarranted and unfortunate as it was, once again highlighted the frustrations that insensitive leadership can engender. According to reports, the problem began when a policeman on traffic control duty fatally beat up a tractor driver who allegedly ignored a stop sign at an intersection. The driver died later in hospital. The incident incensed on-lookers, mostly youths, who took to the streets and stormed the Divisional Police headquarters, accusing the police of extra-judicial killing, and were dispersed with tear gas. Inexplicably, the youths vented their anger on churches, setting some ablaze. The prompt and commendable intervention of the Emir of Kazaure and officials of Jigawa state government prevented the possible escalation of the crisis.

It is rather unfortunate that the crisis is again linked to the nefarious activities of police personnel, given that the nation is still grappling with the shock of the video clip evidence showing the extra-judicial killings by the police during the Boko Haram episode in Borno state as well as the alleged role uniformed personnel played during the recent religious crisis in Jos, Plateau state.

Though it was wrong on the part of the tractor driver or any motorist plying the road to ignore or violate traffic rules, such infractions can be dealt with through the appropriate channels provided by law, and do not include physically assaulting alleged traffic violators. Such action by the policeman was barbaric, uncalled for and condemnable, because if the tractor driver committed the alleged offence, what was expected of the traffic warden was to first effect his arrest and then charge him to court for prosecution accordingly. But the Kazaure traffic policeman illegally took the law into his hand and acted to the contrary.

This unbecoming conduct has further renewed the call for a thorough re-examination of police personnel, especially the procedure of drafting some of them to sensitive duty posts. This is imperative in order to ascertain the psychological stability of every personnel before he/she is sent out on special assignment. Indeed, there is also the need for the police authority to consider a quarterly psychiatric test for all personnel, especially those engaged in field work in order to check this frequent incident of killing of people by police personnel. The policeman involved in the Kazaure episode must be made to face the full weight of the law in order to serve as example to others.

On the other hand, we find it difficult to link the behaviour of the traffic warden to the burning of churches by some miscreants in order to give it a religious hue. Neither Islam nor Christianity encourage, preach or tolerate violence. Though we cannot rule out poverty and high level of unemployment, especially among youths as some of the rationales behind such spontaneous reactions to any flimsy issue in the country today, there is need for religious leaders to always preach peace and religious harmony among adherents of the faiths in the society. Leaders of the two leading religions must put heads together to ensure that their lieutenants preach peace rather than violence in the name of religion. Similarly, those in authorities must ensure that socio-economic conditions of the citizenry are enhanced and the opportunities for pursuing a better life are available to all. We are encouraged by the latest action of the Jigawa state government that said it will provide compensation for all the churches burnt in the incident.

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Agonize not, organize now

We are truly living in exciting socio-political times. Expectedly whenever the going is politically exciting, (as it is today in Nigeria paradoxically on the eve of 50th anniversary celebration) only the most politically excited can get going! If my dear friend, comrade and African compatriot, late Dr Tajudeen Abdulraheem (Trust Newspaper 2010 Man of the Year) were to be alive today, true to his patriotic callings, he would not betray emotions nor despair as many analysts are today in Nigeria. I can bet that his post card to Nigerians from his activist enclave (downtown Nairobi, Kenya) would as usual read his popular and popularized mantra: ORGANIZE, DONT AGONIZE!

Organizing must start with our thoughts and thought processes. National imagination is running unnecessarily riotous. Undoubtedly, the socio-political quakes which rocked Nigeria in recent times compete in impact with the combined earthquakes that hit Chile and Haiti. The only difference is that while natural disasters leave in their trails human casualties, Nigeria's socio-political quakes push us down the bottomless pit of underdevelopment the dysfunctional effects are better imagined than being quantified. But this development only tasks out thought processes.

The country's political temperature hitherto perceived to have ebbed was further heightened following the unorthodox, and controversial manner the ailing President Musa Yar'adua reportedly arrived the country from Saudi Arabia. Even in unapologetically "closed" societies, the state of the health of Presidents was not closely shrouded in mystery. The legendary Cuban leader, Fidel Castro collapsed on duty. He was subsequently saved from life threatening stroke by combined forces of Cuban (and only Cuban) medical personnel. The miserable picture of an iconic anti-imperialist Fidel Castro (who courageously outlives dozens of America's ever bullying Presidents) is still fresh in our minds. Looking frail and less energetic, Fidel has hosted scores of visitors from Heads of government to global stars including Diego Maradona, the great Argentine footballer. In doing so Fidel and Cuban nation made the historic point that Fidel and indeed nobody was indispensable. Cuba has since moved on: Fidel has resigned. Fidel Castro is still intellectually active than many healthy Heads of state, posting weekly reflections in Cuba's *Granma* newspapers, reflections that are globally valued than Cuban parliamentary resolutions given their impact on Cuban governance. The point cannot be overstated: the health of President Yar'adua has further brought to the fore our incompetence and lack of governance capacity to organize in the wake of unforeseen political shock. One thing is however

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clear: Nigerians have shown abiding faith in democratic process and they must keep it up. The current contestations are worthy manifestations of the strength of democracy. I do not subscribe to the noisy partisan posturing of the SAVE NIGERIA GROUP (SNG) campaign group calling for transfer of power to Jonathan group as if Yar'adua presidency is inseparable from that of the acting President (they are both from the ruining political party!). But to the extent SNG is motivated by saving (not destroying) Nigeria it is welcome to an open democratic arena. The real challenge however is to deepen the democratic process, NOT to doubt it. The military

try without effective Vice; Atiku Abubakar was engaged in war of attrition. Riotous governance is actually in the character of the party. It is the only party that invented a "Governor" that did not win election (Chris Igige in Anambra!) kidnapped him in office and the party later supervised official mayhem known in Nigeria's political history. The current riotous cabinet, of PDP is therefore not an exception. Rather than agonize Nigerians should organize for better governance. Happily election comes up next year: 2011. To organise, we must demand for free and fair elections and work towards it today. We should consolidate what happened in Anambra State and make sure votes count even better next year. Nigeria must demand now for electoral reform and new faces

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commendably appreciates that it is accountable to democratic authorities however defined by popular will. The resolution of present crisis of governance in a democracy calls for more democracy, not less. For all its limitations, the current political crisis remains a civilian democratic crisis. The crisis can only and must only be resolved democratically. Worldwide democracy by design dramatizes its crises. Crisis in a democracy could even prove fatal. Again let us reorganize our thought processes. Recently Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was brutally hit in the face. Nobody would ever call for military intervention in Italy because a man with a mental illness attacked a 73-year-old Berlusconi. Rajiv Gandhi the 7th Prime Minister of India was assassinated in 1991. His mother Indira Gandhi, twice Prime Minister of India was also killed in similar tragic circumstances. In all these testy circumstances, Military has not meddled into India's vibrant democratic process. Today democratic India functions economically better than Nigeria which has sadly retrogressed under long military regimentation. Even America's President Kennedy was shot in office by an American, yet it was not the end of America's democracy. The strength of democracy lies in the fact that it is tenure driven. Good or bad democratic government must ultimately give way to another bad or good democratic government whenever its tenure elapses. We should therefore not agonize but organize for next elections. Right from 2003 the ruling PDP has demonstrated that it runs accident-prone governance. We saw it all during Obasanjo administration. Former President Obasanjo left the coun-

in INEC as suggested by truly distinguished Senator Ken Nnamani recently. We must organise and demand for uninterrupted power supply, reinvention of industry and job opportunities. Let us think outside PDP box of catastrophe. "Pro-Yar'adua" and "pro-Jonathan" groups are mere diversions. They are two sides of the same bad political coin. Nigerians must organise on the need for a pan-Nigeria agenda and indeed Pan-Africa agenda that will restore governance through democracy.

Let us organize and reject dysfunctional and divisive groupings such as Northern/ Southern groupings/ Northern Christian/ Northern Muslim leaders. These apartheid groupings add no value to political issue begging for all-inclusive political sagacity and solutions. Agonise not along 'regional' and 'religious' lines but organize along pan-Nigerian.

Lastly lets us weary of dubious advice from abroad, in particular from Europe and America. It is a sovereign crisis begging for a sovereign solution. Globalizing what is purely domestic and Nigerian generates more heat than light. When Americans were fed up with Republican disastrous rule under Gorge Bush, they dusted their voters' cards and installed an Obama Presidency. The Americans did not agonize waiting for an advice from Nigerian leaders on how to move forward. What is good for Americans and Britons are good for Nigerians. The Nigerian media should stop their slavish and uncritical glorification of foreign advice and promote local original efforts to deepen democracy. The current political realignment is good for Nigeria's democracy.

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INTERNATIONAL

China defends relations with Africa

By Charles Onunaiju with Agency reports

CHINA rejected foreign concerns over its growing energy links with Africa yesterday, saying it benefits African nations by bringing badly

needed trade and infrastructure development.

"I have noticed that in the international community there are some who do not want to see the development of Sino-African relations and always make

an issue of China-Africa energy cooperation," Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said.

"The fact is that China's oil imports from Africa account for only 13 percent of Africa's total exports, while Europe and the

United States account for more than 30 percent," he told reporters.

Speaking at a press briefing on the sidelines of China's annual parliament session, Yang added Chinese investment in the Afri-

can petroleum industry was just one-sixteenth of the world total, behind US and European investment.

"We support other countries cooperating with Africa on the basis of equality and mutual benefit in the energy sector. There is no reason for them to oppose our equal and mutually beneficial cooperation with Africa," he said.

China has steadily built up trade and economic ties with Africa in recent years, prompting critics in the West to accuse it of taking a "neo-colonialist" attitude toward the continent.

However, most of Africa views China's involvement as very helpful in resolving the challenge of infrastructural development in the continent and contrary to Western accusation of neo-colonialist attitude, China is widely viewed in Africa as a genuine friend and partner. In November, at a meeting of China-Africa leaders in Egypt, Beijing pledged 10 billion dollars in concessional loans to African countries.

Yang, who travelled to Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Algeria and Morocco in January is what has become an annual New Year trip, said the freedom of African countries to choose their friends should not be interfered with.

"In our cooperation with the people of African countries, we jointly build railways, roads, bridges, and improve their infrastructure for the benefit of the people," he said.



CHINA'S foreign minister, Mr Yang Jiechi

Togo opposition vows to fight Gnassingbe victory

TOGO'S main opposition leader yesterday rejected the results of a presidential poll handing a second term to incumbent Faure Gnassingbe, as hundreds of activists rallied in the capital to demand justice.

Gnassingbe was returned to office in Thursday's election with 60.9 percent of votes cast, defeating his main rival Jean-Pierre Fabre who took 33.94 percent, according to official results announced at the weekend. But Fabre accused the state election authority CENI of falsifying the results of the poll, seen as a test of democracy in the tiny West African country ruled for four decades by Gnassingbe's strongman father.

"I do not recognise the so-called victory of Faure Gnassingbe," he told hundreds of supporters at the headquarters of his Union of Forces for Change (UFC) party in Lome.

"I have never wanted to use violence, but if I am stolen from, I will not give up the fight," warned the opposition leader, an economist by training. "We are going to stage protests, we are not going to take this lying down."

"I totally contest the figures released because the procedure used by CENI is illegal," said Fabre who claimed to have obtained between 55 and 60 percent of the vote. Leaders of the UFC were to meet Sunday to decide on their next step, party secretary general Eric Dupuy told AFP.

"If they think it is all over, they are mistaken," warned 23-year-old activist Ayih Folly. "We shall mobilise ourselves and pour on the streets to show them this time round that our victory is dear to us." In another part of town, a young Gnassingbe supporter -- in a black tee-shirt emblazoned with the president's picture -- warned his camp was ready to fight back.

"They accuse us each time that we stole their votes, threatening to pour on the streets," said Evariste Adoul. "We shall show them that we also can take to the streets."

Ethiopians honour victims of Mengistu purge

ETHIOPIA inaugurated a museum yesterday in memory of the victims of former dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam's so-called Red Terror purge which killed tens of thousands in the 1970s.

Dozens of family members and government officials attended a sombre ceremony at the memorial in Addis Ababa to remember their loved ones, whose bodies were mostly dumped in mass graves.

The museum took three years to complete and honours the dead with photographs of the 1977-78 campaign of state terror carried out under the orders of Mengistu to wipe out his opponents.

"Our aim is to promote unity and tolerance. Ethiopia has had a troubled past, and we don't want that suffering to be experienced again," Ayne Tsige, chair of the organising committee, told AFP.

Destructive floods hit East Africa

TORRENTIAL rains across East Africa have sparked flash floods that have swept away homes, bridges and lives in a region emerging from a harsh drought that plunged millions into hunger.

The annual rainy season has seen unusually heavy downpour. Some 300 people were feared dead in eastern Uganda where days of rainfall this week caused a huge landslide that buried entire villages. Meteorological officials have predicted more rains in the coming weeks as the March to May wet season peaks.

The meteorological department in Kenya, where six people were killed and dozens reported missing after flash floods Thursday, forecast that many areas in the country "are likely to experience near normal rainfall with a slight tendency towards above normal."

A similar forecast was put out by Ugandan authorities as they embarked on relocating thousands of residents from the landslide-stricken villages in the

eastern Bududa district, fearing more mudslides. The landslide which engulfed three villages in the region was one of the worst disasters to hit the east Africa country in recent years.

In neighbouring Tanzania, some 28,000 people were left homeless following heavy flooding in December and January in the country's eastern and central regions.

The railroad linking the commercial capital Dar es Salaam and the countryside was washed away by the raging waters, forcing travellers to take a 450-kilometre (290 mile) bus trip to catch trains to other parts of the country.

"The principal factors responsible for the observed and predicted weather are weak El Nino conditions," Tanzania's Meteorological Agency said in a statement.

Earlier last week, thousands of livestock were killed after heavy rains pounded Somalia's northern breakaway region of Somaliland, according to officials and residents.



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LAKE CHAD BASIN COMMISSION (LCBC)

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Vacancy for Recruitment of an Expert in Procurement and a Manager – Accountant

The Lake Chad Basin Commission received a Financial Allocation from the African Development Funds (ADF) in order to finance the cost of the Lake Chad Basin Programme of Sustainable Development of the Lake Chad (PRODEBALT). It has been budgetized that part of the allocation will be used to finance the payment of salaries foreseen for recruitment of an Expert in Procurement, and a Manager - Accountant in respect of the National Co-ordination for the Nigeria sector based in Maiduguri.

As a matter of fact, the Executive Secretary of the Lake Chad Basin Commission invites all interested candidates to submit their application for employment within 2 (two) weeks of this publication.

All applicants should forward their Credentials to:

The Managing Director,
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I. Description of the Post of Expert in Procurement

The Expert in Procurement works under the supervision of the Regional Coordinator. For secured execution of the Programme, he gives technical assistance in Procurement of the Regional Coordinator and assures the execution of the following mission.

- To process and supervise the services of procurement of the project according to the procedures of the African Development Bank (ADB)
- To develop the reinforcement of the technical capacities of the expert mates in the LCBC procurement.
- To draft all documents of procurement

II Profile and Criteria of Selection

The Expert in Procurement shall come from one of the LCBC member countries (Nigeria) and have the following qualifications.

Qualification MSc Degree in Engineering, Law, Management or Public Accountancy and finance

Computer Knowledge:

Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Finance and Accountancy software other tools of communication

Language:

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Contract Duration: Three (3) years.

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Under the supervision of the Programme Regional Coordinator, the Manager – Accountant is in charge of the management of the PRODEBALT administration and Finance.

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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country: Nigeria

Implementing Agency: Economic & Financial Crimes Commission
Project Title: Procurement of Goods and Services
Proposed 2010 Budget: N6, 400,000,000.00
Issue Date: January, 2010

The Federal Government of Nigeria has approved the year 2010 Budgetary allocation of the EFCC for implementation. The Procurement Planning Committee of the Commission has deliberated and approved the implementation of the Budget for the specific needs of the Commission aimed at enhancing Efficiency and strengthening the capacity of the anti-corruption crusade of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. To implement project activities, the EFCC will procure various works, goods and services itemized below:

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- Office furniture
- Office equipment
- Supply of Hospital Equipment
- Printing & Supply of Security Documents
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- Supply of Investigation Gadgets
- Supply of ICT equipment
- Supply of Fire proof Safes
- Supply of Copiers and printers
- Supply of SARU Advocacy papers
- Supply of Air Conditioners
- Supply of Plaques and Lapel pins
- Supply of Desktops and Laptops (HP)
- Purchase of Operational Vehicles

Services

- Consultancy for Design and Construction Supervision

Works

- Construction of New EFCC Head Office in Abuja
- Construction Office Block and Cells (Gombe, Kano, Enugu, Port Harcourt)

Procurement of the above items financed by the project will be conducted in accordance with the Procurement Act 2007 and its applicable guidelines for the procurement of goods and services.

Interested eligible bidders who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, services and/or works for the above mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the EFCC procurement unit at EFCC Head office Wuse II Abuja or E-mail TendersBoard@efccnigeria.org.

This is only a General Procurement Notice **NOT** an Invitation to Bid. Specific Advertisement will be published during the year in the Federal Journal and Two National Dailies in accordance with PPA.

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The Management

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International



IRANIAN President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Ahmadinejad says Sept 11 attacks a 'big lie'

IRAN'S President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the weekend called the official version of the Sept. 11 attacks a "big lie" used by the US as an excuse for the war on terror, state media reported.

Ahmadinejad's comments, made during an address to Intelligence Ministry staff, come amid escalating tensions between the West and Tehran over its disputed nuclear program. They show that Iran has no intention of toning itself down even with tighter sanctions looming because of its refusal to halt uranium enrichment.

"September 11 was a big lie and a pretext for the war on terror and a prelude to

invading Afghanistan," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying by state TV. He called the attacks a "complicated intelligence scenario and act."

The Iranian president has questioned the official US version of the Sept. 11 attacks before, but this is the first time he ventured to label it a "big lie."

In 2007, New York officials rejected Ahmadinejad's request to visit the World Trade Center site while he was in the city for a UN meeting. The president also sparked an uproar when he said during a lecture in New York that the causes and conditions that led to the attacks, as well as who orchestrated them, still need to be examined.

Pope's brother says he would testify in abuse case

THE brother of Pope Benedict XVI has told a newspaper he is willing to testify in the sex scandal rocking Germany's Catholic Church, even though he says he knows nothing about the alleged abuse of boys in a choir he later led.

The Rev. Georg Ratzinger, in an interview published yesterday, also was quoted as saying by the Rome daily La Repubblica that there was "discipline and rigor" but no terror during his 30 years as head of the Regensburger Domspatzen choir in Germany.

PLO gives approval for indirect talks with Israel

A skeptical Palestinian leadership agreed yesterday to hold US-mediated peace talks with Israel for four months, effectively ending a 14-month breakdown in communications between the two sides. Yesterday's decision marks a first achievement for US diplomacy in the Israeli-Palestinian arena. How-

ever, the Palestinians warned they would walk away if the outlines of a border deal with Israel have not emerged after four months.

They also ruled out subsequent direct talks without a complete Israeli settlement construction freeze. "This peace process cannot go on forever," said Palestin-

ian negotiator Saeb Erekat. "Now it's time for decisions." Erekat said he did not know when the indirect talks would begin.

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CREDIT NO: IDA40110
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IFB NO: NAICOM/ERGP/ICT/09/01

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue of 29/11/2004.
2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of Economic Reform and Governance Project (ICT Infrastructure Development) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for Procurement of ICT Infrastructure (Enterprise Resource Planning Application, Database Software, Servers and Local Area Network) for the Head Quarters
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3		Database Software	1	At least 2% of bid price	60 days	NAICOM Headquarters, Abuja
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	2	Adaptive Security Appliance	1			

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION POST-BASIC (STEP B) PROJECT

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIRLS COLLEGE (FGGC), ZARIA

PROCUREMENT OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, CHEMICALS, LABORATORY FURNITURE & FITTINGS AND SCHOOL BUS
CREDIT No: 4304 UNI

Issuance Date: 8TH MARCH, 2010

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue no. 591 of 2nd July, 2007.
2. The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Science and Technology Education Post-Basic Project (STEP-B), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for the procurement of Science & Technology Equipment & Chemicals, Laboratory Furniture & Fittings and School Bus. (IFB NO: STEPB/FGGC/ZR/NCB/01/10)
3. The STEP B Project, Federal Government Girls College Zaria, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of the following:

LOT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	BID SECURITY	DELIVERY PERIOD	VALIDITY PERIOD	LOCATION
1	Science & Technology Equipment & Chemicals	Various	At least 2.5% of bid Price	60 days	90 days	FGGC Zaria
2	School Bus	1	At least 2.5% of Bid Price	60 days	90 days	FGGC Zaria
3	Laboratory Furniture & Fittings	Various	At least 2.5% of Bid Price	60 days	90 days	FGGC Zaria

4. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB), a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Federal Government Girls College Zaria and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below, between the hours of 8.00 am to 4.00pm Mondays to Fridays.
6. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira only). The method of payment will be by Cash or certified Bank Draft in favour of STEP B Project, Federal Government Girls College Zaria. The Bidding Documents will be collected by the representative of the Bidder or by courier services on request.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 noon local time on 5TH APRIL, 2010. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on 5TH APRIL, 2010 at 12:00 noon local time. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 2.5% of bid price.

8. The address referred to above is:
 The Project Manager
 Science & Technology Education Post Basic (STEP B) Project
 Federal Government Girls College (FGGC)
 PMB 1088, Zaria
 Kaduna State
 Telephone: 08130597441
 Email: stepbkadunafggcz@ymail.com



TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN)

MARKET OPERATIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND BIDDING FOR ENERGY METERING SYSTEMS.

INTRODUCTION:

The Federal Government of Nigeria through the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), intends to develop a pool of tested and competent contractors to provide cost-effective metering solutions to improve the efficiency of Market Operations in Nigeria's electricity market.

Pursuant to this, suppliers and contractors are hereby invited to apply for prequalification to bid for the following areas of metering-related jobs:

- A. **AUTOMATED METER READING (AMR) SYSTEM**
- B. **INTER-ZONAL METERING SYSTEM**
- C. **METERING TEST EQUIPMENT**
- D. **GRID ENERGY METERS**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies are required to submit letters of intent which should be accompanied with the following:

1. Evidence of company registration in Nigeria or overseas.
2. Comprehensive company profile and evidence of previous experience on the job of interest, giving concrete and verifiable references on similar projects;
3. A brief project description, highlighting complexities/challenges encountered on previous projects and similarities with the Market Operation's proposed project.
4. Evidence of financial capability/bank support
5. Evidence of valid Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three years;
6. VAT registration certificate, where applicable.
7. Evidence of being a Manufacturer
8. Company Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years
9. List of any pending or past lawsuits or any other judgments for or against the supplier as they relate to job of interest.

10. Any other information the supplier wishes to supply to enhance his chances of being successful in this preliminary evaluation.

NOTE:

The above jobs and procurement have been approved in the 2010 appropriation. Only pre-qualified companies will be invited to tender. The Market Operations Sector will, as a matter of responsibility, provide all the necessary assistance and support to the successful bidders with respect to logistics to facilitate speedy execution of tasks.

SUBMISSION:

One hard copy and a soft copy of the submission are to be submitted for each area of interest. The name and mailing address of the contractor shall be clearly marked on the envelope(s). All information requested for pre-qualification shall be provided in English Language by all applicants.

Failure to provide information / supporting document that is essential for the evaluation of the applicant's qualifications or to provide timely clarifications may result in disqualification.

Interested applicants should submit their documents by hand or registered mail to reach the following address **not later than 12.00 noon on Friday, 16th April, 2010, to:**

The Assistant General Manager (Procurement) TCN, Room 228, Power Holding Company of Nigeria Plc, Corporate Headquarters, Plot 441 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja.

Tel: 08055027494

For further information and/or clarifications, please contact the following e-mails:

1. **atonack@yahoo.co.uk**
2. **eejeemma@yahoo.co.uk**

**Signed:
MANAGEMENT
Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN).**



NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY

No. 33 Pope John Paul II Street, Maitama-Abuja.
PUBLIC NOTICE NIMET/I/2010

INVITATION TO TENDER

In compliance with the Public Procurement Act, 2007, the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) intends to undertake the underlisted projects under its 2010 financial year capital budget.

Consequently, the Agency wishes to invite interested companies to tender for the following:

1. PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF 4Nos. INTEGRATED AUTOMATIC WEATHER OBSERVATION AND DISPLAY SYSTEM (AWODS) AT BENIN, IBADAN, YOLA AND SOKOTO AIRPORTS:

The AWODS is an automatic weather observation system that integrates the measurement of key meteorological parameters like wind, pressure, humidity, radiation, visibility, cloud, precipitation, present weather, and processes them to produce meteorological information for air safety. The system is capable of broadcasting these weather reports which can be received by aircraft operating up to 3000m above ground level and 25 nautical miles from the airport. Each of the Airports is a separate Lot. i.e:

LOT I – Benin Airport
LOT II – Ibadan Airport
LOT III – Yola Airport.
LOT IV – Sokoto Airport.

2. PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF AERODROME TERMINAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (ATIS) AT ENUGU, ILORIN, MAIDUGURI & YOLA:

ATIS is a communication equipment that converts regular aeronautical information (weather parameters) from texts to voice output for broadcast within the airport vicinity. Its purpose is to improve pilot and controller's effectiveness and to relieve frequency congestion by automating the repetitive transmission of essential and routine weather information. i.e.:

LOT I – Enugu Airport
LOT II – Ilorin Airport
LOT III – Maiduguri Airport.
LOT IV – Yola Airport.

3. PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION EQUIPMENT FOR NIMET (CLUSTER FOR MODELLING):

The NWP equipment is an integrated system that assimilates meteorological data, process and analyse these data with displayed output products whose validity range 1 - 5 days.

4. CONSTRUCTION OF 4Nos. SYNOPTIC STATION AT AWKA, CALABAR, YENAGOA & ZARIA:

In consideration of the need to increase the station network to meet WMO recommendation on station network density, the Agency intends to construct new synoptic stations in parts of the country where there is need. This will ensure adequate weather coverage for the country. i.e.:

LOT I – Awka
LOT II – Calabar
LOT III – Yenagoa
LOT IV – Zaria

5. PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF 2Nos. VOLMET WEATHER INFORMATION BROADCAST SYSTEM AT AMINU KANO & IKEJA LAGOS AIRPORTS:

Volmet is a communication equipment that converts regular aeronautical information (weather parameters) from texts to voice output for broadcast at regional level. It is designed to assist continental flights with valuable regional (rather than station / point) weather reports as the flight enters a region such as West Africa. Each of the stations is a separate project. i.e.

LOT I – Kano Airport.
LOT II – Ikeja Airport.

Please note that:

- (A) Interested companies Must
1. Show evidence of registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
 2. Provide Audited Account for three years
 3. Show evidence of payment of the last three year Tax.
 4. Provide evidence of financial capability and Banking support
 5. Show evidence of experience and evidence of similar project executed.
 6. Provide VAT Registration and evidence of past remittances

- (B) 1. Tender documents would be obtained from the Agency's procurement secretariat, within work hours before closing date, upon payment of the sum of N30,000.
2. All tenders should be accompanied with tender security in the sum of 2% of the total quotation sum.

- (C) Applications are to be addressed and submitted to the office of the Director General/CEO at the Agency's address supplied at the top of this advert. Submission of applications closes on 19th April, 2010 by 12.00 noon at which time the bids shall be opened for evaluation in NIMET Conference Hall, NIMET Headquarters, Abuja.

Management
Nigerian Meteorological Agency
Abuja.



THE COUNCIL FOR THE REGULATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDING IN NIGERIA
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PREAMBLE:

- The Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN) Act No. 16 of 2007 was enacted into law on the 30th of April, 2007. the council was formally inaugurated on the 18th of August, 2008 and became operational since then.
- CRFFN is charged with, amongst other responsibilities, regulating and controlling the practice of freight forwarding, and promoting the highest standard of competence, practice and conduct among members of the profession.
- CRFFN is also charged with the responsibility of determining the standards of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to be registered as freight forwarders (in Nigeria) and raising those standards from time to time in accordance with international standard.

The council hereby announces vacancies in the following professional positions.

<p>1. Zonal Assistant Registrar Location: Port Harcourt Reporting to the Registrar/CEO, he/she will be responsible for the day to day running of the zonal office in implementing all policies of the Council towards attaining the set goals and objectives as contained in CRFFN Act 16 of 2007, and any other duties that may be assigned from time to time.</p> <p>2. Assistant Registrar (Education and Training). Location: Lagos. Reporting to the CEO on matters concerning education and training of members as stipulated in CRFFN Act 16 of 2007 and any other duties as may be assigned from time to time.</p> <p>3. Assistant Registrar (Operations and Technical services). Location: Lagos. Reporting to the CEO on matters relating to operations and technical services as contained in CRFFN Act 16 of 2007 and any other duties as may be assigned from time to time.</p> <p>Requirement for the above Positions (1, 2 & 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of a Bachelors degree or HND in Transport Management Studies. • 15 Years Experience in Freight Forwarding or related field is compulsory. • Management and Administrative experience is a key. • Post-Graduate qualifications in Transport management from a recognized government institution, business, finance or management such as an MBA will be an added advantage. • Professional membership of a recognized Transport Professional body. • Must have Strong communication skills. <p>4. Legal Adviser to the Council, Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Law. Minimum of 12 years post-call to Bar. A higher degree in Law will be an added advantage. Computer literacy and knowledge of ICT application is required. <p>5. Head, Library Management Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Library Sciences. A higher degree will be an added advantage. Membership of relevant professional body. A minimum of 12 years post qualification experience in library management/administration in a university system or higher institution. Ability to manage human and material resources in an ideal organization. Computer literacy and knowledge in the application of ICT in library science like operations of virtual and e-library. <p>6. Head, Internal Audit Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in accounting or financial management. A higher degree will be an added advantage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Membership of relevant Professional body. Computer literacy and knowledge in application of ICT in accounting or Auditing. Twelve (12) years working experience in a related agency. <p>7. Head, Corporate Affairs Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Mass Communication or Public Relations. A higher degree will be an added advantage. Membership of relevant Professional body. Computer literacy and knowledge in the application of ICT in the media. <p>8. Head, Administration & Human Resources Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Social Sciences. Masters or MBA management is an added advantage. Membership of relevant Professional body. Computer literacy and knowledge of ICT application. Twelve (12) years cognate working experience. <p>9. Head, SERVICOM Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Social Sciences. A higher degree will be an added advantage. Membership of relevant Professional body. Twelve (12) years cognate working experience. <p>10. Head, Quality, Health, Safety & Environment (QHSE) Requirement for the Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Environmental, Health & Safety or related field. A higher degree or Certification will be an added advantage. Membership of relevant Professional body. Twelve (12) years cognate working experience. <p>11. Head, Research & Development</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A good honours degree in Social Sciences. Masters or MBA management is an added advantage. Membership of relevant Professional body. Computer literacy and knowledge of ICT application. Twelve (12) years cognate working experience. <p>How to Apply: Send your resume within two weeks of this publication to contactcrffn@yahoo.com Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.</p> <p>Management CRFFN</p>
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MR. Kota Mochizuki, Snr. Representative, Panasonic Corporation, Japan (middle) flanked by Mr. John Woma, Managing Director, Omeba & Associates Advertising Limited, (left), and Mr. Suraj Rupani, Promoter, Panaserv Nigeria limited (right), while addressing newsmen at the opening ceremony of Victoria Island showroom and service centre of Panasonic Nigeria in Lagos on Thursday.

FG reviews electricity tariffs

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

LESS than a year after the electricity tariff scheme came into effect, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) says it is set to conduct another review of the Multi-Year Tariff Order (MYTO). According to the industry regulator the move became expedient because of numerous concerns expressed by operators in the sector. Haliru Dikko, Head, Market Competition and Rates of the commission said: "Due to the numerous complaints and observations expressed by stakeholders in the industry, it has become imperative for the commission to conduct the major review of MYTO before the stipulated five years as provided for in Section 6 (3) Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission's - Notice of Proposed Establishment of a Methodology for a Multi-Year Tariff Order, Gazette." The current average tariff level in Nigeria is about N6.31/KWh or \$4.3 cents/KWh. But with increasing costs, the current tariff level has not been sufficient to meet operating or capital investment costs of the unbundled companies of the former power monopoly, National Electric Power Authority (NEPA), which metamorphosed into the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) and with the gas supply payment.

Analysts say these two factors are responsible for almost half of the potential revenue losses and hence a deterrent for private sector investment in the power sector. Before the MYTO era began, tariff for the domestic electricity market was one of the lowest in the world. Per-capita electricity consumption in Nigeria stands at 136 Kilo Watt hour (KWh) compared to Ghana which has 309KWh and Ivory Coast with 174KWh. NERC has developed a MYTO to regulate electricity prices to prices ensure operational cost recovery, return on investment for new capital investment and replacement of capital investment.

"The MYTO provides a 15-year tariff path for the Nigerian electricity industry, with limited minor reviews each year in the light of changes in a limited number of parameters (such as inflation and gas prices) and major reviews every five years, when all of the inputs are reviewed with stakeholders," Mr. Dikko said.

Meanwhile the Administrator of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, NERC, Imamuddeen Talba, has stressed the need for 'Energy Conservation' by consumers, especially in view of the nation's dwindling power generation. "The need to conserve energy can not be overemphasised because for a country whose requirement of electricity is estimated above 20,000MW but currently has an average generation of 3000MW, electricity consumers must be able to properly utilize available supply efficiently and effectively", Talba said during a consumers' forum hosted by NERC last weekend.

FG owes PHCN workers N78bn

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

THE Federal government owes workers of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) N78billion monetization benefits between 2003 and 2010.

President General of the Senior Staff Association of Electricity and Allied Company (SSAEAC) Mr. Bede Opara, who disclosed this weekend at a news conference in Lagos, regretted that the Federal government has not paid a dime to the workers of the power company since the commencement of the monetization policy seven years ago.

According to him, his union made spirited effort to ensure that the benefits are incorporated in the 2009 budget but all fell on the deaf ears of the government. He said the monetization issue is heating up the system in the power company and urged the Federal government and the National Assembly to ensure that the benefits are captured in this year's budget.

Comrade Opara further warned the

government against winding up the headquarters of the Power Holding Company [PHCN] without addressing requisite labour issues in the power company.

According to him, the government should apply the same speed it is pursuing in winding down of the PHCN to settling labour labour issues therein.

Some of the labour issues, he stated include: Transfer of willing workers of the PHCN to successor companies, transfer of assets of the power company to successor companies and payment of liability to PHCN workers who are willing to be transferred to the successor companies. He said: "If government sneaks in and closes down the PHCN headquarters without due process, we may not wait for further discussion than to strike back. The authority should honour our collective agreement and we will not complain."

Disclosing the readiness of the PHCN workers to ensure an uninterrupted power supply in the country, Opara urged the Federal government to provide the enabling

environment in order to meet the aspiration. "We can reactivate the dead Oji power station. Three machines at Sapele power station, each generating 270MW have been reactivated by our engineers. We should be in position to satisfy the country if you give us the opportunity. We want to enjoy this job because the joy of every job is the practice".

The union further disclosed readiness to work with the administration of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to up power generation as well as ensure uninterrupted and efficient delivery of same in the country. When contacted for comment spokesman to the Ministry of Power Mr. Yakubu Lawal said: FG does not pay salary of PHCN staff. The issue of arrears is between them and the PHCN management. The ministry is however aware of this and discussing with PHCN on how to address the matter.

Also reacting, spokesperson of the PHCN Mrs. Efurū Igbo said PHCN is currently negotiating with the FG on the payment of the monetization.

CBN EXCHANGE RATES				BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES		
2/12/2010				BUYING		
	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)	DOLLAR.....	N151	
CFA	0.2897	0.2997	0.3097	EURO.....	N206	
DANISH KRONER	26.8799	26.971	27.062	POUNDS.....	N235	
EURO	200.1899	200.8681	201.5462	SELLING		
POUNDS STERLING	230.5512	231.3322	232.1132	DOLLAR.....	N152	
RIYAL	39.36	39.4934	39.6267	EURO.....	N208	
SDR	226.2265	226.9929	227.7592	POUNDS.....	N238	
SWISS FRANC	136.5655	137.0281	137.4907	Source: S&J Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.		
US DOLLAR	147.6	148.1	148.6			
WAUA	226.801	227.5693	228.3376			
YEN	1.6378	1.6434	1.6489			

Stock Market Index	
Date:	Friday, March 5, 2010
Index:	22,931.43
Deals:	5,680
Volume:	434,025,813
Value:	N 4,168,709,986.83
Cap.:	N 5,522,844,574,607.41

Business/Investigation

Yar'adua's illness: Top guns refuse to quit



DIRECTOR General, Consumer Protection Council, Mrs. Ifeyinwa Umenyi



HEAD of the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), Dr John Akanya



COMPTROLLER General of Immigration, Mr. Chukwura Udeh

By Ibrin Abubakar

SOME top officials of the Federal Ministries of Commerce and Industry as well as Interior affairs may have taken advantage of the political impasse created by President Umaru Yar'adua's ill health to stay put in their various offices despite the expiration of their legitimate tenures.

Some of those affected include: The Managing Director, Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPPZA), Mr. Sina Agboluaje; the Director General, Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), Dr John Akanya; the Comptroller General, Nigeria Immigration Service, Mr. Chukwura Udeh, Managing Director of Oil and Gas Free Zone Mr. Noble Obe and the Director General, Consumer Protection Council, Mrs. Ifeyinwa Umenyi.

Daily Trust checks also reveal that the government has yet to appoint a substantive Managing Director for the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) despite the expiration of the former MD's term in office late last year.

The NEPPZA Act 63 of 1992 stipulates four-year tenure in the first instance for the office of the Managing Director, which is also renewable for two years only. He was first appointed August 30, 2004.

But instead of relieving Mr Agboluaje of his post or renewing his appointment for another two years as required by the NEPPZA Act, he was simply given the curious title of 'Act-

ing MD' which has given him the lee way to hang on to the office indefinitely. He has been 'acting' for the past two years.

A source in NEPPZA who does not want to be quoted confirmed the story. But NEPPZA spokesman Mr. Emma Effiom denied that his boss had overshoot his tenure, saying "this is his second tenure."

When Daily Trust tried to probe further, he insisted: "I have told you. This is his second tenure."

Under Nigeria's public service rules and other extant guidelines, acting appointments have a six-month lifespan after which the holder is confirmed or relieved of his duty.

Daily Trust investigations show that the SON boss' tenure has expired too as he has already served a second term of four years, but is also still sitting tight on the DG's seat.

SON Spokesman Mr. Bola Fashina declined comment on

the tenure of his boss and told Daily Trust that he was not in a position to comment as he did not appoint Mr. Akanya as DG of SON.

"I am not competent to comment on it because I was not the one who appointed him in the first place. I am sorry I don't have any comment," Mr Fashina told Daily Trust on the phone.

It was a similar story at the CPC as the Council's spokesman Mr. Abiodun Obimuyiwa claimed his boss' first term in office was extended by a year, which has also expired, but added that her current stay was not as she has secured a second term which will expire in 2013.

"Yes she was given one year extra because of her performance. But I can confirm to you now that she has just gotten her letter for re-appointment. Her new tenure ends 2013. It is four years per term," Mr Obimuyiwa said.

But a source told Daily Trust

that the President has been ill and that it couldn't have been possible for her to claim to have been reappointed by the same president this year.

Similarly, NIS' sitting Comptroller General, who was appointed in January 2005 has overshoot his term, but the NIS spokesman Mr. King Ekpedeme said his continuing stay in the service was not against the Nigerian Immigration Service Act.

Mr. Ekpedeme said: "The law says you are due for retirement after 35 years of service or you have reached the age of 60 whichever comes first. He hasn't met these conditions."

He added: "He was appointed, I think, in January 2005 and there was no time frame in his appointment letter. There were other Comptrollers before him who spent less than five years or more than that."

But a source said: "Every-one knows that it is a four-year

tenure and once you spend up to five years at the headship of a government agency, you should go and let the agency move ahead."

He said it is the duty of the supervisory ministries to draw attention of the government to those who have reached their tenure limits.

The continuing stay of the public officers cannot be without the consent of the supervisory ministry, in this case, the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry as well as the Federal Ministry of Interior Affairs.

But spokesman to the Commerce and Industry Minister's Mr. Emeka Omeihe admitted that the ministry was aware of the fact that some chief executives of the parastatals have ended their terms and that there was a need to reappoint some, but curiously added that it was not in his capacity to comment. "Go to the parastatals and asked them," he said.

A source who prefers to be anonymous said the top public servants are taking advantage of the political impasse occasioned by President Yar'adua's health crisis to deliberately extend their tenures.

"This is happening in all the ministries. It is your duty to go and check as a reporter," he said.

Another source said: "They (the chief executives) cannot quit because it may be that a new DG has not been appointed. So they cannot abandon their offices and go like that if not they will be declared to have gone away without leave."

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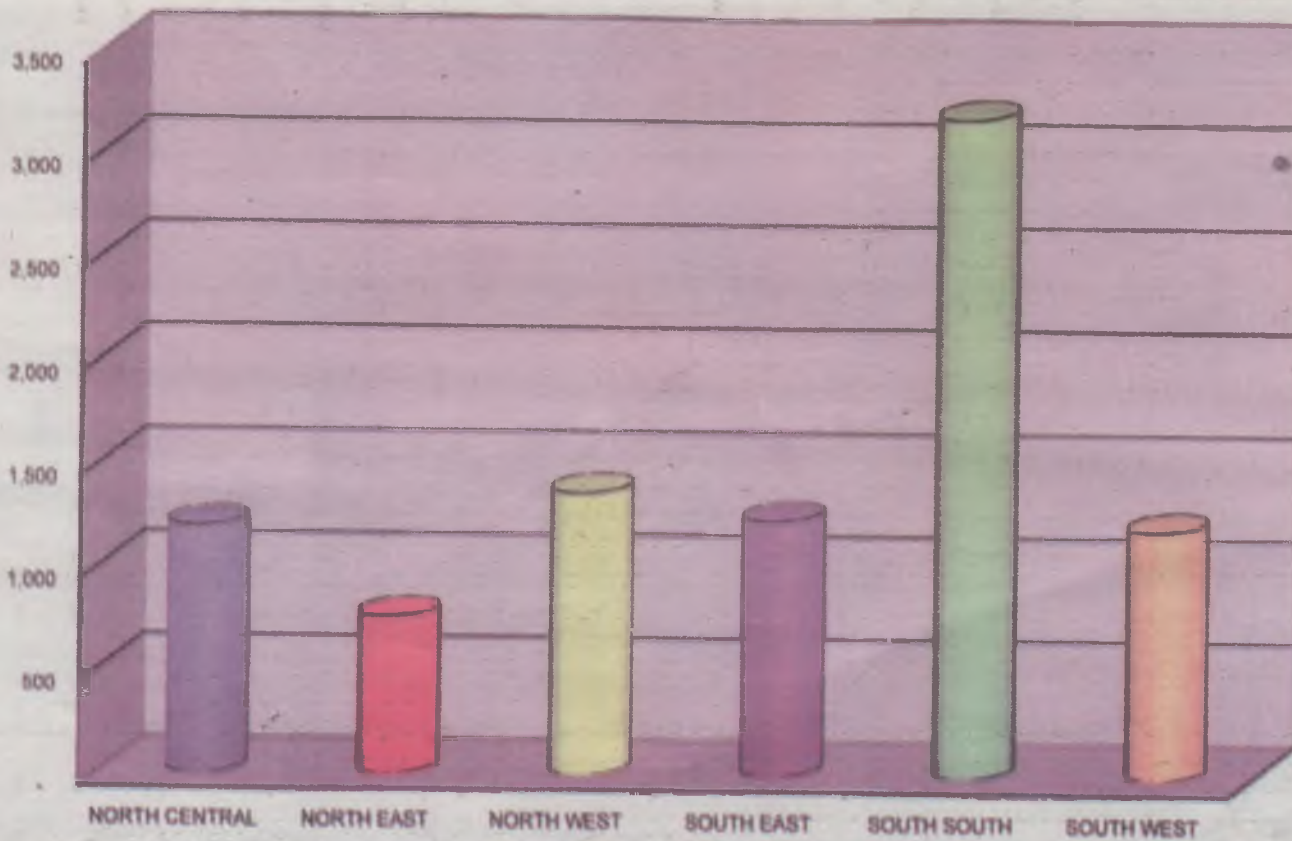
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STATE	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	SS7	JS1	JS2	JS3	JS4	TOTAL	JUNIOR JS1 - JS4	SENIOR SS7 - SS1	MGT. M1 - M6
ABIA			2	2	7	20	50	19	28	28	56	41	29	31	8	1		321	38	252	31
ADAMAWA	1		4	10	10	40	19	14	14	37	31	10	22	3				222	25	171	26
AKWA IBOM			1	3	10	30	71	18	38	32	80	28	51	85	11	4		488	100	348	44
ANAMBRA				11	28	34	98	24	18	21	36	26	16	11	3			297	13	211	73
BAUCHI			1	1	1	7	33	4	5	3	18	16	12	11	2			198	13	93	10
BAYELSA				3		6	13	4	5	10	40	62	18	14	3	2		178	19	150	9
BENUE					4	3	48	12	15	6	30	36	31	29	11	1		228	41	177	7
BORNO			1		7	18	43	12	11	7	36	35	9	17	1			198	18	153	24
CROSS RIVER					5	19	39	6	7	14	31	38	19	30				208	30	151	24
DELTA			1	11	28	37	147	65	135	88	137	126	77	127	12			1,891	138	788	77
EBONYI					8		3	4	2	7	18	20	3	2	1			68	3	57	2
EDO		1	1	8	22	16	79	77	48	53	70	64	64	79	8	1		623	88	383	54
EKITI			1	1	3	11	21	8	11	11	66	29	5	4				188	4	180	16
ENUGU			2	2	6	24	13	21	19	33	31	10	17	1	1			181	19	151	11
FCT (ABUJA)											14	7	4	1				26	1	25	
GOMBE				1	1	6	20	9	5	5	17	20	5	7		1		78	6	67	6
IMO			2	5	19	20	91	38	47	30	98	63	38	54	3		1	478	50	371	46
JIGAWA				1	4		20	7	2	4	27	18	1	1				68	1	74	6
KADUNA			2	2	7	28	104	38	47	32	68	84	102	160	29	1		713	100	488	37
KANO			2	2	4	18	67	14	22	10	32	16	20	24	2			242	26	193	23
KATSINA			3	3	4	13	88	18	11	11	53	23	20	31	1			231	32	178	23
KEBBI			1	1	4	4	28	5	4	4	15	25	2	6	1			100	7	85	10
KOCHI			2	3	11	22	86	27	40	28	56	62	69	8	2			448	77	324	38
KWARA			2	3	2	17	39	19	19	10	14	21	12	11	2			186	15	148	24
LAGOS			1	4	12	17	53	9	13	10	26	19	11	15	2			186	17	143	36
NASSARAWA					2	2	23	3	5	4	20	21	16	14	1			152	19	133	4
NIGER			1	4	4	9	71	28	15	11	65	24	16	19	2	1		328	23	185	18
OGLA			2	10	19	30	67	24	32	15	40	58	20	31	3			328	34	230	61
ONDO			1	7	14	50	10	33	13	35	49	28	27	3	2			272	32	218	22
OSUN			1	3	9	18	35	13	14	11	32	19	13	15	1	2		183	19	137	31
OYO			3	1	12	21	37	8	12	13	26	32	12	17	1			188	18	130	37
PLATEAU					1	7	38	18	8	4	19	17	18	13	2			187	16	114	8
RIVERS			2	8	19	26	81	47	74	136	148	100	113	227	41	28	3	1,138	207	748	64
SOKOTO				1	2	2	14	5	4	3	15	20	4	5		1		78	8	68	6
TARABA				1	2	4	25	6	2	4	17	17	4	7	2			97	9	75	7
TIGER				1	1	7	15	7	3	3	16	13	8	10	1			81	11	61	9
ZAMFARA					1	1	18	6	3	4	14	19	5	10	2			68	14	52	2
GRAND TOTAL	1	1	34	100	277	813	1,780	575	777	676	1,429	1,412	807	1,262	164	46	2	9,821	1,464	7,425	926

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Abdulsalam Ahmed MD/CEO, FMBN

Mr. Abdulsalam Ahmed, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer

With a mission to ensure that Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) is upgraded to an organisation with capacity to supply the mortgage markets with sustainable liquidity for the advancement of homeownership among Nigerians anchored on mortgage financing, Ahmed undoubtedly set out with strategies to achieve the feat.

An alumnus of a number of prestigious educational institutions, Ahmed holds a Master of Science Degree in Corporate and International Finance from the University of Durham, England and a Master of Business Administration from the Bayero University, Kano. Apart from the fact that he is a full member of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), he also holds a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan after his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

Ahmed acted as managing director and chief executive officer of FMBN for a period of one year from April 2008 and in view of his excellent performance on the job, his appointment as substantive managing director and chief executive of the apex mortgage banking regulator the Presidency on April 3 2009.

A professional banker with over 19 years' experience in the Nigerian banking sector, he was, until his appointment, the acting chief executive, pioneer, general manager, Policy & Strategy Department of the FMBN, a position he held since January 2006 with responsibilities for policy and strategy formulation, corporate planning, overseeing the implementation of a prudent risk management framework for the apex bank, monitoring operational procedures and accreditation of the bank's business relationship partners.

As part of the need to project our brand through a strategic deployment of well-thought out approaches, we have designed corporate identity tools with a view to facilitating the attainment of our business objectives. We strongly believe that these unique tools will help the FMBN to establish market credibility and enhance our reputation to sell more products and services. Moreover, it will help to promote a favourite cause that will position our organisation as a reputable housing finance conglomerate of choice in Africa. Our re-branding effort is essentially to give us a new vibrant image and personality with the aim of re-positioning us for enhanced provision of funds for housing development. The move will also enable us to become the foremost secondary mortgage institution in the country and create awareness about our products and services.

We have adopted fresh ideas to attract low interest facilities from sources like the London-based financial institution, HSBC, Sinomech and Foras International, among others. The interest rate offered by these foreign financial institutions attracted our attention to seek funding so as to assist in the various challenges of accessing housing in the country. These loans are offered under unique platforms to link local capital market with the international capital markets. Also, efforts are currently being made by the Federal Government to recapitalise the nation's apex mortgage banking concern.



ALHAJI DEDAATTAH, CHAIRMAN, Board of Directors, Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria

A professional Banker with 26 Years experience in the Nigerian Banking Sector, he was appointed the Chairman of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria in May 2009. Atta has attended various proficiency training programmes in United Kingdom, USA and Nigeria. He was Vice President and President of Money Market Association of Nigeria (1998-2001). An alumnus of some prestigious institutions, he has an MBA in Finance from the University of Pittsburgh USA, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria.

Alhaji Muhammad Kabir Abubakar, Executive Director, Loans Production
 A seasoned financial manager, Abubakar possesses a highly relevant, award-winning career covering various local and global regions. He brings a deep knowledge in creating various solutions to broaden FMBN's offering. In becoming an executive director of the apex mortgage banking concern in the country, he was variously with Alpha Publishing Company Kano, Nigeria Television Authority Network News Lagos and NTA Abuja. He later joined the defunct Bank of the North Limited Kano as Public Relations Officer and rose to various ranks including as Manager of Sokoto Main Branch of the Bank after switching over to operational line. Abubakar later joined Nasarawa State Government as a Commissioner in charge of the Ministry of Works and Transport (November 2001-2003), Commissioner for Finance (2003-2007) and Commissioner for Lands, Survey and Town Planning (November 2007-April 2009) when he was appointed Executive Director at the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria.
 In 2001, Alhaji Muhammadu Chindo Yanusa II, bestowed the title of Dan Malikin Keffi on him in recognition of his meritorious services to his community and country. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He has attended several courses and seminars in Nigeria and Abroad.



Otunba Wemmy Oluwalde Osude, Executive Director, Loans Set Up and Pay Off
 As a finance expert with years of professional experience spanning banking, oil and gas, financial consulting, management consulting, strategy development operational process consulting services, Osude started his working career with Chase Bank, USA as a system analyst. He also worked with Energy Corporations such as Tennessee Energy, USA, Enron Power Development Company, Saudi Aramco and Exxon Mobil USA, where he retired as a financial controller. He was appointed as a special adviser on Oil and Gas to Ogun State Governor, Otunba Gbenga Daniel and was also at the same time the Managing Director of the State owned Gateway Oil and Gas Development Ltd till year 2007. Otunba Osude was subsequently appointed a Director at O'odua Investment Limited in charge of bitumen development, a position he held before his appointment to the board of FMBN. Osude is a graduate of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan (Religion and Business Administration), Texas Southern University (Accounting) Baptist University, all based in USA. He has professional affiliations with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).
 He also has a Master of Accountancy (Specialisation in Oil and Gas Accounting and Business Law) from Houston Baptist University, Houston Texas, USA in 1995 and a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting in 1986 from Texas Southern University.

Alhaji Magaji M. Bello, Executive Director, Organisation Resourcing
 The Federal Government announced the appointment of Bello as an executive director of FMBN as part of corporate restructuring aimed at enhancing the quality of its human capital, it was a view to improving housing delivery to meet the expectations of Nigerians.
 The appointment is a good omen as it has taken FMBN to the expected unprecedented growth in the last couple of months and has given a clue to what is expected in distance future.
 Bello obtained a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Education/Economics from Bayero University, Kano. A professional banker with over 20 years of cognate experience, he started his banking career with Afribank Plc after completing the mandatory NYSC service with the bank. While at Afribank, he served in various capacities, most times posting outstanding performances that attracted honour and recognition by the Management.



Mr. Newman Ordia, Executive Director, Securities Issuance and Market Development
 With substantial years of experience which cut across finance, banking, retail, real estate, construction, manufacturing, public accounting, treasury and international financial systems, Ordia is part of a team of housing finance experts at FMBN to rejuvenate the nation's housing sub-sector.
 Newman attended Government College, Ughelli, University of Lagos, University of Port Harcourt, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and Nigeria Law School. He holds Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Master of Business Administration and two other degrees in Law.

Alhaji Ngozi Ike, Executive Director, Policy and Strategy
 Alhaji is a disciplined, self directed executive with a record of success in both management as well as consulting on operations, corporate real estate and the capital market industry. Ike holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka in 1976 and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Lagos in 1980.
 Apart from the fact that she holds a Diploma in Business Continuity Management from the University of Lagos in 2008, she is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management and a member of Business Continuity Institute UK. She is on secondment to the Bank from the Central Bank of Nigeria.



Alhaji Kabiru Maiwada, Director.
 As a Member of FMBN's Board of Directors, Maiwada has perfectly aligned with the institution's mission to develop capacity to supply Nigeria's markets with sustainable liquidity for the advancement of homeownership in the country. Maiwada is a seasoned businessman with over 20 years experience in real estate development and finance.

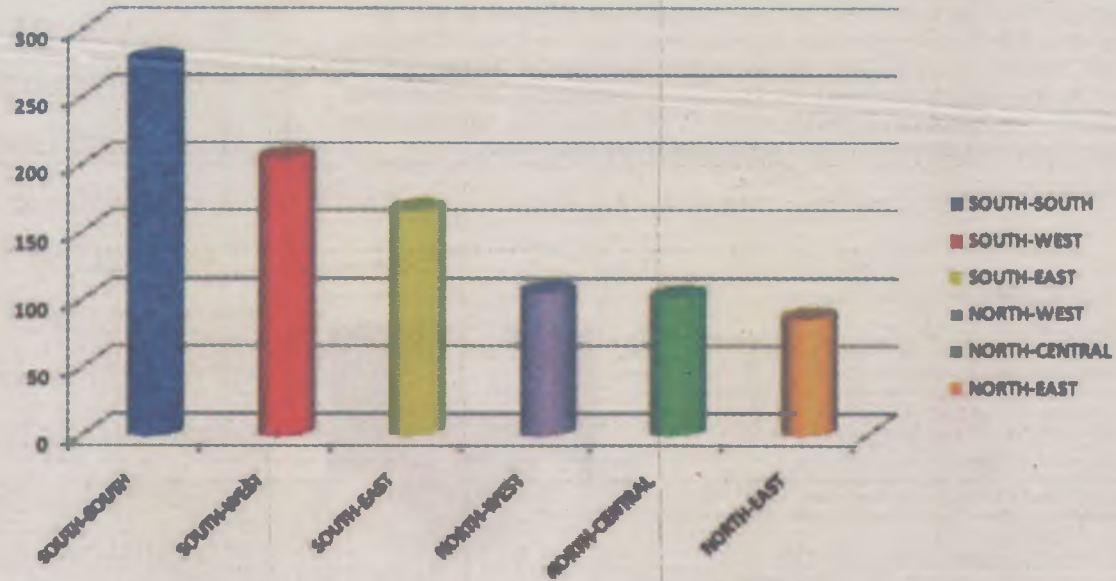


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At the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, we are already creating wealth across the six geo-political zones of the country. We are building real estate partnerships, so we can make other forms of partnerships possible. We are encouraging strategic alliances to enhance homeownership. We are structuring national networks of branches to create the power that synergies bring. We are continuously searching for linkages which will support clusters for productive value chains. We are connecting organisations and enterprises that believe in the Nigerian dream.

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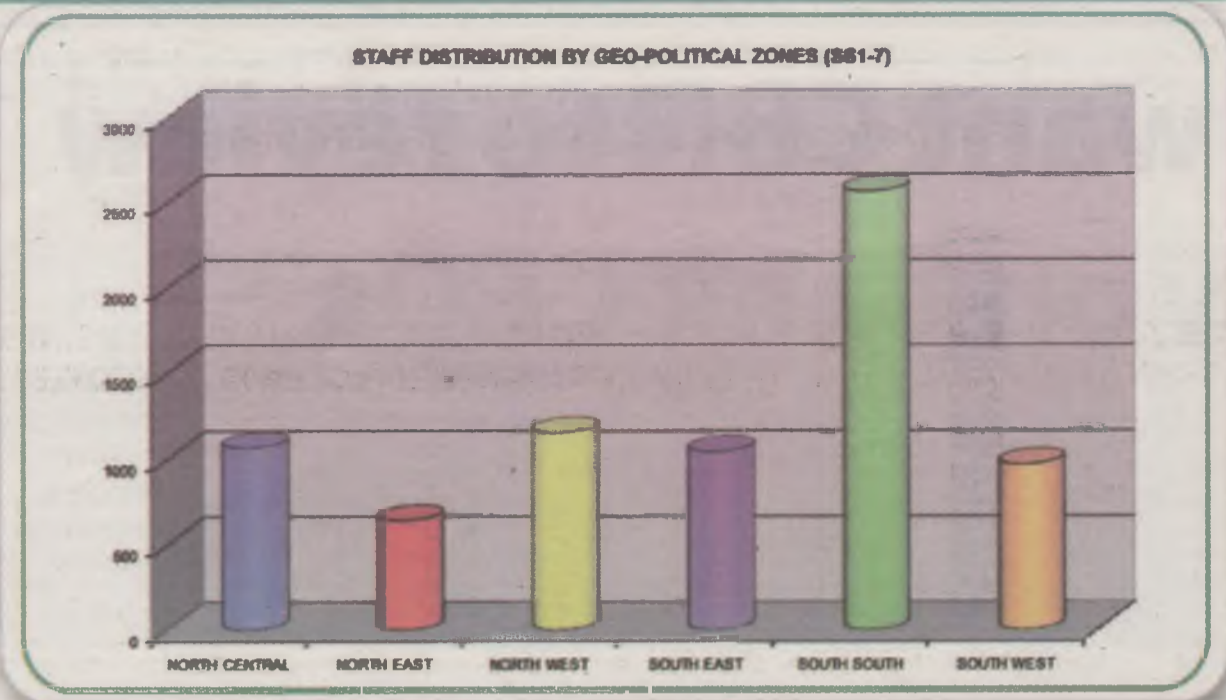
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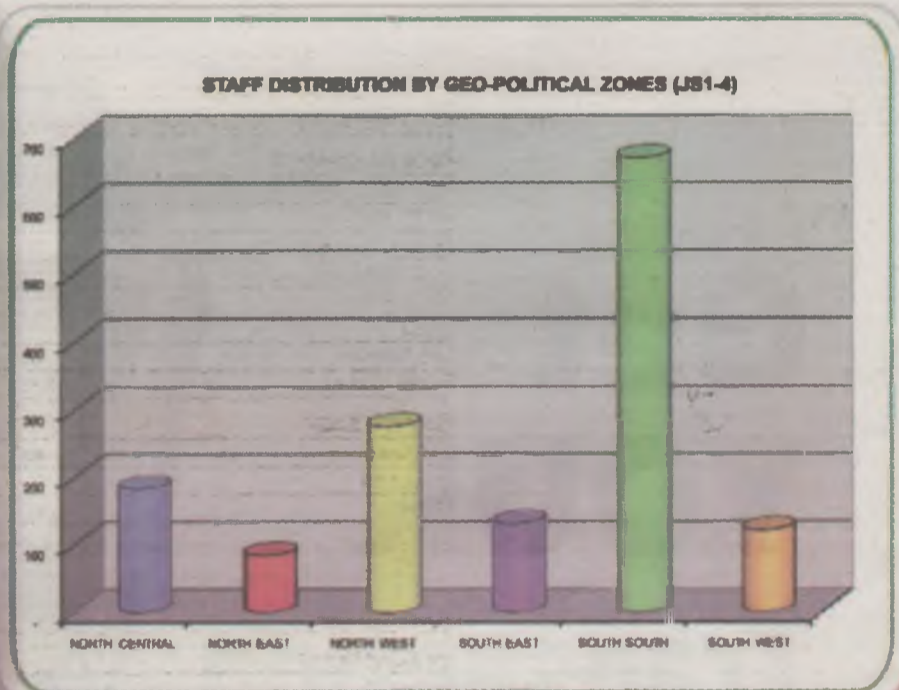
GEO-POLITICAL ZONES	SS1	SS2	SS3	SS4	SS5	SS6	SS7	TOTAL
NORTH CENTRAL								
BENUE	48	12	15	6	30	35	31	177
FCT, ABUJA	0	0	0	0	14	7	4	35
KOGI	66	27	40	28	59	52	53	325
KWARA	35	18	18	10	34	21	12	148
NASARAWA	23	3	6	4	20	21	16	83
NIGER	71	28	13	11	25	24	15	187
PLATEAU	38	10	8	4	19	17	16	114
SUB TOTAL	281	96	100	63	209	177	149	1085
NORTH EAST								
ADAMAWA	46	19	14	14	37	31	10	171
BAUCHI	33	4	5	3	18	18	12	93
BORNO	43	12	11	7	36	35	9	153
GOMBE	20	9	5	6	17	25	5	87
TARABA	25	6	2	4	17	17	4	75
YOBE	15	7	3	3	16	13	4	61
SUB TOTAL	182	57	40	37	141	139	44	640
NORTH WEST								
JIGAWA	20	7	2	4	22	18	1	74
KADUNA	104	38	47	32	69	84	102	486
KANO	67	14	32	10	32	18	21	184
KATSINA	59	16	11	11	33	23	25	178
KEBBI	26	5	4	4	19	25	2	85
BOKOTO	14	5	4	3	15	20	4	65
ZAMFARA	18	6	3	4	14	19	5	69
SUB TOTAL	308	91	103	68	204	217	160	1151
SOUTH EAST								
ABIA	50	19	25	20	58	41	28	252
ANAMBRA	68	24	18	21	36	28	16	211
EBONYI	3	4	2	7	18	20	3	57
ENUGU	24	13	21	19	33	31	10	151
IMO	91	36	47	30	68	63	38	373
SUB TOTAL	236	96	114	106	211	183	96	1042
SOUTH SOUTH								
AKWA IBOM	71	16	38	32	60	78	51	346
BAYELSA	13	4	5	10	40	62	16	150
CROSS RIVER	38	6	7	14	31	36	19	151
DELTA	147	65	135	98	137	126	77	785
EDO	79	27	46	53	70	64	44	383
RIVERS	91	47	74	116	148	160	113	749
SUB TOTAL	439	165	305	323	486	526	320	2564
SOUTH WEST								
EKITI	21	6	11	11	26	29	5	109
LAGOS	53	9	13	10	28	19	11	143
OGUN	67	24	32	15	40	32	20	230
ONDO	50	10	33	13	35	49	28	218
OSUN	35	13	14	10	33	19	13	137
OYO	37	8	12	13	26	22	12	130
SUB TOTAL	283	70	115	72	188	170	89	967
GRAND TOTAL	1709	575	777	669	1430	1412	858	7430

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NNPC STAFF DISTRIBUTION



GEO-POLITICAL ZONE	JB1	JB2	JB3	JB4	TOTAL
NORTH CENTRAL					
BENUE	29	11	1	-	41
FCT ABUJA	1	-	-	-	1
KOGI	69	6	2	-	77
KWARA	11	2	-	-	13
NASARAWA	14	1	-	-	15
NIGER	19	1	1	-	21
PLATEAU	13	2	-	-	15
SUB TOTAL	158	23	4	-	185
NORTH EAST					
ADAMAWA	22	3	-	-	25
BAUCHI	11	2	-	-	13
BORNO	17	1	-	-	18
GOMBE	7	-	1	-	8
TARABA	7	2	-	-	9
YOBE	10	1	-	-	11
SUB TOTAL	74	8	1	-	84
NORTH WEST					
JIGAWA	1	-	-	-	1
KADUNA	180	29	1	-	190
KANO	24	2	-	-	26
KATSINA	31	1	-	-	32
KEBBI	6	1	-	-	7
SOKOTO	5	-	1	-	6
ZAMFARA	12	2	-	-	14
SUB TOTAL	239	35	2	-	276
SOUTH EAST					
ABIA	31	6	1	-	38
ANAMBRA	11	2	-	-	13
EBONYI	2	1	-	-	3
ENUGU	17	1	1	-	19
IMO	54	3	-	1	58
SUB TOTAL	115	13	2	1	131
SOUTH SOUTH					
AKWA IBOM	85	11	4	-	100
BAYELSA	14	3	2	-	19
CROSS RIVER	30	-	-	-	30
DELTA	127	12	-	-	139
EDO	79	6	1	-	86
RIVERS	227	41	28	1	297
SUB TOTAL	562	73	35	1	671
SOUTH WEST					
EKITI	4	-	-	-	4
LAGOS	15	2	-	-	17
NIGER	-	1	-	-	1
OGUN	31	3	-	-	34
ONDO	27	3	2	-	32
OSUN	12	1	2	-	15
OYO	17	1	-	-	18
SUB TOTAL	106	11	4	-	121
GRAND TOTAL	1,252	184	48	2	1,486



KEY

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE
M1	GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
M2	GROUP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
M3	GROUP GENERAL MANAGER / MD'S OF SUBSIDIARIES
M4	GENERAL MANAGER / EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARIES
M5	MANAGER
M6	DEPUTY MANAGER
SS1	CHIEF OFFICER
SS2	DEPUTY CHIEF
SS3	ASSISTANT CHIEF
SS4	SENIOR STAFF (OFFICERS / ENGINEERS)
SS5	SENIOR STAFF (OFFICERS / ENGINEERS)
SS6	SENIOR STAFF (ASSISTANTS / TECHNICIANS)
SS7	SENIOR STAFF (ASSISTANTS / TECHNICIANS)
JS1	JUNIOR STAFF (CLERKS / CRAFTSMEN)
JS2	JUNIOR STAFF (CLERKS / CRAFTSMEN)
JS3	JUNIOR STAFF (CLERKS / CRAFTSMEN)
JS4	JUNIOR STAFF (CLERKS / CRAFTSMEN)

The Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer's position is for one person and it is the level M1.

NNPC has six Group Executive Directors, One Coordinator and a Company Secretary/Legal Adviser all on the same level of M2.

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Business

Reps want CBN to review policy on bank CEOs

By Nasidi A. Yahaya

THE House of Representatives committee on capital market has asked the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Malam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi to reassess his prohibition of retired Chief Executives of banks from being members of the board of directors of their banks.

Chairman of the Committee, Rep Ahmed Wadada (PDP, Nasarawa State) said there was no

reason for the new policy unless if the apex bank was in possession of information not available to the public.

The CBN had recently barred retiring banks' CEOs from becoming board members of such banks until after three years.

But in a letter to the Governor dated February 16, 2010, the committee chairman said: "Unless the CBN is having an information that is not disclosed to the public, there is no reason or basis that will

hinder a bank CEO that is leaving based on the new policy of 10 year tenure from becoming a board member.

He said: "I would like to make a point of caution and advice on the need to give room for a judicious and equitable chance for those banks Chief executives who would have successfully and even commendably completed their two terms of ten years in office without having committed any offence, and

who also, would have substantial shares in their banks.

"Surely, there is the need for all stakeholders, particularly the CBN, to show that the on-going banking reforms are protective not divisive", Rep Wadada said.

"None of these CEOs got to the position without holding a lion share of such banks and in our environment three years is a long duration that anything can happen to their investment", he added.

N19bn voted for police pensioners

By Jibrin Abubakar

ABOUT N15 billion has been budgeted as monthly police pensions for retirees this year while another N4billion is earmarked for the payment of their quarterly gratuity, *Daily Trust* learnt.

Daily Trust also learnt that 1,500 former Biafran policemen will also be paid while more applications are being collated by the Police Service Commission (PSC).

This is coming as the Inspector General Police (IGP) Mr. Ogonna Onovo applauded ongoing moves by the Police Pension Office (PPO) to pay pension arrears owed police retirees in the country as soon as the budget is passed.

Mr. Onovo said last week that the news of an imminent payment of about N24 billion to police personnel came as a relief to many of them.

He made this remarks during a courtesy visit by the new Director of Pension Office Malam Atiku Abubakar Kigo.

On the continued payment of pension benefits to all former Biafran policemen, Onova said that the move was a demonstration of the good policy of integration of all parts of the country.

Clearline partners banks on health insurance

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

A based Health Maintenance Organization (MHO), Clearline International Limited, has entered into a partnership with four banks with a view of making health insurance scheme accessible to all Nigerians. The partner banks are Skye, Union, First and Wema Banks.

This was disclosed by the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Clearline International Limited Dr Segun Ogundimu during an interactive session with healthcare providers in Kano. He said the aim of the partnership was to make the health insurance service accessible and affordable to the common Nigerian.

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FROM LEFT: Mr. Ekan Asuni, Managing Director GlaxoSmithkline, Mr. Victor Erukunuakpor, Head of vaccines and Sanat, and Sen. Florence Ita-Giwa during a press briefing on GlaxoSmithkline access initiative on its servical cancer vaccines on Friday

Oando's power plant will save Lagos N591 m annually

From Mohammed Shosanya, Akinola Abdul Hakeem, Lagos

THE Oando Independent Power Project (IPP) will save Lagos State over N591 million in annual energy cost to power the Akute Water Works Governor Babatunde Fashola has said. Fashola, who disclosed this weekend in Lagos during the commissioning of N4 billion Oando power project in Akute water works, said that the state spend lots of money on diesel monthly in powering the generators that supply portable water to the Lagos metropolis. According to him, the plant is cost saving, environmental friendly and came at the time the government needed it to boost consumption of water in the state. He said that the power plant will work for 20 hours daily and pump about 130 million gallons of water on daily basis. He added that: "Fifteen mini water works projects are ongoing and when completed, it will go a long way in boosting supply of water to about 2 million gallons".

Afribank launches new pay system for PHCN

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

AFRIBANK Nigeria Plc has launched new Information Technology payment system to assist Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) in collection of its revenue nationwide. According to Nebolisa Arah, Group Managing Director of Afribank at the PHCN Easy Payment Solutions Stakeholders' Forum hosted by Afribank at its Head Office last weekend, Afribank would continuously upgrade its IT facilities in order to enable it provide cutting edge service delivery to its clientele at all levels. The Group Managing Director noted further that the present business model of the bank is "solution oriented" by emphasizing customer satisfaction and value delivery at every point of interaction with the brand. He stated further that Afribank had integrated and structured its payment solutions into its banking operations across its network to enhance efficiency, transparency and accountability in all its collections points. Afribank has become a frontline financial institution in partnering public sector and private operators in the implementation of their economic, business and social programme. The Coordinator, PHCN Easy Payment Solutions, Mr. Chadril Ogbuboer, commended Mr. Nebolisa Arah for the strong partnership between Afribank and PHCN Easy Solutions. Owing to its efficiency in the areas of revenue, bills, taxes and sundry fees collections, many state governments including Edo, Delta, Ogun State, Ondo State, Abia State, Osun and Cross River States have partnered the bank for their revenue collection business.

NNPC to recapitalise

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

THE Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) management said it has commenced arrangements to fully recapitalize the once liquid corporation.

The corporation is also yet to pay its debt put at about N450 billion to the Federation Account.

To this end, top management of the corporation, to be led by its group managing director Mohammed Bakindo, would arrive London this week to open discussion with International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank and foreign investors on how to recapitalize NNPC and put it on strong financial footings.

Bakindo, at the transformation second Town-hall meeting at the weekend said NNPC is indeed in financial crises due to activities of vandalism, internally imposed obligations, Niger Delta crisis which has resulted into consistent breakdown of crude oil pipeline in the creeks.

He said as at January this year, 172 contingent liability cases valued at N188 billion were hung on the corporation's neck largely as a result of internally imposed obligations while over N7.7 billion was expended on legal activities in 2008.

Bakindo said over N175 billion lost to pipeline vandalism between 2000 to

date while 132 million litres of petrol also lost in the process, adding that N4 billion was spent on the repair of Escravos-Lagos pipeline while another N11 billion was expended on the repair of Chanomi pipeline.

"If all the cases are to be answered, then NNPC should file for insolvency, adding that NNPC cannot continue to operate at the current level where government expect policy input, implementation as well as be the regulator despite the creation of the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) and the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR). These are unrealistic", he said.

"The corporation was N326 billion negative in 2008 due to poor performance of the nation's refineries, dropped in crude supplies from its subsidiary, NPDC. In 2008, refineries lost N25 billion, operated at 13 per cent capacity and what that meant was that the corporation was technically insolvent", he said.

Bakindo explained that financial situation of the corporation improved slightly in 2009 with N50 billion yield from the refineries, N15 billion from increased in oil production from NPDC while another N27 billion was saved from the 100 days programme initiated by the current management.

Minister wants technical team for CBN's N500bn power fund

By Fidelis Mac-Leva

MINISTER of Power Lanre Babalola has suggested that a technical team be set up between his Ministry and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for a holistic and effective management and application of the N500bn set aside to boost development in the power sector.

Babalola who visited the management of the apex bank at the weekend said the establishment of a technical committee was necessary because investment in power must take cognisance of the transmission, distribution and fuel supply if we are to avoid building

white elephants or plants that will only work part of the time.

"We need to adopt a holistic approach on this issue by addressing all variables in a technical manner and the viability of such projects in the identified area", the Minister said.

He said the visit was to commend the effort of the CBN and also present issues on power project development in practical perspective and register power Ministry's readiness to play a pivotal role based on series of studies and feasibility on projects where the private sector players can be effectively engaged.

According to Babalola,

adequate funding was not only required in electricity generation but also in transmission, distribution and fuel supply to effectively produce and deliver power to Nigerians for domestic and economic use.

The Minister, who was accompanied on the visit by the Minister of State Arc. Nuhu Wya and top officials of the Ministry as well as the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) reiterated that there was the need to avoid the mistake of the past in citing and executing power projects where all the variables required for a functional and viable projects were not properly considered before rushing into their development.

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SECTORTOTALS	6		77,245	38,622.50
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SECTORTOTALS	23		319,338	1,575,666.32
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AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	64	2.35	2,136,844	4,907,375.20
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ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	108	5.30	4,125,905	21,890,386.72
F/CITY MONUMENT BANK PLC	60	9.05	4,506,409	40,651,743.85
FIDELITY BANK PLC	116	2.56	4,485,554	11,613,462.92
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	678	14.50	16,501,954	239,832,569.48
FINBANK PLC	57	0.70	4,470,109	3,034,634.04
GTBANK PLC	345	18.20	43,362,898	778,304,335.97
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	47	8.45	1,557,903	13,081,880.55
INTERCONTINENTAL BANK PLC	60	2.08	1,274,770	2,568,537.93
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BUILDING MATERIALS				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	71	16.00	1,146,133	18,485,728.30
BENUE CEMENT COMPANY PLC	21	50.05	993,957	49,743,920.93
CEMENT CO. OF NORT. NIG. PLC	34	16.50	657,532	10,815,675.05
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	35	35.00	259,891	8,966,529.48
SECTORTOTALS	161		3,057,513	88,011,853.76
CHEMICAL & PAINTS				
BERGER PAINTS NIGERIA PLC	3	3.87	74,142	286,929.54
CHEMICAL & ALLIED PRODUCTS PLC	8	28.26	28,070	756,946.50
DN MEYER PLC	6	2.95	114,861	337,527.77
NIGERIAN CHEMICALS PLC	1	13.04	40	571.60
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIG. PLC	1	5.67	1,000	5,670.00
SECTORTOTALS	19		218,113	1,387,645.41
COMMERCIAL SERVICES				
AFROMEDIA PLC	8	0.51	523,753	268,079.03
COURTVILLE INVESTMENTS PLC	3	0.58	252,000	126,000.00
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	10	2.60	236,536	623,853.60
TRANS NATIONWIDE EXPRESS PLC	1	6.45	100	613.00
SECTORTOTALS	22		1,012,389	1,018,545.63
CONR & OFFICE EQUIPMENT				
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	2	8.13	13,500	111,155.00
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PZ CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	52	26.40	655,787	17,192,985.37
TRANSNATIONAL CORP. OF NIG. PLC	69	0.56	8,866,968	4,942,102.08
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	58	42.59	318,594	13,443,003.30
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	48	25.19	419,350	10,486,685.22
SECTORTOTALS	240		10,409,535	46,502,339.48
CONSTRUCTION				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	32	5.39	287,742	1,536,653.75
JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC	22	27.95	149,704	4,029,726.96
MULTIVERSE RESOURCES PLC	3	0.50	857,406	428,703.00
SECTORTOTALS	57		1,294,852	5,995,083.71
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY				
CUTIX PLC	6	2.98	221,566	652,785.28
NIGERIAN WIRE AND CABLE PLC	7	0.78	653,000	509,340.00
SECTORTOTALS	13		874,566	1,162,125.28
F/BEVERAGES & TOBACCO				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	6	30.60	4,509	144,874.17
BIG TREAT PLC	12	0.73	457,500	333,975.00
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	71	15.60	2,254,962	35,911,319.37
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	142	12.90	2,455,135	31,634,228.89
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	105	16.50	7,091,522	116,961,834.85
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	56	45.00	1,219,300	55,038,715.60
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	47	8.80	509,753	4,426,492.63
NATIONAL SALT COY. NIG. PLC	32	6.35	773,012	4,890,048.22
NIGERIAN BOTTLING COY. PLC	12	27.00	11,469	294,893.85

NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	41	270.00	185,655	50,092,910.89
NORT. G. FLOUR MILLS PLC	2	23.00	5,186	113,348.60
TANTALIZERS PLC	14	0.88	1,602,500	1,448,740.00
UTC NIGERIA PLC	4	0.72	29,795	22,346.25
SECTORTOTALS	544		16,600,298	301,313,728.32
HEALTHCARE				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	5	1.00	63,000	63,000.00
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	16	2.37	572,759	1,263,044.41
GLAXOSMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	24	27.30	148,006	3,995,395.30
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	8	5.05	19,075	93,900.00
NEIMETH INTER. PHARM. PLC	5	1.47	27,580	38,612.00
UNION DIAGNOSTIC CLINICAL SERVIC	21	0.63	2,050,985	1,262,940.00
SECTORTOTALS	79		2,881,355	6,816,891.71
HOTEL & TOURISM				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	3	3.21	1,044,000	3,355,800.00
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	1	1.43	500	680.00
SECTORTOTALS	4		1,044,500	3,356,480.00
IND./DOMESTIC PRODUCTS				
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC	3	0.50	160,000	80,000.00
VITAF OAM NIGERIA PLC	25	4.70	789,709	3,704,048.85
VONO PRODUCTS PLC	4	0.63	1,515	954.45
SECTORTOTALS	32		951,224	3,785,003.30
INFO & COMM. TECH.				
CHAMS PLC	15	0.70	608,962	422,303.40
IHS NIGERIA PLC	1	4.03	200	766.00
MAS TELECOM INNOVATION NIG. PLC	3	0.50	4,400	2,200.00
STARCOMMS PLC	39	1.89	3,101,568	6,118,181.70
SECTORTOTALS	58		3,715,130	6,543,451.10
INSURANCE				
AICO INSURANCE PLC	206	1.03	7,583,129	7,738,138.97
CONTINENTAL REINSURANCE PLC	4	0.96	449,000	430,380.00
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE CO. PLC	11	0.52	2,128,000	1,076,000.00
CUSTODIAN & ALLIED INSURANCE PLC	28	2.90	3,337,797	9,713,532.63
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	1	0.50	1,000	500.00
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	13	0.54	1,699,000	917,485.00
GUARANTY TRUST ASSURANCE PLC	43	2.20	4,676,044	10,766,917.32
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INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSUR. COY. PLC	25	0.54	2,705,066	1,472,868.59
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	46	0.52	3,208,090	1,624,273.78
LAW UNION & ROCK INSUR. PLC	15	0.50	1,293,944	649,072.00
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	1	0.50	1,500	750.00
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSUR. PLC	1	0.64	10,000	6,400.00
N.E.M. INSURANCE CO. (NIG.) PLC	26	0.51	1,158,552	591,491.52
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	17	0.74	4,755,442	3,519,027.08
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	2	3.43	10,000	32,600.00
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSUR. PLC	1	0.50	1,000	500.00
STACO INSURANCE PLC	2	0.76	24,106	17,597.38
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSUR. PLC	38	0.59	2,139,409	1,060,845.00
UNIC INSURANCE PLC	13	0.73	1,268,868	926,933.64
UNITY CAPITAL ASSURA. PLC	4	0.91	1,581,000	1,438,710.00
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COY. PLC	2	0.50	10,000	5,000.00
INTERCONTINENTAL WAPIC INSUR. PLC	8	0.95	42,200	39,894.00
SECTORTOTALS	510		38,199,147	42,106,916.91
LEASING				
C&J LEASING PLC	19	2.62	322,560	835,796.00
SECTORTOTALS	19		322,560	835,796.00
MARITIME				
JAPPAUL OIL & MARITIME SERV. PLC	105	1.26	3,630,719	4,493,009.22
SECTORTOTALS	105		3,630,719	4,493,009.22
MEDIA				
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	27	0.67	111,300	75,735.00
SECTORTOTALS	27		111,300	75,735.00
MORTGAGE COMPANIES				
ASOSAVINGS & LOAN PLC	28	0.68	3,086,142	2,041,656.00
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	3	0.50	438,130	219,065.00
UNION HOMES SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	36	0.88	3,141,321	2,821,664.68
SECTORTOTALS	67		6,665,593	5,082,385.68
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS				
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NIGERIAN ENERGY SECTOR FUND	1	552.20	10	5,245.90
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	2	0.59	11,500	6,555.00
SECTORTOTALS	18		1,631,083	1,538,085.25
PACKAGING				
NIGBAG MANUFACTURING COY. PLC	242	2.12	1,394,193	3,005,529.37
SECTORTOTALS	242		1,394,193	3,005,529.37
PETROLEUM (MARKETING)				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC	109	40.50	696,392	27,861,011.53
BEGG PETROLEUM PRODUCT PLC	13	2.20	822,500	1,678,193.87
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	9	69.79	8,168	582,840.00
CONOIL PLC	48	39.54	117,980	4,726,375.50
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC	21	6.30	517,798	3,214,225.10
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC	22	93.00	33,257	3,051,754.24
OANDO PLC	11	93.99	6,591	619,488.09
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	15	142.50	7,600	1,122,251.00
SECTORTOTALS	248		2,210,281	42,856,139.33
THE FOREIGN LISTINGS				
ECOBANK TRANS. INCORPORATED	17	16.02	7,251,500	116,169,988.40
SECTORTOTALS	17		7,251,500	116,169,988.40
OVERALL TOTALS	5,889	443.83	726	4,217,431,650.22

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NB	0.23

SANUSI AS CBN GOVERNOR: WRONG CHOICE!

"People don't understand that for somebody like me, the only job that I really want is to be Emir of Kano, people don't understand that. Every other thing is transition. This is all working."

- CBN Governor, Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, in an interview with The Nation on Sunday, February 21, 2010, page 51

Dear country men and women, is there anyone who is still in doubt as to why his Imperial Majesty Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi carries on with "aristocratic cockiness", as The Nation described him in the above interview. Why won't he? After all, according to him, in this same interview, **il got a phone call, got an invitation to Abuja and was offered Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria ; I did not look for it.**

Why should the aspiring Imperial Majesty who we have entrusted the fate of our economy care? After all he did not ask for the job and therefore did not think deeply about the long term effects of his decisions on the economy, and by his actions has shown a DEVIL- MAY-CARE attitude.

So even if the economy totters dangerously as it does now, this senior public officer has nothing to lose; his ambition is to be the next ruler of the prestigious Kano Emirate. We know that unwilling and unprepared leaders create more problems on their jobs. By his stated ambition, we now know that we have the wrong choice.

Even as manufacturers cry out over his vendetta-driven 'reforms' in the banking industry which has laid businesses prostrate, our CBN Governor is flaunting deceptive figures at us, claiming the nation achieved headline GDP growth of 6% last year; Seven months into his 'reforms' he has just managed to release an ambiguous four-line blueprint, after the Federal Government warned that his 'reforms' were guided **ias the spirit directs**.

Why would he not seek to destroy the value of the banks he hijacked? Or sell them to his preferred investors? Why would he care about the monumental loss of jobs in the banking industry and other businesses? Or bat an eye about criminalizing borrowing by Nigerian entrepreneurs pushing them to borrow from foreign sources? As that interview says "he paradoxically does not see the banking reforms as a channel to revive the economy and seems institutionally impotent about the challenges of infrastructure, power and industries."

What does this Imperial Emperor care? We entrusted to him the sensitive job of CBN Governor, but he tells us all to our faces that he really does not need it as it is merely a transition to his throne. And we expect him to be diligent at it?

His very clear message to us is "You have to live with whatever you get from me". Are we so docile a people to accept this as our destiny or do we rise up as one and urge The Acting President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, to compel him to resign?

Mr. Ag. President Sir, please release this man from this self-confessed yoke so he can focus on his ambition of becoming the next Emir of Kano.

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1 Quality Management Systems:

Runs/Date	Location
Run II: April 17-24, 2010	Howard University, Washington DC, USA

The Quality Management Systems (QMS) initiative is a structured programme developed by Phillips Consulting, to bring the concept of quality into the processes, systems, procedures and methods of the administrative and service delivery systems in both public & private sector organisations. This philosophy was successfully implemented by the former US President, Bill Clinton in the State of Arkansas and the White House.

Over the years, our benchmarking partners in the United States of America and South Africa have provided good examples of best practice methodologies for parallel ministries and organisations on all site visits.

2 The Integrated Executive Leadership Programme:

Runs/Date	Location
Run I: April 17 - 28, 2010 Run II: September 04 - 15, 2010	Howard University School of Business, Washington DC, USA

The Integrated Executive Leadership Programme at the Howard University School of Business (HUSB) is a recent initiative by Phillips Consulting in partnership with Howard University, to engage senior executives in an innovative way on the principles of true organisational leadership and performance management. This innovation is highlighted by the opportunity to be joined in class by selected Howard University MBA students.

The programme will focus on the route that leaders have to navigate in fulfilling their functional and leadership roles in an ever changing business environment. It will as well deal extensively with the ability to assess the workforce and adopt leadership cum management responses in the management of people through well articulated and structured performance management systems.

The programme has been planned as an intensive ten day engagement, driven by cutting edge discussions on practical leadership and best-of-class company visits.

3 Disaster Management:

Runs/Date	Location
Run I: May 15 - 29, 2010	ADPC Training Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Phillips Consulting is pioneering the initiative of enhancing the capacity of government agencies and the private sector to manage and deal with disaster situations professionally and effectively by organising, in conjunction with the ADPC in Thailand, a very comprehensive two-week programme on Disaster Management.

The programme provides a unique opportunity for delegates to interact with a team of leading experts in Disaster Management to learn new techniques in disaster prevention, mitigation and management, disaster resistance construction, codes and guidelines, as well as how to create a database for hazard occurrences

4 Project & Operations Management Programme (POMP):

Runs/Date	Location
Run I: May 22 - June 05, 2010	Shanghai, China
Run II: October 02 - 16, 2010	Dubai, United Arab Emirate.

Phillips Consulting presents a two - week programme to address the implications of the inability to plan, execute, and manage projects professionally and successfully. Participants will learn: - (i) key project management skills from an operations perspective; (ii) leadership skills necessary to implement and integrate projects successfully (iii) the techniques required for establishing formal and informal project teams as building blocks for organisations. Delegates will participate in a business operations simulation exercise in the last week of the programme.

5 Executive Management Development Programme:

Runs/Date	Location
Run I: July 17 - 31, 2010	Wits Business School, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

The Phillips Consulting Executive Management Development Programme (EMDP) has succeeded over the past 17 years through a collaborative approach with Business Schools and specialised faculties to engage senior executives in an environment that is different and succeeding. This programme holding in South Africa will be managed by Wits Business School, University of Witwatersrand in conjunction with Phillips Consulting, South Africa.

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A mother's love

WHY is the relationship mothers have with their daughters so complicated? Elizabeth Burke, mother of Stella and daughter of Mary, finds out

There's a shocking moment early on when you realise what is ahead. For me, it came in late pregnancy when our earnest National Childbirth Trust tutor explained that breast-fed babies need to be fed every three hours. And take an hour to feed. Silence fell as we all calculated – just two interrupted hours of sleep! Reeling, I consulted my mother, who has borne and fed four babies. How did she do it? "Well," she replied, "That's part of love too."

Not until we are parents ourselves do we realise what our parents did for us, what their lives were like. As my daughter turns 14, I find myself remembering my own teenage years. I was horrible, I now realise. Angrily determined to be different from my mother, I would shout at her: "I never want to get married or have children. Look how you've wasted your life." She didn't reply. That's part of love too.

I'm tough on my teenage daughter sometimes. I'm anxious about how she's going to negotiate children, work, marriage. I want her to do it better: be more successful, beautiful, have more children. Poor girl. We're so involved, the mothers of my generation. It's no wonder our daughters need to fight for space, need to clear us out of the way. I can live with that – as long as we can come back together in the end. These days I'm amazed to find my life so similar to my mother's. I think about this as I swab the kitchen floor with Woman's Hour in the background. With a BBC Radio 4 commission for a feature about mothers and daughters, I went on Woman's Hour to ask women to send me their stories. Before I arrived home, the emails had started pouring in. Loving, angry, puzzled, guilty: these were intimate accounts, as dramatic and moving as any novel, about mothers and daughters losing and finding each other.

Maryanne Blaker and her mother Sylvia Benn

Maryanne I treasure the rela-

tionship we have now because I know the loss of being without my mother. When I was about seven my mum and dad split up and my mum started to see other people. I didn't think much of Mum's choice of partner and it also felt like there were a lot of secrets. The decision to leave was very sudden. I moved out of my childhood home and in with my dad. I was 11. I didn't see or talk to my mum for about two years.

We lived within a 10-minute walk of each other yet I had no contact with her. One day I bumped into her in the village and afterwards was shocked to suddenly feel a huge loss. I had thought she didn't matter and that I would be better off without her, but now I felt an overwhelming need to be a part of her world again. We got to know each other again. I have such regrets about those years we lost.

Sylvia When Maryanne left it hit me so hard I couldn't believe it. It devastated me, I turned to drink. I wanted to blot it all out. I didn't eat deliberately – so I would cut an orange into segments and that's all I had to eat all day, the peel as well. The pain of feeling hunger helped me to cope with the pain of loss. I would cycle miles and miles, till I was exhausted, and then stop in a field and sleep. My hands and legs swelled up awfully; I couldn't get my shoes on. The doctor could smell the drink on me. He said, "It's got to stop." Although I wanted oblivion, I didn't want to die. From that day on I stopped drinking.

When she came back to see me it was wonderful. Nothing special, just having tea together and taking our picnic on the beach. I do feel I've found Maryanne again after losing her for what seemed like an awful long time.

Dorothy Jones

I've been wanting to shout it from the housetops that I have the best daughter in the world and this is my big chance. I married at 27 and after a long time there was no sign of a baby, despite lots of tests. I mentioned adoption to my husband but he said if we had a child it should be our own flesh and blood. I wasn't desperate so I settled down and got on with my life.



ELIZABETH Burke and her daughter Stella

Several years later my husband, out of the blue, brought up the subject of adoption again. In the end I agreed, thinking we would be turned down – I was about 39 then. One day I found myself with a nine-week-old baby to look after, with absolutely no idea of what to do with it and nobody to turn to for help. I got on with the job. Without realising, she grew into my heart. Each time social workers visited, they stressed that until the birth mother had given her consent the baby could be taken away. I began to realise the baby meant more to me than anyone had ever done. She still does.

My daughter is now 43 and I am the grandmother of two beautiful children. I am the luckiest mother in the world.

Jill Stowell

A loveless, turbulent relationship was eventually reconciled when I took my mum out of a bad care home to look after her myself. She had dementia and was functioning at about the level of a four-month-old. For the last

three years of her life I lived with her as her full-time carer. Alzheimer's had robbed her of most of her faculties, including speech. I came to love her, not perhaps as my mother, because that was now my role, but as somebody who was dependent on me for everything. The day before she died, unexpectedly at home, I told her I loved her; the one and only time I can recall saying those words to her. Whether Mum understood or not I have no way of knowing, but I'm so grateful that I was able to tell her.

Susannah Strong

My mum and I battled for years. We both had vicious tempers and our relationship was orchestrated by the sound of yells, banging doors and slammed-down phones. For several years we didn't speak at all. When I was 41, I had a baby and our relationship changed overnight. I wasn't married, and my relationship ended when my daughter was five months old. My mum offered me endless support and encouragement as I struggled to bring up my baby. She stopped

judging me, sent me little notes, called and emailed pretty much every day. I loved watching her with my baby and began to understand her, and to see that once she had been like that with me. I began to understand that much of her anger and frustration with me over the years was because she was scared for me – scared I would be hurt by someone (which I was). After 25 years of fighting it was my own daughter who brought us together.

My mum was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2006 and I moved north to be near her and for my daughter to have time with her granny. We had three lovely years before she died. I have thousands of emails from her, my garden is full of plants she gave me, and when I look back now I feel so much love and admiration for her. The day before she died I told her how much I loved her and she told me I was the best daughter she could ever have had. Those words will stay with me for ever.

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Idle chit chat can make you unhappy

IDLE chit chat can make you unhappy, a study has found. Having a profound conversation can boost happiness levels, but trivial chatter can be depressing, scientists say.

Psychologists investigated whether happy and unhappy people differed because of the types of conversations they engaged in.

Volunteers wore an unobtrusive recording device to monitor conversations with friends and colleagues for four days.

Researchers then listened to the record-

ings and identified them as trivial small talk or substantive discussions.

In addition, the volunteers completed personality and wellbeing assessments.

Reporting the findings in the journal *Psychological Science*, the researchers said the recordings revealed some startling findings.

Greater wellbeing was related to spending less time alone and more time talking to others. The happiest participants spent 25

per cent less time alone and 70 per cent more time talking than the unhappiest.

But the researchers were surprised to discover that the type of conversations people took part in also affected their happiness levels. The happiest participants had twice as many deep and meaningful conversations and one third as much small talk as the unhappiest.

Matthias Mehl, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Arizona,

said: "These findings suggest that the happy life is social and conversationally deep rather than solitary and superficial."

The researchers conclude that profound conversations may have the potential to make people happier.

They said: "Just as self-disclosure can instill a sense of intimacy in a relationship, deep conversations may instill a sense of meaning in interaction with partners."

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Sign Language



You too must be careful with your translation
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 Culled from www.signspotting.com

EASY CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

1. Made (yarn)
5. Dagger thrust
9. Pack (away)
13. Furthermore
14. Head strands
16. Money on hand
17. Observes
18. Eskimo home
19. Wheel support
20. Speed up
22. Crossword puzzle's answer
24. Lines of light
26. Clark of The Daily Planet
27. Porch step
30. That fellow's
32. Instruct
36. Of the mouth
37. Quick humor
38. Ring shape
39. Fragrant pine
40. Army leader
42. Go for a jog
43. "All -1" conductor's cry
45. Chess piece
46. Pub offering
47. Perceive
48. Donkey's kin
49. In disarray
50. Stitched (up)
52. Get word of
54. Governmental affairs
58. Zebra feature
62. Big deals
63. Good friends
66. Mutinee hero
66. Fence stake
67. South —
67. Seoul's country
68. Ocean alithers
69. Part of "B.A."

DOWN

1. Pageant-winner's draping
2. Court entreaty
3. Puts into play
4. Snout opening
5. Luminous
6. Price sticker
7. Becomes sick
8. Streams' cousins
9. Sprinkle (seeds)
10. Car for hire
11. Norway's capital
12. "What time?"
15. Mild fish
21. Corn growth
23. "— we meet again"
25. Lower-leg bone
27. Comfy couches
28. Native American group
29. Hank of baseball
31. Bits of news
33. Land units
34. Hints for Holmes
35. A Fonda
37. Take a spouse
38. Food tin
40. Say "Hi!" to
41. Skin eruption
44. Helps
46. Cereal toppers, maybe
48. Ship-holding device
49. Wrestling pool
51. Candle's string
53. College paper
54. Dad, to a test
55. Nasty smell
56. Was deflated
57. "Absolutely!"
59. Brain flash
60. Opinion survey
61. Differently
64. Musical Torque

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Solution to Easy Crosswords

L	A	M	P		P	L	U	M	S		R	I	D	S
A	R	E	A		L	I	M	I	T		E	V	I	L
B	I	A	S		A	M	P	L	E		S	A	V	E
S	A	L	T	I	N	E		D	R	A	I	N	E	D
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C	A	R	R	O	T	S		P	O	S	T	M	E	N
O	W	E	S		S	A	I	L	S		S	A	M	E
M	A	R			F	L	U				I	C	E	
B	R	A	T		M	E	L	T	S		F	L	E	D
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S	L	A	P	P	E	D		M	I	N	E	R	A	L
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O	V	A	L		E	L	U	D	E		E	D	I	T
P	A	N	E		D	I	N	E	D		R	E	D	S

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SUDOKU

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

101

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

Solution to Sudoku 100

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



Federal Republic of Nigeria
Federal Ministry of Power

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION/TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF "IT INFRASTRUCTURE,
 NETWORKING AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED OFFICE EQUIPMENT"**

1. The Federal Government of Nigeria has provided funds in the 2010 Budget Proposals for the Federal Ministry of Power to procure IT Infrastructure Networking; Software Development and Associated Office Equipment. Consequently, the Ministry invites competent and reputable firms with expertise for the supply, installation, and commissioning of the items listed and specified in the following lots for pre-qualification/tender:

SCOPE OF WORKS

Lot 1. The supply of Security Network and IT/Data Centre Equipment as listed and specified below:

- i. 1No Network Attached Storage;
- ii. 1No 45U Telecoms Rack;
- iii. 2No 25U Telecoms Rack;
- iv. 2No 24 Port Gigabit Layer 3 Switch;
- v. 4No Wireless Access Points;
- vi. 2No 2.2kv APC UPS

Lot 2. The supply of 4No Server Grade System OS 2003 Standard with the following specifications:

- i. ML370 G6 E5520 3+2GB;
- ii. RDIMM 4+3 GB, SFF;
- iii. P410 /512/BBWC DVD-RW;
- iv. 1+750W HP Storage Works;
- v. DAT 7771 gigabit server;
- vi. Adaptor PCI +G4/HP;
- vii. Windows keys Carbon;
- viii. Server Keyboard/Mouse;
- ix. 3yr Warranty;
- x. Window Server 2003 Standard Edition;
- xi. 25 User CAL 17" TFT Monitor.

Lot 3. i. The supply of 30No Laptop computers with the following specifications:

Intel Duo Core/Pentium, 250GB HDD, 4GB RAM, 2.2Ghz, Monitor, Webcam, Bluetooth, Microsoft Office 2007, Windows 7 Operating System, Norton Anti-virus Software.

ii. The supply of 50No Desktop Computers/Peripherals with the following specifications:

Intel Duo Core/Pentium, 250GB HDD, 4GB RAM, 2.1 Ghz, 17" TFT Monitor, Webcam, Microsoft office 2007, UPS 1.2KV Window 7 Operating System, Norton Anti-virus Software

iii. The supply of 5No HP Network Printers with the following specifications:

HP Laser Jet 4250(Q5400A), Print Speed-43ppm, Print Technology-Monochrome Laser, Print Quality-Black (Best Quality); Input Capacity - 600; Operating System Support-Microsoft Windows 2000, HP Home, XP Professional, Server 2003 Certified for Windows Vista, Mac OS 9.2, Mac OS x10.2, Mac OS Xv 10.3 or higher.

Lot 4: The supply, installation and deployment of Tender/Procurement Management System (TENDERMAN) Software as specified below:

- i. Establishment of Project- Contractor- Database;
- ii. Contractor - Bid - Contractor - Database;
- iii. Assets Serialization and Evaluation Module;
- iv. E- Procurement Module
- v. Tender System Module;
- vi. Project Monitoring System Module.

Lot 5:

A. The supply, installation and commissioning of Accounting software as specified below:

- i. Sage pastel evolution software;
- ii. Implementation of software;
- iii. Internal Audit Software;
- iv. Budget Preparation and Implementation Software

B. The supply of Computer Peripherals and Associated Office Equipment as specified below:

- i. 10No Colour Printers L 7480;
- ii. 50No B/W Printer 2055
- iii. 50No UPS 650v;
- iv. 20No UPS 1.5v;
- v. 10No Computer (Tablet) type;
- vi. 20No Stabilizer - 3000w
- vii. 30No Stabilizer 2000w;
- viii. 15No Computer Tables;
- ix. 15No Scanners HP 5590;
- x. 10No Digital Sharp AR5625 Photocopy machine;
- xi. 5No Split Unit A/Cs;
- xii. 5No Window Unit A/Cs;
- xiii. 20No Standing Fans;
- xiv. 20No Shredding Machines;
- xv. 50No Rechargeable Lanterns;
- xvi. 50No Power Surge APC;
- xvii. 10No Water Dispensers;
- xviii. 10No 14 Digits Electric Calculators.

PRE-QUALIFICATION /TENDER REQUIREMENTS

3. Eligible suppliers are to support their bids with the following documents/information:

- i. Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and Forms CO7;
- ii. Company Audited Account for the last 3 years;
- iii. Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for the last 3 years
- iv. Evidence of VAT Registration;
- v. Evidence of Financial Capability & Banking Support;
- vi. Evidence of payment of Tender Fee N25,00.00 (Twenty - five thousand Naira);
- vii. List of similar projects previously undertaken including letters of award, completion certificate, etc;
- viii. Technical details, brochures/manuals for the equipment;
- ix. Confirmation of Tender Validity Period of at least 120days.

SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

4. Four copies each, including one original, of the documents for Pre-qualification and Tenders must be submitted in 2 separate sealed envelopes marked "Pre-qualification" or "Tender" for the supply of items in any of the Lots" inserted in a bigger 3" envelope, not later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday 20th April 2010. The submissions should be addressed to and delivered at the address below:

The Secretary,
 Ministerial Tenders Board,
 Federal Secretariat Complex,
 Phase 1, Annex III, 3rd Floor, Room 347,
 CBD, Abuja.

OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION /TENDER DOCUMENTS

5. All Pre-qualification requirements will be opened publicly immediately after the close of submission on Tuesday 20th April 2010 at 12.00 Noon, in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Federal Secretariat Complex, Phase 1, Annex III.

6. Eligible tenderers or their representatives, interested members of the public and Non-Governmental Organizations are invited to witness the opening of the bids.

7. Only pre-qualified tenderers will be invited to witness the opening of their Financial Bids.

8. All quotations sent by post will be rejected.

Signed
I.B.Sali
Permanent Secretary



NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL SUMMIT ON SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS OF TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

1. The National Health Insurance Scheme is an agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria established for the purpose of enhancing easy access to quality healthcare delivery by all Nigerians.

The Scheme's activities are premised on the drive to achieve the ultimate goal of ensuring universal health insurance coverage for all Nigerians by 2015. Towards realizing this goal, the NHIS has developed programmes for the different segments of the population for phasing into the Scheme, including the one for Students in Tertiary Institutions.

A Blueprint/Framework for implementing the Tertiary Institutions Social Health Insurance has been developed and ready for stakeholders adoption.

The NHIS therefore requests for proposals from competent consultancy firms to organize a National Stakeholders Summit on Health Insurance for Students in Tertiary institutions

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The consultancy firm will be required to carry out the following roles:

- I. To identify and invite Stakeholders for the National Summit
- II. To facilitate the conduct of the Summit
- III. To synthesize the views raised by stakeholders into a final blueprint for adoption during the Summit
- IV. Development of a final adopted blueprint/framework after the Summit

3. Eligibility for Consideration

In order to qualify for consideration for the job, interested consultancy firms must submit the following documents

- i. Evidence of registration or incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Current Tax Clearance Certificate of the company for the past three (3) years.
- iii. VAT certificate
- iv. Profile of the company including details of its Directors/Management, total staff strength, competences, expertise and experience.
- v. Bank reference from reputable banks(s)/evidence of financial viability
- vi. Company audited account for three (3) years
- vii. Payment of non refundable Expression of interest fee of N50,000.00 only.
- viii. Letter of reference from any current client, preferably a government agency

4. Submission of Proposals

Two hard copies of proposals should be submitted at the NHIS Corporate Headquarters, in a sealed envelope marked: TISHIP and addressed to:

**The Head, Procurement Division
National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)
Plot 297, Shehu Yar'Adua Way
Utako District,
Abuja.**

Submissions should be made on or before 11:30am March 29th, 2010. The documents will be opened on Monday 29th March, 2010 at 12:00 noon in the NHIS Board Room. Representative of companies are advised to be at the opening.

The National health insurance scheme reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.

**Signed
Head, Procurement Division
For: Executive Secretary**



NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, ABUJA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIREES IN NIGERIA.

1. The National Health Insurance Scheme is an agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria established for the purpose of enhancing easy access to quality healthcare delivery by all Nigerians.

The Scheme, in collaboration with the National Pensions Commission has identified possible health insurance options for implementation for the retirees in Nigeria. Towards consensus building and carrying all stakeholders along, the NHIS plan to hold a National Workshop on Health Insurance for Retirees.

In line with the above, proposals are requested from competent consultancy firms to organize the Workshop.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The consultancy firm will be required to carry out the following roles:

- I. To identify and invite requisite Stakeholders for the Workshop
- II. To facilitate the organization of the Workshop
- III. To synthesize the views raised by stakeholders into a final blueprint for adoption during the Workshop
- IV. To use a final adopted option for finalization of the blueprint/framework after the Workshop

3. Eligibility for Consideration

In order to qualify for consideration for the job, interested consultancy firms must submit the following documents:

- i. Evidence of registration or incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Current Tax Clearance Certificate of the company for the past three (3) years.
- iii. VAT certificate
- iv. Profile of the company including details of its Directors/Management, total staff strength, competences, expertise and experience.
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News Extra

Wounded South Africans ask: Why do the Brits hate us so much?

Radio phone-ins and the press across South Africa were dominated last week by British newspapers' assault on President Jacob Zuma during his visit to London and on criticism of World Cup preparations

Why do they hate us? That was the question dominating South African headlines and radio phone-ins last week after British press coverage of both President Jacob Zuma's state visit and the imminent football World Cup.

Leading the charge, like Michael Caine in red tunic and white pith helmet in the film *Zulu*, was journalist Stephen Robinson, whose critique of South Africa's Zulu leader in the *Daily Mail* bore the headline: "Jacob Zuma is a sex-obsessed bigot with four wives and 35 children. So why is Britain fawning over this vile buffoon?"

Robinson was not alone in

"There are racist writings by journalists who are very malicious."

interrogating Zuma's polygamous lifestyle and recent love child, past brushes with corruption charges and the rest of what the *Guardian* delicately described as a "colourful CV".

The stinging reports came with South Africans already sensitive about the way their country is being portrayed in Britain as it prepares to host the World Cup in June.

When the *Sun* and several other British papers recently reported on the state of England's training camp in Rustenburg, the *Times* of South Africa ran a headline: "English hacks raining on World Cup parade again." It said: "The English media have again been accused of sabotaging the World Cup with negative reporting - this time by slagging off their national



SOUTH African President Jacob Zuma meets children in Greenwich, south-east London, last week



SOUTH African President Jacob Zuma (left) with Britain's Queen Elizabeth II as he leaves Buckingham Palace on the last day of his state visit to Britain.

team's training base."

Radio talk shows in South Africa have speculated on the reasons for what they see as relentlessly negative coverage bordering on "Afro-pessimism".

Butana Komphela, chairman of the national assembly's sport committee, said: "There are racist writings by journalists who are very malicious."

Could such reporting really be

an overhang of colonialism propagated by modern-day Henry Morton Stanleys? Zuma suggested so when, in a departure from diplomatic protocol, he said: "When the British came to our country,

they said everything we are doing was barbaric, was wrong, inferior in whatever way."

The youth wing of Zuma's governing party, the African National Congress, put it more baldly: "British media seem to have developed a habit of rubbishing our president and constantly portray him as barbaric and of inferior belonging. It is quite apparent that the British media is the one that is characterised and defined by the worst form of barbarism, backwardness and racism.

“These British racists continue to live in a dreamland and sadly believe that Africans are still their colonial subjects, with no values and principles. They believe that the only acceptable values and principles in the world are British values of whiteness and subjugation of Africans.”

Such a critique might carry more weight if the British press did not also regularly eviscerate its own political leaders and organisers of its own forthcoming Olympic Games.

Nor is Zuma the target of British journalists alone. He has plenty of acidic domestic critics, including the satirical cartoon-

PIC:AFP

ist Zapiro, who has depicted him unbuckling his belt and poised to rape the blindfolded figure of lady justice.

Culled from theobserver.co.uk

News Extra

'We will not offer Greece a cent'

... Says German minister as rioters attack police

It could almost be a battle from Greece's ancient past - a melee of fighting at close quarters with shields, raised weapons and flags.

But this was the scene in Athens at the weekend as riot police clashed with protesters outraged by cutbacks designed to slash the country's huge budget deficit.

The violence came as Germany ruled out offering Greece 'a cent' of financial aid, insisting it should sort out its own problems.

More than 7,000 protesters gathered in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as politicians debated the spending cuts, which aim to save 4.8 billion euros with measures including higher consumer taxes and cuts to public sector workers' pay.

Rioters have attacked two military guards, smashed windows on banks, hotels and shops and thrown missiles at police.

There were smaller clashes during protests in Thessaloniki, Greece's second-largest city.

Greece's centre-left government is seeking a total of 16 billion euros in savings to reduce its bloated budget deficit of nearly 30 billion euros.

The cuts are key in convincing bond markets to loan the country money and to win support from the EU.

Mr Bruederle stressed each EU state was responsible for its own affairs and that the Greek government had to implement its austerity plan effectively.

His comments will be a hammer blow to Athens, coming just ahead of a meeting between the Greek prime minister George Papandreou and German chancellor Angela Merkel.

Jean-Claude Juncker, Eurogroup chairman of euro zone finance ministers, said there was no reason to believe German taxpayers' money would be needed to rescue beleaguered Greece.

Mr Juncker also said euro area states would guarantee the stability of the single currency zone if they had to, but he believes this is unlikely given Greece's own efforts at reform, including plans to slash public spending.

He told a German radio station: 'It remains the case that Greece must get itself out of this self-indebted situation. Greece really has to do something. Greece is doing that now.'

'If all this were not to suffice, the euro zone would be ready to guarantee the financial stability of the euro area but I do not expect that to be necessary because I want to expect the financial markets to register that the Greek government is goal-orientated and acting appropriately.'



A protester is grabbed by riot police during the clashes. Five people have been arrested and several officers injured



YIANNIS Panagopoulos, leader of the main workers union GSEE, is injured during a demonstration outside parliament



POLICE fire tear gas at protesters who smashed bank and hotel windows and attacked military guards outside parliament

Although Mr Juncker did not expect Greece to need foreign financial aid, he added: 'That can't be ruled out.'

His comments were in line with the carrot and stick approach taken by European policymakers in recent weeks, saying Greece must do more to solve its own problems but would not be abandoned.

'Greece will have to borrow and refinance with higher rates for a longer period of time,' he said.

'There is a European solidarity with Greece - at least in the euro zone - a solidarity that can be activated if the financial markets were not to acknowledge that the Greek government is acting systematically.'

'The Greeks won't be left alone.'

Asked if this solidarity meant financial aid, Mr Juncker replied: 'No, we're not doing that.'

'We are just saying to the financial markets "pay attention, we're not leaving the Greeks alone and we're not giving the Greeks the impression that we will simply pass money across the table".'

Greece dipped into the financial markets yesterday and drew strong demand for a crucial bond issue to raise some much needed cash.

But it is having to pay investors in the bonds a steep risk premium that underscored its plea to Germany and other EU countries for support to help it cut its debt mountain.

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'Asaba airport ready in May'

THE Delta State Government is to take possession of the multi-billion naira Asaba International Airport project in May this year.

Mr Uche Okpuno, Chief Executive of Ulo, the construction company handling the project, said this on Tuesday when the state's Deputy Governor, Prof. Amos

Ututama, visited the site.

Okpuno was responding to the deputy governor's enquiry about the likelihood of the firm meeting the deadline for completion of the project.

"I can assure you that the project will be ready by the end of May this year and handed over to the state government for commissioning," Okpuno

said.

Okpuno also told Ututama that 3.4 kilometres of the airport's runway under construction was nearing completion.

Ututama had inspected the terminal building, the runway, hangar, control tower and fire service bay still under construction. (NAN)

"I can assure you that the project will be ready by the end of May this year and handed over to the state government for commissioning"

FG to partner S/South states on housing projects

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE Federal Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development have begun a process of engaging State Commissioners responsible for Works, Housing and Urban Development matters in regular consultation and dialogue with a view to streamlining, aligning and synergizing programmes and projects to achieve optimal resource utilization and impact.

Works, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Dr. Hassan Muhammad Lawal, disclosed the new initiative at a meeting in his Mabushi Abuja office on Friday with Commissioners responsible for Works, Housing and Urban Development from the States in the South-South Geopolitical zone.

He noted that all the three tiers of Government had concurrent responsibilities for the provision of roads and housing infrastructure in all parts of the country, adding that the need for regular consultations, complementary and collaborative strategies was obvious to all.

He urged other Commissioners from other geopolitical zones to emulate the Commissioners from the South-South zone.

Also speaking, the Minister of State for Works, Housing and Urban Development, Mrs. Grace Ekpivhre, disclosed that the Commissioners were also meeting with officials of the Niger Delta Ministry and the Niger Delta Development Commission to review and harmonize programmes and projects, with a view to eliminating duplication of projects and wastage of resources.



FORMER NUPENG General Secretary, Chief Frank Okori with Works, Housing and Urban Development Minister, Dr. Hassan Muhammad Lawal, at the opening ceremony of the delegates conference of petroleum tanker drivers in Abuja on Friday

'Karu needs slum clearance, environment reforms'

By Nasir Imam

THE gubernatorial candidate for the Progressive People's Alliance (PPA) in Nasarawa State, Sen. Isa Aliyu Ndako, has promised, if elected into office, to commence immediate slum clearance and environmental reform in Karu, Nasarawa State.

Sen. Ndako, a former staff

of the Greater Kano Metropolitan Board, promised to provide site and service as well as water scheme and affordable refuse disposal scheme.

The PPA gubernatorial candidate, who said he will provide residential and industrial layouts in Karu to be named 'Jirgin Talakawan Karu,' said he will institute a committee to collect taxes from

rents from landlords and ground rents and tenement rates.

Sen. Ndako said the committee will be comprised of government officials, civil society groups, indigenes and non-indigenes as well as expatriates.

"The project entails visits to every house by members of the team that will recruit indigenes and non-indigenes to carry out

survey for the duration of the project depending on the advice of the committee," the gubernatorial aspirant said.

He said the challenge of reforming Nasarawa State's policies and programmes can best be appreciated and responded to a large extent only by someone who has worked, lived and has been part of the system.

Gov Idris assures on road projects

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE Kogi State governor Alhaji Ibrahim Idris has assured that no part of the state would be left out in his on-going developmental projects.

The governor gave this assurance while commissioning a 46 kilometre Aabocho-Ajogwoni-Agada-Ogbabele road in Dekina Local Government Area of the state.

According to the governor,

all the projects embarked upon by his administration across the state would be completed before the expiration of his tenure.

Idris, who reiterated his commitment to bringing the much needed dividends of democracy

to the rural dwellers, also assured that the epileptic power supply faced by the Eastern Senatorial District of the state would soon be over as efforts were being made to connect the zone to the national grid via Ajaokuta power

line. The Commissioner for Works and Housing Dr Abubakar Adama appealed to the rural communities to protect government projects in their areas in view of their huge investments.

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Kwara to establish traffic mgt agency

From Mustafa Abubakar

THE Kwara State House of Assembly is set to pass the state's Traffic Management Authority (Marshall Law) Bill.

Commenting after the agreement on the provisions of the bill on Thursday, the Speaker of the House, Hon. Babatunde Mohammed, directed the Acting Clerk to

prepare a clean copy of draft for passage.

This indication followed conclusion of necessary legislative process on the bill last week. The bill which was first read at the floor of the House, late last year was sponsored by the state government.

The proposed bill seeks to give a legal backing to establishment of a Traffic Management Authority which would be sched-

uled with responsibility of providing minimum sanity along highways in the state among other thing.

Shittu said the personnel would be allowed proceed on a 5 weeks recess before they would commence full operations.

Speaking, in the same vein, the General Manager of the Authority, Mr. Yekini Bellow, said the objective of KWTMA was to reduce

carnage on the road and ensure sanity.

He described the newly recruited men and women s agents of change who would go al out to change traffic behaviors of road users positively.

Bello observed the proliferation of motor parts in the state, saying that authority would ensure their orderliness when it commenced full operations.

Govt acquisition breeds mistrust in Ogun community

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

THE alleged acquisition of some landed property by Ogun State Housing Corporation communities in Makun area of Sagamu local government is now causing malice between the residents, the traditional ruler and corporation.

Baale of Oke-Egun, Chief Samson Awobajo, who led scores of women and youths on a placard-carrying protest recently, accused the obaship institution of not supporting the collective interest of the indigenes. The traditional head contended that the plan by the Housing Corporation to build a "mini town" in the area, describing the development "as robbing Peter to pay Paul. They are buying our land cheaply with the intention of building on it to sell to the rich."

Awobajo told newsmen that "their children who are overseas and some resident in

Lagos would not have anything to come back to if their fathers heritage are given away to people he already described as already rich." The Makun people, he stressed, "is therefore calling the Ogun State Governor, Otunba Gbenga Daniel, to come to use his good offices to prevail on the Corporation to shelve the idea of the proposed projects on their land.

The General Manager of the State Housing Corporation, Mr. Olatunji Ladega, said the land was already an acquisition of various government agencies, "only that it is the corporation that is the first to take possession."

Ladega said that government had paid compensation of N2.5 million for economic crop as a show of love of love to the people. "All the projects that will eventually come on the land will have both direct and indirect benefit on the people; they are the first set of those to benefit from the projects, even before completion," Ladega hinted.



STANBIC IBTC Bank office in Victoria Island, Lagos.

FERMA's direct labour fixes Masaka road

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE popular sharp bend at Masaka along Keffi-Abuja highway has attracted the direct labour job of the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) which has just fixed the bad portion at that point, last week, returning vehicles on the main carriageway.

For over two years, the sharp bend, as it is popularly called, has worn large craters on the main carriageway, forcing vehicles to resort to the use of the shoulders.

State FERMA Chief Maintenance Engineer, Engr. Musa Useni blamed siltation of the drainages on the damage, explaining

that lack of proper channel floods stormy waters during the rains, into the road. "Water and asphalt are not good friends. When water which is supposed to be channeled away through the drainages, do not get the way out, the road collects it. This has completely weakened the road at that point", Engr. Useni said.

"The line drains and culverts along that road are adequate. The problem is they are always silted up because of refuse dumps", Engr. Useni said.

Daily Trust observed that like it is the situation throughout the state, the Nasarawa State Urban Development Board

(NUDB), has no refuse bins at the seedy settlements along that road, namely Ado, Masaka, Mararaba and a host of others. This neglect by NUDB has forced residents into turning the drainages along Keffi-Abuja highway into their dustbins, thereby blocking the channels at all times.

Motorists commended this initiative when they spoke to Daily Trust, saying driving at that point is now delightful. They urged the Nasarawa State authorities especially NUDB to make provisions for refuse bins, and to always collect them in order to avert this kind of problem for the road.

Group calls for stoppage of Gusau city gates

From Sadeeq Aliyu, Gusau

A group of concerned citizens in Gusau, Zamfara state, have written to the Minister of Works and Corps Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Commission to halt the construction of city gates being erected at various locations in the outskirts of Gusau to stop accidents caused by the gates.

In a statement, jointly signed by the Group

Chairman, Muhammad Bello Lawal and Secretary Ibrahim Muhammad Bello, and made available to Daily Trust, the group made particular reference to the gate erected along Zaria - Sokoto in which a trailer crashed and caused blockage of the road for many days.

The statement said city gates are supposed to be constructed on dual carriage ways and not on single lanes as was the case

of those erected in Gusau. Other similar gates under construction are Gusau - Sokoto road and Gusau - Kaura Namoda high way.

The Group called on relevant authorities to stop the construction which it described as illegal and urged that the structures erected which now become death traps to motorists, should be dismantled to prevent further loss of lives and properties.

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- You should send your drawing by May 14, 2010 at the latest, to the Delegation of the European Union to Nigeria, Europe House, 21st Crescent, off Constitution Avenue, Central Business Area, P. M. B. 280, Garki, Abuja.
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(*) See the 2009 drawings, the film and general information on the competition at the above web addresses.

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Anyanwu tasks Etisalat on low tariff

By Yunus Abdulhamid & Sunday Williams

SENATE Committee Chairman on Communications, Senator Sylvester Anyanwu has charged Etisalat Nigeria to provide the needed competition in Nigeria's telecoms industry that will engender further reduction of cost of telephony.

He said: "I urge you (Etisalat)

to ensure that the tariff we have been fighting for is realised this year. We need healthy competition to ensure customers get the worth of their money."

Anyanwu was speaking at the Distribution Partner Awards organised by Etisalat at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel Abuja at the weekend.

At the award, 30 of the company's distribution partners across

the country won various prizes.

Chief Executive Officer of Etisalat, Mr Steven Evans said it was "to say thank you to them" as they are critical to the company's quest to be one of the two best telecoms firm in Nigeria.

Etisalat started commercial service in Nigeria in October 2008. Nine months after, it announced it had hit 2.6 million subscribers.

Evans said it was targeting additional 4 million subscribers at the end of 2010. He claimed it now has service in all the 36 states of the federation including FCT.

The company is also aiming to invest \$ 700 million to establish additional 1000 base stations this year after spending \$800 million in the past year.

The six categories awards produced winners from geopolitical

zones across the country.

21 distributors won 20 KVA generators each, one won two laptops, and one side-by-side refrigerator.

Distribution partner with best overall performance, each from the regions emerged. They each went home with 20 sitter bus. They are to also have an all-expense paid trip to Dubai in the United Arab Emirate.

Visafone plans Easter promo

From Zakariyya Adaramola, Lagos

VISAFONE has unveiled a promo tagged Easter Celebration package to reward subscribers.

According to the company, it is an initiative where 10 lucky subscribers will win 10 new Kia Rio cars in 10 weeks. Subscribers also have an opportunity to win one of 700 other prizes, which include Generators, LCD TV's, home theatres, washing machines, CK music phones, Motorola V9m phones and N1, 000 free airtime.

The initiative will be on till April 30, 2010.

According to the company's head marketing and strategy, Clifford Onyeike, "This is another way to reward our subscribers and ensure that the Easter celebration is a memorable one for them."

Visafone, which started commercial operation in February, 2008, is Nigeria's 4th largest mobile operator by active subscriber base. Visafone today covers 23 states and over 171 cities across the country.



IDUSERI Gabriel of Gabros Divine Technologies (M) winner of best overall performance, South South Region receiving a plaque from Etisalat Chief Executive Officer Steven Evans, at the Etisalat distribution partners' award held in Abuja last week. With them is Director, Sales, Etisalat, Tolu Ojo.

Stakeholders want more ICT in North-East

By Yunus Abdulhamid

COMMUNITIES in the North-East Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria have called on the Universal Provision Fund (USPF) to establish Information Communication and Telecommunications (ICT) platforms in the region to bring them closer to advancement and modernity.

These were the plea of participants made up of cooperatives, unions and opinion leaders drawn from the six state of the region at a two-day stakeholders Forum organised by the USPF in Yola, the capital of Adamawa recently. The event was meant to have a bottom up project using community stakeholders in the deployment of ICT in un-served and underserved areas of

the country, the USPF said.

It is also to deliberate on the best approach to meeting the needs of the people through shared ownership of ICT infrastructure, Head of Information Technology Projects of the USPF, Engr. Bako Wakil said. The participants said the establishment of such platforms would enable farmers and petty businessmen in the region access ICT facilities that would pave way for them to get produce sold through the use of the ICT tools.

They appealed for the scaling up and speedy implementation of USPF projects in the region's schools which had taken strong footing in other regions.

Speaking on "Financing models for rural connectivity: Examples from around the world," at the event, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisa-

tion (CTO)'s Chief Executive, Mr Ekwow Spio-Garbrah said the CTO was focusing on rural segments for special investments. He said CTO launched Commonwealth African Rural Connectivity initiative, COMARCI to pay special attention on ICT challenges in the 18 African commonwealth countries.

\$308.6 million has been spent by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Commonwealth Africa for investment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector development in the last five years, he said. He said Nigeria led the pack with \$135m through MTN Nigeria, followed by Ghana through Areba with \$40m and Cameroon's Orange network receiving \$13.6m, while multi-national beneficiaries came through Celtel, now Zain, between 1994 and 2008.

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- A5- Completion and Furnishing of Education Lecture Theatre
- A6- Construction and Furnishing of Academic Staff Offices for Faculty of Education
- A7- Completion and Furnishing of Faculty of Social Science Lecture Theatre
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- A10- Refurbishment and Upgrade of Iya Abubakar Computer Center
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- A12- Rehabilitation and Furnishing of Pa Ishaku Lecture Theatre
- A13- Rehabilitation and Furnishing of Abdullahi Smith Lecture Theatre
- A14- Rehabilitation and Furnishing of Business/Accounting Departments' Lecture Theatres, Kongo Campus

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- B4- Construction and Furnishing of 1000 Seating Capacity Multipurpose (Theatre Arts, General Functions with restaurants) Lecture Theatre.
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- B8- Block of Classrooms & Furnitures for Faculty of Social Science
- B9- Optical Fibre based e-learning intranet & Multi-media operations for Samaru and Kongo Campuses.

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- C3- Diagnostic Equipment for Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Shelves with Furnitures & Fittings for TB Lab.
- C4- Office Furnitures & Equipment for Quantity Surveying Department.
- C5- Furnishing of Offices, Classrooms & Laboratories for Department of Geomatics Engineering.
- C6- Furnishing & Fittings (Public Address Systems) for Faculty of Law Theatre and Mute Court.
- C7- Furnishing & Fittings for New Engineering Lecture Theatre, Kainji & Wolfson Theatres.
- C8- Laboratory Equipments for Department of Chemistry
- C9- ICT Equipments for Iya Abubakar Computer Center and Department of Mathematics Computer Laboratory
- C10- ICT Equipment and Facilities for CAD Laboratory for the Faculties of Engineering and Environmental Design.
- C11- LANGUAGES Laboratory Equipments for Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences & Education.
- C12- Furnitures and Equipments for Faculty of Science Lecture Theatre.
- C13- Furnitures and Equipments for Abdullahi Smith Lecture Theatre
- C14- Upgrading of Optical Fibre based intranet for e-learning & Multimedia operations for Samaru and Kongo Campuses

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Reputable and interested Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers are required to submit their applications with the following documents:-

- (i) Evidence of Incorporation Registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
- (ii) Evidence of Company Tax Clearance Certificate in the last three (3) years (2007-2009).
- (iii) Evidence of VAT Registration and remittances in the last three (3) (2007-

2009).

- (iv) Evidence of current Registration(s) with relevant Professional bodies (Consultants only).
- (v) Evidence of Company Audited Annual Financial report for the last three (3) years certified by a chartered accountant/auditor.
- (vi) Company Profile which should include names, qualifications and experiences of key personnel, list of similar verifiable projects executed within the last three years (2007-2009), with photographs, contract values, and locations, evidence of award and actual completion of projects. The clients names including GSM number(s) and e-mail addresses of the firm if available should also be provided.
- (vii) Evidence of Financial capability to handle the chosen project, credit worthiness and readiness to obtain financial cover/liability and instruct bankers to supply correct financial information as may be required.
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- (x) A sworn affidavit indicating that all documents submitted are genuine, verifiable and whether any officer of Ahmadu Bello University Zaria former or present director, shareholder or has any interest in the company.
- (xi) A sworn affidavit that none of the directors have been convicted in any country for any criminal offence including fraud or financial impropriety.
- (xii) Original documents should be available for sighting on demand during or after the opening of prequalification documents.

3. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

Bound pre-qualification documents in wax-sealed envelope with "Pre-qualification as Contractors/Consultants & Suppliers" as the case may be written at the top left hand corner should be hand-delivered not later than 12 noon on 29th March, 2010 to:

The Registrar,
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4. OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

Pre-qualification envelopes will be opened at 12:30pm on Monday 29th March, 2010 at the ABU Samaru Zaria Assembly Hall near the Convocation Square. All interested members of the public especially the intending Contractors, Consultants, Suppliers, professional bodies and civil/transparency societies are hereby invited.

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Names of pre-qualified Contractors, Consultants and Suppliers would be displayed on the notice boards at the Senate Building, Information Centre, Samaru Faculty of Administration, Kongo Campus and the Director of Physical Planning & Municipal Services by Monday 5th April 2010 at 12 noon.

6. COLLECTION OF TENDER:

Pre-qualified Contractors and Suppliers should note that they will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of One hundred thousand Naira only (N100,000) for Lot B4 as processing tender fee, Twenty-five thousand Naira only (N25,000.00) for each one or other contract Lots or Fifty thousand Naira only (N50,000.00) for two contract Lots and One hundred thousand Naira only (N100,000.00) for three or more contract Lots. Maximum of FOUR contract Lots is recommended. Tender fees would be paid for and receipted at the Cash Office, ground floor, Senate Building ABU Samaru, Zaria.

Tender documents for suppliers and construction projects would be collected from the office of the DIRECTOR, Physical Planning and Municipal Services, Estate Department, ABU Samaru Zaria. Pre-qualified Consultants would be required to submit both technical and financial proposals for consideration.

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29.	ONDO	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Ikare-Akoko.
30.	OSUN	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Aisu Coll. Hospital Rd. Ede, Osun State
31.	OYO	Government Technical College, Iseyin.
32.	PLATEAU	NYSC Temporary Camp, Zang Secondary Commercial School, Bukuru, Jos South LGA.
33.	RIVERS	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Nonwa-Gban Tai LGA, Rivers State.
34.	SOKOTO	Government Technical College Farfara, Sokoto.
35.	TARABA	Government Science Secondary School, Jalingo.
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AEPB raids illegal car wash, arrest nine

By Usman A. Bello & Romoke W. Ahmad

OFFICIALS of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) at the weekend raided illegal car wash centres within the city centre and arrested nine persons.

Those arrested included car wash operators and customers, who were arraigned before a mobile court and fined various sums after they pleaded guilty.

Our reporters learnt that at Wuse 2 (behind Salamatu Estate), a car wash operator cut open a major water pipe

and connected a hose to the water gushing pipe to prosper in his business.

The operator was also accused of building a shanty in the area, which was set ablaze by the officials of the board, while a furniture maker under the Wuse 2 Bridge were given one month to vacate the area.

The board's Director, Dr. Abubakar Yabo said the exercise became necessary to rid the city of illegal car wash operators, saying such operators normally connected water through illegally means thereby reducing water pressure in the area they operate.

He noted the importance of having a strong synergy between departments in the FCTA to effectively tackle environmental nuisances, saying during the exercise they discovered some problems associated with water board and other departments and if their officials were on the board's team that went for the raid, such problems could have been easily addressed.

The director said the board needs the assistance of officials of Water Board, Directorate of Road Traffic Services, and Department Development Control during subsequent operations.

Food vendors to help members own houses

By Lami Sadiq

THE executives of the Association of Food Vendors in Nigeria will assist members of the association access loans in order for them to build their own houses as well as make members of the public benefit immensely from the organisation's services.

This was disclosed by the association's Director-General, Engineer Emmanuel A. Adeoye, when he gave appointment letters to newly recruited staff of the body in Abuja at the weekend.

He said the organisation which started in 2009, aims to mobilise into one umbrella, all the food stuff dealers in the federation, adding that the membership of the group in the FCT is about 57.

Engineer Adeoye informed that the body intends to unite all food vendors in several affiliate cooperative organisations, so as to help members' access credits and loans.

The director-general counselled the newly employed staff to go about their responsibilities as marketers of the association with the strict adherence to their areas of specialisation.

PIC: ABUBAKAR SADIQ ISAH



ACTION Congress chairmanship candidate Alhaji Abdulrahman Ajiya, during the party's rally at Abaji on Saturday.

AC flags off campaign at Abaji

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE Abaji Area Council chapter of Action Congress (AC) at the weekend flagged off its campaign rally with the presentation of Alhaji Abdulrahman Ajiya, as the council's chairmanship candidate in the forth coming council's poll.

The rally which drew a mammoth crowd was led by the AC's council's chairman, Alhaji Mohammed Angulu Bello, who first paid a visit to the palace of the Ona of Abaji.

Bello, who had in his entourage the party's chairmanship aspirant and FCT state executives, told the traditional ruler that they were in his palace to seek blessing from the monarch.

Responding, the Ona of Abaji, Alhaji Adamu Baba Yunusa, expressed happiness that the party was presenting one of their sons to seek his blessing and advised youths to ensure they go to school to acquire knowledge so that the younger generation will also support them.

He urged supporters of vari-

ous political parties in the council to eschew violence and embrace peace, warning that whoever takes the law into his/her hands will be dealt with by security agents.

FCT Action Congress (AC) Chairman, Mr. Sunny S. Moniedafe, while presenting the party's flag to the chairmanship aspirant, noted that the emergence of the party's aspirant at Abaji was based on an agreement reached by people of the council that each political party will be given an opportunity to rule the council for a single term, adding that it is now the turn of AC to pilot the affairs of the council.

Earlier in his speech, AC's chairmanship aspirant, Alhaji Abdulrahman, expressed his joy for the over whelming supports shown by residents of the council during the rally, adding that his priority programme when voted in will be to create a vocational training centre, where youth/women can learn hand skills so that they can be self employed.

PIC: HUSSEIN YAHAYA

NASFAT members donate blood

By Hussein Yahaya

AS part of its social responsibility to the society, members of the Abuja branch of the Nasrullahi -L-Fatih Society of Nigeria (NASFAT) yesterday commenced the donation of blood to the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), under its voluntary blood donation services programme.

Our reporter learnt that about 100 NASFAT members are expected to participate in the exercise taking place at NASFAT's prayer centre at Utako.

NASFAT's Abuja branch Chairman, Barrister Shewudeen Giwa, said apart from moral and spiritual education being given to the members, the NASFAT encourages its members to render humanitarian services to the society.

"We always encourage healthy members from our society to voluntarily participate in the blood donation exercise in order to assist those in need during emergency situations," he disclosed.

The chairman disclosed that NASFAT members participated massively in a similar exercise

last year, adding that more than 100 members will participate in this year's exercise.

Also speaking, NBTS Abuja centre's Care Manager, Mrs. Jane Juakubuiro, explained that all blood collected will be taken to the laboratory for test before they are stored for hospitals to have access to during emergency situations.

The care manager, who commended NASFAT members for their humanitarians' services, urged other organisations to emulate them in assisting people in need of blood transfusion.



A NASFAT member donating blood yesterday at Utako, Abuja.

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of January 2010
He has since been buried
according to Islamic Rites.

He Is Survived By His Wife, Two
Children And Host Of Other Relations

May His Gentle
Soul Rest In Peace

Signed:

First Bank of Nigeria plc



OLORUNSOGO POWER PLC, P. M. B. 1017, OTA, OGUN STATE.



INFORMATION ON 2010 PROCUREMENT

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST/PREQUALIFICATION
OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF
GOODS AND SERVICES FOR 2010 BUDGET AT
OLORUNSOGO POWER PLC, OTA, OGUN STATE.**

Preambles:

Olorunsogo Power Plc wishes to invite interested, competent and reputable contractors to apply for her prequalification consideration for the procurements of year 2010 Budget.

EXPECTED SCOPE OF WORK(S)/SUPPLY

- i. Combustion Inspection of GE Frame 6 Turbine.
- ii. Supply & Installation of Conversion Skids for the GE Gas Turbines.
- iii. Supply of Mark VI Control Cards.
- iv. Supply of Technical Tools (Mechanical, Electrical, Instrumentation & Control, Vehicle etc.)
- v. Supply of Material handling equipment, Automobiles and PPE.
- vi. Supply of Turbine oil.
- vii. Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Laboratory Equipment(various)
- viii. Supply of Laboratory Chemicals(various)
- ix. Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Security System (CCTV), Extinguishers & Safety Devices.
- x. Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 1500 Ah DC Battery bank
- xi. Supply of Office furniture and Equipment.(various)
- xii. Construction & furnishing of a Standard Staff canteen for 80 personnel.
- xiii. Construction of Condensate, LPFO Storage tanks with associated equipment.
- xiv. Construction of Fuel dump, dispensing unit and associated items.
- xv. Chemical Extermination of termites, termitaries & fumigation of their colonies.
- xvi. Corrosion control on plants and associated equipment.
- xvii. Personnel Training (Technical and Non technical)
- xviii. Construction of living apartment.
- xix. Construction of Perimeter wall fencing with woven or razor- wire (plastering & painting inclusive)
- xx. Maintenance of Administrative building .
- xxi. Construction & Installation of Burglar proofs protection in the stores and some offices.
- xxii. Supply of Air conditioners. (Split and window units)
- xxiii. IT Management and Maintenance

REQUIREMENTS:

1. A copy of Certificate of Incorporation/Business Registration
2. Tax Clearance Certificate for the last 3 years
3. Value Added Tax Registration Certificate (VAT).
4. Evidence of successful execution of similar project(s)(applicable to vii ,viii, ix ,x, & xv)
5. Company's resume including profiles of staff to be deployed for execution of contract. (I & ii) above
6. Must possess the legal capacity to enter procurement contract.
7. Must not be in receivership, insolvent or bankrupt.
8. All submissions and claims are subject to verification as companies with false claims/ submissions will be disqualified.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

All prequalification documents must be submitted in sealed envelopes indicating the category as contained in this advert marked “**PREQUALIFICATION FOR 2010 PROCUREMENT OOLORUNSOGO**” and area of interest i.e. lot (i - xxiii) on the top left corner of the envelope(s). These are to be submitted in a box at the reception of Olorunsogo Power Plc within two (2) weeks from the date of this publication addressed to:

STATION HEAD

Olorunsogo Power Plc
Olorunsogo, Ogun State

NOTE:

- a. Late submission will not be entertained.
- b. This advert should neither be construed to be a commitment on the part of Olorunsogo Power Plc nor should it entail the tenderer to make any claim(s) whatsoever and/or seek any indemnity from Olorunsogo Power Plc by virtue of the tenderer having responded to this publication.
- c. Only successfully pre-qualified companies will be invited to bid for procurement and Olorunsogo shall not enter into any correspondence with any unsuccessful applicant.

MANAGEMENT

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No. 1 METROPOLITAN AVENUE, TUDUNWADA, P.M.B. 2083,

JOS, PLATEAU STATE, NIGERIA

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2010/2011 PGD ADMISSIONS

This is to inform the under-listed candidates who applied for admission into the Institute's Postgraduate Diploma Programmes that they have been offered Provisional Admission as follows:

PGD MINERAL EXPLORATION

S/NO.	Name	Appl. No.	State
1.	AKWAEZE, Jideofor	877	Anambra
2.	ATODO, Okolo, Isaac	127	Kogi
3.	AUDU, Joseph Adeiza	126	Kogi
4.	AYODELE, Olatubuson J.	852	Oyo
5.	IFERE, Anthony Ikwebe	234	Benue
6.	JAIVEOLA, Gabriel Bowale	453	Oyo
7.	JAMOBADI, Shegun Liberty	455	Edo
8.	LAWAL, Olanrewaju Muritala	183	Lagos
9.	MIANGA, Albert Sefa	288	Benue
10.	MOSES, Peter	184	Benue
11.	MUSA, Taofik Olutayo	185	Kogi
12.	NWAJAH, Nnamdi Eugene	125	Ebonyi
13.	ODEKANLE, O. Ebenezer	120	Osun
14.	OFFODILE, Chukka Justine	890	Anambra
15.	OGHUMA, Aigbokhaode Arthur	119	Edo
16.	OKON-Williams Williams	186	Akwa Ibom
17.	OLUWAFEMI, Sharon Omolade	174	Ekiti
18.	YUSUF, Abdulwahid	181	Oyo

2. PGD MINING ENGINEERING

S/NO.	Name	Appl. No.	State
1.	ABDULLAHI, Musa Musa	876	Plateau
2.	ABDULKADIR, Usman Adamu	111	Kwara

3.	ADAMU, Mohammed Tasiu	122	Gombe
4.	ADAMU, Yusuf Leinge	101	Kaduna
5.	BATHOLOMEW, Matthew Ameh	113	Kogi
6.	ERIMAKO Abel Anuoluwapo	108	Kogi
7.	IWOT, Akpan Esen	178	Akwa Ibom
8.	MOHAMMED, Abdullahi Yusuf	171	Yobe
9.	OGUNYEMI, Folake Mary	172	Ondo
10.	OKAFOR, Uchenna Samuel	173	Enugu
11.	SALAWU, Ozigi Musa	199	Kogi
12.	TAIDI, Bala Isaac	194	Niger
13.	USMAN, Lawan Ali	195	Gombe

3. PGD MINERALS ENGINEERING

S/NO.	Name	Appl. No.	State
1.	BLAME, Eric Meh	891	Plateau
2.	GIMBA, Isaac Sunday	187	Plateau
3.	HABIBA, Dauda Ding'an	761	Plateau
4.	NWABUGWU, H. Chiadighikobi	556	Imo
5.	ONAH, Anthony	885	Enugu
6.	UGWU, Christopher	854	Enugu
7.	OJO, Damilola	559	Ekiti
8.	OKAFOR, Ansel Tochukwu	204	Anambra

RESUMPTION/REGISTRATION

Registration will commence on Monday 12th April, 2010 and close on Friday, 16th April 2010. Lectures begin on Monday 19th April, 2010.

Admission letters and Schedule of fees have been sent to candidates by e-mail. Further details can be obtained from the Institute's website www.nimg.edu.ng

Dr. Abubakar A. Bafeto
Registrar



National Broadcasting Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE

The National Broadcasting Commission, NBC, is pleased to note the growing interest of various groups, particularly non-governmental organisations, in obtaining commercial and community broadcast licences to promote their various interests.

To liberalise participation in the broadcast sector is the raison d'être for the enactment of the law establishing the National Broadcasting Commission and setting up the framework for licensing broadcast stations by government.

We hereby firmly assure the public that the NBC is prepared to continue encouraging and facilitating every legitimate quest for a broadcast licence, according to the dictates of the law.

We wish further to assure those seeking Community Broadcast Licences that the Commission is working with government to establish a proper framework for the licensing of Community Broadcast Stations, such that they shall truly be owned and controlled by the community. We request for patience while the process reaches a logical conclusion.

As a government department determined to uphold the rule of law, however, the Commission wishes to draw the attention of all intending applicants for a broadcast licence to section 10 of Act No. 38 of 1992 (as amended), which states that:

"The Commission shall not grant a licence to:

- (A) a religious organization; or
- (B) a political party."

Thank you.



**Signed
Management**

...Your Right to Quality Broadcasting



Inside Politics

'Why I'm contesting against Yuguda'

Alhaji Sarki Abdullahi Adamu also known as Dan China is a renowned miner with international connections in the industry. In this interview with our correspondent in Kano, he speaks on his intending journey into politics as he prepares to slug it out with Bauchi State governor, Isa Yuguda, in 2011. If elected, he says, he will use the 'Chinese example' to govern Bauchi State.

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

AS a miner, what really informed your decision to join politics in the first place?

Being a miner, one has to be everywhere, both in villages and towns. The fact that mining also consists of exporting the minerals to other countries, that afforded me the opportunity of travelling widely, where I witnessed how government is being run successfully in other countries. I have seen how the lives of even villagers are affected directly by government in such climes, which is totally different from what I see here. In addition to this, my people have been encouraging me to go into politics. So I said to myself, 'if I can assist people in other countries why not my own country, especially as my own people are calling on me to serve them?' Now I said if I will render service to my country, I would start from the grassroots, which is from my own state. I have been into the nooks and cranny of Bauchi State and have seen how government is working there. I have also seen the attitude of the government towards the masses. Development in many areas is low. It is surprising that some of our rural communities have no hospitals, while feeding also constitutes major problem in these places. Now, the people have been asking me to contest for the governorship office and I have accepted their call. My tenure, if elected as governor, will require everybody to sit-up and work hard so that we bring an end to the era of governing the people from office.

Which party do hope to actualize your dream of ruling Bauchi State?

I am yet to pick a platform; I am only watching the situation for now. But I am not the one to choose the party to launch my campaign on. The people that called me to serve will show me the party to join; once they say 'come to this party', I will go there.

Are you going into the race because you are not satisfied with the performance of the incumbent government?

It is not Yuguda alone; the problem is affecting the whole country. My administration will task everybody to work hard. As I said earlier, we have to address the problems of development that challenge us as a people. It is not a question of pointing accusing fingers at a particular governor and saying he has failed to perform, because the whole system in the country is affected by the same problem. We as Nigerians have since derailed from the path that our founding fathers placed us on and that is what brought us to this state today.

But specifically, what is the problem of Bauchi?

As I said earlier, there is nothing like Bauchi problem, but Nigerian problem. It is by tackling this Nigerian problem afflicting Bauchi State that I will show an example for other states to emulate and address their own problems as well. By the time we set out, we won't have weekends and

we will neither have day nor night. My priority will be centered on three areas. Firstly, we will resuscitate agriculture. Secondly, we will improve education because that sector is important too. Then next to it, which is the third priority area, is health. After all these, we will focus on creating and providing the enabling environment for small scale industries to thrive in the state so that a lot of people will have something to do. Our main emphasis is to make everybody work. We want people to be productive.

If you go to China, you will find out that as large as the population of the country is, every house has factory. You will see a teenager producing something. I work with the Chinese people presently and I can tell you that they work tirelessly. If there is agreement for them to work for you for 24 hours, they will work for that number of hours unflinching. That is why their economy is improving by the day. That is the work attitude I want to instil in Bauchi in order to transform the state.

As a successful miner and businessman, don't you think that given the nature of politics in Nigeria today, it will be good for you to remain in your business rather than join politics?

Even if I become a governor, my business will not stop. And presently I employ thousands of people and the least paid among them earns N15,000 monthly. Work in my companies will not stop, because I have heads of operations wherever my company is



ALHAJI Sarki Abdullahi Adamu

operating in the country. It will only afford me the opportunity to introduce mining in Bauchi State because I'm aware there are mineral deposits in many local government areas in the state. I have set a clear and efficient management structure to keep my business going even in my absence.

It is often said contesting for governorship is not an easy task; how do you intend to face the challenge?

The challenge that a single mining site can pose is higher and more difficult than contesting governorship election. If one can deal with 1000 laborers a day, then there is no human being he cannot deal with. I am doing the most difficult thing in life, which is dealing with a common labourer. I have been

staying with them for years. If a governor of Nigeria is given one mining site to handle, I give him one month before he becomes hypertensive or abandons it.

What is the nature of your relationship with Governor Isa Yuguda?

Isa is my brother. He is Fulani by tribe and I am Fulani by tribe. And as Fulanis, we may be distantly connected, but being close to someone does not mean if he is wrong you will not point to him that he is wrong. Even if it is your father that goes wrong you must tell him that he is wrong; the truth is the truth always. Here, what we are considering is not personal relationship, we are thinking of the state itself. We are thinking of how to move it forward.

Shekarau failed Kano people – Kwankwaso

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

FORMER governor of Kano State Engineer Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso has attributed the support which PDP is getting to the failure of Shekarau-led administration, saying the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP)-led government has failed the people.

Speaking to journalists yesterday in his Gandun Albasa residence in Kano,

the former governor said the PDP had set its machinery in motion to ensure that they wrest the ancient city from the ANPP.

He said they have since embarked on local government rallies across the state, and they have so far covered 17 local governments. "We are covering the 18th local government today (Sunday), and I can assure you that we will not relent until we covered every nook and

cranny of the state," he said.

Commenting on the existing factions in the party, the former Minister of Defence also said factions have been in existence since the formation of the PDP. He said the party was built on a tripod of factions. "It is nothing new that we have our group. The congress was conducted in a free and fair manner and our candidates won all the seats in the congress," he said.

Genuine electoral reform critical to democracy – CNPP

By Muideen Olaniyi

CONFERENCE of Nigeria Political Parties (CNPP) yesterday advised Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to bequeath genuine electoral reform to Nigerians so as to leave his foot prints on the sand of time.

CNPP, through its National Publicity Secretary, Mr Osita Okechukwu, tasked the Acting President

to muster enough political will to embark on electoral reform, saying that it is a major foundation for free, fair and transparent elections in 2011 and beyond.

He said Jonathan, having been decreed out of 2011 elections, should enlist his name in the hall of fame by transiting Nigeria to true democracy.

To achieve this, the group said the Uwais Electoral Reform Report is an

article of faith, adding that Nigeria cannot claim to practice democracy when votes do not count.

"With barely 14 months left, we propose that the Acting President should dust up the three Electoral Reform Bills in the Justice Uwais Electoral Reform Report and present same immediately to the National Assembly as Executive Bills," the CNPP spokesman said.

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Public Notice THE TRIUMPHANT BRETHREN CHURCH

Notice is hereby given to the general public that above named Church is applying for Registration under Companies and Allied Matter Decree 1990 law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Trustees are:

1. Pastor E.A Thomas
2. Pastor Christopher Omale
3. Pastor Henrietta Azceez
4. Elder Ogili Enenche
5. Elder D.G. Zachs
6. Elder M.A Balogun
7. Evangelist A.U. Ihuoma

Aims and Objectives:

1. To propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world.
2. To fellowship as brethren in the Lord Jesus in designated place of worship throughout the world.

Any objection(s) to the above registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 Days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

SECRETARY

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

The trustees are:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Dr. Ayuba Audu Kura | - North West |
| 2. Bernard B. Babason | - North East |
| 3. Chief Simon Adesimi Toye | - North Central |
| 4. Prof. Olayinka Longe | - South West |
| 5. Prof. Eugene Ndikaramma Nwanna | - South East |
| 6. Comrade Festus E. Nwanne | - South South |

Aims and objectives:

1. To unite all the PENSIONERS' in the FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES and encourage and support the formation of Local branches in Nigeria.
2. To foster cordial relationship between the association and the Federal Government of Nigeria, the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC), all relevant ministries, organs and agencies of the Federal Government including authorities and management of Federal Universities as well as and her branches.
3. To protect and advance the socio-economic and cultural interests as well as being of the said Pensioners.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Fatima A. Adamu Esq
PP, Saibu B. Attanda & Co.,
Bakoko Road, Opp. Babalola Shopping Complex, Kanwa, G.R.A., Zaria
08037041294, 08036836900

WISDOM AND RHEMA FAITH INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

This is to inform the general public that the above named Church has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the Companies and Allied Matters act No. 1 of 1990.

The trustees are:

1. Gabriel Isreal
2. Grace Enoch Okoro
3. Nicholas Anthony Isreal
4. Mary Gabriel Isreal

Aims and objectives:

1. Propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To train, license and ordain ministries for the expansion of the work of the ministry.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Barr. Edozo Victor

ZAKAT AND SADAQAH FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No.1 of 1990.

The Trustees are:

1. Rasheed Hafsat Jumoke
2. Jimoh Shukurah Adekemi
3. Raji Rodiat Adefunke
4. Olanrewaju Majeedat Folashade

Aims and objectives: To give scholarship to indigent islamic scholars.

Signed: Odianah Sally

SCRIBES & LEGALS

08023229785, 08035463185, 07028100785

RE: OGANLA OLUWATOBILOBA NOAH - DATE OF BIRTH

This is to inform the general public particularly the National Population Commission, United Kingdom Embassy, the Nigeria Embassy in the U.K; Home Office in the U.K. that the actual and correct date of birth of OGANLA OLUWATOBILOBA NOAH is 31st May 1992 and NOT 31st May 1991 as inadvertently recorded in his certificate of Birth BC NO.5734053 dated 27/08/1991. Dated this 1st day of March, 2010.

Signed:

Oganla Michael Abiodun & Oganla Tefeehin Atoke Bart
Parents of Oganla Oluwatobiloba Noah

AUCTION! AUCTION!! AUCTION!!!

This is to inform the general public that there will be public auction sales of obsolete items, unserviceable Commercial Mercedes Truck, and cabin at ETD, pollution center.

Date: 11 March, 2010.

Time: 10 am prompt.

Venue: NNPC Lagos office

Signed:

Auctioneer Hajia Salamatu A.
For Samurira Ventures 08034106546

OMALIMA LANDLORDS ASSOCIATION OZE

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for the amendment of the following articles in its constitution, under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

The amendments are as follows:

1. That the old article 29 be substituted with the new article.
2. That the old article 35 be substituted with article 38.
3. That a new article 34, 35 and 36 be included in the new constitution.

Any objection to this amendment should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Chidi Nobis Elendu & Co.,
08033028719

TAKUM FOR CHANGE INITIATIVE

This is to inform the general public that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the Companies and Allied Matters act No. 1 of 1990.

The trustees are:

1. Rev. Yakubu Shamaki
2. Rev. Joseph U. Ajaver
3. Nahum Haruna Angyu
4. Yakubu Muri Tuku
5. Mrs. Christy Christopher Audu

Aims and objectives:

1. To promote coexistence among the sons and daughters of Takum town
2. To train, license and ordain ministries for the expansion of the work of the ministry.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:

Secretary

CULTURE REGARD MUSIC & ARTS SOCIETY

This is to inform the general public that the above named initiative has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No.1 of 1990.

The Trustees are:

1. Engineer Oluwale Komolafe (Chairman)
2. Mr. Omolede Adebayo Awokoya
3. Professor (Mrs) Yinka Omorogbe
4. Mrs. Rhoda Omotunde Komolafe
5. Mrs. Iyabo Arinola Awokoya

Address: Suite 210 Opic plaza, Mobolaji Bank Anthony way, Ikeja Lagos.

Aims and objectives: a) To promote the appreciation of classical music, Nigerian arts and culture. b) To create a platform for advancing the appreciation of classical music, literature and culture among children.

Odianah Sally

SCRIBES & LEGALS

08023229785, 08035463185, 07028100785

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION

The General Public is hereby notified that the above named Organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. CHIEF ONOGHO JOSEPH ERHARHAGHEN JP.
2. PROF. MRS. ROSE AZIZIA
3. DR. KEHINDE OKUNOMO
4. MRS. OGHENERO DIKE ESQ
5. DR. BENARD AGBOMIYERI KSM
6. MR. JOHNSON ONOGHO

THE AIM AND OBJECTIVE ARE:

1. To educate and create awareness on environmental degradation, pollution, global warming and climate change.
2. To carryout campaign against deforestation, desertification and reforestation.
3. To emphasize the importance of biodiversity conservation.
4. Create awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS, Malaria and tuberculosis.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within Twenty-Eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed: EUGENE UWANDI ESQ.
(Solicitor).

CHANGE OF NAME

I, FORMALLY KNOWN AS MISS DIYELONG ALAPFUNAAN FAITH NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS PETER ANAME ALAPFUNAAN. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

I formerly called AUDU SALISU KT now wish to be called ABDULRASHEED SALISU. All former documents remain valid. Umar Musa Yar'Adua University and General public to note.

I formally called MISS BABATUNDE RACHAEL now wish to be called MRS RACHAEL RAPHAEL C.K. AKANBI. All documents remained valid. NYSC and Federal Polytechnic Mubi to take note

Formally called ANGELA CHINONYE ONYEMA now wish to be called ANGELA CHINONYE IRECHUKWU. All documents remained valid. The general public should take note pls.

I FORMERLY SANI DAN'AZUMI HARIS NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS SANI DAN'AZUMI GWARZO. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I ALIYU SULEIMAN HALILU MUSTAPHA NOW WISH TO BE CALLED SULEIMAN LAWAN UMAR. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. BUK, AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I FORMERLY MISS GRACE ADETUN NOW WISH TO BE ADDRESS AS MRS GRACE OMOTADE OYEDEMI ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. BALTIC AIR CARGO AND MERITIME SERVICE, AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MISS HOPE BAZUNU NOW WISH TO BE CALLED MRS HOPE ODUDU. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MARYAM AHMAD USMAN NOW WISH TO BE CALLED MRS MARYAM AHMAD S. JIMETA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. NYSC GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I NAFISA BADAMASI TAHIR NOW WISH TO BE CALLED MRS NAFISA AHMAD BUHARI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID NYSC, AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABDULLAHI TIJJANI NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS ABDULLAHI AHMAD TIJJANI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS JULIANA OJO NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS MRS. JULIANA IKECHUKWU. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

FORMERLY KNOWN AS MISS MOSUNMOLA ARINOLA TALABI NOW TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MRS. MOSUNMOLA ARINOLA AFOLABI. FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I, FORMERLY CALLED MISS AMAECHI ANARIOCHI NOW WISH TO BE ADDRESSED AS MRS. ANARIOCHI OBIDUM. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

I, FORMERLY CALLED ELIZEBETH ERHUCHI TIMOTHY. NOW WISH TO BE CALLED MRS. ELIZEBETH ERHUCHI AMAH. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. RIVERS STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NYSC AND GENERAL PUBLIC NOTE.

I, formerly known as MISS OGEDENGBE BRENDA BOSE now wish to be known as MRS BRENDA BOSE JEGEDE. All former documents remain valid. NAP TIP and general public to take note.

I formerly known as ABDU MUSTAPHA BWALA now wish to be known as JOHNSON CLETUS BWALA. All former documents remain valid, general public take note

I formerly MISS. HAUWA MOHAMMED ZAIFADA wish to be called Mrs. HAUWA MOHAMMED ZAIFADA. All former documents remain valid NYSC. And General public take note.

I formerly MISS ODEYEMI ISLAMIYYAH OLUWABUKOLA now wishes to be addressed as MRS. AJAO ISLAMIYYAH O. All relevant documents remain valid. NYSC and general public take note.

I formerly MOMODU MUNIRAT ANITA, now MRS OKESOLA MUNIRAT ANITA. All former documents remain valid, NYSC and general public take note.

I formerly known as SUNDAY ELOM OGE, wish to be called SUNDAY ADENYI OGEY. All former documents remain valid. The Presidency, University of Abuja and general public to take note.

I formerly known as MISS STELLA CHINENYE OKONKWO now wish to be called MRS STELLA CHINENYE OGEY. All former documents remain valid. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki and general public to take note.

I formerly known as ABDULRAHAMAN ADAMU now wish to be known as ABDULRAHAMAN ADAMU ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. University of Abuja and general public take note.

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LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that original offer of land Allocation letter in respect of Plot No. 157 Measuring about 2108.07sqm located at Pyakasa District (C14), Abuja, belonging to **ABDOULAI TRAORE** is hereby declared missing. All efforts made to trace the said missing document proved abortive. Please if found return to the nearest Police Station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This to inform the general public that the original right of occupying for plot No. 3302 belonging to **MR. BILL SAMUEL BASSEY** of Katampe Hill Maitama, Abuja. Measuring about 640.02sqm but bearing the name of **AHMED MUTARI** with file No. KD 21853 is missing, all effort to trace the said documents proved abortive. Please if found. It should be return to FCDA/AGIS or the nearest Police Station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original offer of Statutory Right Occupancy with New File No. KT20306. Old File No. KT1709 date 09/11/06 in respect of Plot No 1154 with approximately 1000.00sqm in Cadastral Zone B08 Jahi, Abuja issued by AGIS to Umma Amadi Rimi of Block 9, Flat 8, NSITF Housing Estate, Katampe, Abuja. Is declared missing and all efforts made to trace proved abortive. If found, please contact the nearest Police Station, FCDA, AGIS and relevant authorities to note please.

I, **AISHATU SULEIMAN**, now wish to be known as **MRS AISHATU USMAN SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public to take note.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as **OYAMENDAN O. GRACE** now wish to be called **EISAPE ADEBAYO GRACE (MRS.)**. All former documents remain valid. FCT Judiciary and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS VERA C. ASHIBUOGWU**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS. VERA C. ADENIRAN**. All former documents remain valid. DORBEN POLYTECHNIC and general public take note.

I, formerly **OLORUNSOGO OLUWAFUNMILAYO ELIZABETH**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS. OLUWAFUNMILAYO ELIZABETH JEREMIAH OLUWATOYIN**. All former documents remain valid general public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS MOKELIFI OMOKOSTE MONICA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. MONICA OMOKOSTE JIBULU**. All former documents remain valid. General public note.

I, formerly known and called **APEH BLESSING IYOJO** wishes to be known and addresses as **FIDELIS BLESSING IYOJO V.** All other valid documents remain the same. NYSC and general public please take note.

I, formerly known and called **AUDU YA'U** wishes to be known and called as **ABDULAZEEZ YA'U HASHEEM**. All other documents remain the same. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS RUKAYAT OGUNGBOLA** now wish to be addressed as **ALABI RUKAYAT OLUSHOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

AUCTION! AUCTION!! AUCTION!!!

This is to inform the general public that there will be a public Auction Sales of unserviceable vehicles and scrap stores item at Federal Ministry of Education Headquarters Abuja, Kaduna and Bauchi.

Date: Monday, March 8 and Friday, March 12, 2010
NOTE: Sales will commence by 4:00 p.m. prompt and payment shall strictly be made in cash basis. Items bought must be removed within 28 hours after sales.

Signed:
ANN Auctioning Service
Appointed Government Auctioneer
08036373428

CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly known as **MISS UDENWA AKWAUGO MARTHA** now wish to be known as **MRS EKEH AKWAUGO MARTHA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

I formerly known as **MISS LADI ACHOR** now wish to be known as **MRS. LADI OBIKOYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known as **AYANDA COMFORT ODUNAYO** now wish to be called **MRS. ADEDAYO COMFORT ODUNAYO**. All former documents remain valid. Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa and general public take note.

I formerly known as **MISS ABOSEDE, OPEYEMI YEMISI** now wish to be called **MRS FAJIMI, OPEYEMI YEMISI**. All former documents remain valid.

I formerly known as **OTELE OLUWAKEMI BUKKY** now wish to be called **MRS. IKPE OLUWAKEMI BUKKY**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

I formerly known as **NWANDU IFEOMA** now wish to be called **NNOLI IFEOMA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

I formerly **MISS MERCY ODINAKACHI NWAKANMA**, now **MRS MERCY ODINAKACHI OBIALO**. All former documents remain valid, NYSC and General public take note.

I formerly known as **MISS EGHOBOR CORDILIA** now wish to be called **MRS EROMOSELE CORDILIA**. All former documents remain valid. Nigeria University Commission, NYSC and General Public take note.

I formerly known as **HADIZA ILIYASU** now wish to be known as **AHMED HADIZA ILIYASU**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public to note.

I formerly known as **MISS COMFORT OMOREGIE** now wish to be called **MRS. COMFORT JOSEPH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly **HABIBA TANKO** now wish to be called **HABIBA ALHASSAN TANKO**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public take note.

VACANCY! VACANCY!! VACANCY!!!

Applications are invited from prospective applicants to fill a vacant position of **Purchasing Officer** existing in a reputable Manufacturing Organization situated in Kaduna.

Qualification

Interested candidates with either B.Sc or HND in Purchasing and Supply; Business Administration or Economics and are computer literate are eligible to apply.

Experience

Candidates with at least 5 years cognate working experience in purchasing and supply management.

Submission of Application

Candidates with above qualification and experience should send in their application through this email address:

Jeromesmart25@yahoo.com or address their application to the Managing Director, P.O. Box 1423, Kaduna. Applications are expected to be received within two (2) weeks from the date of this advert.

AUCTION! AUCTION!! AUCTION!!!

On the instruction of the mortgagee Unity Bank Plc, the property hereunder described would be sold by Public Auction on 31st day of March, 2010 at 10am prompt.

PROPERTY:

A well constructed storey building on two floors with a court yard, three (3) bedrooms, one (1) sitting room, two (2) parlours, two kitchens, two toilets and a veranda. The property covers an area of about 0.0191 hectares.

It is situated at Plot No. 275 Sheka Barde Layout, Kano.

TITLE:

Certificate of Occupancy No. LKN/RES/88/102 granted to Alhaji Sabo Inuwa, Registered as No. 282, at page 282 in Volume 35 of the Land Registry in the office at Kano.

RESERVE PRICE:

N15,000,000.00 (fifteen million naira) only.

MORTGAGOR:

Alhaji Sabo Inuwa

CONDITIONS FOR SALE:

- 1) There shall be a reserved price.
- 2) The highest bidder shall be the purchaser.
- 3) The purchaser shall sign the Auctioneer's book.
- 4) The successful bidder shall on the spot pay 50% of the purchase price by bank draft and the balance within seven (7) days.
- 5) The deed of transfer shall be at purchasers cost.
- 6) Any suitable offer by private treaty may be considered.
- 7) Any such offer by private treaty should be communicated to **KUMA & PARTNERS**.

For further details and information please contact:

KUMA & PARTNERS,
Estate Surveyors & Valuers,
No. 38 Beirut Road, .
by Civil Centres Road,
Kano.
08033189613



NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (NECO)

RE – “JOB SEEKERS ACCUSE NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL (NECO) OF FLEECING THEM OF N29MILLION”

The attention of the National Examinations Council (NECO) is drawn to a publication in the **Punch Newspapers of Saturday March 6, 2010** on page 3 with the above caption.

We believe the **N29million** “fleecing” of applicants stems from the reporter's multiplication of the number of disqualified applicants (**57, 193**) by **N500**. We therefore wish to draw the attention of the aggrieved applicants, as alleged in the report of “The Punch” newspapers to the **Employment Aptitude Test Advertisement of Daily Trust of Monday 1st March 2010, Vanguard of Tuesday 2nd March 2010 and Daily Sun of Wednesday 3rd March 2010**, wherein it was clearly stated that the 57,193 disqualified applicants fall in the following category:

- a) Candidates with third class degree or pass
- b) Candidates without Education qualification where required
- c) Candidates who graduated more than five years ago and applied for A.O II, E.O II, or P.O II
- d) Candidates who submitted less than the number of credentials/Curriculum Vitae

These 57,193 applicants who fall into the above category are therefore aware “abinitio” that they are not qualified and are thus NOT expected to purchase scratch cards. **Consequently, there is no basis for the alleged “fleecing” of such candidates.**

However, the fee of **N500** charged for on-line registration, over which the reporter seems to be raising alarm on behalf of aggrieved candidates, makes it expedient for NECO to make some clarifications. The Governing Board of NECO considered some options as a means of communicating with prima facie qualified applicants as well as their registration for the aptitude test viz:

- a) **Pasting of the entire list of the prima facie qualified candidates at the NECO headquarters in Minna.**
Implications: Applicants will be made to face the risk of travelling long distances from different locations to Minna to check the status of their applications; the associated cost and risk can only be imagined.
- b) **Pasting the list in all our state/zonal offices and the FCT.**
Implications: Applicants will be made to travel to our various state offices that are located only in the state capitals and FCT. Unqualified candidates may likely tear off/destroy the list if they discover that they are not short listed thereby making it impossible for other applicants to have access to check their status. The traveling cost and risks/hazards associated with this option are also significant.
- c) **Publishing the list of applicants as well as the results of the aptitude test in newspapers.**
Implications: Cost of advertisement would be too much for NECO considering the volume of shortlisted candidates and more so that there is no budgetary provision for the exercise.

Even if any of the options (a, b or c) is considered, applicants would still have to register for the test on-line since this is the only fast and accurate means of capturing the bio-data and passport photographs of the applicants. Naturally, such on-line registration and checking of test results would require purchasing scratch cards at a cost.

In all, the Governing Board of NECO opted for on-line registration as the manual approach is not only cumbersome and time consuming, but also prone to exam malpractice such as impersonation. More so, on-line procedure saves candidates the stress of paying for feeding, accommodation and transport fares from various locations to Minna as well as the risks/hazards associated with travelling. All that a candidate needs to do is to purchase a scratch card of only **N500** which will be used for both registration and checking of results of the aptitude test.

Professor Promise N. Okpala
Registrar/Chief Executive,
National Examinations Council (NECO).

SPORT

Rooney
doubtful for
Milan clash

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Idahor dies during match in Sudan

By Ismaila Lere, with Agency reports

TRAGEDY has befallen African football following the death Saturday night of Nigerian striker Endurance Idahor while in action for his Sudanese club El Merriekh.

The previously lively Idahor slumped inside the box after only 15 minutes of action in a league game against Al Amal, who are based in the northwest of Sudan.

One report said the 25-year-old Idahor was felled by an elbow of an Al Amal defender, while another report suggested that he swallowed his tongue.

"It was a normal incident of obstruction," said the official who asked not to be named as he was not authorised to talk to the media.

"He fell over and now he has passed away. It is a huge shock to Sudan's whole sporting family."

Idahor, who has Sudanese citizenship, was rushed to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Angry El Merriekh fans then took the laws into the hands as they attacked Al Amal players and battled police before the match was abandoned.

The Nigeria ambassador to Sudan was one of the first to arrive the hospital, who had insisted that they would not perform an autopsy on Idahor except they have an order from either the ambassador or the late player's wife, who is based in Dubai.

Thousands of heartbroken



ENDURANCE Idahor has scored 118 goals in 176 appearances for El Merriekh and finished the top scorer during his first season in Sudan.

fans, some of them weeping, also rushed to the hospital in tribute to a player who has been a great role model since he joined with El Merriekh in 2006.

His death was also reported on national television.

The club released a brief announcement describing the player as "An example of a professional and committed individual and a symbol of loyalty" and

added, "We will assure that justice takes place".

Only a few weeks ago, the player had visited a motherless babies home in Sudan where he donated his salaries for three months.

Last weekend he scored in his team's 3-1 home win over Saint George of Ethiopia in a CAF Champions league first round, second leg match.

The former U-23 international

started his top flight career with Nigerian side Julius Berger before joining rivals Dolphins in 2004.

He clinched the move to Al Merriekh in 2006 and was sent on loan to Saudi side in 2008 before returning to the Sudanese side.

Idahor finished as top scorer during his first season in Sudan.

He scored 118 goals in 176 appearances for the Omdurman side.



WORGU ...Idahor's teammate

I was shocked,
confused –Worgu

REACTIONS continue in the wake of the death of El-Merriekh of Sudan striker, Endurance Idahor, who died Saturday while being rushed to hospital, after getting injured in a league match against Al-Amal.

One of Idahor's Nigerian teammates, Stephen Worgu said that he was totally shocked by the incident, since he knew that his colleague had a clean state of health before the encounter.

"I don't know what happened to him, but I was surprised and confused. There was nothing wrong with him. Even before the match, we ate together and even joked together.

“ He was medically
fit and okay.

"He was medically fit and okay. There was nothing wrong with him. He even trained before the match and showed no signs of anything wrong.

"I was really surprised to hear the sad news. We are now waiting for the full medical report and they will tell us more," he parried.

Idahor joined El-Merriekh from Nigerian outfits Dolphin in 2006.

FOOTBALLERS' SUDDEN DEATH ...One case too many

HERE is a list of soccer players who have died suddenly in the last 20 years...

striker Dave Longhurst died aged 25 after collapsing two minutes before halftime in a league match against Lincoln City in September 1990.

DOS SANTOS: In October 2002, the 28-year-old Brazilian striker Marcio Dos Santos died of a heart attack just hours after scoring a goal for Peruvian side Deportivo Wanka.

FOE: Midfielder Marc-Vivien Foe collapsed during Cameroon's 1-0 victory against Colombia in a Confederations Cup match in June 2003 in Lyon, France and died shortly afterwards aged 26.

FERREIRA: Brazilian

20-year-old Max Ferreira died in hospital in July 2003 after feeling unwell during a training session in Preto.

FEHER: In January 2004, the 24-year-old Hungarian international Miklos Feher died after collapsing from a heart attack in a Portuguese league game between his club Benfica and Vitoria Guimaraes.

SERGINHO: Sao Caetano defender Serginho, 30, died after suffering an apparent cardio-respiratory arrest during a Brazilian championship match against Sao Paulo in October 2004.

CUNHA: In Portugal, Uniao Leiria midfielder Hugo Cunha collapsed and died during a game with friends in June 2005. He was 28.

PUERTA: Sevilla midfielder Antonio Puerta, 22, died on Aug. 28, 2007 three days after collapsing against Getafe.

NSOFWA: Zambian 27-year-old striker Chaswe Nsofwa of Israeli second division side Hapoel Beer Sheva collapsed and died during a practice match in the southern desert city on Aug 29, 2007.

O'DONNELL: Motherwell midfielder Phil O'Donnell died after collapsing on the pitch towards the end of a Scottish Premier League match against Dundee United on Dec 29, 2007. He was 35.

TCHINGOMA: Gabon 21-year-old international Guy Tchingoma collapsed and died on the field during a premier

division match in Libreville in Feb. 2008 after contact with an opposing player late in a match with US Mbiliandzami.

CUSTIC: Zadar winger Hrvoje Custic died on April 3, 2008 after hitting his head on a concrete wall two metres from a touchline during a Croatian championship match on March 29. He was 24.

PINAULT: French second division player Clement Pinault died on Jan. 22, 2009 four days after suffering a heart attack. Pinault, 23, was taken to hospital after collapsing at his home. The defender played for Clermont two days before his heart attack, a 2-0 Ligue 2 win over Brest.

JARQUE: The captain of Spanish club Espanyol Dani

Jarque died of heart failure on Aug. 8, 2009 during a tour of the morning he collapsed in his hotel room in Coverciano.

ESTEVAJO: In Angola, Progresso de Sambizanga player Neridson Estevao died after collapsing during a second division game against Benfica de Cabinda on Sept. 20, 2009. The 26-year-old was taken to a nearby hospital in the capital, Luanda.

IDAHOR: Nigerian Endurance Idahor, 25, who played for Sudan's Al-Merriekh club, died on March 6, 2010 after clashing with another player minutes after the start of the match with Sudan Premier League rivals Al-Amal, held at Al-Merriekh's stadium in the Khartoum suburb of Omdurman.

**AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA**
(Office of the Registrar)**INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT**

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies in the Department of Sociology in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

1. POSITION - PROFESSOR**a) Specialization**

Demography
Gender studies
Health Sociology
Social Psychology
Sociology of Religion
Urban Sociology
Criminology
Sociology of Law
Social Policy
Political Sociology

b) Qualification

i. PhD Sociology/Anthropology
ii. Publications -

Minimum of 15 journal articles published in reputable University journals or professional bodies -
Minimum of 7 conference/seminar papers
iii. Postgraduate supervision at both Master's and PhD levels
iv. Community service /Admin duties
v. Good academic leadership
vi. Minimum of 8 years Post-Doctoral teaching experience in a University

c) Salary: CONUASS 7 (N2, 936,121.00 – N3, 859,078.00) per annum.

2. POSITION - READER**a) Specialization**

Demography
Gender studies
Health Sociology
Social Psychology
Sociology of Religion
Urban Sociology
Criminology
Sociology of Law
Social Policy
Political Sociology

b) Qualification

i. Ph.D Sociology/Anthropology
ii. Publications -
Minimum of 10 journal articles published in reputable University journals or Professional bodies.
Minimum of 5 conference/seminar papers
iii. Postgraduate supervision at both Masters and PhD levels
iv. Community service/Admin duties
v. Good academic leadership
vi. Minimum of 5 years Post-Doctoral teaching experience in a University

c) Salary: CONUASS 6 (N2, 456,047.07 – N3, 263,186.00) per annum

3. POSITION - LECTURER I**a) Specialization**

Sociology of Religion
Health Sociology
Demography
Political Sociology
Urban Sociology
Sociology of Law

b) Qualification

i. M.Sc Sociology/Anthropology
ii. Publications -

Minimum of 3 journal articles published in reputable University journals or Professional bodies -
Minimum of 3 conference/seminar

papers

Or

iii. Ph. D Sociology/Anthropology
iv. Publications -

Minimum of 2 journal articles published in reputable University journals or Professional bodies -
Minimum of 3 conference/seminar papers
Minimum of 2 years of Post-Doctoral teaching experience or
3 years Post-Masters experience in a tertiary institution

c) Salary: CONUASS 4 (N1, 356,194.10 – N1, 750,023.30) per annum

4. POSITION - LECTURER II**a) Specialization**

Social Psychology
Sociology of Organizations
Urban Sociology
Sociology Religion
Health Sociology
Demography
Political Sociology
Sociology of Law
Social Policy

b) Qualification

i. M.Sc Sociology/Anthropology
ii. Publications:

Minimum of 3 conference/seminar papers
iii. Minimum of 2 years Post M.Sc teaching experience in a tertiary institution

c) Salary: CONUASS 3 (N1, 075,509.50. – N1, 290,761.30) per annum

4. POSITION - ASSISTANT LECTURER**a) Specialization**

Criminology
Development Studies
Gender Studies
Health Sociology

b) Qualification

i. M.Sc Sociology/Anthropology

c) Salary: CONUASS 2 (N946, 124.40. – N1, 144,227.60) per annum

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications by candidates should be submitted with the following:

i) Detailed Curriculum Vitae with photocopies of certificates attached
ii) 3 Referee Reports (under confidential cover).

All applications must be forwarded **NOT** later than six weeks from the date of this publication to:

The Registrar

Ahmadu Bello University
P.M.B. 1069
Zaria
Kaduna State.

Idris Ahmed
Registrar

**AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA**
(Office of the Registrar)**INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT**

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies in the Department of Quantity Surveying in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

1. POSITION - PROFESSOR**a) Specialization**

Quantity Surveying
Construction Management
Construction Economics and
Construction Project Management

b) Qualification

i. Ph.D
ii. Publications -
At least 15 journal articles published in reputable scientific referred

journals or professional bodies
Minimum of 7 conference/seminar papers/conference proceedings

iii. Cognate experience in Postgraduate teaching supervision

iv. Community service /admin duties

v. Good academic leadership

vi. At least 8 years post Ph.D teaching & Research experience in a tertiary institution

c) Number of vacancies: 2

d) Salary: CONUASS 7 (N2, 936,121.00 – N3, 859,078.00) per annum

2.a) POSITION - READER**b) Qualification**

i. Ph.D
ii. Publications -
At least 10 journals published in reputable scientific referred journals

Minimum of 5 conference/seminar papers/conference proceedings

iii. Cognate experience in Postgraduate teaching supervision

iv. Community service /admin duties

v. Good academic leadership

vi. At least 5 years post Ph.D teaching & Research experience in a tertiary institution

c) Number of vacancies: 2

d) Salary: CONUASS 6 (N2, 456,047.07 – N3, 263,186.00) per annum

3. a) POSITION - SENIOR LECTURER**b) Qualification**

i. Ph.D
ii. Publications -
At least 6 journals published in reputable scientific referred journals

Minimum of 5 conference/seminar papers/conference proceedings

iii. Cognate experience in Postgraduate teaching

iv. At least 2 years post Ph.D teaching & Research experience in a tertiary institution

c) Number of vacancies: 5

d) Salary: CONUASS 5 (N2, 015,716.08 – N2, 888,864.06) per annum

4.a) POSITION - LECTURER I**b) Qualification**

i. Ph.D or at least 3 years post-M.Sc teaching & Research in Quantity Surveying
ii. Publications -
iii. At least 3 journals published in reputable scientific referred journals

Minimum of 3 conference/seminar papers/conference proceedings

iv. Cognate experience in Postgraduate teaching

c) Number of vacancies: 2

d) Salary: CONUASS 4 (N1, 356,194.00 – N1, 750,023.30) per annum

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2010 LAGOS POLO TOURNAMENT

Police Bombers, Caverton pick final tickets

By Ismaila Lere

AS the first phase of the ongoing MTN/Lagos International Polo Tournament came to a befitting climax yesterday, two Lagos teams, Police Bombers and Caverton have booked their final berth in the Dansa and the Lagos Cups respectively.

The two teams galloped off the tournament with a spark and won all their games to top their respective streams in the fiercely contested low-goal series. They are now building up for their first ever Lagos major title.

Caverton powered by Bode and Rotimi Makanjuola put up a championship performance, scoring a whopping 19 goals and conceding a paltry five to set the pace in the Lagos Low Cup.

The Makanjuola Boys who are playing their second Lagos international tournament will have their hands full as they clash with Costain West Africa who finished tops in Stream B.

The race for the Low Cup final billed for this weekend was concluded Sunday with Lagos Balmoral taking the hard fighting Ibadan Dream team whose last victory in the crowded Low Cup title was four years ago.

In the crowd pulling Dansa Cup, the Nigerian Police Bombers who returned to action after a decade in the cool, are having the fun of their lives, beating every opponents on their way to the final.

Backed by their teeming supporters and the big muscle of the Force Headquarters, the Bombers are firing on all cylinders scoring a record 24 goals in two games to smash their way to the driving seat of the Dansa Cup race.

The Bombers who are fondly called the Onovo Boys will take on another highly ambitious side, Port Harcourt Protea team who are still on high after winning the Rotimi Cup at the Ibadan annual polo tournament two months ago.

The Garden City warriors who are flying the flag of the oil rich Niger Delta in the Nigerian Polo Federation sanctioned event said it would take more than the Police Force to dissuade them from returning to the



HADI Sirika, patron of Lagos Rubicon, will be defending the Open Cup at the Lagos Polo Tournament.

Rivers State capital city with the Dansa title.

Protea captain Tony Iso-dje who scored vital goals in their semi final game against Ibadan Dream Team II believes that his team mate, Kabiru Ojo, Kojo Yusuf and Fingsi have all it takes to shot down the CSP Aliyu Abubakar-led

The two teams galloped off the tournament with a spark and won all their games

Onovo Boys in this weekend's final.

The second and final phase of the MTN/Lagos polo fiesta will commence next Thursday with teams

prize, the Majekodunmi Cup and the Lagos Open.

Three teams comprising two former champions and one newcomer have lined up for the high stake Majekodunmi Cup chase, while six team comprising four Lagos-based teams and two visiting teams from Kaduna, have been confirmed for the Open Cup.

The Majekodunmi Cup hopefuls are former champions, Fifth Chukkers and Lagos Ashbert/MRS, while Katsina Hajara Farms who are still hoping for their first Lagos high-goal title, would be making their second attempt at winning the prestigious diadem.

For the Open Cup, Lagos Tavi/Trojan, Lagos Shoreline, Lagos Kelly and Lagos Rubicon will battle to keep the trophy at the Ikoyi Club against two visiting sides, Kaduna Trappco Ranch and Kaduna YY.

The prestigious MTN/Lagos international fiesta would be rounded up on Sunday with the Oba of Lagos Cup final.



AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA
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INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacancies in the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

(1). INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL OFFICER

(a). Qualifications and Requirements

- Candidates must possess B.A. or B.Sc in Mass Communication, English or Journalism with a minimum of second class lower division.
- Possession of a higher degree will be an added advantage.
- Must be computer literate.
- Minimum of ten (10) years post qualification cognate experience in a similar capacity in a recognized institution or must be a senior journalist.

(b). Duties

- Plan and execute the Vice-Chancellor's official events.
- Plan and execute detailed programs for visitors to the University and accompany them during the visits.
- Accompany the Vice Chancellor on all official functions within the country.
- Make arrangements for and accompany delegations named by the Vice-Chancellor to represent him at ceremonies and functions.
- To arrange accommodation for University guests.
- To receive all University guests from the airport, etc and arrange accommodation.
- To serve as master of ceremony at University functions.

(c). Salary

Point of entry will depend on qualifications and cognate experience.

(2). PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY OFFICER

(a). Qualifications and Requirements

- B.A. or B.Sc in Mass Communication or Journalism with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division.
- Membership of Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) and Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ).
- Possession of higher degree will be an added advantage
- Must be computer literate with proficiency in MS Power Point, MS Word, MS Access, MS Excel.
- Minimum of (10) years post qualification cognate experience.
- He must be a prolific features and news writer (Evidence to be provided during interview).

(b). Duties

- Keep eye on public opinion about the University.
- Respond to enquires from the public and other organizations.
- To arrange interviews with journalists and other media organizations.
- Prepare visual aids and public address system for public presentation in the University.
- Oversee the production of visual (film or video) and audio electronic materials, at special occasions in the University.
- Accreditation of journalists at University.
- Coordinate arrangements for Inaugural Lectures, etc.

(c). Salary

Point of entry will depend on qualifications and cognate experience.

(3). STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION OFFICER

(a). Qualification and Requirement

- B.A. or B.Sc Mass Communication or Arts, Humanities or Social Sciences with a least a Second Class Lower Division.
- Membership of Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR)
- Possession of Higher Degree will be an added advantage.
- Must be computer literate with proficiency in MS Power Point, MS Word, MS Access, MS Excel.
- Minimum of ten (10) years post qualification cognate experience.
- Candidate must have documented scholarly publications.

(b). Duties

- Initiates and implements the communication strategies of the University
- Provide strategic guidance to coverage team on overall team program and communication strategies.
- Responsible for submitting materials to publishers of Telephone Directories, Association of Commonwealth Universities Yearbook.
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Rooney very doubtful for Milan clash – Ferguson

MANCHESTER United boss Alex Ferguson fears that Wayne Rooney could miss the Champions League second-leg match with AC Milan on Wednesday.

The striker was unavailable for United's 1-0 win over Wolves at Molineux after aggravating a knee injury playing for England in midweek.

"He's a doubt for Wednesday, which is a bigger problem for us," said Ferguson.

"It wasn't looking good when he got back on Thursday - his knee was swollen," added the United boss.

United coped without Rooney in the win at Molineux, with Paul Scholes scoring the solitary goal in a hard-fought win that took the Red Devils to the top of the Premier League table.

United are already without striker Michael Owen, who has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a hamstring injury.

The 24-year-old Rooney had been struggling with the knee problem before last weekend's Carling Cup final but still played in England's win over Egypt on Wednesday at Wembley, much to Ferguson's chagrin.

"I don't think he should have played on Wednesday," said Ferguson.

"It is his own enthusiasm that has caused it. His problem is that he can't say no."

"He told us on Sunday he was feeling his knee. Then all of a sudden people put an arm around his shoulder with England and he wants to play.

"[England boss] Fabio Capello has to pick his best team. A win was important so I don't blame him at all.

"I was more disappointed with Wayne. Why didn't he come off? I can't believe it."

Rooney was a substitute in United's 2-1 Carling Cup win over Aston Villa, but came on after Owen pulled up with the hamstring injury and scored the winning goal.

Rooney admitted to a knee problem after the match but still played 86 minutes in England's 3-1 victory over Egypt on a Wembley pitch which has drawn widespread criticism over the last week.

The turf was seen to cut up last Sunday leading to Ferguson partly blaming it for Owen's hamstring injury.

Rooney has been a key figure for United this season, scoring 27 goals this season, including two in United's 3-2 first-leg win in Italy, while he leads the Premier League scoring charts with 23 goals.

"It is hard to quell the enthusiasm of people like Wayne," Ferguson added.

"He is restless. He can't sit down. He is always on the move. Even in hotels he is moving from one table to another. If we are away in Europe he is walking about all the time.

"You don't want to take away from him but age does some good things for you.

"Eventually you see you can't be doing this running about all the time. You have to take a rest sometimes."



FERGUSON fears that Wayne Rooney, pictured above, could miss the Champions League second leg match against AC Milan on Wednesday.

Carew hat-trick seals Villa fightback against Reading

MARTIN O'Neill tends to choose his words carefully but it is highly unlikely the Aston Villa manager was too measured when he delivered his half-time team talk. Villa were staring FA Cup elimination in the face after a listless performance during which Shane Long scored twice for Reading, but a breathless spell that yielded three goals in 10 minutes took the Premier League side into the semi-final.

John Carew, who would almost certainly have started on the substitutes' bench but for Gabriel Agbonlahor going down with a stomach upset on the eve of the match, emerged as Villa's hero. The Norwegian played a part in Ashley Young's goal, which restored hope for Villa, and then promptly helped himself to a hat-trick to vanquish a brave Reading side. After waiting 10 years to get to Wembley, Villa can now look forward to what will be their second visit to the national stadium in the space of six weeks.

Reading were in dreamland but within 12 minutes of the restart the home supporters had been silenced as the match turned on its head. Ashley Young rammed in the first, two minutes into the second half, and the equaliser quickly followed, when Carew headed in Stewart Downing's inviting cross. Reading were reeling and Carew took full advantage, adroitly turning home Warnock's centre with the outside of his boot to put Villa ahead.

Villa were rampant and the game should have been beyond Reading when Emile Heskey ran clear only for Adam Federici to save at his feet. Reading, to their credit, never conceded defeat and Ivar Ingimarsson saw his header cleared off the line by Ashley Young in the 74th minute before Carew delivered the final blow. Tripped by Ingimarsson, the forward picked himself up before hammering his penalty kick into the roof of the net to take Villa into the last four and give O'Neill his first win in March since he took over at the club in 2006.

Fabregas could miss Porto match

ARSENAL'S Cesc Fabregas may miss Tuesday's Champions League tie against Porto after suffering a hamstring injury in Saturday's win over Burnley.

The Gunners skipper scored the opener in the 3-1 victory but was forced off soon after and will undergo tests on Sunday to determine the damage done.

Manager Arsene Wenger said: "How big the damage is we don't know yet. We'll see tomorrow and Monday.

"We will have to make a late decision if he plays on Tuesday, certainly."

Fabregas was sidelined for three weeks after aggravating the same hamstring in December against Aston Villa - a game in which he produced a 27-minute cameo appearance as a substitute and scored twice before limping off.

Losing Fabregas again would be a massive blow to Arsenal, who need to turn around a 2-1

deficit when they host Porto in the second leg of their last-16 tie.

And a lengthy absence would also seriously damage their hopes of winning the Premier League title - hopes they kept alive as they took all three points against Burnley to keep up the pressure on Chelsea and Manchester United.

While Arsenal coped without the 22-year-old Spaniard as they overcame strugglers Burnley, they should also have given their goal difference a healthy boost.

Wenger admitted: "We had plenty of chances and sometimes we missed some easy chances.

"It could have been four, five or six but as well Burnley had a chance to make it 2-2 after a corner."

"In the end you are happy when you miss the chances we missed today, but you get the three points."



Utaka eyes English FA Cup again

WITH victory over Birmingham City signed, sealed and delivered, John Chukwudi Utaka is again looking up to the big prize and says Portsmouth are good enough to win the English FA Cup once again.

After winning the Cup in 2008 against Cardiff City, Utaka is

thinking big again, as the former RC Lens of France star reflected on Saturday's win against Birmingham and declared that Pompey are back to familiar terrain, while also disclosing that all the players are determined to grab an encore.

Back in the 2008 final at Wem-

bley, Utaka set up the winner for compatriot, Nwankwo Kanu in Pompey's FA Cup triumph and says he again has his sights set on more glory this season.

Utaka's hopes will not be cowed by a lot of murky water that has passed under the bridge since that famous win over Car-

diff. With Portsmouth now in administration and facing almost certain relegation from the Premier League after a sustained period of financial mismanagement at the club, the task appears Herculean, but Utaka is not giving up.



GUEST COLUMNIST

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Nigeria: Practice makes imperfect

As they say, this country has come a long way. That's an observation that many people in the country often make; but they never go on to ask themselves: 'A long way from where?' That is the question. And had they asked it, they would have been surprised by the answer; because it would probably have been: 'nowhere.' Perhaps it was a long way from somewhere definite, only that we don't know where exactly. But we knew that a collection of warring tribes became a colony, then a federation, then a parliamentary democracy, then a military government, then a presidential democracy and now a neo-patrimonial prebendary, in which the citizenry are frantic cake-sharers not nation-builders.

And once again, Nigeria has come to an impasse—an impossible pass?—at a self-inflicted crossroads. It is always coming back to the same point of which the late Dr. Suleimanu Kumo used to ask, "Mu gudu, ko mu tsaya?" In literal translation, and for the adrenal glands, this is a cross between a 'sight or slight' response and a 'sit-tight or flight' response. In other words, do we tarry awhile or do we run for dear life? Is it that bad? Irrespective of what we finally do, there is no denying that Nigeria has turned into an ill-fated nation of tough-minded pessimists, a pessimist being someone who feels bad when he feels good for fear that he will feel worse even when he feels better.

Since the president fell ill and legal government business ground to a halt, there have been attempts to do one of many things: get a letter from the president, get the Federal Executive Council to commence a medical probe, commence the act necessary to impeach him. If they got the two-thirds majority needed to impeach him, or if they failed to do so, both actions would be constitutional, and whatever the case, no feathers needed to be ruffled. But in Nigeria feathers must always be ruffled in order to keep the juices pumped.

And in a bid to get at power there is no limit to what the Nigerian can do. And in a bid not to let go of it, the limit may even be stretched beyond belief. A sick president was made to undertake a trans-Saharan flight back home in great secrecy, but all it could get him was only a few days' respite. And, immediately, at the first taste of power, fears were confirmed.

Under normal circumstances, unlike poles always attract, but in Nigeria the North and South repel! In physics as in politics, action and reaction are equal and opposite; and like that third law of motion, government policy and revenge—the counter policy—are equal and opposite; and in sectional arithmetic, erosion must cancel dredging, because sections of the country are still in stiff competition among themselves, not to advance the nation forward but to bring each other down. Primordial—not yet nationalistic—sentiments rule here okay. Couldn't they do their politicking and their newspapering without the cabalization of an entire section of the country? They could but wouldn't. And a deputy could not act for the substantive without raising the nation's temperature, and with it the spectre of a coup d'état.

It appears that despite our pious hopes, we are still basically where we were when it all started to come apart. And today, we have a government that has three arms—and how awkward three arms must look like on a body—even the body politic. Democracy is yet to come of age here, but it has already come of dotage. The Executive has become the Executioner—the more it calls what brought it into office an election, the more it resembles a selection. The Legislature has become the Lawmurker—the more it makes laws, the more we become lawless. The Judiciary has become a hung jury—the more we invoke the principle of the rule of law, the more it becomes like the rule of lawyers. In Nigeria, practice only makes imperfect.

Perfect or imperfect, President 'Yar Adua has the rare chance of seeing how transient the ways of the world can be. Just yesterday, he was master of all he surveyed, but today what he surveys is severely limited. The most sycophantic ministers are now his bitterest foes, not because they so much believe in what they are made to say, but because it will serve them well with the new master. In calling for the head of 'Yar Adua, some members of the Federal Executive Council, especially those with integrity and competence created by media hype, are behaving true to type, just like Lincoln's patriotic hypocrite, defined as someone who murders both his parents

and when it comes judgment time, he pleads for leniency and mercy on the grounds that he is now an orphan. Not all that surprising, considering that patriotism has always been the refuge of scoundrels.

Unable to cope with a situation that is of his own and the president's men's making, Acting President Goodluck turned looking for help and formed an advisory council. General TY Danjuma, the chairman of the council, needs no introduction; his deputy, Chief Ben Nwabueze, is the nation's foremost constitutional law professor; Alhaji MD Yusuf, the nation's most successful spy; Alhaji Magaji Dambatta, a founder of NEPU and veteran of all the veterans of journalism; Fola Adeola, perhaps the nation's best banker, at least the most noiseless and the most successful within the ambit of the nation's laws; Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the more agreeable face of diplomacy and decency in Nigeria; Professor Bart Nnaji, the scientific villager and one of the nation's top brains; Alhaji Ismaila Isa, newspaper publisher, industrialist and philanthropist; Professor Buba Bajoga, the electrical engineering whiz kid at the head of NITEL's astonishing, complete, though short-lived, makeover; and the remaining 17 members are all achievers in their own right.

They have responsibility to give alternative input into policy formulation, evaluate the effectiveness of existing policy and improve the credibility and performance of government. Certainly, the council is up to the task; but a lot will depend on the real powers, not terms of reference, given to them, and the seriousness and attention with which the acting president attends to their work.

And, unfortunately, some people close to him have been heard saying that the council was set up just to buy the acting president time, exploit the prestige of the members of the council in order to stave off a military coup to consolidate his hold over the government. It is, indeed, unfortunate if someone thinks he can get these eminent persons to warm seats for him, rubberstamp business as usual and give their blessings to a sectionalist or parochial agenda.

Now that the People's Democratic Party, PDP, has announced that its presidential ticket remains for the North, we now have an incumbent who is not personally an interested party in an election that he will superintend; and Goodluck has the chance of organizing a free, fair, credible and acceptable elections. This should be on his agenda. But before then, here is a pre-agenda which the nation will expect him to act on without delay.

One, he should sever all ties with former President Olusegun Obasanjo; otherwise it will almost certainly prove his undoing. Two, he should terminate the seven point-less agenda. Three, he should begin to be serious and very honest about democratization; and start this by sacking the entire electoral machinery set up by Professor Maurice Iwu. Democratization should be there along education, agriculture, transportation and industrialization. Four, we need to change the character, direction and focus of government in order to avoid the reappearance and evil effects of one-man democracy over this nation ever again. Five, we need to adopt national development planning, without which no economic transformation of this country will be possible. Six, Goodluck should undertake an honest and thorough public sector reform that will once again entrench accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

Otherwise, the next one year will soon come to pass. Unless, he does this, he will end up without legacy and without office. Being Nigeria's head of state is like being on a luxury ocean liner out at sea—it feels so nice; there is the lure of profit, but there the risk of getting drowned. If Jonathan wishes to leave a good name for posterity to praise, he has the opportunity now; but if, like all the others, he has no goal beyond enriching others and getting rich himself, no opportunity can be more splendid for getting rich and quickly getting drowned.

(Editor's note: This article was originally meant for last Friday. Mahmud Jega will return next week.)

SPORTS REPORT



JAMIE Carragher

I would leave Liverpool, says Carragher

Carragher says he will have no difficulty leaving Liverpool if the club where he has spent his whole career chooses not to extend his contract, which expires at the end of next season.

"The club will give me a new contract if they want to," he told the Sunday Times. "If not, it doesn't matter, I'll still play my best and if I have to move then I'll move,

no problem. It wouldn't bother me."

The 32-year-old defender would like to stay at Anfield but said his decision to retire from England duty, in 2007 showed he was not afraid of bold decisions.

"I made the England decision quickly and didn't dwell on it and I'm not scared of making big decisions. It's a club thing. It's down to them. I'll keep playing and see where it takes me."



CHELSEA'S Frank Lampard

Chelsea stroll to Wembley

Two deflected strikes helped Chelsea as they cruised past Stoke City and into the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

Stoke put Chelsea keeper Henrique Hilario under pressure early on with their trademark long-throws but were unable to break down the Blues' defence.

Early fire from Stoke was extinguished by Frank Lampard whose fierce drive took the slightest of deflections as it flew past Thomas Sorenson.

It was Lampard who supplied the delivery for John Terry to head home in the second half and dispell any lingering threat of a Stoke fightback.

Chelsea had an early shout for a penalty waved away by the referee. Didier Drogba stooped under Paulo Ferreira's cross and the ball appeared to hit Stoke defender Glenn Whelan on his left hand, but the referee was unmoved by the protests.