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## FG to slash 2010 budget

By Idris Ahmed

WITH five out of the financial year's 12 months already gone, the federal government said yesterday that it is reviewing the N4.6 trillion 2010 Federal budget downwards because it is "unrealistic".

Minister of State for Finance Remi Babalola told newsmen after the reconvened Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) in Abuja that the review would take into consideration the revenue profile of the nation.

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He said, "Now, we are going on with negotiations and further discussions on how to review the budget in such a way that we have a more realistic revenue profile."

In November last year, President Umaru Musa Yar'adua had submitted a N4.1 trillion appropriations bill for 2010 to the National Assembly based on an oil price benchmark of \$62 per barrel. Oil price benchmark to the National Assembly in November 2009. The lawmakers later jacked it up to N4.6 trillion based on a \$67 per barrel oil price benchmark.

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## PSC bows to Jonathan:

# Ribadu gets back AIG rank

By Misbahu Bashir

THE Police Service Commission (PSC) partially caved in to pressure from the Presidency yesterday and annulled its earlier decision of demoting former Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes

Commission (EFCC) Malam Nuhu Ribadu from the rank of Assistant Inspector General to Deputy Commissioner and also dismissed him from the force. PSC has now restored his rank of AIG and converted his dismissal to retirement. The commission however turned down pressure from the Presi-

dency to re-enlist Ribadu into the Nigeria Police.

The Commission had in August 2008 demoted Ribadu from the rank of AIG to Deputy Commissioner in what the authorities then said was aimed at correcting irregular and unconstitu-

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GOVERNOR Muazu Babangida Aliyu of Niger State (middle) cuts the tape to launch the N4.2bn heavy duty equipment for local government councils in Minna yesterday. With him are the Etsu Nupe, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar (second right), minister of works, Senator Sanusi Daggash (right) and the deputy Governor, Alhaji Ahmed Ibeto (left).

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# 'Why Nigeriens flock to Nigeria'

From Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

SEARCH for greener pasture may be responsible for the increase in the influx of people from neighboring Niger Republic to Nigeria through Katsina borders, an investigation by our correspondent has

shown.

A visit to the border areas yesterday revealed that the recent closure of the Nigeria-Niger border to smugglers by the Nigerian government has also resulted in a sharp increase in the number of people moving into Nigeria for food and

livelihood within the last two months.

Nigerien nationals routinely flock the borders through village routes scattered within the porous borders.

Mostly women immigrants rely heavily on begging and menial jobs in well-to-do homes

while their male counterparts usually engage in water vending, loading and other petty trading.

Mallam Isiyaka Danlami, a native of Matamaye in Niger Republic told this reporter that most people in their area move to Nigeria because they have no

food and lack jobs.

Sani Rabi, a loader in Kofar Guga station told this reporter that most of their people moved to Katsina, Kano, Kaduna, Port Harcourt, Lagos and Abuja among other cities of Nigeria because they believed that Nigeria has more opportunities.

PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE



KATSINA State Commissioner for Finance, Alhaji Adamu Babangida Ibrahim (left), Kaduna State Commissioner for Finance Alhaji Ramalan Yero and Zamfara State Commissioner for Finance Alhaji Hassan Shinkafi at the Federation Account Allocation Committee Meeting in Abuja, yesterday.

## Dangote denies Arsenal stake report

NIGERIA'S richest man, billionaire Aliko Dangote, yesterday denied media reports that he was considering buying a 16 percent stake in English Premier League soccer club Arsenal.

Britain's Sunday Times newspaper and other media reported that Dangote had registered his interest in buying a stake being sold by Nina Bracewell-Smith, the club's fourth biggest investor.

"I am a longstanding supporter of Arsenal Football Club and have been involved in conversations around investment in the past," Dangote said in a statement.

"However, I can say categorically at this time that I have no intention of investing in the club and will not be acquiring a stake. I wish Arsenal Football Club the best for the future and will continue to follow the team as a fan." Bracewell-Smith has appointed U.S. private equity firm Blackstone Group (BX.N) to find a buyer. A person familiar with the matter told Reuters earlier this month that 8-12 parties were taking a detailed look at the club. Reuters.

## Jonathan visits Zamfara today

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan will today commission the multi-million naira mineral processing industry in Gusau as part of his one-day official visit to Zamfara.

The Commissioner for Information Alhaji Aliyu Adamu announced this while briefing newsmen yesterday in Gusau. The visit was earlier scheduled for

June 1, but was brought forward to ensure the president's physical presence for the event.

The mineral processing factory was initiated in 2009 by Gov. Mahmuda Shinkafi in an effort to provide alternative revenue base and employment opportunities. The project, which was executed under a 60-40 per cent funding

ratio between Zamfara Government and its Chinese partners, was expected to create more than 4,000 jobs.

It is also expected to smelt and roll iron as well as process other minerals like gold, zinc and other deposits.

Meanwhile, Gusau is wearing a new look preparatory to the

president's visit. The capital has been decorated while potholes on major roads which hitherto constituted menace have been sand filled.

The president, who is expected to leave for Abuja later in the day, will also inspect some ongoing projects embarked upon by the state government. (NAN)

## Ghanaian High Commission moves against shooting of citizen

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

THE Ghana High Commission in Nigeria has reacted to the shooting of a Ghanaian in Abeokuta with a vow to ensure justice.

A Ghanaian, Jubril Rasheed, was shot by Police Constable Gbenga Fashola over an alleged plan to evade arrest two weeks ago. Jubril, who survived, had

gone through successful operation at the General Hospital, Ijaiye, Abeokuta, where he is still recuperating.

The President of the Abeokuta chapter of the National Association of Ghanaian Communities in Nigeria (NAGACON) Asamoah Koduah told reporters yesterday that the Ghana High Commissioner to Nigeria had contacted

him to send details of what led to the incident to enable him (Commissioner) act.

Meanwhile, after an alleged attempt by the Police command to cover up the act, the command's Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, has disclosed that Fashola who shot the victim had been arrested and detained for questioning. According to

him, no one will attempt to cover anything on the matter.

"It is unfortunate that this happened at a time when the IG (Inspector-General of Police) is working hard to carve a new image for the police", he said, assuring that if it is proved that the constable shot at a time he was not supposed to shoot, he would be given the necessary punishment.

## Meningitis kills 5 in Kaduna

FIVE persons died in April due to an outbreak of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis (CSM) in two local government areas of Kaduna State.

The state's Acting Commissioner for Health, Malam Mohammed Sani-Sidi, told newsmen in Kaduna yesterday that three persons died in Ikara council while another two died in Kubau council. Sani-Sidi, who said the victims were below

40 years, said they included four males and one female. The state had earlier lost 12 persons between January and March.

He however said no death was recorded in May as the state government had contained the spread of the disease.

The commissioner attributed the success to the unprecedented support of the people, especially traditional rulers, religious leaders, development

partners and NGOs. He said public enlightenment campaigns through traditional institutions, faith-based and civil society groups as well as media, would be intensified.

Sani-Sidi said the state's rapid response team had earlier treated more than 2,100 cases in 15 local government areas. He said the cases were recorded in Kaduna North, Giwa, Igabi, Kudan, Birnin Gwari, Kagarko,

Kubau, Kauru, Ikara, Jema'a, Lere, Makarfi, Sanga, Kajuru and Chikun council areas. The commissioner also said 130,000 doses of vaccines donated by the Federal Government and other donor agencies were being used to contain the situation.

The commissioner appealed to residents to report any suspicious outbreak to the nearest health facility to halt the epidemic. (NAN)

## Workers escape as building collapses

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

ABOUT 40 workers escaped death Sunday as a six-storey building under construction collapsed in Abeokuta.

The building situated along Adigbe road, Adigbe area of the town, near the police station was said to have collapsed about 10 minutes after the owner came to inspect the level of work.

Some people who spoke to our correspondent confirmed that the building suddenly caved in shortly after the rains stopped.

Reacting to the incident, Special Adviser on Urban and Physical Planning, to the Ogun State Government, Arch Kayode Adebayo said the building was being constructed outside the approved level which contravenes the law.

# EFCC quizzes PDP deputy chair over Siemens scandal

By Boco Edet

DEPUTY National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and former Minister of Communication Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed visited the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) yesterday to explain his alleged role in the 17.5million Euros Siemens bribery scandal.

Mohammed arrived at the EFCC office five hours behind schedule after consulting with top members of the ruling party and paying a visit to the Aso Villa, it was learnt.

Mohammed was quizzed by operatives around 3.30pm but was later released on self-recognition, Daily Trust learnt yesterday.

Although his invitation was for 10am, a senior official in the commission said Mohammed sent his lawyer earlier to explain that he would be late for the appointment.

According to a source, "He (Mohammed) has admitted to receiving gratification but claimed the party (PDP) was a major beneficiary. His meeting with PDP members and visit to Aso Villa was to ask for their support and beg for soft landing." Another former minister of communication Maj. Gen. Olanrewaju is expected to appear before the EFCC today from Lagos while Chief Adebayo has sought the permission of EFCC to attend to his health in Canada.

All three including late Haruna Elewi were Ministers of Communication under different regimes alleged to have received slush sums to facilitate telecom contracts between 1997 to 2007. Olanrewaju served in the regime of late General Sani Abacha, others were part of the regime of President Olusegun Obasanjo between 1999 and 2007.

EFCC's spokesman Femi Babafemi confirmed that more than fifteen top public officials would be interrogated before Friday as invitations have been sent to them

to explain what roles they played in the scam for which the German company was fined \$248m. A source told Daily Trust that another former minister Sen. Jibril Aminu, former managing directors of the Nigerian Telecommunications Company (NITEL) and Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), among others, are also expected to appear before the EFCC for questioning.

The source said all suspects indicted at the end of the investigation would be prosecuted. Babafemi said the investigation is "a process that has just begun. I am aware that one of them came today and another is likely to come tomorrow (Tuesday)."

EFCC Chairman Farida Waziri last week Wednesday told journalists in her office that the Commission would request for the Certified True Copy (CTC) of a Munich court judgment which found two former Siemens managers guilty of bribery to win contracts in Russia and Nigeria.



From left: Deputy Director, CBN and other Financial Institutions Supervision, Mr. Kolawole Durojaye, former Minister of Finance, Mrs. Nenadi Usman, Deputy Director, CBN Development Finance Department, Mr. Patrick Esenwah, at the training-workshop on Microfinance certification programme in Kaduna, yesterday.

PIC: NAN

## Jonathan can run in 2011, NLC says

By Francis Okeke & Abbas Jimoh

**PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan has the right to run for the presidency in 2011 just like every other Nigerian but he must conduct credible elections, the Nigeria Labour Congress has said.**

NLC President Comrade Abdulwahed Omar said yesterday in Abuja during a parley to "Celebrate the Success of Nigeria Working Peoples' Push for Removal of Maurice Iwu as INEC Chair" that there is nothing in Nigerian Constitution and the NLC laws that say Jonathan cannot run for the presidency.

The parley was jointly organized by the Alliance for Credible Elections (ACE) and the NLC with the coordinating committee on electoral reform of the civil society organisations (CSOs).

Comrade Omar said that Jonathan contesting or not is not the issue, but that he must ensure that the electoral process is credible and that the Uwais recommendations must be fully implemented.

"Though Congress may not wish to also dictate to Mr President the direction he should take in terms of his personal political ambition, we would state unequivocally that it would be in his greater personal interest and integrity to prioritise the conduct of a free, fair, just and credible election," Omar said.

But General Secretary of the ACE Emma Ezeazu said President Jonathan should not contest, advising Jonathan to concentrate on fixing the many problems facing the country especially the electoral reform and electricity generation.

## FG condemns killing of Nigerian by Polish police

By Aisha Umar Agaie

THE federal government has condemned the killing of an unnamed Nigerian by the police during an open-air market raid in Warsaw, Poland, on Sunday. In a statement issued by the spokesman of the foreign affairs ministry, Ozo Nwobu, other Nigerians were also arrested by Polish authorities in the aftermath of the killing for undisclosed reasons.

Nwobu said there can be no justification for what he termed "wanton killing" of the Nigerian, adding that "The killing without established culpability demonstrates the highhandedness on the part of the Polish police." While calling for an immediate investigation into the police raid in which the Nigerian was shot dead, the federal government also asked the Polish authorities to probe the reported cases of harassment of Nigerian citizens in Poland. He said the Permanent Secretary of the ministry Amb Mar-

tin Uhomoibi met with Charge d'affaires of Poland yesterday and formally protested the shooting to death of the Nigerian, adding that the Nigerian ambassador in Poland has been instructed to make a formal demarche to the Polish foreign ministry. While conveying the condolence of the Polish government to Nigeria, the Polish Charge d'affaires said the incident was not preplanned or premeditated but a one-off incident that did not reflect the Polish government policy or attitude towards Nigerians living in Poland. She promised that the details and outcomes of the investigation into the matter will be communicated to Nigerian government.

Meanwhile, the Polish national police spokesman Mariusz Sokolowski told the Associated Press that "This man could have been saved and police officers started to resuscitate him, but they were repeatedly attacked with stones by a group of foreigners and were forced to defend themselves, and had to stop the resuscitation."

## Crash-landed trainer jet flies on feeder road

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

ENGINEERS from the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology, Zaria (NCTA) have fixed its trainer aircraft that crash-landed in Kano last Sunday. The plane flew back to its Zaria base soon after the repairs yesterday.

The Cessna Model T9B jet belonging to NCAT made a forced landing on a farmland at Katoge village near Kano. Occupants of the aircraft, however, escaped unhurt and the plane did not suffer much damage.

Our source in whose presence the aircraft took off from the village after the repairs said the plane was first pulled from the large muddy farmland in which it plunged with ropes and was taken to a nearby feeder road just right in front of Science Secondary School Dawakin Tofa.

The plane was then pushed forward like a broken down car and few minutes after the plane's engine just picked up and it began to taxi slowly on the feeder road, he said.

The plane, according to the eyewitness, only covered a short distance on the road before it took to the air.

He said security operatives had to chase away onlookers who trooped to the scene from various places to catch a glimpse of light aircraft in order to pave way for the its take off.

Corporate affairs manager for Kano airport Alhaji Ibrahim Shawai confirmed the repairs of the aircraft and its eventual take off from the village. He said the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) officials and other sister agencies had helped greatly in facilitating the aircraft's take off.

Shawai said engineers from NCAT Zaria fixed the problems and certified its fitness before taking off. When asked to comment on what led to the crash-landing, Shawai said he was not competent to speak on this aspect as it was under the responsibility of Nigeria Air Space Management Agency (NAMA).

# Abuja Airport runway: Bunu's c'ttee saves FG N13bn

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE Ibrahim Bunu-led Presidential Projects Assessment Committee (PPAC) said it has saved the Federal Government N13bn following a downward review of contract sum for the construction of a second runway at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja.

The contract earlier awarded at N63.8bn was reviewed to N49.6bn.

This was contained in the interim report of the 17-man committee presented to President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

The Federal Government awarded contract for the single four-kilometre runway to Julius Berger in March but since then, the contract

has been shrouded in controversy over alleged inflation of the cost and breaching of due processes.

Addressing newsmen shortly after presenting the report, Bunu said the committee decided to cut-down the contract sum after reviewing the entire design and scope of the contract and was mindful of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standard.

"The contract sum which was N63.8billion has been reduced to N49.6billion, with a saving of N13.5billion on the contract sum. This is what we have come to Present to the President," he said.

He noted that the assessment would not affect the requirement of the airport noting that it only reduced the length of the runway from 4.5km to 4.2km long.

Meanwhile, the Senior Special Adviser to the President on Media and Publicity Ima Niboro told newsmen yesterday that Jonathan has extended the three-month tenure of the committee to May 29, 2011.

"The reason for this is obvious, the projects are much and already they have looked at 7,000 projects and there are more," he said

## Court dismisses suit challenging Jonathan as acting president

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

A Federal High Court in Abuja has dismissed a suit challenging President Goodluck Jonathan as acting president because 'it has been overtaken by events.'

Justice Gabriel Kolawole held that the issue of Vice President as the Acting President has been overtaken by the death of the late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

Section 6 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFRN) gives the court power not to entertain any matter that it does not have jurisdiction. He said hearing the preliminary objection would amount to contravening Section 6 of the 1999 constitution.

Daily Trust reports that similar applications before the Federal High Court in Abuja may suffer the same fate. Nkemjika Nkemjika, a social critic and public commentator, had approached the court seeking for a declaration that the National Assembly, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the National Assembly acted beyond the powers (ultra vires) conferred on them by the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFRN) in declaring Jonathan Acting President and Commander-in-Chief.

## Democracy Day: FG declares Monday public holiday

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE Federal Government has declared Monday, May 31, as public holiday to commemorate this year's Democracy Day, which comes up on Saturday, May 29.

Minister of Interior Capt. Emmanuel Ihenacho said that government has declared that owing to the recent passage of President Umaru Musa Yar'adua, the tenor of the celebration this year is expected to be low-keyed. To this effect, special prayers will be offered at both the National Mosque and the National Christian Centre for the repose of late President Yar'adua's soul and divine guidance for President Goodluck Jonathan.



CROSS section of kidnap suspects paraded by Enugu State Police Command in Enugu, yesterday.

## PDP chair: Jonathan, Ekweremadu disagree over Nwodo, Osichukwu

By Muideen Olaniyi

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan and Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu have disagreed on who should be Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) National Chairman between Dr. Okwesilieze Nwodo and Fidelis Ozichukwu.

A meeting of the PDP Board of Trustees (BOT) to be presided over by former President Olusegun Obasanjo last night on the issue at the Presidential Villa was believed to have been postponed because of the disagreement.

A three-paragraph statement by PDP National Secretary Alhaji Abubakar Kawu Baraje, however, did not give any reason for the postponement of the BOT meeting. Both

Obasanjo and Baraje were reportedly at the villa yesterday.

President Jonathan is believed to have settled for Nwodo who is a former PDP National Secretary, while Ekweremadu who is the leader of the South East PDP Caucus preferred Ozichukwu who is the longest serving PDP National Vice Chairman (Southeast).

Daily Trust gathered yesterday that Jonathan had asked the three PDP governors from the Southeast to ensure Nwodo emerges, an idea which Ekweremadu is not supporting because of Ozichukwu.

The PDP governors are believed to be in support of Nwodo. The Senators are backing Senator Anyim Pius Anyim while Mao

Ohuabunwa is riding on the back of members of the Federal House of Representatives.

Nwodo is said to be facing corruption charges over the national ID card scam at an Abuja High Court alongside two others, Alhaji Hussaini Akwanga and Ms Turie Akerele but his associates said that he had been discharged in a report circulated to media men.

Several names, including Bernard Eze, Ezekiel Izuogu and Polycarp Nwite among others are also being touted as the possible candidate.

Former Vice President Alex Ekwueme and Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu have been making efforts to get a sellable candidate from the Southeast geo-political zone.

## Bi-Courtney demands N11.3bn debts from FAAN

By Muideen Olaniyi & Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

BI-COURTNEY Limited yesterday demanded N11.3 billion from the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) for services it rendered to the company and from the revenues generated into their coffers on their behalf.

In a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aviation Senator Anyim Ude, Bi-

Courtney said it is not indebted to FAAN at all.

The letter titled 'Re: Bi-Courtney Limited: Alleged Indebtedness to FAAN' and signed by Mohammed Ciroma on behalf of the company said Bi-Courtney Limited had earlier notified FAAN through a letter on January 4, 2010 that it was indebted to them to the tune N11.3bn.

Bi-Courtney Limited said the debts had been confirmed by a

Court of competent jurisdiction, adding that it had not received any response to its claim from FAAN.

Speaking yesterday, Kabir Akanbi, counsel to Bi-Courtney Limited expressed concern over the adverse publicity the alleged indebtedness to FAAN has generated, saying it was detrimental to his client's business reputation as a responsible corporate organisation.

In her reaction, the Managing Director of BASL Mrs. Idunu

Onobolu confirmed that FAAN is owing their company a total of N11 billion naira while speaking with aviation correspondents.

Senate Committee on Aviation had last week threatened to make public major concessionaires owing FAAN a whopping N10 billion during a budget defence session attended by the management of FAAN led by the Managing Director, Richard Aisuebeogun.

## Ban Ki-Moon to visit Nigeria next month

UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon said he would visit Nigeria in June from South Africa after attending the opening ceremony of the 2010 World Cup.

Speaking at his monthly news conference in New York, Ban said he had a busy travelling schedule to the continent in the coming weeks with scheduled visits to Malawi, Uganda, South Africa, Burundi, Cameroon, Nigeria and other West African countries.

The UN correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Ban had hinted at a possible visit to Nigeria during his meeting with President Goodluck Jonathan in Washington D.C. in April during President Barack Obama's Nuclear Security Summit.

Ban, who did not disclose the agenda of his visit, told UN correspondents that he would visit some UN agencies and establishments in the country. (NAN)

## FG to slash 2010 budget

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Lamido Sanusi and Managing Director of the World Bank Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala both said recently that the 2010 budget was not realistic. The dwindling revenue profile of government and the volatility in the international price of oil were considered problems for the implementation of the 2010 budget. Asked which areas of the budget would be amended, Babalola said "basically the revenue profile, the benchmark price and volume."

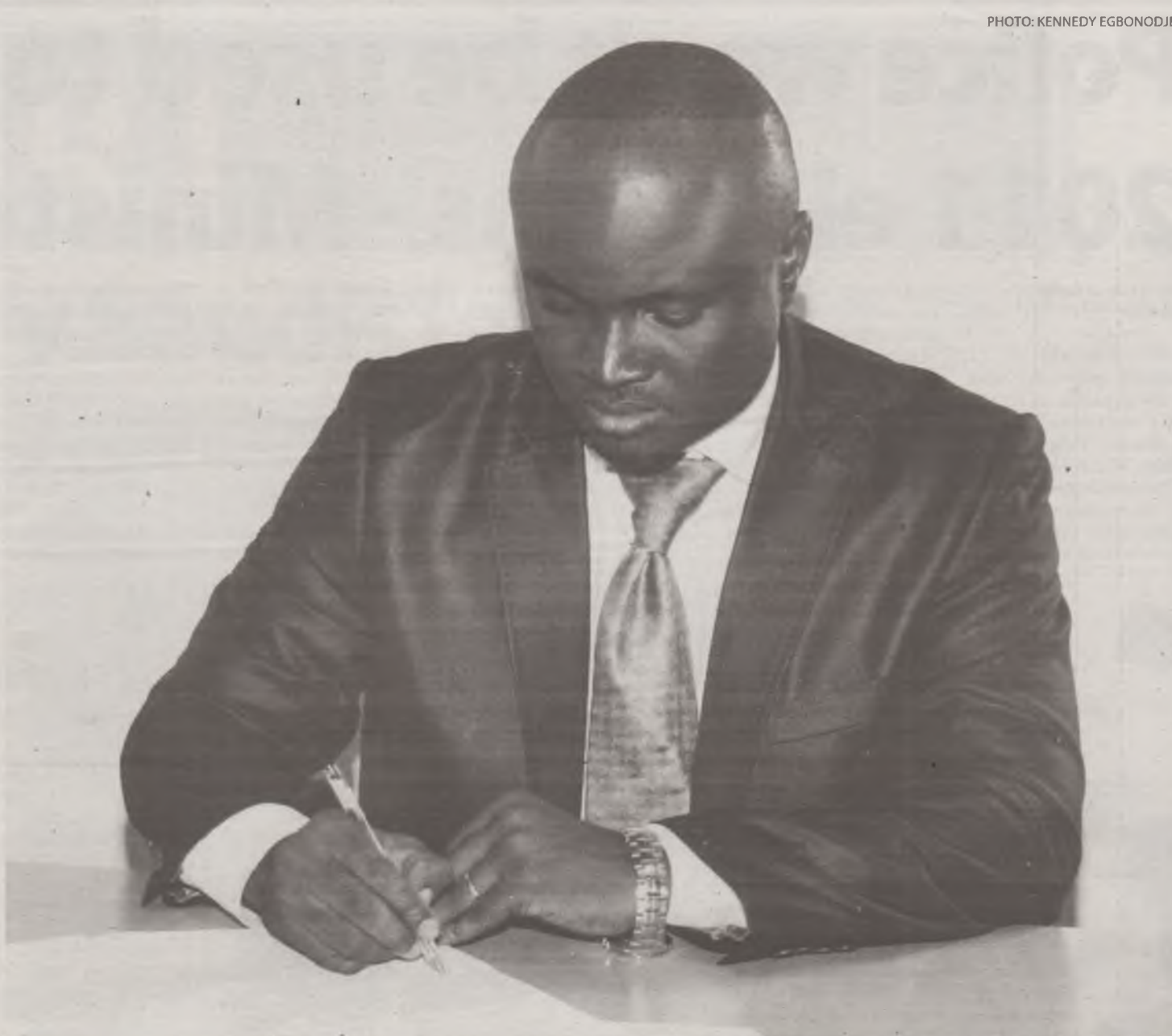
FAAC meeting was suspended on May 14 because state governments rejected their April allocation due to non-inclusion of their three months' arrears of over N700 billion.

Instead of about N1.2 trillion (inclusive of April allocation initially put at N493 billion and the three months arrears of N700 billion) the states were expecting, they got only N749.883 billion yesterday. The amount would be shared by the federal, state and local governments.

The total amount that was distributed comprising the April allocation alongside the three months arrears is N749.88 billion. N410 billion was for the April allocation while N339.6 billion was for the arrears from January till March. States however said they were satisfied with what they got.

Taraba State Commissioner of Finance Usman Rebo, who is also the chairman of Commissioners of Finance Forum, spoke for the commissioners. Babalola said the allocation was made based on "doctrine of economic pragmatism."

"It is based on the actual using the benchmark price. We are still using the benchmark price of N57 per barrel, but we actually used the actual that we have seen in the first quarter", he said.



EDITOR-IN-CHIEF/CEO Africa Leadership Magazine, Mr. Ken Giambi, during his visit to Media Trust Corporate Head Office, Abuja, yesterday.

## Vice President Sambo appoints aides

By Mohammed S. Shehu

VICE President Mohammed Namadi Sambo has appointed aides to help in the administration of his office.

The aides are: Engr. Ali

Kachalla Abubakar, Deputy Chief of Staff; Hon. Husaini Mohammed Jallo, Special Adviser (Political); Zakari Aliyu, Special Assistant (Administration), Umaru Sani, Senior Special Assistant on

Media and Publicity and Engr. O. S. Egberongbe, Senior Special Assistant (Power).

Others are Mohammed Sani Zoro, Senior Special Assistant (Mobilisation); Dr. Bala Jibrin Adamu, Senior Special Assis-

ant (ICT) and Engr. John Pion, Senior Special Assistant II (Project Monitoring and Evaluation).

This is Sambo's first appointments since he became Vice President on May 19.

## Ribadu gets back AIG rank

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tional promotions of 140 police officers. Ribadu was dismissed from the police force on December 22, 2008 for insubordination to the police authorities.

Sources at the Commission told our reporter that members of the Commission were "compelled" by the Presidency to review Ribadu's case. Earlier, Ribadu's lawyers had forwarded a letter of appeal to the Commission's Chairman, retired Police DIG Parry B. Osayande, asking the commission to soft pedal by re-enlisting him into the police force on the grounds that he was "young, active and capable of moving the police and the country forward."

The sources said members of the Commission disagreed with the appeal entirely and were at first determined to dismiss it, but

that they later "bowed to superior powers when the pressure was enormous."

Even then, the members at their meeting yesterday, which lasted from morning until afternoon, agreed not to re-enlist Ribadu into the police force but reinstate his former rank of AIG and reduce his dismissal to retirement. "He is now a retired AIG with effect from December 22, 2008 and not a serving AIG," the sources said.

According to the sources, the earlier decisions to demote and then dismiss Ribadu "were taken to correct certain anomalies done in the past and to ensure orderliness in the affairs of the police force. Members of the commission were divided on whether or not to review the case of Ribadu at yesterday's sitting but they had to unite to review the matter due to intense pressure." *Daily Trust*

learnt that one of the commission's members rejected the consensus and voted against the decision to restore Ribadu's rank.

Force Public Relations Officer ACP Emmanuel Ojukwu told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the police authorities have not been informed about the PSC's decision. Asked whether the police will accept the decision should they receive it, he said, "The police will abide by the decisions of the PSC and give Ribadu all entitlements enjoyed by retired AIGs, if that is the decision."

Ribadu was given accelerated promotion by then President Olusegun Obasanjo from the rank of Assistant Commissioner to AIG.

He was at the time Chairman of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission [EFCC]. He was later demoted alongside 139 officers for "lack of due diligence

in the process in which their promotions were conducted."

A statement by PSC's Chairman Parry B. Osayande at the time had said, "It was found very disturbing, the irregular promotion of 140 officers prior to the inauguration of the commission without due recourse to the PSC that has the statutory responsibility to do so. The commission notes that the special promotion was not based on the established criteria and was a total breach of section 153 of the 1999 Constitution and the PSC Act 2001. It has therefore been the cause of disillusionment, agitation and indiscipline within the Nigeria Police Force."

A different statement signed by then police spokesman ACP Akpoebi Agberebi said Ribadu was dismissed from the police for indiscipline, insubordination and absence from duty.

# Police won't be used to rig 2011 elections - Minister

From Isa Umar Gusau, Potiskum

THE police will not be used by politicians and political parties to rig the 2011 elections, Minister of Police Affairs Adamu Maina Waziri has said.

The minister who spoke to journalists in Potiskum, Yobe State at the weekend said his ministry

would work with relevant authorities to ensure that policemen do not actively participate in the elections, but only to safeguard lives and property during elections. Waziri said though, the police had been accused of partisanship in previous elections, some of the allegations were exaggerated because while Nigeria had

about 377,000 policemen, there were over 500,000 polling boots. He added that even if one policeman is attached to one boot, they would not be enough to cover the polling boots in the country, let alone help to rig elections.

"I have also accused the police, in fact I have told them that some of them were used in rigging elec-

tions against the PDP in Yobe State which made me loose the governorship elections in 2007. But I have also told them that as minister, I will, to the best of my ability, ensure that policemen and women are not partisan, they are not used by anyone to rig elections. I have also told them that if any of them helps to rig, he/she will be doing a

disservice to himself/herself because by preventing the election of credible leaders, he has also prevented a genuine reform of the police which can only succeed if we have a credible leadership," he said.

He added that the Federal Government had approved N80 billion which is part of the N1.5 trillion expected to be

raised by the Federal Government, states, local government areas and corporate organization for the police reform. He said the money would be used for the training of policemen, rehabilitating their barracks, schools and offices as well providing them with improved welfare, vehicles and communication gadgets.



Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala of Oyo State and his Deputy, Alhaji Taofeek Arapaja, addressing members of Nigerian Union of Barbers led by Chief Abiodun Lawal during their solidarity visit in Ibadan, yesterday

## Probing IBB is selective justice - Shehu Sani

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

IT will amount to double standards and selective justice if the Federal Government probes former Military President Ibrahim Babangida over the \$12 billion Gulf war oil windfall without probing how

former President Olusegun Obasanjo spent over \$16 billion on the power sector, Comrade Shehu Sani, a Kaduna-based human rights activist has said.

In a statement issued in Kaduna yesterday, Sani lauded the proposed probe of IBB, saying it was a wel-

come development which will set the record straight and unveil the truth. He however added that the probe will lack credibility and moral justification as long as it is limited to only IBB.

Sani said both Obasanjo and Babangida must

be probed, else the exercise would seem irrational and illogical.

"Notwithstanding the good intention of probing IBB, it will look selective if the culprits of the Siemens, Halliburton and Wilbros bribery scandals are not prosecuted", he said.

## Labour union gives Adamawa govt ultimatum

From Ibrahim Muhammad, Yola

THE Joint Public Service Negotiation Council, Adamawa State chapter has given the state government a 21 day ultimatum to stop the 2.5 percent National Housing Fund deduction from work-

ers' salaries or risk strike. The union is also asking that the money already deducted be refunded.

The labour leaders also want the government to resume the payment of gratuity and death benefits that were suspended in 2008. The union is also asking that 16 workers of

the Adamawa Transport company who were sacked should be re-instated and their salaries arrears be paid. A communiqué issued in Yola yesterday by the union also called for the removal of the Provost, College of Legal Studies, Yola, and that a committee should be

set up to investigate his activities.

While threatening to embark on an indefinite strike if the government fails to meet the demands, the union lamented that the government refused to honour an earlier agreement reached by the two parties.

## 'NIMR to focus on cancer, TB, malaria, HIV/AIDS'

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

TUBERCULOSIS, Malaria, HIV/Aids and maternal mortality will form core research focus of the Nigeria Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), its Director General Professor Innocent Ujah has said.

Professor Ujah said this yesterday in Lagos while officially taking over as head of the institute from Dr. Philip Agomo who acted as the Director General of NIMR for about two years.

"Nigeria has many research priorities, they include poliomyelitis, cerebrospinal meningitis (CSM), maternal mortality, neo-natal and infant mortality, cancer research,

other non-communicable such as hypertension and diabetes mellitus", he said.

He added that the Institute would come up with a document that would give it a clear direction in its response to the nation's health research priorities.

"The institute will be repositioned to respond appropriately to national health priorities that will contribute to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Vision 20-2020 of the Federal Government," he said.

The former Director General Mr. Philip Agomo thanked the staff for their support while he was acting and called on Ujah to provide a leadership that would propel the institute higher.

## Hausa Fulani, Muslim leaders boycott Jang's stakeholders meeting

From Andrew Agbese & Mahmud Lalo, Jos

THE Hausa Fulani and Muslim leaders in the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Jos crises yesterday boycotted the stakeholders' meeting called by Governor Jonah Jang of Plateau State to discuss Saturday's attack on the Fulanis.

They accused the governor of complicity in the attack on their people saying their accusation was based on the fact that all the recent attacks on Fulani occurred on Berom land, where the governor hails from. Three Fulani herdsmen were murdered Saturday at Tusung in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the state by people suspected to be Beroms. Three soldiers were also injured while accompanying the Fulanis to look for their missing cows. The Hausa Fulani and Muslim leaders include, Alhaji Dasuki Ibrahim Nakande, the Chief Imam of Jos Central Mosque, Sheikh Balarabe Dawud Imam, Hajiya Fati Kyari, Saleh Bayeri and Abdullahi Ardo.

Former Minister of State for Information and Communication and member of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Jos crises, Alhaji Dasuki Ibrahim Nakande while speaking on the boycott, flayed the manner in which the governor was handling security situation in the state and called on him to resign.

"The killings always take place on Berom land, an indication that someone is sponsoring them", he said. On why the corpses of the three Fulanis were taken to the mosque before burial, a situation which caused panic in Jos, Sunday, Nakande said the corpses had to be taken to the mosque for identification, since they were burnt beyond recognition and to perform other religious rites on them. Jang at the meeting which was boycotted by the Hausa Fulani and Muslim leaders said there was a need to consolidate on the peace in the state and chart a way forward. He also lamented the loss of lives and property.

# Jonathan urged to equip federal hospitals

By Muideen Olaniyi

REPUBLICAN Party of Nigeria (RPN) governorship candidate in the April 2007 gubernatorial election in Kwara State Mr Tiamiyu Kamarudeen has advised President Goodluck Jonathan to equip federal hospitals in the country to enable them meet up with international standards.

Kamarudeen, the RPN National Financial Secretary, said the president should reflect on the circumstances that could lead

to the trip of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua abroad for medical treatment.

He said if the nation's federal hospitals are equipped to meet up with international standards, there will be no justification to travel overseas for medical reason.

He said: "The fact remains that former president Yar'adua had been going outside the country for treatment because our federal hospitals did not have equipment that would handle his illness. "Prominent Nigerians like former first lady, Mrs Mar-

iam Babagida who died as a result of breast cancer was also taken abroad for treatment simply because our hospital facilities could not handle their illnesses.

"This present administration under the leadership of President Jonathan should adopt strategies that will make some federal hospitals if not all a world standard hospitals with world class medical experts that can handle and treat many illnesses. This will attract victims of illnesses living abroad to come to Nigeria and discourage Nigerians to go abroad for treatment."



ENUGU State Police Commissioner Mr. Mohammed Zarewa (left) addressing newsmen during the parade of kidnap suspects in Enugu yesterday.

## C'wealth to assist Nigeria on job creation

By Romoke W. Ahmad

THE Commonwealth of Nations has promised to support Nigeria in tackling youth unemployment, an official of the youth development ministry has said.

The promise is coming two weeks after the United Nations' decision to build youth training centre in Abuja, the Nigeria capital.

Deputy press secretary of the youth development ministry Salami O. Misbau said the offer would enable Nigeria access opportunities under the Commonwealth youth enterprise.

Misbau said Nigeria will also benefit from Commonwealth's sustainable programmes, which are designed to help member states in creating jobs through entrepreneurship, vocational and livelihoods activities.

He said the Commonwealth of Nations made the offer through its commonwealth youth programme Africa centre based in Lusaka, Zambia.

The statement further quoted a letter addressed to the permanent secretary of the ministry saying that the commonwealth office pledged incorporate in its 2010-2011 work plan, the provision of technical assistance to Nigeria in the area of youth employment.

Commonwealth African Regional Director Mr. James Douglas Odit was quoted as saying, "This may cover various actions including the conduct of a situational assessment, provision of technical advice, recruitment and placement of a technical advisor as well as capacity building initiatives."

Minister of Youth Development Senator Akinlabi Olanunmi described the offer as timely especially at this point when Mr. President has directed immediate job creation programmes for millions of unemployed youths.

## Kenny Martins gets bail, faces trial July 13

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

NATIONAL Coordinator of the Police Equipment Foundation (PEF) Chief Kenny Martins has been granted bail from 'lawful custody' by the Federal High Court Abuja.

Martins was released temporarily after fulfilling all the bail conditions set out by the court, presided over by Justice Adamu Bello, pending the commencement of his trial on July 13.

Counsel to Kenny Martins,

Chief Johnny Ucheaga, told newsmen in Abuja yesterday that the bail conditions were perfected by his client and has since been at his home.

The lawyer said Martins met the conditions after providing a surety as alternative to Mr.

Dele Obaji Jacobs, who initially stood as surety for him but later withdrew.

But having provided another surety in the same conditions set by the court, Martins was subsequently released from prison custody.

## MDGs release N9bn to curb infant, maternal mortality

By Ruby Leo

FEDERAL government has released over N9bn through the office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to tackle the 'poor' maternal and child health indices in Nigeria.

Executive Secretary of National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) Dr Dogo

Muhammed made this known during a stakeholders meeting on findings of the cost benefit analysis of the NHIS-MDGs maternal and child health intervention.

The NHIS boss who lamented that failure of some states to meet their financial contribution to the project may defeat the aim of the project, adding that so far over 800,000 persons have benefitted from the scheme.

Mohammed said the government's deci-

sion to support the project was informed by the need to make urgent and result-oriented intervention which will improve the country's poor health indices.

He said NHIS had to return about N2.5b to the treasury as unspent fund in the last two years, "this is money that could be used to rehabilitate some abandoned and dilapidated primary health facilities in many rural communities".

## Court acquits Filipino over issuance of dud cheques

By John Chuks Azu

AN FCT High Court in Maitama has discharged and acquitted a citizen of the Philippines Mrs Wilma Nakhai for lack of sufficient evidence to convict her over alleged issuance of dud cheques.

Mrs Nakhai, 51, was arraigned in 2008 by the Inspector General of Police on a two count charge of alleged issuance of two dud cheques to an Iranian, Mr Manouchehr Feroozen, at the premises of the Philippines Embassy in

Abuja as part payment of N20m indebtedness by her late husband's company Nakhsh Nig. Ltd.

The offence is punishable under section 1 (b) (i) of the Dishonoured Cheques Act CAP D11 (LFN 2004).

The two Sterling Bank cheques exhibited by the prosecution each valued at N3.3 million were said to have been issued on November 30th, 2007 and February 28, 2008 respectively but were dishonoured at the bank due to insufficient funds.

Counsel to the accused person, U.N. Yama, citing

section 290 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), argued that a company is a separate entity and ought to have been treated so.

He said criminal liability is not transferable and as such the accused person is not party to the transaction for which she issued the said cheques.

In delivering the judgement, Justice Sadiq Umar held that prosecution failed to prove its case beyond reasonable doubt, adding that its failure to join the company as co-accused is devastating to its case.

# How to reduce poverty, by Nenadi Usman

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

FOR government to properly address poverty in the country, credit and savings outlets like microfinance banks must be provided across the country for the stimulation of small businesses, former Minister of Finance, Mrs. Nenadi Usman said in Kaduna yesterday.

Speaking during the opening ceremony of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Micro-Finance

Bank certification programme, she said looking at the success story of India, Bangladesh and Kenya among others, the establishment of micro-finance banks in the country would be the solution to rural poverty.

"My experience in government and social work has taught me that providing credit and savings outlets to the poor can be a powerful and efficient tool for poverty elimination," she said.

She said a speedy and cost-

effective way to stimulate economic activity in the country was to bolster the kind of income-generating activities rural dwellers participate in by providing them credit facilities through micro-finance banks.

"If an individual is in retail business, as many are, it is most helpful to make sure the person has an adequate inventory and enough variety of products to meet the demand of his customers. For those involved in animal

husbandry or agriculture, it is most helpful to assure them that they have enough financing to weather seasonal fluctuations in income," she said.

In his address, the Deputy Governor of the CBN in charge of Financial Sector Stability, Dr. Kingsley Mughalu, identified lack of proper understanding of the micro-finance concept, method and its practice by operators as the bane of the banks in the country. Mughalu whose

speech was read by Mr. Patrick Ezenwa of the CBN, said loss of focus and ambitious attempts by micro-finance banks to operate as universal banks also accounts for their failure. He said the certification programme was organised by the CBN to check all the shortcomings bedeviling micro-finance banks in the country, urging the operators of the banks to stay abreast with emerging issues in the industry to be able to perform well.



THE Uncompleted Sango Bridge in Lagos now turned into a market.

## Doma faults timing of quest for university autonomy

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

NASARAWA State Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma has said it is a wrong time for the nation's universities to demand autonomy as the economy is not yet set for it.

Doma, who was chairman of the maiden convocation lecture of the Gombe State University at the weekend, urged the proponents of university autonomy not to lose sight of the prevailing circumstances in the country, naming time and economy as factors that might impede the eventual take off even if the proposal is approved.

The theme of the lecture was: "Financial Autonomy in the Nigerian University System." The governor said university funding poses greater challenges to government than most areas of development.

"This is because university funding requires so much in intangible investments that are not easily appreciated by the common man, as he would, for well constructed roads", he said.

The governor, who also commended Governor Danjuma Gode and the vision for the establishment of Gombe State University said, "Education is the springboard to sustainable national development. It is the fulcrum of all forms of development and the greatest legacy any parent, leader or government can bequeath to the people and to posterity. Indeed, education is the wealth of a nation."

He however observed, "In Nigeria, we are yet to fully accord education its pride of place in the scheme of things. It is in this connection that we must commend the efforts of His Excellency, Governor Danjuma Goje, for his exemplary performance in development efforts, particularly, in the area of education. Indeed, Gombe State University stands tall as the greatest legacy of the Goje administration. It is an investment well made."

## Kebbi hastens projects for Jonathan

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

IN expectation of President Goodluck Jonathan's visit to Kebbi State next month, Governor Saidu Usman Dakingari has warned contractors handling various projects in the state to hasten their completion or risk revocation of the contracts.

Dakingari said at an inspec-

tion visit to the construction site of the Gwandu General Hospital and Ultra Modern Specialist Hospital in Birnin Kebbi that his administration would no longer tolerate delay of projects by any contractor handling any government work in the state.

A release signed by the Chief Press Secretary to the governor, Alhaji Abubakar Mu'azu,

said Governor Dakingari had directed the state Ministry of Works and Transportation to keep a close watch on the projects to ensure completion according to schedule and specification.

"Kebbi will no longer tolerate shoddy work by any contractor. Whoever must handle any project in the state must work

according to schedule and our specification else, will we revoke the contract", the governor said.

Other projects which the governor directed contractors to complete ahead of the president's visit include the health rehabilitation projects, the secretariat of the state Agency for control of AIDS (SACA) and the Goru-Kardi road project.

## Man in court over false alarm on male organ

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

A 38 year-old civil servant, Abubakar Muazu, has been arraigned before a Magistrate's Court in Maiduguri for falsely alleging that his male organ got missing after one Shuabu Abdulkuminu, a police constable, touched his body.

Muazu, according to the police First Information Report released Saturday May 22, 2010 accused the policeman of "taking" his male organ when he, (Shuabu) touched his body along Ramat Polytechnic in Maiduguri.

According to the police, the accused then beat the policeman to stupor, tore his clothes and also removed N4,000 from his pocket.

The policeman also sustained injuries, according to the report.

The report also said upon examination of the accused by doctors at a government hospital, it was discovered that he was physically okay and his male organ was intact. The accused is being charged under Sections 269, 263, 263, 265, 23,390 and 159 of the penal code for giving false information, wrong accusation and assault. When the charges were read to the accused, he denied the allegations.

The presiding magistrate, Aisha Umara Kumalia, then granted the request for bail with N50, 000 and a surety who must be resident in Maiduguri. The case was adjourned to June 1 for hearing.

## Police test-run anti-crime outfit

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu and Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

A new crime fighting outfit to work in line with international standard of policing was inaugurated by Kano State Police Command yesterday.

The scheme tagged Seven Cities Project, which will be experimented in seven states, is part of a Federal Government program of modernizing the operations of the police force, Kano State Commissioner of Police Mohammed J. Gana said during the launch in Kano.

Apart from Kano, the scheme will also be experimented in Lagos, Ibadan, Abuja, Port Hacourt, Onitsha as well as Maiduguri, and is expected to enhance productiv-

ity of personnel and move the force away from old methods of fighting crime.

Gana, who said the police had shown outstanding qualities when on international assignments, attributed their poor performance back home to lack of modern and sophisticated crime fighting equipment. The commissioner said under the pilot program, Kano State was provided 12 vehicles and a well equipped control room from where all activities of the teams would be monitored. He further stated that Kano metropolis would be divided and assigned to each team for effective patrol. The outfit will be headed by officers with experience in international policing.



## 2010 CAPAM African Regional Conference

*Good Governance Accountability and Trust*

May 17-19, 2010

Abuja, Nigeria



# CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

The Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) and the Government of Nigeria hosted a major conference on "Good Governance, Accountability and Trust" from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Abuja, Nigeria. Below is the Communiqué of this Conference.

Close to 400 delegates from 18 countries attended the conference. Among the Participants were Cabinet Ministers, Heads of Public/Civil Services and Secretaries to Cabinet, Permanent/Principal Secretaries and other high ranking Government officials, Chairpersons and Commissioners of Public Service Commissions, Heads of Management Development Institutes, representatives of Statutory Institutions, academics and researchers. The Conference was also privileged to have representatives of the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Foundation, the World Bank, and UNDP.

The Conference was aimed at addressing issues of accountability and trust in public administration in Africa. CAPAM and Commonwealth Foundation also hosted a pre-conference workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 to facilitate cooperation between Civil Society Organizations and government institutions.

### OFFICIAL OPENING

The Conference on Good Governance, Accountability and Trust was opened on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, by His Excellency, President Goodluck Jonathan through his representative, Captain Emmanuel Iheanacho. In his opening statement, he reminded conference participants that the Commonwealth has always been guided by certain fundamental values which included a commitment to participatory democracy characterized by free and fair elections, representative legislature, an independent judiciary, a well trained public service, and a transparent and accountable public accounts system. He noted that *Good Governance, Accountability and Trust* are inseparable and urged conference participants to explore all ideas and innovations to give strength to this principle.

The Key Note Address was delivered by His Excellency, Emeka Anyaoku. It should be noted that Chief Anyaoku was the former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and played an instrumental role in the creation of CAPAM in 1994. In his address, he reminded participants of the clear separation of administration and political functions and that an efficient, accountable and non-partisan public service is essential if we are to earn the trust and respect of our citizen.

This sentiment was echoed by Mr. Paul Zahra and Mr. Stephen Oronsaye who noted that trust cannot be demanded, pronounced or legislated. It must be earned. Building trust is a long term commitment through transparent actions unbiased decisions and ethical behaviour.

### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Conference participants were privileged in being exposed to the wisdom, knowledge and experiences of senior statesmen, elected officials, dedicated practitioners and learned experts. Participants were given the opportunity to participate in dynamic and engaging discussions that further developed and refined their understanding of critical issues. Notable speakers at the conference include:

- His Excellency, Emeka Anyaoku, Former Secretary-General to the Commonwealth and CAPAM founding Member.
- Stephen Oronsaye, Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Nigeria
- Amal Pepple, Former Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Nigeria and CAPAM Board Member
- Lynelle Briggs, President CAPAM and CEP Medicare Australia.
- Paul Zahra, V. President CAPAM and Permanent Secretary (Policy), Office of the Prime Minister, Malta.
- Dr. Christopher Kolade, Former Nigerian High Commissioner to the UK.
- Mr. Yayale Ahmed, Secretary to the Government of the Federation
- Daphne Meredith, CAPAM Board Member and Chief Human Resource Officer, Government of Canada.
- George Larbi, Senior Public Sector management Specialist, World Bank.
- Eric Molale, CAPAM Board Member and Permanent Secretary to the President and Head of Public Service, Botswana.

- Dr. Shamsudeen Usman, Hon. Minister, National Planning Commission, Nigeria.

### CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Over the 3-day period, conference participants, working in 3 Plenary Sessions and 6 Concurrent Workshops, came up with the following observations, conclusions and recommendations:

- i. Accountability and trust is an insensible element of Good Governance.  
The best policies, programmes and services cannot succeed in stimulating national growth and wellbeing without the trust of citizens.
- ii. Trust cannot be demanded, pronounced or legislated. It must be earned through open and transparent engagements, and demonstrated values and ethics.
- iii. A clear separation of administrative and political functions, and an efficient, accountable and non-partisan public service is essential if governments are to earn the respect of their citizens.
- iv. One of the necessary steps in instilling ethical behaviour in the Public Service is to articulate a code of values and ethics. However, once the code is developed, it will take strong leadership and unyielding commitment to promote its adoption.
- v. Building trust between governments and its citizens is a two way street.  
Citizens have the duty to monitor, question and hold government accountable to their promises. Governments has the duty to inform and engage citizens in their activities.
- vi. With the Public Service, fairness and transparency in staffing processes are essential for instilling accountability and trust between employers and employees. A Human Resource regime based on merit and due process will strengthen public service capacity and loyalty.
- vii. Strong leadership is needed to put in place policies and strategies that safeguard government integrity and build citizen trust.
- viii. Public service leaders must be of strong character, possess well developed capabilities and have earned impeccable credibility.
- ix. Leaders have to model the way and encourage the heart.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CAPAM expresses its profound gratitude to the Government of Nigeria, to the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, and to the Conference Chair, Ms Amal Pepple and to the Local Organizing Committee for their tireless support in making this conference a success

### ABOUT CAPAM

As a non-profit association, The Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) represents an international network of over 1000 ministers, senior public servants, Heads of Government, leading academics and researchers located in over 50 different countries across the Commonwealth. This professional network promotes good governance in public administration through knowledge sharing and capacity building.

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## Presidency did not interfere in VP screening –Kuta

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

SENATOR Dahiru Awaisu Kuta has said that the Senate was not influenced by Federal Government on the screening of the vice president. Senator Kuta, representing zone B senatorial district in Niger State at an interactive session with journalists in Minna yesterday said the Senate's decision was in tandem with the law and credibility of the person involved. "All I know is that due process was followed. We were not cajoled by the presidency as many people think," he said.

Fielding questions from journalists on his reported plans to contest for the governorship of Niger, the senator maintained that he was not interested, adding that he is contented with lawmaking. He reiterated his support for Governor Dr Muazu Babangida Aliyu, saying he would assist him to get a second term.

### CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as JENS CHIGOZIE BEMGARTNER, now wish to be called JENS CHIGOZIE UDE. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

# Two arraigned for setting man ablaze

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

TWO persons, Gambo Dungus and Yerima Modu were yesterday arraigned before a High Court in Maiduguri, Borno State for allegedly setting one Alhaji Mustapha Goni of Bama town in Bama Local Government Area of the Borno State, ablaze over a

two liter keg of petrol.

At the hearing of the case at the Maiduguri High Court yesterday, our correspondent gathered that the incident occurred on May 9, 2006 around 5pm in Banki town in Bama Local Government Area.

Goni was said to have sustained serious burns all over his body and was rushed to the University of

Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) for treatment, but later died.

The two accused persons and three others, Babor Bullama, Modu Monguno and Dalla Modu, still at large, are being charged with conspiracy, mischief by fire and culpable homicide and the offences are punishable under sections 79, 341 and

221 (a) of the Penal code.

During cross-examination by the prosecutor, Barrister Audu Hussaini Izge, the accused persons told Justice Patum Haruna Nggada, that they did not know anything about the case.

But in a police statement, the accused persons gave counter narrations, saying it was the other

who poured petrol on the late Goni.

They gave different versions of how it occurred and accepted being at the scene of the incident. Both of them however failed to say who set the fire, adding that they could not identify the person because it was a mob action.

Hearing continues on July 1, 2010.

## I am not strategising for Jonathan –Falae

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

NATIONAL Chairman of the Democratic Peoples' Alliance (DPA) Chief Olu Falae yesterday said he was not among those working for and calling on President Good luck Jonathan to contest the presidency

in the 2011 elections.

A national daily published on May 23, 2010, had listed Ambassador Mathew Mbu, Chief Olu Falae and former Secretary to the Oyo State Government Dr. Dejo Raimi among those working for Jonathan's presidential ambition. The

paper also reported that a meeting took place at Mbu's residence in Ikoyi, Lagos.

Speaking to journalists in Akure, Ondo State, Falae said the report was not true.

"I have not attended any meeting to strategize for Jonathan. In fact, I have

not seen Mbu and Raimi for some time, talk less of having a meeting with them. Jonathan is the president of Nigeria, but he is a candidate of Peoples Democratic Party. President Jonathan is not in DPA or my mega party, if he decamps to my party today, I can consider

him for that position. Since I am not a PDP member, I cannot be strategising for him," he said.

He however advised President Jonathan to concentrate on ensuring credible elections, rather than contest for the presidency next year.



### NATIONAL CENTRE FOR HYDROPOWER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA



## INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFICATION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development (NACHRED) invites interested and Credible Companies to apply for pre-qualification as Consultants and Contractors for various projects of the Centre for the 2010 fiscal year.

### 2. SCOPE

The scope of works includes:

- LOT 1: Comprehensive survey of the Nation's large and small hydropower resources.
- LOT 2: Procurement of furniture and equipment
- LOT 3: Construction of fence, gate and gatehouse

### 3. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Interested consultants and contractors are required to submit Pre-qualification documents with verifiable evidence including but not limited to the following:

- (i) Evidence of incorporation of the company by Corporate Affairs Commission
- (ii) Evidence of tax clearance certificate for the last three years
- (iii) VAT registration and proof of past remittances
- (iv) Company profile and organizational including names of key personnel, telephone numbers and email addresses.
- (v) Company audited accounts for the last three years.
- (vi) The list of similar jobs executed with evidence or names of clients, location of projects, letter of contract award, certificate of practical completion and cost of projects.
- (v) List of equipment to be used where-applicable and their location.
- (vi) Articulated work plan and methodology (LOT 1 only)

### 4. SUBMISSION

1. Pre-qualification documents must be in five copies and placed in sealed envelopes marked: **PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR NACHRED 2010 FISCAL YEAR PROJECT** and the LOT of interested clearly printed at the top left corner of the envelope.

2. Submission is within four (4) weeks from the date of this publication to:

The Director,  
National Centre for Hydropower Research and Development,  
University of Ilorin, P.M.B. 1515,  
Ilorin, Nigeria.

**NOTE:** The submission of the pre-qualification document is not a guarantee for award of contract. Only pre-qualified companies shall be invited to pick the tender document.

Signed:  
Administrative Secretary  
For Director

## NEMA wants disaster mgt agencies in LGs

From Muhammad Abubakar, Bauchi

A new disaster management framework that will ensure that each local government area in the country has its own Local Emergency Management Committee is being worked out by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Director General, NEMA, Air Vice Marshal Mohammed Audu-Bida has said.

Speaking at the presentation of a draft of the new national disaster management framework for the North East Zone at

a roundtable conference organized by the agency in Bauchi yesterday, he said the committees in the local government areas would be expected to respond to any disaster within their jurisdiction.

Represented by Dr Charles Agbo, the Agency's Director of Planning, Research and Forecasting, the Director General added that based on the magnitude of the disaster, the committees may seek assistance from its state Emergency Management Agency, pointing out that each state is expected to have a state

emergency management agency.

He maintained that federal, state and local governments as well as Non Governmental Organizations, the private sector and communities had roles to play in disaster management.

Participant were drawn from states emergency management agencies, the military, police, Civil Defence Corps, Road Safety Corps, Red Cross, local governments, Non Governmental Organizations, the academia and development partners in the North-east zone.

## Why legislative aides perform poorly –Clerk

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

LEGISLATIVE aides in emerging democracies like ours are not performing to expectation because most of them either do not know their duties or lack the skills required to function well, the acting Clerk of the National Assembly Alhaji Salisu Maikasawa has said. Speaking on the role of legislative aides in the legislative process at a workshop in Kaduna, he said legislative aides were expected to be expert in relevant fields of study

so that they could be of assistance to their principals.

The clerk who was represented by the Director of Personnel of the National Assembly, Alhaji Mohammed Suleiman, said in developed democracies, legislative aides were regarded as the backbone of the legislature.

"They are supposed to monitor legislative schedules, correspondences and evaluate the political outcome of various legislative proposals," he said.

The Director of the Policy Analysis and Research

Project (PARP) of the National Assembly Dr. Ladi Hamalai said the training was organized to enhance the performance of legislative aides and urged them to use the skills acquired at the training to improve their performances.

The President of the Legislative Aides of the National Assembly, Dr Almustapha Medaner, commended PARP for putting together the training. He also urged his colleagues to always update themselves on legislative processes.

# Online Reactions

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ON [www.dailytrust.com](http://www.dailytrust.com)



## Nigeria's hajj commission to copy Malaysia's model

IT will not work, period! The best model is for those at the top of affairs to be God-fearing and emulate the qualities of the Sahabas and everything will go smoothly.  
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 I am of the same opinion with Sanusi above. The problem is always with those at the top.  
**Turaki**  
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## Kaduna compensates family of slain mechanic

WHILE I feel the compensation paid is grossly below what is recommended according to Islamic Law, the payment demonstrates government's acceptance of responsibility for its agent which must be commended. However, these barbaric acts must stop.

**Abdulazeez Ismaila**  
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 The payment of compensation to the family of the slain mechanic by the Kaduna state government is not enough. The military personnel involved in that brutal act should be

punished for their action. It is only then that justice would have been done to his family.

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 The government paid a sum far less than it should have done. Two million naira is nothing for a man that is survived by two wives and ten children. I feel sad for the family. I'm writing from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, but I was home when the incident happened.

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## EFCC to quiz ex-ministers today over Siemens scandal

IT is a shame that a minister in our country in this age will commit such a blunder. The danger here is that our youths are always copying from their leaders. The EFCC should try its best to make sure that any body found guilty should face justice not minding his position in the government.

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 Wonders shall never end in this country. I still cannot understand why the EFCC chose this time to quiz these people. I am afraid the voice is that of Esau but the hand is Jacob's.

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 In as far as the breeze refuses to rest; hardly will the leaf too take rest. I think EFCC's concentration should be centered on informing Nigerians of their successes and not preparations. Waziri, please.

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 Those fingered in the Siemens scandal and other guilty people in the society should be brought to book without delay. Failure to prosecute these people will not set good precedents for our youths.

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 ...and then? We are tired of hear-

ing all these things. Their colleagues in Europe have since received their jail terms while we are still trying to start their prosecution process. By the way, even the attempt to prosecute them is due to the pressure on them (EFCC) to do that and they will just fool us for some time and close the chapter.

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EFCC Boss, Farida Waziri

## Dangote makes bid for Arsenal



ALHAJI Aliko Dangote

THIS Dangote guy doesn't know what to do with his riches. While people like T.Y. Danjuma are taking on philanthropic causes, Dangote is busy doling out billions to Obasanjo's library and trying to purchase a piece of Arsenal FC in spite of the over 5 million Almajirai in Kano and Jigawa, his home states. The last time I travelled along the Kano - Kaduna highway I noticed tomato farmers losing billions of Naira to rot because people like Dangote refuse to invest in food processing in their home states. It is rather sad that he is not putting his wealth to uplifting his people.

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 Please Dangote, for the sake of which ever faith you believe in, bring down the prices of sugar and other commodities you are importing to Nigeria. This world is too temporary.

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You can buy it but remember that we also have local clubs here at home.

**Dami**  
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 Please Dangote for the sake of Allah, establish one factory in every state here in Nigeria instead of buying 16% share in Arsenal so that the level of unemployment among the youth will reduce. We know you are doing a lot for this country but you can do more.

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 Nasiru Muhammad, do you think 'common man' is in Dangote's dictionary? Never expect mercy from these business tycoons. They are real capitalists.

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 Haba! What is wrong with the rich people in my dear country? Look at how the masses survive in Nigeria. People like Dangote need to build schools and hos-

pitals as some rich people do in other countries. They should emulate them. However, and to my surprise, they keep on spending money where there is no clear benefit.

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 We always gather money but don't have the days to spend them. How on earth can someone spend \$2.5 billion? Let Dangote pay the mandatory Zakkat for three years and see if poverty will not be eradicated in the North. The worst part of it is that, I once heard an analyst who was an ex-deputy governor of the CBN complaining about the government's failure to regulate our market saying that we practice a monopolized capitalism. He cited an example that a bag of cement could be sold at 700 naira and a bag of imported rice at 2,000 naira, all with an exorbitant profit. Hence I urge Dangote to fear Allah and at least be fair in the prices of his goods and pay Zakkat. Death doesn't care about your investments.

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 May God not give me anything which will not be of benefit to my immediate family, my state, and my country. We are experiencing serious poverty in this country... why can't you invest in your own country at least to reduce the pains that the masses are groaning under?

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 This is a good development for the Dangote Group. Arsenal is among the most profitable clubs in Europe.

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 Haba! Aliko for God's sake invest these funds on the millions of Almajirai on the streets of Kano, Kaduna, Katsina, Sokoto, Maiduguri etc.

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 When the source of money is halal and Zakat are paid as and when due, then Allah will give the wisdom for the spending of the wealth accordingly.

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 You are right but you also need to understand that the only thing that keeps Nigerians less frustrated is football. It is a unifying game and so I support his new venture, he has done so well for the country's growth. What about those other numerous big for nothings? Remember this is not charity but business.

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 This man was given tax waivers during Obasanjo's tenure. He should be made to invest the money in Nigeria.

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 It is our earnest desire that Dangote should invest more of his money in the country rather than going to buy a club in England. There are many graduates out there looking for jobs in this our noble country. If he can use such money to empower the youth it will boost both his income and the nation's economy. We in general should learn to invest in our motherland rather than taking it elsewhere.

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## Niger may sue PHCN over N10bn debt

WHY go to court? Why not settle through barter? Deduct the money from what the state is supposed to pay PHCN as bills. Shikenan.

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## Plane crash-lands in Kano farm

IMAGINE, rainfall disrupting air operations in Nigeria. If in this age, an aircraft - training or commercial - cannot land in our airports because of rainfall, I think, we should all bury ourselves in shame.

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 Thank God they are all alive but the government should do its best to provide the institution with necessary equipments to avoid any further occurrence of the incident.

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 This is the second plane from NCAAT to crash-land in recent times. It is time to look at reasons why this happens. These are people who will eventually be flying big planes. What role did the meteorological services play in this? If we get it right during training, we are likely to get it right when we actually fly.

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 Why did it not land in Kaduna, instead?

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 This incident has been very unfortunate though not 'fatal'. The hope is the Meteorological Agency will spring to action so as to forestall a future occurrence.

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By Abdulkarim Abdulmalik

## Who is this new Group MD at NNPC?

After his appointment was announced, the questions came in torrents. Who is this guy? Where's he from? Is he too of the Niger Delta extraction? These are questions that are rooted in our attitude towards high public office holders; questions that sometimes characterise our very nature as a people. The steady but sometime hazy rise of Mr. Augustine Olusegun Adeiza Oniwon from the lower rung of the ladder to the zenith at the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) may appear obscure to those who do not know him. But the key players in the nation's oil industry would tell you a scintillating story of a quiet, hard-working but highly principled technocrat whose entire working life has entirely been in the oil industry, specifically the NNPC.

His uncanny sense of patriotism and non-conformism with any act that is at variance with national interest would have probably endeared him to the Presidency to the point that his selection was so jealously guarded that he, the candidate, was not even informed about his appointment until after his

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Niger Delta  
extraction?”

announcement. The irony is that, the public that he cherished serving so much eventually heard the news before him.

The jubilation that greeted his appointment among the NNPC staff, captains of oil industry and most of the past GMDs of the corporation made him shed tears of joy as he assumed the heavy and highly political responsibility.

Quite a lot has been said in the media about this man of destiny but his profile will not be fully appreciated without a peep into his background; charity begins at home, after all. Please read on.

Austen was born April 1, 1951 to the family of Taaaru Chief Solomon Salami Ohiaba Oniwon, a prominent tailor, farmer and trader who had travelled to various parts of the country. Chief Oniwon's father hailed from Obehora in Okene Local Government Area but he grew up and lived his life at maternal district, Ikuehi in Ihima town of Okehi LGA.

He was one of the early tailors in Ihima who applied his tailoring skill of measurement into measuring the expanse of work done by his labours to commensurate with their pay. The dexterity with which he matched measurement to cutting his customers clothes flawlessly as well as how he applied this in paying

his labourers for the job done made people in the neighbourhood to add the acronym to his name Salami tailor Oniwon – which translates no Salami tailor opt the measurer in Epira language. Oniwon means the man who measures. The acronym became more of his name with time because he as will abhorred cheating, in his trading business. He would not cheat just as he would not allow anyone to cheat him. This is how Oniwon became the family name.

Austen's further lived an exemplary life that saw him become a community leader at the Ikuehi where he lived and double as traditional ruler at Obehira his father's town. He was Grand-Patron of St. Peters Anglican Church Ikuehi and Taaaru Ozidu of Obehira. He maintained these dual community leadership with passion such that when he died October 7, 1991, Ikuehi community insisted on claiming the corpse and it took a pro-longed appeal by Obehira community who claimed that as a traditional it would be an aberration to bury him outside the community. It was, indeed, an argument of joy, honour, love and respect for the wonderful man.

Chief Oniwon had no fewer than six wives among whom was Mrs. Alice Owayewun Shanu Oniwon (nee Ayeni), Austen's mother, who was a very successful women entrepreneur at Oboroke district in Ihima. Her father, Adai Ayeni was also a very prominent farmer and businessman who built one of the earliest storey houses in Oboroke. Like father like daughter, Alice established the first bakery in Ihima in late 60's and competed favourably with others such as Badams Bread in Okene. Perhaps, the prudent management of the bakery by his mother made it to outlive its contemporaries. It's still on sales today managed by Austen's elder brother.

As can be appreciated, Austen who is 17th out of 28 children was though born and bred with comfortable spoon but the high moral training in the family did not allow that privilege to get into his head and those of his siblings. This humble, God-fearing and enterprising background eventually permeated his inspiring career development that has pushed him to where he is today without a godfather.

Augustine (Austen) Olusegun Oniwon was born on 1st April 1951, and attended Sacred Heart School Akure, Ondo State; St. Peters Anglican School, Ikuehi Ihima Okene Kogi State, St. Barnabas Secondary School Kabba and Titcombe College Egbe both in Kogi State, for his primary, secondary and higher school education respectively. Austen graduated with BSc (Hons) in Chemistry from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1975 and joined the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) in February 1977.

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By Mohammed Yamma Abdullahi

## Prospects for sustainable development in Africa (I)

One of the causes of conflict in Africa is the scarcity of land and water resources in densely populated areas which competing groups go to great lengths to acquire for themselves. For example, in Zimbabwe where about 4,000 whites owned one-third of the available farmland. Some land has now been seized and redistributed to blacks.

Another economic problem facing Africa is that its economy is dependent on developed countries. The developed countries get raw materials cheap from Africa but sold manufactured goods expensively in return. African countries, just like other developing countries, do not get trade advantage at World Trade Organization (WTO). They are subject to hard trade conditions formulated by developed countries.

Africa's militaries have stifled democracy with their intervention in the governance of their countries on the excuses to correct mistakes of the political class. They failed to adhere to the principles of democracy and violated the constitution. The long term effect of military intervention in governance is the politicization of the armed forces, robbing the African states the political stability and economic development that could have come with the gradual democratization of African societies.

“If the agricultural sector is revolutionized, Africa could develop rapidly”

Other causes of underdevelopment in Africa are corruption, lack of rule of law, system failures. Corruption is a cancer in the development process of Africa where many leaders could not separate their personal funds from that of the public. The rule of law is for the poor because the elites are above the law since they often bribe their way out of any offence or they are just simply ignored when they commit any offence because they are connected to people in power. System failures are as a result of lack of implementation of public policies or where public policies are implemented at all, they are done with partiality and favouritism, leaving those originally intended to benefit from such policies dejected and feeling rejected.

The three fundamental strategies to be adopted to develop Africa rapidly must include agricultural, educational and science and technology.

In 1974, the world food conference declared that “no child should go to bed hungry. Three decades since that declaration, millions of Africans are still going to bed hungry or even dying of starvation. The World Bank defines food security as “access by all people at

all times to enough food for an active and healthy life”. Its essential elements are the availability of food and the ability to acquire it. Food insecurity, in turn, is the lack of access to enough food, and there are two kinds of insecurity, namely chronic and transitory. Chronic food insecurity is a continuously inadequate diet caused by the inability to acquire food while transitory food insecurity is a temporary decline in a household's access to enough food. It results from instability in food prices, food production or household incomes and, in its worst form, produces famine.

Africa has abundant natural resources to develop agriculture and increase food availabilities. The region has a capacity to feed virtually three times the size of its present population even though 47 percent of its land surface is useless for crops. It has tremendous potential for arable agriculture compared to other regions of the world.

The continent has 25% percent of the world potential arable land while its population is only about tenth of the world's population. Currently, the land under cultivation is estimated at 195 million hectares and this is only 26 percent of the region's potentially arable land. The land harvested annually therefore, is not more than 108 million hectares.

In 1938, Africa exported cereals; in 1950, it was self-sufficient in food but in 1989, the continent imported a large volume of cereals exceeding 31 millions tons.

Africa should improve agricultural sector by providing modern farming equipment, subsidized fertilizer, encourage irrigation farming and promote marketing system for produces to be sold financially reasonably so that farmers would enjoy the fruit of their labour. If the agricultural sector is revolutionized, Africa could develop rapidly.

Without education, they cannot be development.

Since in the 1990s, the average African is in several ways worse off than at the time of independence in the 1960s. The early post-independence gains had given way to retrogression and many development activities had to be postponed or foregone, not the least education.

The enrolment rate in African schools had increased substantially between 1960s and 2000. For example between 1960 and 1990s, the number of students in African institutions at all levels quintupled to about 65 million. Enrolment increased at an average annual rate of 9 percent between 1970 and 1990s which doubled the rate in Asia and triple the rate in Latin America. The substantial expansion after independence increased the participation of some groups who had little or no access to formal education.

To be concluded.

Excerpts of a lecture by Dr Adullahi of Nasarawa State University, Keffi, at the 4th International Conference on Development Studies at University of Abuja, last month.



By A'isha Garba Habib

## Marriage, Islam and Child's Right Act (III)

Cont'd. from yesterday.

She called me and I went to her not knowing what she wanted to do to me. She caught me by the hand and made me stand at the door of the house. I was breathless then, and when my breathing became alright, she took some water and rubbed my face and head with it. Then she took me into the house. There in the house I saw some Ansari women who said "Best wishes and Allah's blessing and a good luck". Then she entrusted me to them and they prepare me for marriage. Unexpectedly, Allah's apostle came to me in the forenoon and my mother handed me over to him and at that time I was a girl of nine years of age (Bukhari 5:58:234)

Even though Islam allows marriage of minors, the consummation must be after attaining puberty. And the marriage should be in the best interest of the minors involved. And that is why Islam recommends that, marriage in minority without the consent and participation of the guardian is invalid. A guardian, according to Abd al Ati (1982), 'is the legal authority invested in a person who is legally qualified and competent to safeguard the interest and rights of another who is incapable of doing so independently'. He must have certain qualifications such as sanity, maleness, maturity, Islam, etc. The Shari'ah vested the guardian with the responsibility of choosing the right spouse for his daughter because it is believed that a guardian is always safeguarding the best interest of his ward; and therefore would not do anything detrimental to her.

And even with that, the consent of the daughter has to be sought before the marriage is contracted. And when later, it was realized that the marriage was contracted without her permission, she has the right to repudiate the marriage. The Prophet is reported to have said, *A matron (thayyib) is more entitled regarding herself than her guardian and the consent of a virgin (bikr) should be sought (by her guardian) and her consent is her silence.* (Muwatta; Ch. 312, 1065)

Islam also allows people to delay their marriage. It has been reported that Fatimah, daughter of the Prophet (S.A.W.) received two proposals at Madina in the second year after Hijra which were turned down. Then Ali bn Abi Talib proposed to her, and this was accepted and approved by the Prophet. Ali (R.A) sold his shield to Uthman for four hundred Dirhams which he gave as the Sadaq. They were thus married at the second year after Hijra; when she was 18 years old, while Ali was about 20 years old. The Prophet himself performed the marriage ceremony. (Muhammad, 1989; 18)

This therefore indicates that in Islam, there is freedom of choice of either marrying early or delaying it until much later.

### Reasons for early marriage

There are may be a number of reasons why parents may want to marry off their children at an early age.

1. A person may want to practice the *sunnah* of the Prophet, as the Prophet married A'isha bint Abubakar when she was young 2. He may wish to marry her off at an early age as many men prefer to marry young girls because they are more obedient.

3. Human beings develop sexual urges at puberty, (Arthens, 2006) and a scientific study conducted by the Jordanian University reveals that, the age of the onset of menstruation (which is a sign of puberty) worldwide is between 9 and 16 years ([www.islamonline.net/servelet](http://www.islamonline.net/servelet)). Marriage at the onset of puberty is therefore necessary particularly to those children that cannot guard themselves from *Zina*. The National Campaign to prevent Teen pregnancy reveals that in the United States, four out of ten teenage girls get pregnant. (Karwai; 2006)

Looking at the stand of Islam of either marrying children early or much later, the Act contradicts the Islamic point of view as it has pegged a minimum of 18 years before marriage is contracted. And if really the Act is for the wellbeing and betterment of a child, the child or its guardian should have freedom of choice; of either marrying their child off at an early age or not, otherwise the whole idea of rights will be defeated since the child/parents are denied the right of choice. The objective of the child's right act may not so much be for the advancement of human right and dignity, but for the promotion of licentious freedom leading to moral permissiveness and, ultimately, social decadence.

Concluded.

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## Your Letters

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### Why Governor Obi is considered "unpopular"

The main reason Peter Obi's new government is considered unpopular remains the unpopular vote count (only about 15% of the registered voters) that elected him into office. The spirit of the rest (85%) disenfranchised is haunting him.

Many believe PDP members also contributed considerably to this. It all started with the Ogbulafor-induced imposition of Professor Soludo as the PDP

candidate, resulting in many primary contestants in going different directions. The Minister of Information, Dora Akunyili allegedly also lent a destructive helping and unseen hand. There were also the uncomplimentary widely-reported remarks against the benefit of the party and its candidate (Professor Soludo) by other PDP chieftains, namely Chief Don Etiebet, Governor Godswill Akpabio and Senator Annie Okonkwo.

Other contributors to Obi's woes were government controlled agents' actions like posting of security agents from many parts of the country to Anambra; you can imagine where a State (Akwa Ibom) 'donated' 2000 policemen for the Anambra gubernatorial election. The presence of the intimidating number of security agents scared the disenfranchised

registered voters who could not complain openly for fear of being 'dealt with'. The conduct of INEC that ensured majority did not cast their votes, is a serious flaw.

The mass deployment of security forces from other parts of the country is an indication of what to expect in the 2011 election. It is pertinent to note that there is no way the federal government would get enough security agents to deploy in any particular State as in the case of Anambra since almost the rest States would be involved in the elections simultaneously.

Nevertheless Governor Obi continues to govern in good and bad ways, but all hopes are not lost as the matter is at the Election Tribunal.

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### Forget zoning

STOP crying over zoning and put up a credible and acceptable candidate and insist on overhauling of electoral process. PC Ijai, 08065496198.

### Can't fly?

I read that there was a sent forth for the Super Eagles ahead of the 2010 World Cup tournament. We are just wasting our resources; Super Eagle will not go anywhere. MUHAMMAD L. Garko, 08068237398.

### Buying Arsenal

DANGOTE should think twice! Arsenal is not a good choice, a club that could not win even any significant cup this past season! He can consider Manchester United; I can assure him that he won't regret his actions. Moreover, Eric Cantona has brought glory to Old Trafford and the

glory has come to stay. MA'ARUF Ibrahim, Abuja, 08034537022.

### Why not invest in something else?

I just want to advise our dear businessman not to waste his money to buy share in Arsenal FC; instead, he should splash the cash to produce more foodstuff for his fellow Nigerians so that he will have ever-lasting profit. AMINU Alkasim sakuwa, D.K.D, Kano State, 08096848946.

### Why, Trust why?

YOU should bury your heads in shame for your unethical behaviour. Anytime I criticize your senior columnists you shield them, giving them that they are saints. They are not. It is just that they are unjustly given the chance and we shall continue to criticize

them just as they criticize others. Indeed there other platforms. 08030539506.

### Diminishing status

ISN'T it wrong to have Nigeria agree that our minister of foreign affairs should co-chair the US-Nigeria commission meeting with a US under-secretary who, protocol wise, is the equivalent of a deputy director in our own system? Please advise him to send a director or at least the permanent secretary. ILESANMI, 08033078940.

### What sauce for the goose...

ALL PDP national vice chairmen should follow the path of Ogbulafor for their own good unless they want a disgraceful exit. The party inferno is bent to make sure it spares no one that is not ready to play ball. KASIM, Yola, 07032143998.

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### PDP's zoning conundrum

**W**hen in 1999, the Peoples Democratic Party adopted a formula to address the concern of alienation from certain political posts, its proponents said at the time the measure would restore stability to the polity and ensure equity in the distribution of political offices to the six geographical zones of Nigeria. Under the formula known as "zoning" principle, certain key political offices were allocated to different regions. Thus at the national level, the presidency was zoned to the south in 1999. That arrangement facilitated the emergence of Olusegun Obasanjo as the party's presidential flag-bearer, and eventually the winner of the presidential election in 1999. Other political offices, such as the president of the senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, were similarly zoned to cover practically all the six regions. The arrangement was purely a party affair, and has no basis in the constitution, even though Federal Character principle that exists in the country is enshrined in it. But it was an arrangement that is also practised by virtually all the registered political parties. In the PDP in 2002 when there was so much hubbub over the matter, party grandees who included the then Bayelsa State Deputy governor now President Goodluck Jonathan agreed to continue the zoning arrangement until such a time when both the South and the North had served 2 four year terms. That agreement led to the emergence of Alhaji Umaru Musa Yar'adua as the party's presidential candidate and eventual winner of the election that year.

Unfortunately, President Yar'adua died on May 5, 2010, about a year to the end of his first term. Following constitutional procedure, his Vice President Goodluck Jonathan who had become the Acting President was sworn in to succeed him and complete the term for which both of them were elected. The expectation, in accordance with the PDP zoning principle, is that Dr Jonathan's mandate ends on May 29, 2011, and the party would then choose another candidate from the North to contest the 2011 presidential election. This is where all forms of disagreement have emerged, even among those who were parties to the zoning arrangement.

It is true that zoning is not in the Nigerian constitution; it can even be regarded as undemocratic. In fact, this newspaper expressed its disdain for the practice several times before now, believing the choice of leadership at any particular time in the country should not be restricted to any particular region or individual. Our position on the matter has not changed.

But it is self-serving and cynical on the part of those who agreed to the principle of zoning in 1999, and have benefitted from its application, to begin to fly the idea that it is no longer applicable following Yar'adua's death. The formula was not made for Yar'adua. It may be a gentleman's agreement, but it was one that majority of those who signed off on it should abide by. We understand that almost anything goes in politics but those who are suddenly realising that zoning is undemocratic should weigh the import of their position. Is the party confident that its supporters and other Nigerians approve their somersault?

**T**o jettison of zoning by PDP at this period, as some have suggested, may not be in the interest of the party and the nation because it would have the potential to disorient the political arrangement between now and 2015 when the party is expected to make any fundamental political change. PDP should not cancel zoning just because of Yar'adua's death. The change should come after the party's due process has been followed. The change should not be done to serve few, even if powerful, or vocal, individuals. The zoning principle has served the party well; opportunists should not be allowed to use the unfortunate demise of Yar'adua to seek to hijack its internal mechanism and impose their will on the rest.

For all Nigerians many of whom are not members of the self acclaimed largest party in Africa, it is important that whatever any party decides internally, their votes should count so that at the end of the day they can decide whether a party that changes its position on a fundamental matter so casually is worth their votes.

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## The Siemens tragedy

**T**he Hausa language is rich in idioms, proverbs and parables. Take for instance, "Mutuwa tona asiri". Translated in plain English, it means "death the revealer of hidden secrets". It is possible that James Omanafe Ibori, the former frequent guest at the Aso Rock, now cooling his heels in Dubai awaiting extradition to Britain has never heard of that parable despite his short stint at Kaduna Prisons.

The same definitely cannot be said of the Deputy National Chairman of the PDP, Haliru Bello Mohammed, or Senator Jubril Aminu. They, along with the former Ministers of Communications Cornelius Adebayo, and Major-General Tajudeen Olanrewaju, are all expected to appear before the EFCC this week on allegations that they received bribes totalling 17.5m Euro to enable the German telecommunications conglomerate Siemens, corner juicy contracts in the country several years ago.

According to reports carried by *The Nation* newspaper yesterday, the EFCC may have also uncovered another long list of government officials and PDP members who enjoyed holidays abroad at the expense of the same company. What is deeply troubling, however, is that the paper also claimed that at least two of the accused have confessed to have received money from Siemens, but denied that they were bribes! Again, permit me to borrow from my rich collection of Hausa parables: "Ba chinya ba kafar bayal!" literally meaning, "It's not the thigh, but the hind leg!" You are of course, invited to spot the difference.

**I**t is almost three years now since I first wrote on the Siemens scandal. My piece followed the judgement delivered in a Munich court on the 4th of October 2007 in which four former Nigerian telecommunications ministers as well as other officials in Nigeria, Libya and Russia were named as recipients of 77 bribes totalling about 12 million Euros, or about \$17.5 million.

The court focused on bribes between 2001 and 2004 connected to few characters including Reinhardt Siekaczek, a former manager in a telecommunications-equipment unit who served Siemens for 38 years.

Siekaczek it was who not only sang like a Canary but also revealed that the bribes were not entirely limited to the three countries named earlier. Of the 12 million allegedly dished out by Siemens, 10 million were reported to have been dished out to Nigeria public officers at various levels, which should tell the world something about the character and integrity of our public officers.

Even the a project manager at Nitel and the secretary of its tenders board, were named in the ruling, a pattern embarrassingly indicative of the widespread practice in Nigeria where public offic-

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ers view their positions not as a call to service, but as opportunities for self-aggrandizement.

**W**hen I wrote my piece, I could not understand why we had to wait for a foreign court to name and shame the Nigerian accomplices in the crime. I was both astonished and embarrassed that our own government, which should be more aggrieved for obvious

of proper court processes and meticulous investigations spanning several months.

**I**t remains to be seen how our own justice system will treat this matter, but already, it is hugely embarrassing to all right-thinking Nigerians that it has taken over three years for the issue to be brought to the front burner. Justice delayed is not only justice denied, in this particular instance, it casts a slur on the integrity of all Nigerians.

Like I wrote three years ago, I am distressed that the bribes – if proved to be true by our courts – not only enabled Siemens to corner the contracts, but also apparently opened the way for the conglomerate to dump sub-standard

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reasons, showed little stomach to investigate the case, or prosecute the culprits named by the Munich court. And true to type, some of the Nigerian accomplices took advantage to mock our intelligence.

Senator Jubril Aminu claimed he was our Ambassador to the United States at the time and could not have participated in the orgy of graft, adding for good measure: "They mentioned Jubril Aminu and others, who are these other people? Are they party officials? I have never handled party money and I know that this whole thing is pure nonsense."

Fortunately for Aminu, and unfortunately for Nigerians, the government of the day showed little enthusiasm to take up the challenge. That was how the Wilbros and Halliburton scandals also went uninvestigated to the collective poverty of Nigerians.

**B**ut unless the current efforts to investigate the matter are a ruse, a different wind appears to be blowing across the corrupt landscape. And the wind appears strong enough to make one-time untouchables like James Ibori cower like the common criminals they are.

With good luck, those indicted in the other scandals will also have their days in court too. Obviously, we must accept that for justice to be untainted, it must be predicated on the presumption of innocence before all accused are proven guilty. What makes this case an exception however is that we have already seen sentences passed on the givers of the alleged bribes in a foreign court. The indictments and subsequent sentences were also the result

equipment on the nation for obvious reasons.

That is why we must all unite to fight corruption and also urge the government to pursue this case to its logical conclusion. In almost all instances, conglomerates operating in Third World countries offer bribes not only to win contracts but also to lower or neutralize the supervisory prerogatives of public or elected officials and parliamentarians. If we want to be taken seriously, we must make an example of this and other pending cases to sanitize the system. Fighting corruption is not all about demagoguery.

**I**f also proven beyond reasonable doubt, what the scandal proves, of course, is that we now have a ready-made explanation as to why the National I.D. Card scheme was a monumental failure. We also require no further proof for the sorry state of our refineries, or why, forty years after our supposed independence, Nigeria is gradually emerging as a dumping ground for South African goods.

In the end though, while it may be too early to judge the man, it is obvious that it has taken the change of guards in the Villa for Ibori to take flight and for the Siemens scandal to return to public consciousness. Apparently, the death of the former President Umaru Musa Yar'adua may have something to do with it. If Jonathan stays tenacious, and the Nigerian factor does not undermine the current efforts at fighting high profile graft, for the various individuals indicted in this sordid affair, the old Hausa adage "Mutawa tona asiri" would have come to pass. We shall see.

# AFRICA REPORT

## Somali rebels vow to capture presidential palace

A day after Somalia's al Shabaab rebels fired mortars on the presidential palace during which about 14 people were killed, the group said yesterday their next target, after capturing the north of the capital, is to capture the presidential palace.

"We have ousted the government from the north of Mogadishu... and now our next step is to capture the palace," Sheikh Ali Mohamud Rage, al Shabaab's spokesman, told reporters.

"There is no one between us and the Christians (African Union peacekeepers -- AMISOM), the so-called police who used to defend the AMISOM are now nowhere to be seen."

A spokesman for the peacekeeping force laughed off the insurgent's statement.

"We wish them success for their dreams," Barigye Ba-Hoku told Reuters.

"Their actions are illegal and they amount to a coup," Ba-Hoku added. The government was not immediately available to comment.

## Sahara cave may shed light on history of Egypt

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are studying prehistoric rock drawings discovered in a remote cave in 2002, including dancing figures and strange headless beasts, as they seek new clues about the rise of Egyptian civilisation.

Amateur explorers stumbled across the cave, which includes 5,000 images painted or engraved into stone, in the vast, empty desert near Egypt's southwest border with Libya and Sudan.

Rudolph Kuper, a German archaeologist, said the detail depicted in the "Cave of the Beasts" indicate the site is at least 8,000 years old, likely the work of hunter-gatherers whose descendants may have been among the early settlers of the then-swampy and inhospitable Nile Valley.

The cave is 10 km (6 miles) from the "Cave of the Swimmers" romanticised in the film the "English Patient", but with far more, and better preserved, images.

By studying the sandstone cave and other nearby sites, the archaeologists are trying to build a timeline to compare the culture and technologies of the peoples who inhabited the area.

"It is the most amazing cave ... in North Africa and Egypt," said Karin Klindermann, member of a German-led team that recently made a trip to the site 900 km (560 miles) southwest of Cairo.

"You take a piece of the puzzle and see where it could fit. This is an important piece," she said.

The Eastern Sahara, a region the size of Western Europe that extends from Egypt into Libya, Sudan and Chad, is the world's largest warm, dry desert. Rainfall in the desert's centre averages less than 2 millimetres a year.

About 8500 BC, seasonal rainfall appeared in the region, creating a savanna and attracting hunter-gatherers. By 5300 BC, the rains had stopped and human settlements receded to highland areas. By 3500 BC, the settlements disappeared entirely.

"After 3-4,000 years of savanna life environment in the Sahara, the desert returned and people were forced to move eastwards to the Nile Valley, contributing to the foundation of Egyptian civilisation, and southwards to the African continent," said Kuper, an expert at Germany's Heinrich Barth Institute.

The mass exodus corresponds with the rise of sedentary life along the Nile that later blossomed into pharaonic civilisation that dominated the region for thousands of years and whose art, architecture and government helped shape Western culture.

"It seems that the paintings of the Cave of the Beasts pre-date the introduction of domesticated animals.

## Burundians troop out to vote

BURUNDIANS yesterday voted in district elections that had been postponed twice in the first of a series of polls in which the country will also vote for representatives to parliament and its next president.

Incumbent President Pierre Nkurunziza is seeking another term in elections pitting him against Agathon Rwaso, leader of former rebel group Forces for National Liberation.

District elections are often an indicator of how the rest of the vote will go. A political party that gets over 50 percent of the votes in the communal election in the first round is likely to win the presidential and parliamentary poll.

In some areas, voters formed long queues at several polling stations an hour earlier than the official 6 a.m. starting time, in the second democratic election since Burundi emerged from a two-decade war.

"Before coming here to vote, I went to church first to pray so that we can have a peaceful election," said Jeremie, a voter in the southern Bujumbura district of Kinindo. Some 3.5 million Burundians are expected to vote for 1,935 district councillors. "I arrived here at 5.30 a.m. and was among the people who voted first," said 45-year-old Amissi Nahimana at the Buyenzi commune. "My expectation is that the election be free and fair."

Authorities postponed the vote to yesterday from Friday because most voters did not have their cards and voting materials were missing in many stations. UN helicopters were used throughout the weekend to transport election materials around the country.

Political analysts say at least six parties will offer stiff opposition for President Pierre Nkurunziza's CNDD-FDD ruling party. The presidential vote will take place on June 28.

The parliamentary vote is due on July 23, and one for senators on July 28. The electoral process will



BURUNDI'S President Pierre Nkurunziza.

end with local elections to be held separately in September.

The elections are a test of the landlocked country's stability. It

has enjoyed relative peace since the last Hutu rebel group, the FNL, agreed last year to lay down weapons and joined the government.

## Israel's Peres denies South Africa nuclear weapons deal

ISRAEL'S President Shimon Peres has denied a report which claims there was an alleged nuclear pact between Israel and apartheid South Africa.

Documents to be published in a new book show Israel agreed to give South Africa

nuclear weapons in 1975, the *Guardian* newspaper has reported.

Mr Peres was Israel's defence minister at the time and was named in the *Guardian* article. The news comes as tension over nuclear weapons in the region

is increasing.

Mr Peres' spokeswoman, Ayelet Frisch, said there was "no basis, no foundation in reality" for the reports.

"We regret that the paper used in the story documents by the South African government

officials rather than documents that present the facts," a statement given to the BBC said.

"Israel did not conduct any negotiations for the sale of nuclear weapons to South Africa and none of the aforementioned documents are

original signed Israeli documents that confirm the existence of such talks of such negotiations."

The president is going to write a letter to the *Guardian* demanding "the right facts" be reported, the statement said.

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for His Excellency.

It is with great admiration that the Board of Directors, Management and entire staff of **PAN Nigeria**, felicitate with His Excellency, **Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo** on your New appointment as the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

This is a true recognition of your humility and outstanding commitment to excellence.

We pray Almighty Allah bestows on you the strength and wisdom to succeed.



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## Middle East

# Iran notifies IAEA over atomic deal

IRAN has in a letter to the United Nation's nuclear watchdog described its nuclear swap deal with Turkey and Brazil as a "breakthrough".

The letter, signed by Ali Akbar Salehi, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, applauds the move to send 1,200kg of its low-enriched uranium to Turkey in exchange for nuclear fuel.

Salehi's letter, delivered to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, Austria, yesterday, reportedly said the

deal was "a major step forward" towards defusing tensions over its nuclear energy programme.

Iran has also pushed major world powers and the UN to implement the deal, with Iran's envoy to the IAEA saying "we expect this to be realised as soon as possible". Ali Asghar Soltanieh said that Iran's uranium enrichment programme, which Western powers have raised concerns over, was a separate issue to the deal.

When asked if Iran would continue enriching uranium to higher

levels if the deal went through, he said: "This is not the issue."

The IAEA said it would pass on Iran's letter to the US, France and Russia, part of the so-called Vienna Group, but did not comment on the deal.

Iranian diplomats travelled to the residence of Yukiya Amano, the IAEA chief, in Vienna, Austria along with representatives from Turkey and Brazil, for a 45-minute meeting on Monday.

Jonah Hull, Al Jazeera's correspondent in Vienna, said the letter

was handed over as the discussion took place behind closed doors at the residence.

"The letter included details of the deal and details of Iran's commitment," he said.

"In terms of the deal we don't yet have chapter and verse on this letter ... but we understand this is a deal to swap nuclear fuel."

Iran signed a deal last week with Brazil and Turkey, non-permanent members of the UN Security Council, to ship over half of its low-enriched uranium abroad

in exchange for fuel for a Tehran medical research reactor.

Under the plan, Iran would transfer 1,200 kg of low-enriched uranium (LEU), which is enough for an atomic bomb if enriched to high purity, to Turkey in return for special fuel rods to replenish the stocks of its medical isotope reactor.

But Western governments have been dismissive of the proposal, which they have said fails to address international concerns about Iran's nuclear programme.

## Pakistan urges talks with India to build trust

PAKISTAN called yesterday for "sustained and meaningful" dialogue with India after Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said a trust deficit was the main obstacle in ties between the nuclear-armed rivals. Speaking at a news conference in New Delhi, Singh said India was willing to discuss all outstanding issues with Pakistan but "the trust gap is (the) biggest problem."

Pakistan said it agreed that mistrust should be dispelled.

"Obviously, there is a mutual trust deficit and we need to build trust between our two countries on solid foundations so that our two countries and our people can live in peace and prosperity," said Pakistani foreign ministry spokesman Abdul Basit.

"To this end, Pakistan looks forward to a sustained and meaningful engagement with India with a view to free our relations from all disputes and conflicts."

Relations between the neighbours, who have fought three wars since 1947, went into a freeze after Pakistan-based militants attacked the Indian city of Mumbai in 2008, killing 166 people. But Singh and Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani met on the sidelines of a regional conference last month and agreed to get talks going again to tackle their disputes.

For India, the main issue in its relations with Pakistan is security, with Islamist militants, who India says are backed by Pakistan, attacking Indian security forces in the disputed Kashmir region and launching attacks in Indian cities.

Pakistan says the core dispute is over Muslim-majority Kashmir, which both countries claim in full but rule in part. Talking to leaders of Pakistan-ruled Kashmir, Gilani said his government remained committed to a peaceful, negotiated settlement of the Kashmir dispute.

## Iran executes Jundollah member



IRANIAN President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

IRAN has executed Abdolhamid Rigi, a member of the armed Sunni Jundollah (God's soldiers) group, believed to be behind attacks against security forces and civilians in the country's south-east Sistan-Baluchestan province. Jundollah claimed responsibility for an October 18 bomb attack that killed dozens of Iranians including members of the elite Revolutionary Guard. It was thought to be the deadliest attack

in Iran since the 1980s.

Rigi's hanging took place in the southeastern city of Zahedan yesterday. "The judiciary decided not to carry out the sentence in public because of some security issues," Ebrahim Hamidi, a judiciary official in Sistan-Baluchestan, said. Families of Jundollah victims were, however, present at the execution to help alleviate "their pain," Hamidi said.

Iranian state Press TV also

accused Rigi of drug dealing, murder and armed robbery. He was captured in Pakistan in 2008 and extradited to Iran.

Iran also alleges the Jundollah has ties with al-Qaeda. Iranian officials accuse the United States, Britain and Pakistan of supporting Jundollah in order to destabilise Iran, a charge these countries vehemently deny.

Jundollah says it is fighting for the rights of Sunni Muslims in

Iran's impoverished Baluchestan province which borders on Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Rigi was the brother of Abdolmalek Rigi, the alleged leader of Jundollah who is awaiting trial in an Iranian prison.

Abdolmalek was arrested by Iranian security forces February 23 2010. "He is only 30 years old," our Tehran correspondent said. "And he faces execution like his brother."

## Israel vows to block Gaza-bound aid

A flotilla of humanitarian aid ships sent from Ireland, Greece and Turkey to help people in Gaza will not be allowed in, Israel has warned.

A coalition of international groups has sent the three cargo and five passenger ships to the small coastal enclave. Included in the 'Freedom Flotilla' are a 1,200-ton cargo ship and Turkish cruise ship Mavi Marmara.

They have been gathering in the waters off Cyprus but a statement from Israel's foreign ministry said: "Israel has no intention of allowing

the flotilla to enter Gaza."

Israel claims to no longer occupy Gaza since it removed soldiers and settlers from the strip in 2005.

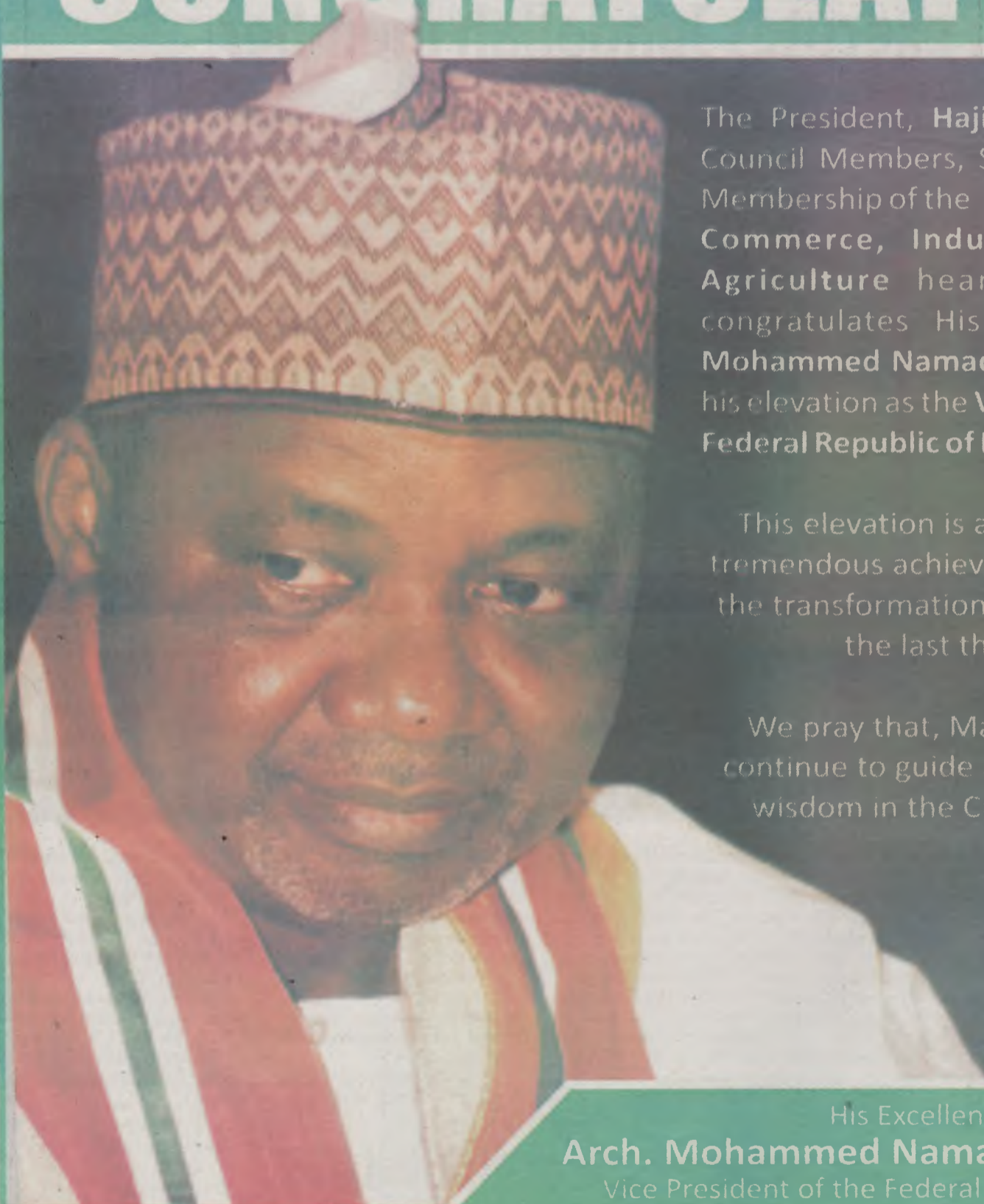
Other countries and the United Nations have said Israel's control of Gaza's borders, airspace and sea means it is still an occupying power there.

Asked about the flotilla, Israeli deputy prime minister Dan Meridor linked it to the fate of abducted soldier Gilad Shalit.



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# CONGRATULATIONS



The President, Hajiya Saratu I. Aliyu, Council Members, Staff and the entire Membership of the **Kaduna Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture** heartily rejoice and congratulates His Excellency **Arch. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, GCON** on his elevation as the **Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**.

This elevation is a testimony of the tremendous achievements recorded in the transformation of Kaduna State in the last three years.

We pray that, May Allah Almighty continue to guide and give you much wisdom in the Challenges ahead.

His Excellency,

**Arch. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, GCON**  
Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Signed:

**Mal. Usman G. Saulawa**  
Director General

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The President, **Hajiya Saratu I. Aliyu**, Council Members, Staff and the entire Membership of the **Kaduna Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture** heartily rejoice and congratulates His Excellency **Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa** on his transformation to the exalted position of the **Executive Governor of Kaduna State**.

We pray to Almighty God to guide and guard you in your selfless service to move our dear State forward.

His Excellency,  
**Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa**  
Executive Governor of Kaduna State

Signed:  
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## INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION

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### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform members of the general public that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has fixed May 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as the new dates for the second batch recruitment interview in all states of the Federation, including the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

All those who had been shortlisted for recruitment interview by the Commission in the second batch but could not be interviewed following the temporary suspension of the exercise, are hereby requested to report to their respective State Offices of the Commission and FCT to be interviewed on these dates.

Those who could not make the interview in the first batch are also requested to come forward for the interview.

  
**Umenger I. Emmanuel**  
**Director, Public Affairs**

Asia

# Seoul: North will pay for sinking

SOUTH Korea's president has vowed that North Korea will pay the price for its "brutality" in the deadly sinking of South Korean naval ship in March.

"We have always tolerated North Korea's brutality, time and again. We did so because we have always had a genuine longing for peace on the Korean peninsula," Lee Myung-bak said yesterday.

"But now things are different. North Korea will pay a price corresponding to its provocative acts," he said. "I will continue to take stern measures to hold the North accountable."

South Korea released findings of a report last week which concluded that a North Korean submarine fired a torpedo that sank the Cheonan corvette on March 26. Fifty-eight sailors were rescued from the choppy Yellow Sea waters off the Korea's maritime border, but 46 died - the nation's worst military disaster since the 1950-53 Korean war.

Lee urged North Korea to apologise and

punish those involved in the alleged attack but Pyongyang has consistently denied involvement in the sinking and has warned that any move to take punitive measures would mean war.

In a solemn televised address to the nation from South Korea's War Memorial, Lee recounted the "incessant" pattern of attacks by North Korea, including the downing of an airliner in 1987 that killed 115 people.

North Korea, he said, must be punished for its repeated provocations, and Seoul would invoke its right to defend itself if Pyongyang showed aggression again, but he added that "our ultimate goal is not military confrontation".

Lee said the North's commercial ships would no longer be permitted to sail in South Korean waters and that all trade and exchange with the North would be frozen.

Seoul will also take Pyongyang to the UN Security Council over the sinking, he said.



OFFICIALS of China and US economy discussion.

## China and US discuss economy

CHINA has pledged to boost its domestic demand at the start of US-China talks, but avoided specific commitments on whether to allow its currency to appreciate.

The United States, which has called for a stronger Chinese exchange rate, also treaded softly on the subject yesterday as the two sides held their second Strategic and Economic Dialogue, welcoming Beijing's long-standing pledge to reform the yuan. Addressing the opening session, Hu Jintao, the Chinese president, urged more economic co-ordination between the two global powers to promote "full economic recovery".

"China will continue to steadily advance reform of the renminbi exchange rate formation mechanism following the principles of being independent, controllable and gradual," he said. The renminbi is the official name of China's currency, of which the yuan is the base unit.

The world's biggest and third-biggest economies are seeking to steady relations after a burst of tensions early this year, and while Hu broke no new ground on the currency dispute that has divided them, he set an amicable tone for the two days of talks.

Timothy Geithner, the US treasury secretary, appealed to Beijing to work together to reduce trade barriers and develop a more balanced global economy. He indirectly urged China to ease up on its "indigenous innovation" policies aimed at giving Chinese companies a larger share of new cutting-edge technologies developed in China.

On the yuan, which has been effectively pegged to the dollar since the global financial crisis worsened in mid-2008, Geithner said the Chinese government was moving in the right direction. "We welcome the fact that China's leaders have recognised that reform of the exchange rate is an important part of their broader reform agenda," he said.

Geithner tried to send a message to China that yuan appreciation would be in China's own interest. He said that a more market-driven exchange rate would help suppress inflation while also driving private firms to move up the value chain.

Chinese officials have said they want only "quiet discussion" of US complaints that the Chinese currency is held too low in value, giving Chinese manufacturers an unfair advantage.



### Invitation for Bids

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Contact Identification Number: IFB/NG/HSDPIV/NCB/001/09

Bank/Fund Loan Number: 2100150006938

Bank/Fund Loan Name: ADF

1. The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a loan from the African Development Bank in various currencies to finance the cost of HSDP (Health IV). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Procurement of Staff Quarters House Furniture for 6no. MCH Clinics.

2. The Niger State Health Systems Development Project (Health IV), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Furniture for 6 nos MCH Staff Quarters, 25 nos Refrigerator and Cookers for MCH Staff Quarters and Furniture for 6 nos MCH Clinics.

Lots	Description	Location	Amt. of Bid Security	Completion period.
Lot 1	Furniture for 6 nos MCH staff quarters	Central Med. Store Min. of Health, Minna	N250,000	60 days after signing contract
Lot 2	25 nos Refrigerators and cookers for MCH staff quarters	"	N100,000	60 days after signing contract
Lot 3	Furniture for 6 nos MCH clinics	"	N250,000	60 days after signing contract

Bidders may bid for one Lot, several Lots or all the Lots

Bidders must present separate bid security for each lot. Bids with combined bid securities will be considered **non responsive**.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of:  
The Project Manager,  
Niger State Health Systems Development Project (Health IV),  
Old Secretariat Block C, Behind Pilgrims Welfare Board, Minna  
Office Hours: 8.00am - 4.00pm.  
Tel. No. 066-222275  
Fax: 066-222275

4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **N10,000.00**. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank draft. The document will be sent by Courier or hand.

5. Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 12.00 Noon of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 and must be accompanied by a security of **Tow Hundred and Fifty thousand (N250,000.00) Naira for lots 1 and 3 each, and One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000.00) for 2. The Bid security shall be in the format prescribed in this document. Bidders bidding for more than one lot must provide separate bid security for each lot bid. Combined bid security will render the bids non-responsive.**

6. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend, at the address below at 12.30pm of **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010.**

Name of Office: **NIGER STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONFERENCE ROOM,**

Name of Officer: **(PROJECT MANAGER) MOHAMMED NDAWASH**

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**NIGERIAN COLLEGE OF AVIATION  
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**INVITATION TO TENDER**

1. The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria hereby invites reputable contractors to tender for the Year 2010 IGR & FGN Projects.

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	BID SECURITY	TENDER FEE
1.	Purchase of Computer System and Accessories.	NCAT, Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
2	Purchase and Installation of One (1) Generating Set 1000 KVA for Site II.	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
3	Purchase and Installation of Hard/Soft Ware for Area Airways Simulator.	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
4	Aero-medical Centre Equipping.	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
5	Construction of Two(2) Stainless Steel Surface Tank for Jet -A1 Storage(20,000 litres each)	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
6	Supply of Aviation Fuel and Lubricants Lot. 1: Aviation Fuel (Jet-A1) Lot. 2: Aviation Fuel (AVGAS 100LL) Lot. 3: Aircraft Lubricants	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
7	Purchase and Installation of Fibre Optic Training Facilities Laboratory	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00
8	Purchase and Installation of Reflective/Solar Powered Runway Lighting System.	NCAT Zaria	3% of Bid Price	₦20,000.00

- Tendering shall be conducted through the National Competitive bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the procurement Act 2007 and is opened to all tenderers.
- Interested reputable companies are requested to obtain complete set of tender documents during office hours (8.00am to 16.00pm) as from 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2010 upon payment of non-refundable tender fee. Interested tenderers may also obtain further information from the address below.
- Duly completed bid documents should be submitted in an envelope, sealed and marked "TENDER FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate the project title)" at the left hand corner of the envelope and addressed to:

**The Secretary,  
Procurement Planning Committee,  
Nigerian College of Aviation Technology,  
PMB 1031, Zaria Aerodrome,  
Kaduna State.**

All submissions must reach the above address not later than 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 at 11.00am. Electronics bids shall not be accepted and bids received after the deadline shall be rejected. The College is not bound to award to the lowest bidder.

- Bids will be opened publicly on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 at 11.00am, at the College Cafeteria, NCAT, Zaria in the presence of bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

Interested bidders can also visit our website: [www.ncat.gov.ng](http://www.ncat.gov.ng) or e-mail: [procurement@ncat.gov.ng](mailto:procurement@ncat.gov.ng) for more information.



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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS  
OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND  
SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER  
FENCE.**

The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria has appropriated funds in its year 2010 FGN budget for perimeter fencing of the college premises and intends to apply a portion of the funds to procure consultancy services.

The College therefore wishes to procure the services of consulting firm or organization with specific expertise, proven track record and experience in design and supervision of construction of perimeter fence of airports and aviation organizations.

The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). Such expertise could include **Project Management, Design of Airports and Airports Perimeter Fence, Drainages, Runways, Supervision of Construction of perimeter fences etc.** Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

**Scope of Services:**

The scope of the services will include but not limited to:

- Design of the college perimeter Fence
- Preparation of Bills of quantities and all drawings
- Preparation of tenders documents and evaluation of tenders.
- Supervision of Construction and all related works
- Submission of regular projects reports

**Duration of the Service:**

The assignment must be completed within a period of one (1) year from the date of signing of contract agreement.

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the quality and cost based selection (QCBS) procedures set out in the Procurement Act 2007 and Procurement Procedures Manual.

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The Expression of Interest should be addressed and delivered not later than 4.00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 at the address shown below. The envelope should be sealed and marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION OF COLLEGE PERIMETER FENCE" at upper left hand corner of the envelope.

**The Secretary,  
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Nigerian College of Aviation Technology,  
Zaria Aerodrome,  
P.M.B 1031,  
Zaria, Kaduna State, Nigeria.  
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**NIGERIAN COLLEGE OF AVIATION  
TECHNOLOGY, ZARIA**

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### 1. CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF:

- a) Construction of Flying School 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Classroom Block.
- b) Construction/Rehabilitation of Road Network.
- c) Construction of Concrete-Chain links Perimeter Fencing of Aero Medical Centre.

The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria has appropriated funds in its year 2010 IGR/FGN budget for projects and intends to apply a portion of the funds to procure **consultancy services**.

The College therefore wishes to procure the services of consulting firm or organization with specific expertise, proven track record and experience in design and supervision of construction of Multi-Storey educational buildings, Estate Roads Network and Perimeter Fencing.

The Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). Such expertise could include **Project Management, Design of Storey Buildings/Educational Buildings, Integration of Teaching/Training Aids and ICT Facilities, Construction/Rehabilitation of Road Network etc.** Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

#### Scope of Services:

The scope of the services will include but not limited to:

1. Design of the Storey Buildings/Educational Buildings, College Roads Network and Perimeter Fencing of Aero Medical Centre.
2. Preparation of Bills of quantities and all drawings
3. Preparation of tender documents and evaluation of tenders.
4. Supervision of construction of Storey Buildings/Educational Buildings
5. Submission of reports

#### Duration of the Service:

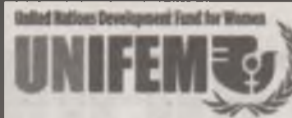
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## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Duration:** One Year (with possibility of renewal)  
**Closing date:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010

For further details on the job description and application process, please visit UNDP's corporate job site at (<http://www.ng.undp.org/jobs.shtml>.) and submit applications.

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announces the following vacancies:

1. Senior Strategic Advisor (International Consultant)
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The contract will be for one year, paid monthly in arrears. The fee range for the position of Senior Strategic Advisor will be between £3,800 and £4,300 per month depending on educational qualifications and directly relevant experience. For the position of Coordination Specialist the fee range will be between £3,000 and £3300 per month.

For individuals who are not Nigerians and are not already resident in Nigeria, benefits will include a housing allowance deemed by PDF to be sufficient to obtain a lease for a year on a furnished, serviced flat, and payment for two round trips to/from the consultant's base location, including one trip for leave.

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**Venue:** Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus, Bayero University, Kano.

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EMPTY stands at the West African trade fair in Kano, yesterday

## Kano: Investors shun W/African trade fair

From Halima Musa & Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

CONTRARY to the expectation that all members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) will converge on a trade and cultural mission during the 2nd West African Trade Fair holding in Kano, the trade fair complex appears to be deserted and shabby, *Daily Trust* observed.

The fair with the theme: Reinvigorating Existing Cultural, Social and Economic Ties, could simply be described as a disappointment as the very few traders that displayed their wares look hopeless and there were no customers patronizing their goods two days after the fair was declared open.

It was further observed that one could count on a finger tip the number of stands occupied in the whole complex.

The few stands were occupied by a Filipino; two stands displayed with Senegalese readymade wears, one stand occupied by a incense perfume seller and few other technical display stands. Others present were the supporting organizations, First Bank, Ecobank and Ammasco international

limited as at noon yesterday.

Unlike the usual noisy and colourful environment of a typical trade fair, the Kano international trade fair complex, venue for the West African trade fair as organized by the Kano State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA) in collaboration with an international business group, Faba Falabi, has no sign of any entertainment in either sound or colour.

Director General, KACCIMA, Alhaji Abdullahi Mohammed Jidda said notwithstanding the low turnout, the chamber's aim of organizing the fair has been achieved.

"We at KACCIMA are proud of being the first to initiate such a trade fair and its main aim is to send out a strong message on the need for markets and goods of the member countries of the ECOWAS to rise up to the challenges by looking inwards to explore and develop their markets and products so as to reduce dependence on products from other regions of the world and at least we have set a phase in that direction," said Jidda.

He further said the trade fair was also organised with the aim of reviving and strengthening the economic ties between member countries as well as open up business opportunities for same.

He said the chamber is not unaware of the abundant natural resources in the region and therefore needs to be explored.

On the low turnout, the Director General of the chamber said it is normal for trade fairs to experience low turnout during the first few days of commencement, saying that is why the trade fair was scheduled to last for 12 days and not the usual one week period.

He expressed optimism that the turnout will improve as more traders from member countries will arrive at the fair any moment.

He said the boarders have been cleared for easy influx of the expected traders. He also said entertainment by both local and foreign artistes will com-

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE

**Chanchangi Airlines**  
 Lagos-Abj: 07.15, 10.00, 13.10, 15.30, 17.30  
 Abj-Lagos: 08.00, 11.45, 13.40, 15.30, 17.00  
 Lagos-Kad: 10.45, (on Fri), 17.00(Mon/Fri/Sat/Sun)  
 Kad-Lagos: 07.30(Mon/Fri), 08.00(Sat/Sun)  
**Nigerian Eagles Airlines (Virgin Nigeria)**  
 Abj-Kano: 18.40 (Mon-Fri)/Sun  
 Kano-Abj: 08.35 (Mon-Fri) /Sat  
 Abj-Soko: 09:35, (Mon), 10:10 (Fri), 11:20 (Wed/Sun)  
 Soko-Abj: 11.35(Mon), 12.00(Fri), 13:20 (Wed/Sun)  
 Lagos-Abj: 07.15, 11.40, 14.00, 16.30, 17.00, 17.20;  
 18.30 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun), 8.00; 12.40; 13.10; 20:00 (Fri)  
 Abj-Lagos: 07.00, 09.30, 10.30, 11.15, 16.15;  
 19.15, 19.25, 19:35 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); 14:55; 15:15;  
 20:45(Fri); 19:45(Sun); 11:25, 13:35, 16:25(Mon)  
 Lagos-PHC: 07.40, 09.30, 10.00, 12.20, 13.30, 14.00,  
 16.00 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); PHC-Lagos: 10.50, 11.20,  
 12.45, 15.30, 16.15, 17.15 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); Lagos-  
 Owr: 12:15; (Tue-Fri/Sun); 12:40 (Mon/Sat)  
 Owr-Lagos: 14:25 (Tue-Fri/Sun) 14:50 (Mon /Sat)  
 Lagos-Cal: 08:00 (Fri), 09:10 (Wed-Thu), 12:40 (Tue/  
 Sat/Sun), 13:10 (Mon)  
 Cal-Lagos: 10.05 (Fri); 11.15(Wed/Thu); 14.55 (Tue/  
 Sat-Sun), 15.15(Mon)  
**IRS Airlines**  
 Lagos-Abj: 09.45, 11.45, 12.45, (Mon-Fri) 09.30,  
 12.45(Sat&Sun)  
 Lagos-Kano: 06.15(Mon-Fri), 16.30(Sat/ Sun)  
 Kano-Lagos: 07.30(Mon-Fri), 10.30(Sat/ Sun)  
 Abuja-Kano: 10.30am (Mon-Fri/Sun)

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Monday, May 24, 2010
Index:	26,784.90
Deals:	18,533
Volume:	322,527,230
Value:	N 2,657,158,459.76
Cap.:	N6,515,135,828,785.70

### TRUST INDEX

Inflation	12.5%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$4.3bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$71 a barrel
Power Supply	3, 600MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,037,422.5m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.2200%
Treasury Bills	1.3%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

CBN EXCHANGE RATES				Bureau de Change Rates	
19/5/2010	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)		
CFA	0.2611	0.2711	0.2811		
DANISH KRONER	21.2747	21.3568	21.4388		
EURO	182.0279	182.6432	183.2584		
POUNDS STERLING	211.0665	211.7799	212.4933		
RIYAL	39.448	39.5814	39.7147		
SDR	216.2589	216.9899	217.7208		
SWISS FRANC	128.9487	129.3846	129.8204		
US DOLLAR	147.93	148.43	148.93		
WAUA	216.5012	217.233	217.9647		
YEN	1.6185	1.624	1.6294		

BUYING	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N190
Pound	N225
SELLING	
Dollar	N153
Euro	N194
Pound	N228

## Northern Business

# Groundnut milling: How Kesoje is 'industrialising' his village

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

**O**VER a year ago, Shehu Muhammad Kesoje in rural Kajiji, Shagari local government area of Sokoto decided to go into groundnut milling considering that groundnuts are grown in commercial quantity in the area.

But the capital to start such business was the issue and he decided to approach the much talked about National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP), in Sokoto.

His dream came to fruition when the state office of NAPEP gave him a loan of N5million for the business. The next thing was to look for where he could get fabricated milling machines. These he got in Kaduna State.

He started off with six groundnut milling machines and today Kesoje is a proud owner of Kesoje Groundnut Oil Mill Company, a now popular milling centre in Kajiji about 10kilometres from the Shagari local government headquarters. Kesoje's milling machines has also doubled from the initial six to 12.

In just a year and two months, Shehu Muhammad Kesoje has not only a better living for himself and

family but also enabled others in Kajiji village, to improve the quality of their lives.

"I was buying groundnut from Katangora then come to process and extract oil and make groundnut cakes but I find out that it was not yielding profit. Now people bring their groundnuts for milling from various villages in Shagari local government and other councils such as Tambuwal and the business is booming. We do it at subsidized rate for those who come from far away."

His greatest joy is that he has impacted on the lives of some just within the over 14 months of his commencing the business.

Kesoje has 12 people including two women in his employ. He says initially he was paying all the workers N6, 000 per month but when he realised that it wasn't profitable that way, he devised another means of paying them by placing most of them on daily remuneration based on the day's income while the only two women are still being paid N6, 000 monthly. One of the women, Yarkwambo expressed gratitude for this means of sustenance which she says has been of great assistance to them.

Within one hour, they mill 10



ONE of the milling machines

bags. In a day, they could fry 100 bags of groundnut. It costs N600 a bag of groundnut for the entire milling processes. He however said for some indigent women, he does some milling processes for them free.

"Before, most women in the area could only work on one bag in a day because they were doing it manually. But now, you find that a woman will buy like five bags and bring it for milling".

He added, "From time to time, we still buy like 10 bags of groundnut and mill so that people who demand for such processed groundnut still get it at our centre".

A galloon of extracted groundnut oil is sold there for those who require readymade.

5 Litre galloon goes for N1, 100 while 30 litres goes for between N6, 400 and N6, 500.

But Kesoje says the flooding of the market groundnut oil imported into the area such as 'Controller oil' was affecting the market for theirs.

The machines at the company include those for shelling, chaff removal, grinding, oil extraction, etc.

The women are responsible for the chaff removal after the groundnuts would have gone through the shelling machines before it is now taken to the machine that does the frying of the groundnuts.

After, frying it is allowed to cool before putting in a machine that will remove the reddish skin from the groundnuts. It is then blended into a paste in another device. Yet another piece of

equipment separates the oil from the blended groundnuts that is used for groundnut cakes. Kesoje revealed that Poultry farmers patronise them a lot. They buy groundnut cakes from them.

The busiest days for the Ajiji groundnut millers are Wednesdays and Saturdays. These are days preparatory to market days which fall on, Thursday, Fridays, and Sundays.

During these days a long queue of people wanting groundnut milling services characterize the centre. On such days, the patronisers of the centre triple other

days, it was gathered.

In a week, Kesoje rakes in over N20, 000 with the busiest days turning in N5, 000 each while others days between 2,500 and N3, 000. However out of this, he pays the workers and also buys fuel for the machines.

The loan Kesoje collected for the business is due to be repaid after 24 months which is still some months away.

He says, "After two years they will call us to inform us on how the repayment will be. Kesoje said he is prepared, when the time for repayment comes.



KESOJE with a galloon of groundnut oil he made



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KESOJE operating one of the machines

## Remembering Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem (1961-2009)

# One year in memory

By Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o

**I**N the early hours of Monday, May 25th 2009, Taju was driving from downtown Nairobi to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) to take an early flight to Kigali in Rwanda to meet President Kagame. He had scheduled this meeting most likely to discuss issues to do with Africa's development in line with his portfolio then as the head of the Millennium Development Goals, MDGs, at the United Nations offices in Nairobi. Always enthusiastic about his work, Taju was no doubt in a hurry to get to Kigali as early as possible so that he would complete his work in one day and come back to Nairobi. The cruel hand of death stopped him from proceeding any further in life in the service of humankind.

I had known Taju for more than 20 years. I had kept abreast of his writings when I was not in direct contact with him. Taju was a sharp, witty, intelligent and committed scholar who fused the passion for knowledge with the political urgency to get meaningful change in Africa. The kind of change which could do away with rampant poverty, debilitating diseases and crippling ignorance that the first generation nationalists pronounced as the number one enemies of Africa.

When he finally got to the MDG docket at the UN it was a most appropriate appointment. That did not, however, mean that

Taju agreed with the UN strategy of fighting underdevelopment in Africa. For Taju, the politics of underdevelopment was much more important than working out the funds and the technology of "delivering" development as it were.

The rather shy approach by international agencies of broaching political issues by talking of the "need for good governance in Africa" always irked Taju. The issue that needed to be dealt with is simply democracy and social justice. Both the French and the American Revolutions were not

**He was a real Nigerian, and not a typical Nigerian.**

fought on the platform of "good governance;" they were fought on the platform of the rights of man, justice and liberty. These are concepts which are concrete and which evoke deep emotions in people. They are terms which make men and women take positions in political and social struggles at the risk of their lives. They are not technocratic terms like "good governance."

Likewise, African nationalists fought for freedom and independence using concepts that appealed to the deep concerns of the people. No doubt Taju's Pan-Africanism found its origins



THE late Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem, Daily Trust African of the Year 2009 winner.

in the writings, politics and pronouncements of Kwame Nkrumah. Mwalimu Julius Nyerere inspired his passion for social democratic programs that shaped his critique of MDGs. In Nelson Mandela he found a shoulder to lean on when the struggle for the African liberation seemed to take too long; when results were not always easy to come by, and when some comrades fell by the way side as the struggle started to demand too much from their lives.

Taju was simply an amazing character. By the time he passed on, he had accomplished more than any normal human being can do in such a short space in this universe. It is therefore understandable why Taju was always in such a great hurry to do things, to say what he believed in and to

enjoy every day of his life fully. He no doubt had an appointment with destiny.

He was a real Nigerian, and not a typical Nigerian. He believed that his life was to be lived in the service of his fellow human beings without necessarily pauperizing himself in an archaic missionary sense. He could not, therefore, serve Africa and the rest of humankind without doing something positive in Nigeria. In this regard he loathed all corrupt and repressive regimes in Nigeria, whether civilian or military. It is, therefore, not surprising that he fell foul of some of them who even went to the extent of denying him access to his own country.

But Taju was never one to complain, regret or be engaged in any act of self pity. He encountered these roadblocks in his life as

challenges he had to overcome and do even more. He defied and dared his adversaries all the time. He stood tall as one who was there to inspire others and not to despair in the face of monumental challenges. In this regard, Taju at times appeared as a man whose accomplishments made him look and sound larger than life.

The academic and scholarly community in Africa will, no doubt, miss him. The Pan-African movement needs to do something in his memory. Fellow Nigerians need to immortalize his achievements one way or the other because he was a precious man who touched many hearts. In a typical African village many children would have already been named after Taju. I hope this has happened in his hometown Funfua in Nigeria.

# Claim no easy victories, tell no lies

By Fatoumata Toure

**O**N Monday 25th May 2009 at 6 am in the morning, my phone rang. It was a young man called Yusuf. Wondering what could warrant such an early call I grudgingly picked up the handset. I had hardly said ha... when the young Pan-Africanist broke the sad news. To this day I look askance at the phone when it rings at odd hours.

But who is Tajudeen? As a linguist I have taken poetic licence to use the present tense. Tajudeen represents a timeless ideal. What ideal? Many things have been said and written for and - against Taju personally, I must add: For and against Pan-Africanism, the Global Pan African Movement, its Secretariat, against the *raison d'être* and its very legitimacy. This has ranged from vicious slurs in the media here in Uganda and abroad, contestations against the choice of Kampala as its head-

quarters. The bitterest accusation has come from within our ranks: this is an amorphous idea.

Why? There was a time when Tajudeen was a permanent fixture on the scene here in Kampala. What happened? Why does the Pan-African movement bring out some very passionate and at times misguided reactions? I am not going to shy away from these uncomfortable questions. This is not an apologia as the past 18 year since the preparations for the 7th Congress started have been exceptionally difficult. We have lost over 35 colleagues from all over the world culminating in the most shocking one of them all: Tajudeen himself. He joins the long list of mentors, parents, spouses, siblings and off springs. If today, the life and work of one of the most challenging thinkers of our times has been reduced to a foot note in some quarters, I put it down to African intellectual surrender. Are we working

hard enough to consolidate the ties that bind us or are we sinking into some epistemological mid-Atlantic ridge, 400 miles under the sea of oblivion, lulled by com-

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placency? What is Africa's place in the geo political order? More importantly what is the place of the ordinary citizen within any African country and in other African countries for that matter? How do we treat one another

as compared to expatriates? In fact, do we know one another and when we do, from what perspective? I once read a book entitled Executive Orders, a book that uncannily predicted 9/11. It was one of those great big pulp fiction novels you read when you are at a dead end. At the time I was in a near stateless condition, lying low between the borders of two African countries. The only sentence referring to Africa in that book was: "Africa is a dog's breakfast".

Were we not meant to create a space to address our African issues as African women, African workers, and African youths? If we have not done so, have we at least taken a deeper look at the context in which the series of meetings took place, starting with the Pan African conference of 1900 and the Pan African Congresses under Dr. Dubois from 1900-1945 and the last two in 1974 and 1994 in Tanzania and Uganda, respectively? It must

be pointed out that while each Congress took place at particular turning points in history, the process has been fraught with what the Tanzanian journalist and activist Jenerali Ulimwengu has termed centrifugal forces. But is there a struggle without opposition? How have we managed our diversity? There has never been a single unitary monolithic movement and each Congress was challenged as rival groups vied for legitimacy and not all players and their issues acknowledged in the canon. I am particularly concerned with the presence of women in the Movement: The first Pan African Conference took place in London organized by the Trinidadian Henry Sylvester Williams. But how many know that the first continental African he met was a South African lady, Mrs. Kinloch?. Between 1919-1945, Dr. WEB Dubois organize

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## Remembering Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem (1961-2009)

# Speaking Truth to Power: Selected Pan-African Postcards

Compiled by **Ama Biney** and **Adebayo Olukoshi**

Published by Pamzuka Press, 2010

Reviewed by **Kole Shettima**, Director, MacArthur Foundation and Chairman Center for Democracy and Development and Chairman Technical Committee, Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation.

### BOOK REVIEW

COME rain come sun shine, as Nigerians would say, whether in the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, the Nuba Mountains, Funtua or Cape Town, Tajudeen Abdulraheem, always looked for an opportunity to write down his thoughts of the week. In an African continent that is only recently getting wired, sending these thoughts out as "post cards" was usually a major challenge. Taju helped many of us to discover the nearest cyber café to our homes! I always patiently endured his late night adventures in a "Taju Sheraton" as he typed out a post card.

His thought-provoking pieces appeared regularly across the continent in the print media: Weekly Trust in Nigeria and New Vision in Uganda among others. Pamzuka, the publishers of this collection - which is advertised as "a platform for progressive Pan-African perspectives on politics, development and global affairs" - ensured a world wide audience for these pieces from its website. Ama Biney and Adebayo Olukoshi meticulously compiled the book.

I can only imagine the difficulty faced by Ama and Bayo in selecting the materials which appeared in the book. Taju's weekly thoughts run over several years which, among other laurels, earned him the title of being longest columnist of the Media Trust newspapers. Don't ask how much he earned as a columnist for it was yet to be computed when he died.

Taju also wrote on every imaginable issue relevant to the continent ranging from culture, politics, football, corruption and gender. Being relevant to the continent meant any issue that affects people of African descent living or outside the continent. He had a clear perspective that Africans are people of any color or tribal mark who live in the continent, "Andrewed" or found themselves forcefully removed from the continent either through slave trade or because of other forms of difficulties.

Taju is baki abin magana or "a wordsmith" as the English people put it. It is impossible to kure him. In whatever argument or debate, you can't defeat him. He has a gifted memory and incomparable capacity of story telling. He must have grown up with his grandmother! He followed the historical trajectory of NEPU/PRP activists, notably: Malam Aminu Kano, Mudi Speaking, Lawal Danbazzau, Sabo Bakin Zuwo, Bala Mohammed and Abubakar Rimi, and Najatu Mohammed in the current version.

The book is in 10 parts, namely: gender equality and justice, speaking truth to power, Africa must unite now, transforming cultural thought and values, the African Diaspora and Africa, building democratic institutions in Africa, imperialism at work, Africa and the world, fighting for the millennium Development Goals and for an Africa of free, equal and dignified citizens. I am not sure the reason for making gender equality and justice as the first part. Taju jokingly talked about his minority status at home: struggling for space between his wife Mounira, daughters Aida, Ayesha, and his eight sisters. In spite of being a male minority - which may or may not come with privileges - or because of it, Taju was conscious of the systemic discrimination against women in our societies. Contrast that with the supporters of Senator Ahmed Sani Yarima whose daughters get married after completing tertiary education in London, Malaysia, Dubai, Turkey or Cyprus and yet do not see anything wrong with daughters of less privileged persons including drivers, farmers and the unemployed dragged into marriage uneducated at the age of 13 to persons old enough to be their grand fathers.

Our departed friend, brother, comrade and uncle, died on May 25th; a date of much historical significance. It is "Africa Day" designated to mark the founding of the Organization of African Union. It is also a day marked in Nigeria and other countries as "Safe Motherhood Day." Indeed Taju was on his way to Rwanda, a country whose liberation he significantly contributed to, on a Millennium Development Goal campaign event. The themes of safe motherhood, gender justice and equality and women featured prominently in several parts of the book. He was unapologetic in sympathizing with Winnie Mandela during her tribulations of separation and divorce from Nelson Mandela. Hear him: "In the case of Winnie I doubt if anyone below the age of 50 years today would have known Nelson Mandela but for Winnie. She is the Mandela that kept Nelson in our consciousness. She did marry him young but she grew up politically mostly outside his reach".

Taju must have been beaming with smiles in his grave on the occasion of his conferment as the "African of the Year 2009 Award" on January 20th, 2010 by the management of MediaTrust Limited as Winnie handed over the plaque to his daughter Ayesha. Of course he was not an uncritical supporter of women as shown in two chapters: "Every day should be a woman's day" and "Can Mama Ellen deliver liberty to Liberia".

The section "Speaking Truth to Power", which is also the title of the collection, is one of my favorites. Taju's wit and courage is displayed in abundance according to the Nigerian parlance. He referred to General Hassan Al-Bashir of Sudan as "Internationally Displaced President" in reference to his indictment by the International Criminal Court. Khartoum is "a city full of African symbols whose rulers insist is Arab". In referring to Muammar Gaddafi he observed that: "unfortunately, the huge-ego, razzmatazz and showmanship brother leader...clouded the real issues feeding the prejudices of all Ghaddafi-phobic, Arab-phobic Sub-saharan obscurantists". His caustic wit rent out: "Bye-bye to Blair, Brown, Bob and Bono, the B stars in poverty pornography".

In his capacity as the Secretary General of the Pan-Africanist Movement, Taju came into contact with most African leaders and was close especially to the so-called 'new generation' of Prime Minister Meles Zenawe, Yoweri Museveni, Paul Kagame, Mbeki and others. They were supportive of his activities; and indeed he nearly lost his life in the struggle for the liberation of Rwanda. However, Taju also fell apart with many of them because he didn't spare them the bite of pen! Many of the so-called second generation of leaders turned out to be corrupt dictators, "who can't negotiate without having their AK47s cocked". He was called several names and his column was alleged to be syndicated by M15 and the CIA. Ironically, Taju couldn't travel to the United States for many years because of his political views. His response to these innuendoes was: "if the CIA and M15 could recruit me without my knowledge, then we must give them credit for good judgment".

The unity of the continent was the main preoccupation of Taju. He was a Pan-Africanist par excellence. There may not be an African capital where Taju doesn't have friends, political or social. Many people came to know of his nationality after his death. Not surprisingly his death was marked all over the continent and among the African Diaspora.

He drew our attention to the absurdities in Africa including his remark about dividing Africans into



THE late Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem

categories of Francophone, Anglophone and Lusophone despite the "fact that the majority of the people don't have access to any phone". "Why not Africaphone?" he asked with rage. How about meals in African hotels? According to him, if you request for that, "they will tell you they need 24 to 48 notice yet they can almost instantly offer you all kinds of so-called "international" cuisine". In some of the Francophone countries, cheese and wine from particular regions of France are available on demand! What about his experiences with wearing hats in African hotels. He was stopped entering into hotels or eating in Zambia and Zimbabwe because "gentlemen are required to take off hats for supper". The irony was that the bouncers were also wearing hats but, according to them, those were part of their uniforms! African languages were referred to as "vernaculars" and existed as "tribes" whereas the Welsh - who are not up to half the population of Yorubas - were considered as living as a nation. How about Africans treated as second class citizens in Africa? Taju reminded us of his two daughters who are British citizens are by birth and enjoy equal rights like every other British citizen even though none of their parents are British. Try that in Africa!

The humanity of Taju comes up in his discussion of the death of his sister Asmau and the narrative which led to his quitting smoking. One wintry morning in London, his first daughter, Aida, who was then 10 years old said to him "Baba do you know that you will not live to see me graduate". As expected he was

taken aback that a teenager was talking about death early in the morning and asked why. Her response was to the point "because you are smoking". Taju didn't need to go to any medical doctor to convince him to stop smoking. Unfortunately, Aida lost her Baba not to smoking but to a motor accident while driving himself on Nairobi's Airport Road to catch a flight to Rwanda.

He was full of stories about Aida and Ayesha. I remember his story about how he used to trick them when they were kids. Whenever he was going out of the house, like all kids, they asked for candy or toys. Every time he responded "InshaAllah". Taju didn't come back with what they requested. One day when they asked for candy and he responded in his usual way, they replied "Baba we don't like InshaAllah"! He was very concerned about our regular travels and being away from the family. He warned me that one day my children will call me "Uncle"!

This great collection of Taju's postcards is essential reading to enable us learn and understand some of the complexities of our Continent. At last here is a collection that tells the story and politics of the African Continent and its people in simple language. Ama Bing and Adebayo Olukoshi have done us a great favour by putting them together. The preface by Salim Ahmed Salim and foreword by Horace Campbell are historic tributes to Taju's Pan-Africanism. Thank you Pamzuka. Adieu my friend. Inna lillahi Wa Inna lahir rajiun. May your soul continue to be in Jannatul Firdausi.

# A Fleeting Encounter with Dr. Tajudeen

By Mizanekristos Yohannes

**M**Y first and last face to face encounter with Dr. Tajudeen was in 2008, though I had earlier attended one of his inspiring speeches at University of Ghana, Legon. What struck me first about this man was that within less than a minute of our first greeting, which included name-dropping of mutual friends and associates, our chit-chat unraveled with the familiarity of old schoolboys, almost as if we grew up together. As they say, we clicked.

There was some reason for this clicking, however. The existential woes of some of us who fancy ourselves Pan-African, always trapped in the nationalist domains of this or that society, remains just that – a fancy. Boundaries bind us; local issues lock us up, the wider African skies shooting but their broad beam of light to project the bars of our confinement on the wall before us. Tajudeen, however, saw these just for what they were – shadows of our imagined bars – twice evinced as non-existent bars striping the walls in our colonized minds. Following us as shadows do, inerasable, except when light and darkness are fused in our eyes. Africa was his light, freedom; Countries: the dark paths to our post-independence unfreedom lit by the perennial luminosity of the Pan-African way. In this freedom, he seemed to revel. A Nigerian, living in Kenya, chatting Africa, his only country, in his hometown Addis Ababa, and wondering how, all these years growing up down the street in Lagos, we had not crossed paths – my small mind huffing, puffing to-keep pace behind his giant discursive strides.

How it must amused him, when my pointless harangue on the perverse invention of unpatriotic wars between Ethiopia and Eritrea – the

sorry war of sorry leaders – that drove home the absurdity of our boundaries – in Tajudeen's words, as if to clarify, by contra-positive curse, Nkrumah's unheeded admonition: "Africa Must Unite!"

African nationalism and patriotism was not all that absurd in his mind. He also lamented its absence as the continent faced the more insidious invasions of mul-

Henry Stanleys, Victor Pashas, – in broad daylight plundering away our resources and robbing us of our confidence. And those of us, their overpaid askaris, shamefully stand guard. Their slight of hand hypnotizing our governments to lift with the left what they gift with the right to achieve their More Dependency Goals (MDG).

Foreign NGOs (often in black

nership" schemes replacing the Lagos Plan of Action annoyed him; NEPAD angered him as it was how our aged African leaders prostrated – knee-padding their arthritic knees (he joked) – to wholesale the SAPing of Africa's economies for a few billion Monopoly dollars. South African neo-apartheid frightened him – a strange but familiar monster boring under-

in his bearing during those few minutes over coffee – jovial, triumphant in knowing, in understanding the conundrum – infectious optimism. It is only from the eulogies that I started to appreciate his dictum "don't agonize, organize", and organize, he must have. Reading all the passionate prose, poetry and tears streaming into the African internet basin, I am reminded a year after

his passing, that I once sat under a giant tree, now fallen, of roots that penetrated everywhere in the African soil, and its cooling canopy casting its ample shade on the global Pan-African village, where I have belatedly joined one big burial society. Having lived in Ghana for nearly eight years, I have learned not to mourn but to celebrate the dead, for there is no such thing as dying. There is only birth and multiplication, as from the seeds of this fallen tree, a million Pan-African seedlings will surely spring to forest our paradise green and kind. Tajudeen smiling wise in the company of our

ancestors in a place called posterity. Happy Africa Day to all.

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CHAIRMAN, Advisory Board, Daily Trust African of the Year 2009 Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim (right) presenting award of the year to the wife, Ms Munira (middle) and the daughter Hayisha Abdulka for the winner, Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem, during the Daily Trust African of the Year 2009 Award and dinner held in Abuja.

tinationalists, our former colonizers and neo-colonizers and their international NGO agents – latter day resurrections of East-India companies, Congo free states, missionary 'civilizers', geographic societies and naturalists, Bula Mataris,

masks) and clever local brands, sloganeering and bylining, repeating what we know, doing what we can do – to us, for us, by them, from them...all gift horses. The EU's infiltration of AU-ECOWAS-COMESA-SADC through "part-

ground, emerging from under our brackish urban sewers to mate selectively the African urban elite, to spawn black apartheid while global inequality reigned supreme here through local inequality.

Yet, no sign of despair did I regard

# A Nairobi day for Tajudeen

By Okello Oculi

**T**AJUDEEN Abdul-Raheem lived in a block of Flats perched at the end of Church Road in Westlands area of Nairobi. With his fellow tenants they were the first lot of occupants. His minders in the United Nations bureaucracy insisted that he must leave behind his yearning for "talakawa" – "waninchi" or "common man" as neighbours. What was paramount was their certainty that he was safe from the violence and regular armed robbery which had induced critics to call the City "Nairobi robbery". The block of twelve three bedroom flats had been built by a team of Kenya's high money-and-political -power people which included several cabinet ministers. To build the flat they had hacked down trees planted in the 1920s and now raced upwards

to wave at the sky and give Nairobi an enchanting island of rare vegetation on the fringe of flat land that races towards Mombasa in faraway Indian Ocean coast. Their action was part of violence against an environmental historical heritage that has become an epidemic decimating the city's suburbs.

Tajudeen lived behind a tall black iron gate manned by security staff whose stern faces melted into amiable welcome smiles when you called out "DOCTOR" – the code word for him. Tajudeen loved cooking for himself and his guests. He came from a large family and could not stomach the thought of cooking food that he would eat alone. He had to have guests; and word got around that young women who resented the art of cooking devised routines for arriving at his flat just about the time he would have finished cook-

ing. Whether there were guests or not Tajudeen made sure that his security people at the gate shared each meal he crafted. If, as women say, the way to their husband's heart is the stomach, that truism applied in Tajudeen's relations with his security staff. For a man who spent less than ten days in a month in Nairobi, it paid handsomely to have security staff protect his flat as that of a dear benefactor.

On entering Tajudeen's flat what first caught the eye was a pictorial architecture of familyhood made up of about fifty photographs of members of his extended family. His chairs were made of raw un-sawed wood that an artist has turned to exquisite furniture. For some reason he avoided that brutal evidence of murder against animals that others stick out as a head of a snarling lion or a sharp horned buck or a sweet-faced deer. With Kenya's rich history

of "game hunting" – as practiced by past European settlers and their visitors now renamed "tourists" – one might have expected this Oxford University product to tow that line of cultured barbarism. He did not. The one item he had was a zebra's hide spread out as a floor mat in his sitting room.

He also avoided that habit of putting on walls a narrative of educational awards as expressed by regalia of academic cultism. Keepers of the heritage of Baptist Secondary School in Funtua; Bayero University in Kano and Oxford University in England would have been livid with rage that Tajudeen waved no memorabilia of their labours on him and awards to footprints of his talents. Of the three, Bayero University, or "BUK" got the most regular mention is his reminiscences and commentaries of current Nigerian

affairs. His memory of political activism at BUK ran deep; including an incident at which he stood barely a few feet from President Shehu Shagari and waved a revolutionary finger into his face for the Shagari's sin of being a political "reactionary". Late night sessions with Dr. Bala Mohammed, a much adored lecturer and mentor, also adorned the memory of BUK. Oxford was eclipsed by life around Abdurrahman Mohammed Babu, the ex-Minister of Planning in the government of Tanzania whose life was saved by President Nyerere through the ploy of exporting him to political exile in London. His political enemies in Zanzibar, his home, were salivating for his blood. Babu was renowned for being a great cook for motley of students and political exiles from Africa who hungered for hopes of

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building socialism and radical Pan Africanism on the continent. The influence of Oxford could only be inferred. Oxford after all bred builders and minders of the British Empire under different climes. They built that empire to run on soft power of capturing other people's minds with the lure and force of the written and spoken word. Such words could be spoken through radio broadcasts of the BBC; television and radio relays of football matches played in Britain; British books and diplomacy, NGOS, etc. Taju built on the power of the word that he had picked up in his younger days from Mallam Aminu Kano's politics; the academic radicalism of Dr. Yusuf Bala Usman and Dr. Bala Mohammed and others of the same breed. He seems to have linked that legacy to the notion of empire building to invent and craft his own Pan African Empire of the mind; of a politics of the combative word in defence of freedom and development of Africa; of hacking down corruption and criminal laziness in the task of governance all across Africa; of farming fertile and hungry minds of youths. Therein lay the lethal horns of his soft power.

His sitting room held music records whose tunes encircled Africa from Senegal-Guinea to Angola and Ethiopia. He loved



SAMIA Nkrumah, member of Parliament, Ghana (left) with Munira Oiarewaju, wife of late Tajudeen Oiarewaju, winner of the Daily Trust African of the Year 2009 award during the dinner held in Abuja.

Fela's works. On Sundays he enjoyed playing the music of Tabu Ley from the Congo of the Kabila family line. Lagbaja's mask and his song on the architecture of women's headties

also gripped the day. On Fridays he started his day with Ogbomosh and Funtua religious music. I first saw a television documentary on Mbutu Sese Seko modelling

himself after the genocidal King Leopold of Belgium from among his collection. Mama Miriam Makeba and Yvonne Chakachaka and night club music from Zimba-

bwe represented Southern Africa; while Angola's musicians held out their own. His Pan-Africanism has a deep soul and chemistry of song too.

## Claim no easy victories, tell no lies

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the first five Pan African Congresses, but how many know the work done in the United States in those days by another South African woman Charlotte Maxeke? Even Dr. Dubois had his long drawn out battles with the Garveyists as detailed in a new book by Colin Grant, 'Negro with a hat, the rise and fall of Marcus Garvey'. In between other forces had endeavoured to steer the Black American, Caribbean and African trade union and nascent nationalist movements into their own agenda such as the Comintern and the Hamburg-based trade union movement, which led to George Patmore's split with the Communists in the 30's. Marcus Garvey's United Negro Improvement Association is known to have been infiltrated by the FBI. These challenges did not deter the African nationalist movement that led to Independence in the 1960's.

Yet Independence, the founding of the OAU in 1963 with Kwame Nkrumah's impassioned plea for African Unity and even his Pan-Africanist policies did not lessen the desire for global Pan Africanism. If anything it spurred a new back-to-Africa movement with Accra as the rallying point. Indeed, African solidarity had come to Sekou Toure's aid in the late 1950's when the French threw a tantrum. I know of Tanzanian students who travelled from Liberia to lend a hand in Guinea. By April 1974, the Revolution of the Carnations had brought down the

colonial Caetano regime in Portugal ushering in the independence Angola, Mozambique, Guinea Bissau (which had declared independence at Madina do Boe in September 1973) and Sao Tome e Principe. Shortly thereafter the 6th Congress took place in Dar es Salaam but it was not spared the dissension and boycotts. While a delegation from the New Hebrides islands in the Pacific attended, several Caribbean stalwarts had their differences with the then Government of Guyana which was represented and voted with their feet. The 7th Pan African Congress took place in Kampala under the same cloud of dissension. High drama was not in short supply! One particularly acrimonious scene took place with Madame Graca Machel in the chair. After the host Uganda, the largest delegation of over 100 was from Sudan divided into Northern Sudan and its southern supporters, the SPLA at the time the split into the Bor and Torit factions. No sooner had Dr. John Garang taken podium than his rivals in the SPLA-United leapt to their feet brandishing banners. The deafening cacophony drowned the hall such that the Chair could barely make her voice heard. It was not until security moved in that order was restored. Ominously on that Thursday afternoon the Rwanda genocide was brewing, a few hours away. It almost overshadowed the South African election. One month, two landmarks, the centrifugal machine had once again kicked into action.

It was in that heady atmosphere that Dr. Tajudeen Abdul Raheem was elected General Secretary of the Global Pan African movement. The Africa of the 1990's was radically different from the continent of solidarity and support of the 50's and 60's. Domestic problems, foreign policy challenges in the shadow of the polarizing Cold War had created a disillusioned populace of disappointed professionals, exiled writers, falling educational standards and nonexistent health systems courtesy of the World Bank /IMF and their SAPs, restive youth, invisible women, impoverished farmers and the onset of the AIDS pandemic all leading to Afro pessimism. How did Taju get to the helm of the move-

**How did Taju get to the helm of the movement at a time of such despair?**

ment at a time of such despair? One needs to mention here that the Convenor of the 7th Pan African congress was Prof. Abdulrahman Babu of Tanzania.

A group of African scholars, activists and Government representatives had met in the early 90s in Libya at the international Mathaba to discuss the state of the world

after the end of the Cold war. On the margins of the Mathaba the Pan-Africanists felt that in Africa with all the changes taking place globally, there was need for a secure space in which African citizens, their Governments and the emergent civil society organizations could debate and discuss in all civility. That space proved to be a revived Pan African Movement. Present at the meeting was one Col. Kahinda Otafire of the ruling National Resistance Movement of Uganda and Director of External Security who promised to convince President Yoweri Museveni to host both the Congress and the Secretariat. A further meeting then took place in Entebbe that set up the International Planning Committee with Prof. Babu as Convenor, Col. Kahinda as Chairman, Dr. Tajudeen as General secretary of the Interim Secretariat and President Museveni of Uganda as Patron. The 7th Congress endorsed Taju as substantive General Secretary in 1994, after 2 years of packed organizing that saw him travel all over Africa and the world with his friend and trusted aide, the late Noble Mayombo, to drum up support for the process.

This arrangement was not without its detractors within Uganda itself, in East Africa and abroad, given the political profile of those in charge at the top. Accusations flew back and forth over the locus standi of the Ugandan officials and leaders on the IPC. At a time of heightened tensions, regional dynamics were changing as Cold

War certainties went up in smoke and the age of donor accountability arrived, new-look civil society organizations were considered Trojan horses of foreign ideologies. As the multiparty era set in, alternative initiatives were dismissed as opposition political campaign bases or rebel outposts! Many African Governments were uneasy with the idea of a Pan African Movement as it harkened back to a bygone era of triumphalism against Nkrumah's generation and stance. Ill motives were imputed on persons involved in the organizing and whispers of underground movements with deep war chests did the rounds. Other challenges included, then as now, regional chauvinisms, stereotyping, racial and ethnic prejudices, careerism, gender discrimination, and cultural, linguistic and religious intolerance plus ageism -all revolving around legitimacy. In short Tajudeen and his Secretariat bore the brunt of a multiple transition as the world lurched into a new global dispensation. Change had thrown up anxiety but to Taju's credit he endeavoured to bridge resentments and cultivate a collegial approach to induct his skeleton staff into doing Pan-Africanism.

Within Pan-African circles, several rival bids were made for the Congress to be held in Lagos and soon there was the lobbying of sides raging between Lagos and Kampala. Unfortunately many writers and intellectuals were

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## A TRIBUTE TO DR. TAJUDEEN ABDUL-RAHEEM



Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem (1961-2009)

The Senior Special Assistant to President on MDGs Hajia Amina Az-Zubair is honoured to associate with First Annual Memorial Symposium in honour of Dr Tajudeen Abdul Raheem (1961-2009).

The exemplary life of Dr Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem as a Pan- African is one that will remain ever-green in the annals of dedication and devotion to duty. The commitment, passion and dedication he exhibited as the Millennium Campaign Co-ordinator, for the MDGs in Africa was un-paralleled. We will miss him in our last mile to 2015.

His life will always serve as an encouragement to up-coming generations who will only have to consider his antecedents to amass the courage and strength to aim for the skies in the pursuit of ideals for a better society which is what MDGs is all about.

May the gentle soul of Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem rest in perfect peace.

Signed,  
Hajia Amina Az-Zubair OFR.



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Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1961 - May 25<sup>th</sup> 2009:

*Foremost Thinker, Writer and Pan-Africanist.*

Taju as he is fondly called was born in Funtua, Katsina State, Nigeria in January 1961. Born of Yoruba parents but raised in Northern Nigeria. He overcame the challenges posed by his unique background and excelled educationally, Tajudeen was one of the finest to graduate from Bayero State University with a first class honours in Political Science. From there, one country was no longer enough for Taju: he won the prestigious Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University.

Before his death on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2009, he was the Chair of the International Governing Council of the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD). His leadership guided CDD through its early stages and helped established it as a foremost research, advocacy and capacity building organization in West Africa. Beside the CDD, Taju greatly supported several NGOs such as PADEAP. As a philanthropist, he established the Hauwa Memorial College in Funtua, Katsina State.

In CDD, we greatly miss Tajudeen; but we are proud beneficiaries of Tajudeen's great intellect, selfless service and inspiring leadership. We remain committed to upholding his ideals and continuing his legacies.

"Don't agonise; organize!" - Tajudeen Abdulraheem.

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Dahiru Iliyasu  
(1962 - 2010)

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Our heartfelt condolences go to the family of  
**Mr. Dahiru Iliyasu,**  
who passed away on the 6th of May 2010

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## Business/Agric

# We are cash strapped —Agric bank



WAZIRI H. Ahmadu

By Jibrin Abubakar

**The Nigerian Agricultural Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB) has been quiet of recent. What is happening?**

I will like to say that the bank appears to be quiet over a period of time, yet we still provide services to some clientele. This bank came about as a result of the merger between the former Nigeria Agricultural Cooperative Bank (NACB), the defunct Peoples Bank of Nigeria as well as the taken over of the risk assets of the Family Economic Advancement Programme (FEAP).

After the merger, our total shareholding was put at N50billion. Unfortunately up until now our shareholders have only been able to finance N20.3billion of that. The owners—the Ministry Of Finance Incorporated and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) are supposed to raise the N50billion.

Even then, we have been able to disburse about N38billion worth of loans to our customers. Currently the level of performance of our loans is about 75 per cent, which is better than some of the commercial banks. Unfortunately, low funding of the bank has actually affected our image among our clientele.

Right now as we speak there

are many backlog of applications of which funding is not available. We are depending on the money that is repaid to be recycled to provide for the backlog of applications that we have. We have not been able to provide liquidity support to our customers. We want our shareholders to make available the N50billion. In addition to that, we are proposing to agric ministry to route their funds through our bank.

**Right now do you provide long term funding and how many offices have you?**

As an agriculture bank, we are supposed to provide short, medium and long term financing for agriculture sector.

At the moment, because of the lack of funding we can't even do the basic things we are supposed to do. We have 201 branches, but we can't even run these branches

The Nigeria Agricultural Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB) needs funding because it is cash strapped the bank's Executive Director, Business Development Waziri H. Ahmadu tells Daily Trust in this interview. He says the bank is embarking on aggressive reforms, ones that will see it changing its name to Bank of Agriculture (BOA).

efficiently. As an agric bank, we are supposed to cater for over 65 per cent of the population of this country. 201 branches are even on the lower side of the numbers of branches we are supposed to have.

What we are trying to do is to look at the resources available to us and look at our mandate by saying how many of these branches can we provide for looking at the resources available to us. Right now, we can handle the patronage that we have because of inadequate resources. Even though the bank is owned by these two entities as mentioned earlier, in terms of autonomy the board of the bank is autonomous. By the nature of our mandate we are supposed to implement policies of the federal ministry of agriculture.

**What are you doing to reposition the bank?**

A lot of customers seem to have forgotten about the bank. We would like to get back to the public domain and let people know that the bank exists and it is ready to provide the kind of assistance that our rural and agricultural sector requires. But we have been challenged in many ways and we are addressing these challenges with the support of the government and stakeholders. We have to reposition ourselves to compete even with the commercial banks. We believe that to be able to do that; we need to change our name.

The name NACRDB is a bit mouthful. We have gone through a lot of discussions, we are waiting for approvals but I believe it is going to be the Bank of Agriculture Limited (BOA). We believe a lot of people will welcome that.

Apart from that we are going to change the colour of the bank and the logo almost certainly. We are also carrying out external rebranding by laundering our image. We are also reviewing our procedures to respond promptly to applications. We are also investing heavily on ICT status to be online all the time. We are doing all these things to turn around our services and be more dependable.

**Where do all these live the farmers, because some may have been approaching the commercial banks which charge higher interest?**

In real sense, we are cash strapped. That is our situation. We want to support our farmers but we can't. It is always better to come to us because we have lower interest charges. We charge eight per cent for agric and micro ventures. We've got other products also whose interests are bit higher because they are non agriculture. We also have appetite for risk areas. Commercial banks are averse to agriculture and areas that cannot be controlled humanly. Nature cannot be controlled. The level of risk we take is higher than those of the commercial banks.

**Your bank is not participating in the disbursement of the N200billion Commercial Agric Credit Scheme. Why?**

The reason why we could not participate was because of the challenges we are facing. Some of which are management challenges.

The board of the bank became non-existence except for the Man-

aging Director and one Executive Director over a year until towards the end of 2009 when the Federal Government appointed a chairman for the board and executive directors for the management of the bank. At the time the N200billion became available, there were some requirements which our bank could not meet. The only role we could have played at that time was the portion set aside for the state to borrow on behalf of their farmers. We could have managed the fund for the states. At the moment, we are discussing with the CBN to allow us handle the N40billion of the funds.

So we are waiting for their response while at the same time we are talking to the state to make a request to the CBN that their portion be routed through bank of agriculture. We have received favourable responses from some of the states. I believe if we have more resources, the kind of impact we will make is immense.

**Generally how can Nigeria grow its agricultural sector?**

I think mechanised agriculture is the answer. The people that feed us in Nigeria today are small farmers. If we can support and mechanise them, the sector will be better off. The president has just approved N242.5billion over a period of three years between 2009 and 2011 to improve agric and infrastructure in Nigeria. The CBN has provided its own. The World Bank has provided some money too.

How many of these get to the real people—the farmers. It is the bank that is established for that sector that can properly coordinate and disburse the money. We have the experience and the skills to do it.

The CBN, the ministries of agric and finance should believe in us. We are not asking for free money, we are just saying let us also manage part of the agric money you are given out to commercial banks. It is very important to the Nigerian economy just as the agric sector contributes about 50 per cent to the GDP unlike the oil sector which contributes less than 20 per cent.

“The name NACRDB is a bit mouthful. We have gone through a lot of discussions, we are waiting for approvals but I believe it is going to be the Bank of Agriculture Limited (BOA). We believe a lot of people will welcome that.”

Business/Finance

Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Monday, May 24, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
ADSWITCH PLC	1	1.90	50	95.00
<del>CAPRIOL PLC</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>0.50</del>	<del>50,000</del>	<del>25,000.00</del>
SECTORTOTALS	3		50,050	25,095.00
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	29	0.97	4,045,563	3,990,549.74
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	22	0.82	857,461	702,806.00
THE OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	25	15.00	137,072	1,965,830.06
<del>PRESCO PLC</del>	<del>30</del>	<del>5.65</del>	<del>862,226</del>	<del>4,753,109.00</del>
SECTORTOTALS	106		5,869,422	11,412,294.80
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIRLINE SERVICES & LOGISTICS PLC	4	3.03	104,320	315,986.40
<del>NIG AVIATION HANDLING COY PLC</del>	<del>96</del>	<del>11.59</del>	<del>2,308,165</del>	<del>27,222,473.84</del>
SECTORTOTALS	100		2,412,485	27,438,458.24
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DNTYRE & RUBBER PLC	68	0.50	24,606,959	12,303,479.50
R.T. BRISCOE (NIGERIA) PLC	31	4.63	1,380,587	6,446,829.24
SECTORTOTALS	99		25,987,546	18,750,308.74
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	223	8.80	3,831,742	33,637,983.73
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	54	2.10	1,712,697	3,585,222.22
DIAMOND BANK PLC	62	7.59	1,552,848	11,860,747.56
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	60	5.03	1,118,100	5,665,567.00
FIRST CITY MON.T BANK PLC	67	7.84	1,783,356	13,991,705.09
FIDELITY BANK PLC	151	2.82	13,078,047	37,182,955.96
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	762	14.05	17,899,656	256,623,421.59
FINBANK PLC	57	0.56	4,495,995	2,556,167.15
GT BANK PLC	554	16.52	27,574,092	455,121,802.71
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	86	11.02	2,547,203	27,272,624.67
INTERCONTINENTAL BANK PLC	59	1.83	1,964,771	3,543,457.86
OCEANIC BANK INTER. PLC	107	1.69	3,760,906	6,454,813.70
BANK PHB PLC	79	1.44	3,789,620	5,454,662.80
SKYE BANK PLC	159	8.36	12,424,051	104,375,162.74
SPRING BANK PLC	12	0.90	62,811	54,616.02
STERLING BANK PLC	49	2.00	3,134,478	6,331,820.49
<del>UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC</del>	<del>219</del>	<del>12.25</del>	<del>10,443,505</del>	<del>126,450,180.56</del>
UNION BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	140	5.00	3,513,622	17,512,155.54
UNITY BANK PLC	4	1.11	153,500	170,385.00
WEMA BANK PLC	51	0.98	2,324,007	2,336,996.57
ZENITH BANK PLC	549	14.54	11,241,778	68,005,687.80
SECTORTOTALS	3,504		128,406,585	1,288,188,136.76
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	82	20.41	1,348,559	27,691,257.49
BENUÉ CEMENT COY PLC	22	66.01	106,002	7,174,200.99
CEMENT CO. OF NORTHERN NIG. PLC	52	20.00	554,120	11,121,474.80
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	56	40.00	676,703	27,072,695.80
SECTORTOTALS	212		2,685,384	73,059,629.08
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS NIGERIA PLC	17	7.64	132,487	972,564.30
CHEMICAL & ALLIED PRODUCTS PLC	5	24.54	22,204	544,886.16
I.P.W.A. PLC	2	1.09	1,000	1,040.00
<del>PORTLAND PAINTS &amp; PRODUCTS NIG. PLC</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>5.67</del>	<del>500</del>	<del>2,835.00</del>
SECTORTOTALS	25		156,191	1,521,325.46
<b>COMMERCIAL/SERVICES</b>				
COURTVILLE INVESTMENTS PLC	24	0.57	1,094,500	589,285.00
RED STAR EXPRESS PLC	28	4.00	355,900	1,368,567.00
SECTORTOTALS	52		1,450,400	1,957,852.00
<b>COMP. &amp; OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>				
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	4	7.35	64,186	471,767.10
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	6	0.66	332,000	219,120.00
<del>THOMAS WYATT PLC</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>1.38</del>	<del>145,000</del>	<del>200,100.00</del>
TRIPPLE GEE & COMPANY PLC	1	4.37	1,750	7,280.00
SECTORTOTALS	18		542,936	898,267.10
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A.G. LEVENTIS (NIGERIA) PLC	1	4.18	1,500	5,970.00
<del>CHELLARAMS PLC</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>5.00</del>	<del>126,439</del>	<del>1,283,890.59</del>
PZ CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	39	29.10	167,976	4,979,377.65
TRANSNATIONAL CORP. OF NIG. PLC	12	0.50	952,995	476,497.50
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	65	41.36	1,152,704	47,675,837.44
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	64	24.50	512,085	12,570,893.00
SECTORTOTALS	193		2,923,699	66,992,466.58
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	26	8.14	470,695	3,780,330.40
JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC	19	55.00	45,351	2,466,573.75
MULTIVERSE RESOURCES PLC	4	0.50	38,600	19,300.00
SECTORTOTALS	49		554,646	6,266,204.15
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOBACCO</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	34	49.49	306,441	14,669,435.98
BIG TREAT PLC	26	0.75	1,585,230	1,210,700.30
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	97	29.00	823,416	24,375,108.01
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	262	22.22	1,798,530	40,184,791.90
<del>DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC</del>	<del>107</del>	<del>18.20</del>	<del>1,375,316</del>	<del>24,834,109.88</del>
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	68	69.60	881,696	61,158,941.20
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	11	8.50	154,924	1,313,768.00
NATIONAL SALT COY NIG. PLC	64	8.76	978,306	8,705,008.22
NIGERIAN BOTTLING COY PLC	29	35.00	107,594	3,656,223.56
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	50	358.05	214,810	75,960,373.54
NORT NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	6	33.58	18,448	590,336.00
TANTALIZERS PLC	19	0.86	4,270,276	3,676,993.92
UNION DICON SALT PLC	4	4.44	48,321	203,914.62

UTC NIGERIA PLC	3	1.45	29,480	40,682.40
SECTORTOTALS	780		12,592,788	261,081,387.18
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC.	6	1.55	71,832	106,628.60
<del>FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC</del>	<del>23</del>	<del>8.90</del>	<del>597,241</del>	<del>1,588,650.57</del>
GLAXOSMITHKLINE CONSUM. NIG. PLC	48	26.18	672,668	17,646,805.89
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC.	28	6.65	6,840,800	46,028,545.00
NEIMETH INTER. PHARM. PLC	4	3.08	21,595	63,273.35
UN/DIAGNOS. & CLINICAL SERV. PLC	38	0.70	9,180,240	5,934,195.00
SECTORTOTALS	147		17,384,376	71,738,138.41
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	2	3.42	60,000	205,200.00
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	33	2.20	4,403,587	9,799,030.87
SECTORTOTALS	35		4,463,587	10,004,230.87
<b>IND./DOMESTIC PRODUCTS</b>				
<del>INUNICO PLC</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>8.15</del>	<del>50,000</del>	<del>407,500.00</del>
B.O.C GASES NIGERIA PLC	7	10.20	49,700	527,740.00
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	5	43.06	24,240	1,025,714.40
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	28	6.50	360,095	2,342,281.76
VONO PRODUCTS PLC	1	0.48	2,000	1,000.00
SECTORTOTALS	42		486,035	4,304,236.16
<b>INFO. &amp; COMM. TECH.</b>				
CHAMS PLC	42	0.76	2,388,133	1,846,153.95
IHS NIGERIA PLC	1	4.23	500	2,010.00
MAS TELECOM INNOVA. NIG. PLC	5	0.50	755,000	377,500.00
STARCOMMS PLC	29	2.25	14,047,907	29,802,519.18
SECTORTOTALS	77		17,191,540	32,028,183.13
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSUR. PLC	2	0.50	6,000	3,000.00
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	70	1.31	2,369,965	3,063,231.43
CONTINENTAL REINSUR. PLC	56	1.22	23,350,226	26,477,111.10
CORNERSTONE INSUR. CO. PLC	8	0.73	1,005,000	733,650.00
CUSTODIAN & ALLIED INSUR. PLC	26	3.67	1,149,840	4,097,507.80
GREAT NIG. INSUR. COY. PLC	1	0.50	1,000	500.00
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	19	0.64	3,625,600	2,326,652.50
GUARANTY TRUST ASSUR. PLC	49	2.45	7,054,199	17,372,607.10
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1	0.50	20,000	10,000.00
CONS. HALLMARK INSUR. PLC	2	0.50	111,000	55,500.00
INTER. ENERGY INSUR. COY. PLC	36	0.59	3,964,270	2,338,465.15
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	19	0.50	1,330,569	665,284.50
LAW UNION & ROCK INSUR. PLC	2	0.63	70,000	44,100.00
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSUR. PLC	7	0.50	344,600	172,300.00
N.E.M. INSUR. CO. (NIG) PLC	37	0.63	3,834,414	2,401,931.82
NIGERIAN INSURANCE CO. PLC	9	1.18	747,290	882,264.65
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	8	4.00	148,000	569,640.00
<del>REGENY ALLIANCE INSUR. COY. PLC</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>0.50</del>	<del>1,000</del>	<del>500.00</del>
STACO INSURANCE PLC	6	0.50	457,405	228,702.50
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSUR. PLC	14	0.50	676,727	339,161.96
UNIC INSURANCE PLC	16	0.72	537,420	391,045.00
UNIVERSAL INSUR. COY. PLC	6	0.50	418,489	209,244.50
<del>INTERWAPCO INSUR. PLC</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>0.61</del>	<del>192,500</del>	<del>119,610.00</del>
SECTORTOTALS	404		51,415,514	62,502,010.01
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAPPAUL OIL & MARITIME SERV. PLC	128	1.85	453,625	8,412,953.30
SECTORTOTALS	128		453,625	8,412,953.30
<b>MEDIA</b>				
AFROMEDIA PLC	5	0.63	329,829	208,062.27
DAAR COMMUNICATIONS PLC	17	0.83	597,828	496,197.24
SECTORTOTALS	22		927,657	704,259.51
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>				
<del>INSO SAVINGS &amp; LOAN PLC</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>0.50</del>	<del>1,985,428</del>	<del>967,714.00</del>
UNION HOMES SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	30	0.85	3,171,570	2,599,105.13
SECTORTOTALS	54		5,106,998	3,566,819.13
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC	9	0.88	139,827	123,545.86
SECTORTOTALS	9		139,827	123,545.86
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
NIGERIAN BAG MAN. COY. PLC	11,563	3.00	14,182,189	44,298,219.28
NAMPAN NIGERIA PLC	2	5.71	12,000	65,160.00
POLY PRODUCTS (NIG) PLC	1	3.45	1,000	3,280.00
SECTORTOTALS	11,566		14,195,189	44,366,659.28
<b>PETROLEUM (MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC	47	39.80	175,033	6,902,185.32
BECO PETROLEUM PRODUCT PLC	17	1.15	190,040	218,546.00
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	2	76.93	555	44,827.35
<del>CONOIL PLC</del>	<del>32</del>	<del>49.86</del>	<del>1,196,818</del>	<del>59,501,890</del>
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC	35	7.09	330,432	2,376,366.08
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC	19	15.09	13,502	2,109,016.15
<del>OANDO PLC</del>	<del>283</del>	<del>81.65</del>	<del>1,199,851</del>	<del>178,363,762.13</del>
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	14	242.00	7,032	1,706,136.00
SECTORTOTALS	449		3,015,573	197,595,857.93
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
ACADEMY PRESS PLC	1	5.89	1,000	5,600.00
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	4	8.41	9,551	80,323.91
<del>UNIVERSITY PRESS PLC</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>7.57</del>	<del>211,985</del>	<del>1,566,159.16</del>
SECTORTOTALS	1	8	222,539	1,651,083.07
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
<del>UNION PROPERTY DEVELOP. CO. PLC</del>	<del>16</del>	<del>19.50</del>	<del>211,300</del>	<del>4,337,872.01</del>
SECTORTOTALS	16		211,300	4,337,872.01
OVERALL TOTALS	18,533		322,527,230	2,657,158,459.76

What is Beta?

A measurement of the relationship between the price of a stock and the movement of the whole market.

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IBTC	0.52

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VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC RC 3094

**UNAUDITED TRADING RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2010**

The Directors hereby announce the unaudited trading results for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 with comparative figures for the previous year.

	2010 N'000	2009 N'000
Turnover	5,227,782	4,840,801
Profit before Taxation	612,019	426,306
Taxation	(195,846)	(136,418)
Profit after Taxation	416,173	289,888

A modest increase was achieved on Turnover over the same period of last year. This, however, yielded a much better result in profitability due to efficient management of resources. It is hoped that this level of performance will be sustained in the next half year barring unforeseen circumstances.

Dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

By Order of the Board

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Oba Akran Avenue  
Ikeja

Oluwole Adisa  
Company Secretary



**NIGERIAN PRISONS SERVICE  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR  
OLD FEDERAL SECRETARIAT**

**BID OPENING! BID OPENING!! BID OPENING!!!**

The Controller General of Prison Mr. O.A. Ogundipe OFR, mni cordially invites all vendors and Consultants who submitted bids for prisons jobs earlier advertised for the year 2010 in The Guardian and Daily Trust newspapers, the Federal Tenders Journal and our Notice Boards for award of contracts to the opening of the Bids received.

**DATE:** Thursday 27th May, 2010  
**VENUE:** Ministry of Interior Lecture Room  
**TIME:** 9.00am

The general public is also hereby invited to attend, please

ANNOUNCER:  
A.Y Dagaci (ACG PROCUREMENT)  
For: Controller General of Nigerian Prisons Service



**NASARAWA STATE GOVERNMENT  
Ministry of Lands, Survey and Town Planning  
Jos Road, P. M. B. 040, Lafia**

**INTENTION TO ACQUIRE**

The Ministry of Lands, Survey and Town Planning, Nasarawa State wishes to further state its intention to acquire a 400Ha parcel of land situated along Abuja Keffi Expressway for a Housing Programme under the Public Private Partnership Scheme as earlier contained in our advert in the Daily Trust of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2010 (Pg 29).

Preliminary survey reports show that the following under listed grants and applications fall within the area of the scheme:

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| 1. PL 19453  | 14. NS 15580 | 27. NS 15520 |
| 2. NS 9689   | 15. NS 15378 | 28. NS 13516 |
| 3. NS 15147  | 16. NS 13531 | 29. NS 13886 |
| 4. NS 9532   | 17. NS 14671 | 30. NS 11238 |
| 5. NS 12781  | 18. NS 5062  | 31. NS 12044 |
| 6. NS 12801  | 19. NS 2636  | 32. NS 11631 |
| 7. NS 11114  | 20. NS 9624  | 33. NS 11071 |
| 8. NS 12432  | 21. NS 14441 | 34. NS 15475 |
| 9. NS 12027  | 22. NS 9223  | 35. NS 11713 |
| 10. NS 13586 | 23. NS 14487 | 36. NS 13287 |
| 11. NS 11529 | 24. NS 10892 | 37. NS 818   |
| 12. NS 11533 | 25. NS 12394 | 38. NS 15579 |
| 13. NS 14525 | 26. NS 15292 | 39. NS 15578 |

Already Notice of intention to acquire have been posted via last known addresses of those who have formal applications for statutory grants with the state in addition to the publication.

The Nasarawa State Government wishes to use this medium to also clear the air that compensation to the dispossessed landowners is yet to be determined as insinuated in certain quarters. Adequate compensation to each and every proven holder/occupier will be promptly paid prior to any major physical activity/presence on the site by Government.

Furthermore, series of meetings have been held between the stakeholders and the general public at the Esu Karu Palace, New Karu. At a similarly meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2010 at the Esu's Palace, it was unanimously resolved that the compensation assessment should commence on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and to last for 3 weeks.

Affected holders/occupiers are requested to be on their sites for the enumeration exercise, please.

Thank you

Signed  
PERMANENT SECRETARY  
For: Hon. Commissioner

# DIGEST

## Bullying 'can be good for children': Study finds those who fight back are more popular and mature

IT is considered one of the most traumatic experiences of growing up but being bullied can actually benefit children, a study has found.

Researchers claim that students who are not afraid to stand up for themselves can actually benefit from being picked on.

Those who reciprocate with hostility when subjected to bullying become more popular and widely admired among fellow classmates and teachers.

Such experiences can help students to develop healthy social and emotional skills, and can have a bigger impact on their development than friendly encounters. In a study on 'mutual dislike' between 2003 students aged 11 and 12, researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles compared those who stood up to aggressors with those who didn't.

According to the Sunday Times, the study found that those who reciprocated with hostility were the most mature.

Girls who fought back scored significantly higher on peers' and teachers' ratings of social competence and were more popular. Boys who did the same tended to behave better in the classroom.

While the study did not suggest that it was healthy to be the victim of bullying or on hostile terms with classmates, it found negative experiences could teach children about conflict resolution.

It could also give them an early lesson that not everybody in life is going to like them, the researchers said.

Psychologist Melissa Witkow, now at Willamette University in Oregon, said: 'The children who are not disliked by anybody are the most well-adjusted, not surprisingly.'

'However, among kids who are disliked by a peer, our research suggests it



Tormentor: Harry Potter faces off with his nemesis Draco Malfoy. Research has found children who stand up to bullies can be more popular and mature

may be [helpful] for some young adolescents to return that peer's dislike than to either not be aware or to continue liking that peer.' 'You have several options, as I see it, when you become aware of someone else's antipathy.'

'You could be extra nice, and that might be good. But it could also be awkward or disappointing, and a waste of time.'

'You could choose to ignore the person, or you can engage.' The study backs up research from academic Helene Guldberg, associate lecturer in child development at the Open University, who created controversy when she said

teachers should not protect pupils from playground spats as they can help them handle difficult events in the future.

Dr Guldberg said official fretting 'over the supposedly terrible dangers of bullying in the playground could do more harm than good'.

It denied children 'the experiences they need to develop', such as being able to resolve their own disputes, as well as stunting their development and harming their social interaction with others.

But anti-bullying campaigners con-

demned her remarks, saying teachers need to be vigilant about the problem.

Celebrities including comedian Eddie Izzard have previously spoken about how fighting back against bullies helped define their childhood.

Izzard said he became a 'rock' after being subjected to bullying at the six boarding schools he attended as a child.

'No one was going to give me a hard time because I was going to give them a hard time. I was already built to resist any problems that would come up,' he said

## Sound waves soothe away fear of the dentist, experts claim



SILENCING your fears: Are sound waves the latest weapon in the fight against dentist phobias?

NEW technology that experts claim can calm the brain is being used by British dentists to relax nervous patients.

Developed by American neuroscientists, the equipment, called NuCalm, induces a state of deep relaxation even in highly anxious patients.

Using a system known as cranial electrotherapy stimulation (CES), NuCalm consists of a generator and a headset that transmits relaxing electrical and sound frequencies to the brain.

After about five minutes, brain waves have been shown to slow to a state that is associated with deep relaxation, meditation and sleep.

Patients are also asked to wear dark glasses and are given tablets of a brain chemical called GABA - commonly available as a nutritional supplement - both of which deepen the calming effect.

Clinical trials have established that CES is effective at treating a range of stress disorders, including insomnia, chronic anxiety and post-traumatic stress. It is thought to encourage the release of brain chemicals serotonin and dopamine, which are associated with relaxation and feelings of well-being.

A recent placebo-controlled double-blind study by an American dentist, published in the Academy of General Dentistry journal, found all nervous dental patients who had CES during their treatment saw their anxiety symp-

oms improve by 50 per cent or more.

'With NuCalm, patients enter the alpha stage of sleep - the state of deep relaxation and drowsiness that occurs between true sleep and waking - without drugs or side effects in a few minutes,' explains Dr Mervyn Druian, of London Cosmetic Dentistry and the first UK dentist to use the equipment.

'Patients are awake and can respond to my voice but they don't feel anxiety or tension. Overall, the effect is powerful. I've seen patients with a nervous temperament remain completely relaxed.'

Like thousands of others, Sophie Takis has always been frightened of going to the dentist.

The 22-year-old assistant manager from North London says: 'I used to feel really anxious and would start trembling in the dental chair. I dreaded appointments and would always try to put them off.'

Yet thanks to the NuCalm headset, Sophie's last appointment in early April was a surprisingly refreshing experience.

'Since I'm having eight veneers, the appointment involved a lot of drilling and lasted for several hours,' says Sophie.

'Usually I'd be shaking with nerves. With the NuCalm, my whole body became noticeably relaxed and stayed that way.'

### Sign Language



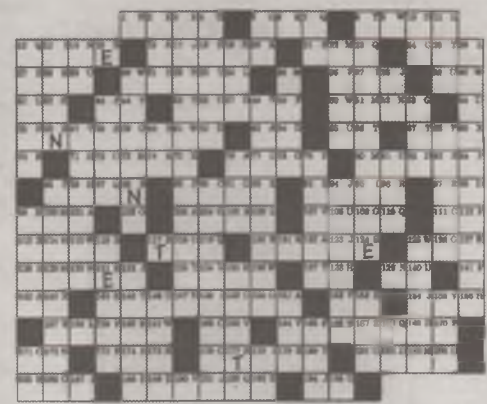
How does one calm traffic?  
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## ANACROTIC 1

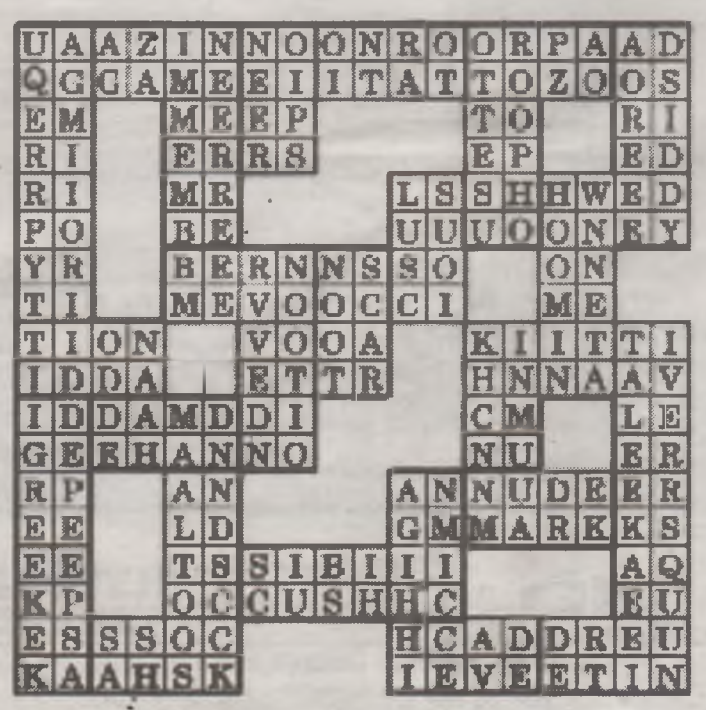
Your finished Anacrotic will be a sentence which you will have written in the diagram on the opposite page. It will read from left to right, and you will see that there is a black square only at the end of a word. Here's how to go about solving:  
 Step One: Fill in as many of the words in the WORDS column as you can, using the DEFINITIONS at the left.  
 Step Two: Transfer the letters from the WORDS column to the diagram.  
 Step Three: Now you can work back from the diagram to the WORDS list. The letters next to the numbers in the diagram correspond to the lettered definitions. You will find many clues: I-E in the diagram is often THE, so you may try that in the WORDS list. Short words like OF, TO, AND, and word endings like -ED and -ING give other clues for the WORDS list. One more help: The initial letters of the words in the WORDS column spell out the name of the author and the word quoted. Puzzle 1 has been started for you.

DEFINITIONS	WORDS
A. Overbearing: hypb. wd.	142 74 108 76 174 16 122 63 151 101 E N T E N Y E
B. Pact between nations	124 88 177 15 56 117 131
C. Absentees with reservations: hypb. wd.	149 46 171 80 162 24 111
D. Male chicken	47 96 64 62 82 182 169
E. Deteriorated with age, as a page	58 133 70 28 18 167 148 120
F. Toolies' resting piece	36 112 55 89 49 141 189 43 165
G. Exceed	104 78 91 126 184 5 176 109 53
H. Theater employee	19 138 85 135 114 175 42 71 156
I. Arizona Indian	187 148 95 13 178 37
J. Vehicles for hive	154 191 38 194 123 94 17 132
K. Buttery-flavored fruit	121 160 189 185 6 144 127
L. Paid no attention to	77 26 11 41 158 34 106
M. Book of the Bible	100 73 51 183 80 129 35 22
N. He stands alone: 3 wds.	172 130 14 1 52 32 166 99 147

- O. Mother of Solomon 59 186 195 4 146 72 10 181 102
- P. Sugary treats 84 85 79 68 173 170
- Q. Regarded favorably 119 7 192 23 168 12 87 110
- R. Mirror 75 179 97 188 96 3 157
- S. Act like a couch potato 128 83 27 116 139 31 21 60
- T. Display of agility 25 33 180 66 8 137 67 145 133 45
- U. Dental pain 39 105 140 66 54 81 160 118 29
- V. Impromptu: 3 wds. 152 107 44 46 156 57 190 134 163 164
- W. Treated deferentially 40 61 136 125 161 116 50 9 30
- X. Fresh and vigorous 92 105 2 20 86 168 113 69



### SOLUTION TO WORD DOMINOES



# 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.

## 155

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

### Solution to Sudoku 154

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

# HEALTH REPORT

## Hepatitis, the silent killer

By Ruby Leo

LARABA has come back from the doctor, with a look of shock on her face, the diagnosis has shown that she has hepatitis B, and the doctor told her that the only option is to have a liver transplant or else she would die.

She is now totally confused. A few years ago, the same doctor had told her that it could be treated, but she had wanted to delay a while to take care of other pressing issues. Now who would give her a liver or worse where do she raise the funds for the operation?

Laraba then decide to resign herself to fate, and await her time when her creator will call.

This unfortunately is the plight of many Nigerians infected by Hepatitis, a viral disease which can lead to liver scarring (cirrhosis), cancer, liver failure and ultimately death.

Hepatitis has been described as an inflammation of the liver, which leads to soreness or swelling of the liver.

Hepatitis can be caused by viruses, medications or toxic agents.

The Society for Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Nigeria (SOGHIN), say that Hepatitis is mostly caused by one of the six hepatitis viruses (A, B, C, D, E, or G).

All types of hepatitis cause inflammation of the liver, which interferes with the ability of the liver to function properly, this invaluable can lead to lack of blood supply to the liver, poison, autoimmune disorders and excessive alcohol use.

Dr Oladipopo Hameed, consultant physician member of SOGHIN speaking to Daily Trust on the implications on the disease said there are two main kinds of hepatitis termed acute hepatitis (short-lived) and chronic hepatitis (lasting at least 6 months).

According to Hameed, the most dangerous kind of hepatitis is the Hepatitis B & C which he said are a threat to global health as they are silent killers gradually taking its toll on the human race.

He said, "If you have acute hepatitis, the liver might become inflamed very suddenly and you might have nausea, vomiting, fever and body aches, or one may not experience

any symptoms."

Explaining how hepatitis affect the liver, Hameed said, "The liver breaks down waste products in your blood, when the liver is inflamed, it doesn't do a good job of getting rid of waste products."

"One waste product in the blood, called bilirubin, begins to build up in the blood and tissues when the liver isn't working properly. The bilirubin makes the skin of a person who has hepatitis turn a yellow-orange color. This is called jaundice."

The bilirubin, he said alongside other waste products may cause itching, nausea, fever and body aches.

He pointed out that hepatitis can be contacted through unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected partner.

Other ways also include, "use of intravenous drugs when needles are shared with someone with the virus, the infection can be passed from mother to baby during childbirth or one can get infected is exposed to a vicinity where the virus is common."

The World Health Organisation (WHO) recognizes that hepatitis B is one of the major diseases affecting mankind today. It estimates that 2 billion people are infected with the hepatitis B virus and approximately 350 million people are living with the chronic lifelong infections.

However the picture is quite gloomy in Nigeria since the WHO estimates that about 20 million people are presently infected and 5 million die of the disease.

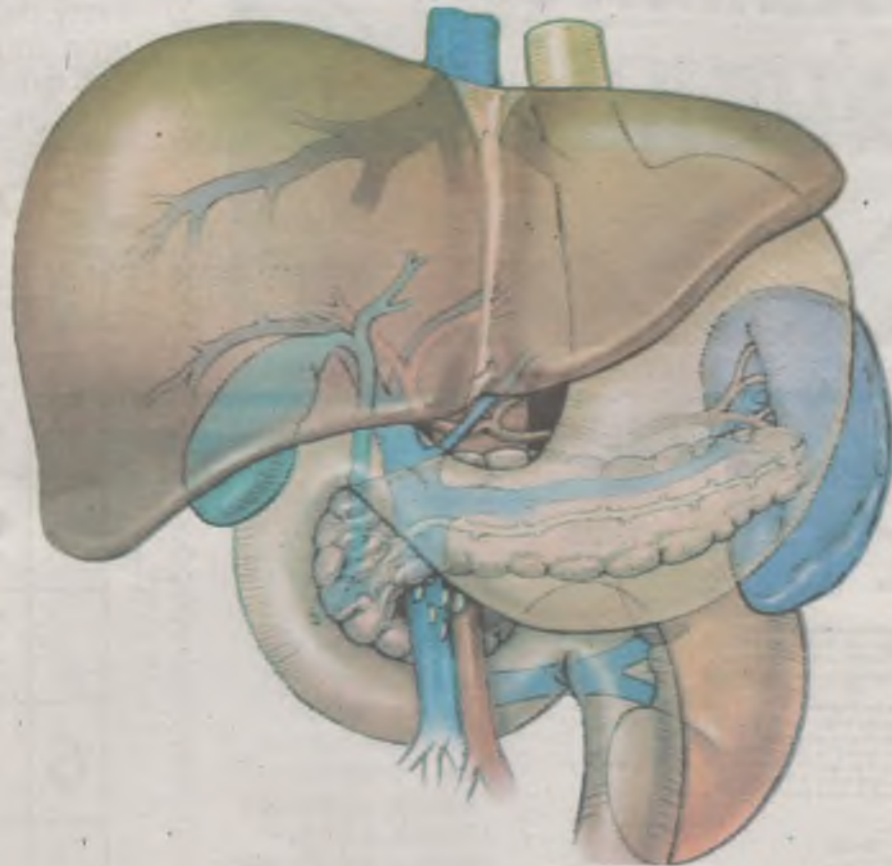
Dr Hameed acknowledges that the reason why it is termed the silent killer is because though a very dangerous infection, people tend to be ignorant of its existence thereby allowing it spread unabated.

The most worrisome characteristics is that one can live with the virus for many years until the virus gets the best of them, making it almost impossible to treat at the advance stage with the only alternative being a liver transplant.

But then the good news is that it can be treated if detected early.

Professor B. Bojuwoye, president of SOGHIN said that a simple test, generally a blood test for both hepatitis B & C can save one many years of headaches and pain.

His words, 'if you are diagnosed with hepatitis B



one billion doses of hepatitis B vaccines have been used since 1980, which has been said to be effective in approximately 95% of cases.

However Emmanuel Chukwuemeka, a member of the association has advised that the best way to prevent and protect one from contacting the virus is, "by avoiding sexual intercourse without protection."

"Use of intravenous drug and sharing of drug paraphernalia, washing ones hands before handling food and after use of bathroom."

Other easy ways of saving yourself from hepatitis is, "if you are thinking about getting a tattoo or piercing your body, be sure the shop sterilizes needles properly, don't share toothbrushes or razors, avoid eating shellfish such as clams or oysters because they may have been harvested from contaminated water."

or C, you will face many challenges, but it is better to confront the disease head on, know how to avoid transmitting the infection to others and consider your treatment options and management strategies as early as possible.

He hammered, 'just get tested, it is better to know and consider option to receive treatment than live in ignorance when treatment might just be at your door.'

Speaking on the various methods available to a patient diagnosed with hepatitis, Bojuwoye said, 'your doctor will refer you to a gastroenterologist or other subspecialist that treats people who have chronic liver problems.'

'There are a number of medical treatment available that are often successful, these include interferon and other antiviral medicines, the interferon medicines include interferon alfa-2b (brand name: Intron A) and peginterferon alfa-2b (brand name Pegasys).'

'Though treatment may take over a year or more, depending on the severity of the infection and the response to treatment,' he said.

The SOGHIN also advised that getting immunized is the best way of preventing hepatitis B infection adding that every Nigerians should try and get immunized as over

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## News Extra

# Kenya investigates attempt to sabotage new constitution

Authorities say someone at the government printer's office inserted words to alter a key clause in the draft document

To deliver Kenyans a fair constitution after more than 20 years, a committee of experts used 47,793 words. To derail the reform, someone secretly added two.

The attempted sabotage occurred at the official government printer, which was producing copies of the proposed constitution ahead of a national vote on the law in August.

Designed to curb the president's vast powers and help prevent a repeat of the election mayhem of late 2007 and 2008, the document had been praised for guaranteeing people's basic freedoms.

But in a move that has caused public outrage and prompted an inquiry involving the attorney

The draft has been strongly backed by Kibaki and prime minister Raila Odinga, and polls suggest that two in three Kenyan voters are on their side

general and intelligence chiefs, someone at the printing plant was able to add the words "national security" to a key clause on citizen's fundamental rights.

Nearly 2,000 copies of the altered constitution had been published by the time the change was discovered.

"It was an outrageous act, unbelievable," said Otiende Amolo, a Kenyan member of the committee of experts that drafted the new laws. "The addition of those words meant that all rights could be abrogated in favour of whatever was deemed 'national security'."

Though President Mwai Kibaki has ordered a police investigation, the saboteur - widely assumed to be an individual or group opposed to the proposed



PRESIDENT Mwai Kibaki



PRIME Minister Raila Odinga



A sign daubed on the wall of a destroyed house in calls for peace after post-election violence broke out two years ago.

constitution - has yet to be publicly identified.

The incident has highlighted just how much is riding on the new law, which stems from the

peace deal to end the deadly post-election violence two years ago.

The proposed constitution retains the presidential system, but brings in proper checks and

balances on executive power for the first time. Women's rights are advanced, regional authorities given more autonomy, and limits placed on landholdings to

address to the gross inequity in land ownership in Kenya. The cabinet would be less than half of its current size, with members drawn from outside parliament for the first time, and MPs forced to pay tax.

"The new constitution is not perfect," said Pheroze Nowrojee, a leading human rights lawyer in Nairobi. "But it's certainly much better than the one we have."

The draft has been strongly backed by Kibaki and prime minister Raila Odinga, and polls suggest that two in three Kenyan voters are on their side.

But there is also powerful opposition, led by church groups, who are taking particular issue with references to abortion. The proposed constitution states that life begins at conception - a key demand of religious leaders - and outlaws abortion. But Christian organisations say that a caveat allowing termination in emergencies or if the mother's life is in danger is a step towards legalised abortion.

They have found backing from some US evangelical groups, as well as from three Republican senators in Washington. The legislators have accused the US Embassy in Nairobi of backing the constitution in violation of a US law that prohibits the use of foreign aid to lobby for or against abortion.

Other powerful politicians with less clear motivations have sided with the church. They include William Ruto, a cabinet minister who is trying to clear his name from a report linking him to the post-election violence, and the former president Daniel arap Moi, who, during his rule, successfully frustrated attempts at constitutional reform that started two decades ago.

The current constitution dates back to 1964, a year after Kenya's independence, and vests immense powers in the presidency. It allowed both Moi and the first president, Jomo Kenyatta, to rule as dictators for nearly 40 years, all the while funnelling resources to their families and elite members of their own ethnic groups.

When Kibaki took office in 2003 he promised a new constitution but the document he put to referendum two years later offered only timid reforms, and was soundly rejected by voters.

Culled from guardian.co.uk

## News Extra

# She's alive! Girl snatched from fireball wreckage of India plane crash



**MIRACLE: A rescuer carries a young girl plucked alive from the burning wreckage of the plane crash that killed 158 people. The foam-covered girl was rushed to hospital where she was treated for severe burns**

**PARTS of the charred plane can be seen sticking up from the gorge**

**A** little girl was miraculously snatched alive from the burning wreckage of the plane crash that killed 158 people in India Saturday.

Covered in foam, she was lifted from the mangled fuselage by rescuers as the Air India plane went up in flames.

The young girl was taken to hospital in the nearby city of Mangalore, where she was treated for severe burns.

Only eight people survived the crash after the plane overshoot the runway in Mangalore at the southern Indian city's 'table-top' Bajpe airport, crashing into a gorge and killing most of the passengers on board.

Survivors have told how they jumped from the burning plane as it broke up and plunged into a valley.

Nearby residents rushed to the scene following the incident at around 6.30am (local time), describing 'shocking' scenes as they pulled charred bodies from the wreckage.

Survivors are currently being treated in nearby hospitals, officials said.

The crash happened during heavy rains that also hampered the rescue effort.

It is believed that cloudy conditions and reduced visibility may



**LOCALS break down in tears as they try to help survivors at the crash site**

have contributed to the incident.

The airport is located on a plateau surrounded by hills, making it difficult for the firefighters to

reach the scene.

Its 'table-top' runway ends in a valley. As a result, if a plane overshoots it is likely to result in

a major incident, aviation experts have said.

It is thought 20 children were on board the flight alongside two

pilots and four cabin crew.

Survivors said they jumped from the plane as it began to break up.



# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

## CROSS RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

MURTALA MOHAMED HIGHWAY, PMB 1249, CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE

### INVITATION FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL TENDERS FOR THE EXECUTION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE 2010 APPROPRIATION

1.0

**PREAMBLE**

The Cross River Basin Development Authority (CRBDA) is a parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources charged with Comprehensive Development of Surface and Ground Water Resources, Flood and Erosion Control etc in Akwa Ibom and Cross River States. In compliance with the Public Procurement Act, the Cross River Basin Development Authority hereby invites interested Contractors and Consultants to submit Technical and Financial Tenders for the implementation of her Capital Projects in the 2010 Appropriation as follows;

2.0

**SCOPE OF WORKS**

The proposed works include:

**A. IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE AND DAM PROJECTS (TENDER FEE: N100,000.00)**

Construction of:

1. Eniong Creek Irrigation Project
2. Obubra Irrigation Project
3. Ijegu Yala Irrigation Project
4. Iruan Dam, Boki LGA, CRS
5. Construction work of various components on ongoing Irrigation Projects at Ogoja, Oniong Nung Ndem, Abak, Owakande, Obudu, Calabar River. (TENDER FEE: N50,000.00)

**B. DRAINAGE, FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS (TENDER FEE: N100,000.00)**

Construction of Flood and Erosion Control Project at:

1. Mkpara Otop Drainage and Erosion Control Project
2. Atiamkpat Drainage and Erosion Control Project
3. Iton Odoro Drainage and Erosion Control Project
4. Ebisa Eneyo Akpabuyo Drainage and Erosion Control Project
5. Ikot Ekwere Drainage and Flood Control Project
6. Ikot Ossom Drainage and Flood Control Project
7. Kekpolo, Ekori, Yakurr LGA, CRS
8. Ediba Beach, Abi LGA, CRS
9. Adegbar - Warda Road, Yala, Yala LGA, CRS
10. Ikot Osukpong, Ika LGA, AKS

**C. WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS (TENDER FEE: N200,000.00)**

Construction of major water schemes at:

1. Ekor Surface Water Scheme, Ekor, Ikrom LGA, CRS
2. Regional Water Scheme at Abijang and Nsofang Etung LGA, CRS
3. Etomi Water Supply Scheme, Etung LGA, CRS
4. Oderegha Water Supply Scheme, Obubra LGA, CRS
5. Construction/Rehabilitation of Mini Water Supply Schemes in various locations in Cross River and Akwa Ibom States (TENDER FEE: N30,000.00)

**D. CONSULTANCY SERVICES (NO TENDER FEE)**

Study and Design of the following projects:

1. Oruko Erosion/Drainage Control Project, AKS
2. Ebisa Eneyo, Akpabuyo, CRS
3. Construction Supervision of the following Erosion Control Projects
  - (a) Ebisa Eneyo Akpabuyo Drainage and Erosion Control Project
  - (b) Kekpolo in Ekori, Yakurr LGA, CRS
  - (c) Ediba Beach, Abi LGA, CRS
  - (d) Adegbar - Warda Road, Yala, Yala LGA, CRS
  - (e) Ikot Osukpong, Ika LGA, AKS
4. Construction Supervision of Water Supply Projects
  - (a) Ekor Water Supply Project
  - (b) Regional Water Scheme at Abijang and Nsofang
  - (c) Etomi Water Supply Scheme, Etung LGA, CRS
  - (d) Oderegha Water Supply Scheme, Obubra LGA, CRS

**NOTE:** Consulting firms should show evidence of registration with appropriate Regulatory Professional bodies of COREN

3.0

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS****CONTENT OF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION DOCUMENT**

Documents should be page numbered and itemised serially as below:

- A. Evidence of Incorporation of the Company with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Articles and Memorandum of Association of the Company and up to date Annual Return with the CAC (form C 02 & 07 to be included).
- B. The company must show evidence of fulfilling of its Tax obligations as follows:
  - (i) Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years supplied with TIN
  - (ii) Pension and Social Security Contributions
- C. A sworn Affidavit certifying as follows:
  - (i) The Company is not in receivership, insolvency or bankruptcy
  - (ii) The Company does not have any Director who has been convicted in any Court in Nigeria and any other country for criminal offence in relation to fraud or financial impropriety
  - (iii) That no officer of the Authority, FMWR or BPP is a former or present Director or Shareholder of the Company
  - (iv) That there has been no promise of a gift in any form to any of the Authority, FMWR or BPP staff

D. Audited Account of the Bidder for the last three (3) years duly endorsed by a firm of Chartered Accountants.

E. Letter authorising the Authority and her Representatives to cross-check the submitted Company's Bank Account and other claims

F. Evidence of work experience as the main contractor executing or having executed a minimum of three (3) projects of similar complexity compared to the proposed work, one of which must have been within the last five (5) years. Copies of award letters, last Interim Certificate of Valuation for ongoing project, Completion Certificate and Final Maintenance Certificate where applicable are to be endorsed.

G. Verifiable list of major construction equipment and facilities for project (i- v) including registration number, chassis number, location (where they can be inspected) and remarks on whether these are owned, leased or hired. The minimum number of equipment/facilities required, where applicable are as listed below

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (i) Bulldozer (2No)                 | (viii) Payloader (1No.)           |
| (ii) Grader (1No.)                  | (ix) Dumpers (2No.)               |
| (iii) Excavator (1No.)              | (x) Tippers (3No. - 10-20 tonnes) |
| (iv) Water Tanker (1No.)            | (xi) Drilling Rig                 |
| (v) Concrete mixers (2No.)          | (xii) Compressor                  |
| (vi) Sheep-foot Compactor (1No.)    | (xiii) Testing Equipment          |
| (vii) Asphalt Paving Machine (1No.) |                                   |

H. A functional and well equipped materials testing laboratory

I. List of key technical personnel stating their designations, roles, qualifications and years of experience with the guarantee that a minimum of three (3) relevant COREN Registered Engineers of various disciplines shall be deployed to the project. Copies of educational and professional certificates are to be attached as in the Standard Tenders Document.

J. History of company's policy on community social responsibility  
**Non Compliance will lead to disqualification.**

**Notes:**

- Items A - E are required for responsiveness as such their originals must be produced by the company for sighting during the opening session.
- All claims must be substantiated with verifiable facts
- Photocopies of professional certificates are to be endorsed by the owner and professional seal must be embossed on the professional certificates

4.0

**TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS**

Interested bidders are to collect Tender documents from the Authority on payment of non-refundable Tender Fee ( BANK DRAFT ONLY) as indicated by the categories in paragraph 2.0 above. A copy of the receipt must be attached to each Financial Bid as evidence of payment upon submission.

5.0

**SUBMISSION OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS**

Completed Technical documents and Financial Bids must be placed in two separate envelopes each appropriately labelled, sealed and placed in two (2) separate envelopes and then placed in a larger envelope for submission marked with the project title at the top right hand corner and addressed to:

**THE MANAGING DIRECTOR**  
CROSS RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MURTALA MOHAMMED HIGHWAY  
P.M. B. 1249, BASIN TOWN, CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE

6.0

**OPENING OF TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS**

Technical and Financial documents should reach the Managing Director on or before 10.00am, Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Technical Documents will be opened same day at 12.00 noon at the Conference Hall of Cross River Basin Development Authority, Calabar.

**Please Note that:**

- Only Pre-qualified firms will be invited to the Financial Bid Opening Ceremony. Financial Bids from firms not prequalified will be returned
- Interested companies are responsible for the timely and safe submission of their documents
- The Authority shall carry out Due Diligence on the companies to verify claims included in their submissions.
- **The Cross River Basin Development Authority is NOT BOUND to accept any Tender.**

7.0

**OPENING OF FINANCIAL BID DOCUMENTS**

Financial Bid documents for Prequalified firms will be opened at 12.00 Noon on Thursday June, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Conference Hall of Cross River Basin Development Authority, Calabar

8.0

**ENQUIRIES**

All enquiries on this advertisement are to be directed to:

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MURTALA MOHAMMED HIGHWAY  
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Executive Governor, Kaduna State

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 Long live our new Vice President,  
 Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria

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GRANT of bail – same is a discretionary matter especially where the offence carries a sentence of three or more years of imprisonment – Section 118(2) of the CPA, in my view, makes the grant of bail to an accused person standing trial before a High Court, purely a discretionary matter in the hands of the trial Judge. Furthermore, where an offence carries a sentence of imprisonment for a period of three years or more, grant of bail is not a mere matter of course. – Per Muhammad, JSC (Pg. 443) *Ikubolu-Asari v FRN*

# If the law is clear, the people are happier -Awa Kalu

Awa Uma Kalu (SAN), former Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Abia State, was born on March 9, 1953 to late Pa Uma Kalu and Elder Uma Kalu both of Ohafia Community in Abia State. Fondly called Professor Papa by his friends and peers, he speaks on the retirement age for Judges, the state of the nation and other topical issues.

By Adelanwa Bamgboye & John Chuks

**RECENTLY the AGF suggested that the retirement age of Judges in the Superior Courts should be 70 years; would you agree with this suggestion?**

There are so many things that should be considered. First of all, we must understand that the 65 years is the compulsory retirement age for Judges at the High Court.

I would not support that a man should die in earnest, all work and no play makes jack a dull boy.

But look at the environment in which Judges work compared to Judges in other Jurisdiction such as the USA, Canada, Australia, there are no verbatim recording. By the time you have done that for 50 years, you begin to develop Arthritis and what Doctors call lower back pain. Why would somebody want to carry these problems for interminable years?

There is even what we call football age. Although lawyers don't do that. May be when you are 50 you say you are 40. The other reason is that the young shall grow and

**“I would not like to be my Judge, but very honestly speaking, I think I assisted in the development of the law in this country**

the old shall retire. When you are 70 you go so that the young can replace you, these are matters of simple logic.

Until such a time when our medical facilities have improved as in those places when you work on conditions of good behaviour, that is to say you serve as a Judge so far as your records are intact, but those facilities are not there. Every summer our Judges troop out to go and look for better medical/health facilities. Until the conditions here are such that would guarantee good health for our very brilliant Judges, I think that a person who served to the age of 70 should retire.

**Without beating your own drum as former AG Abia how much impact have you added to the people's life?**

I would not like to be my Judge, but very honestly speaking, I think I assisted in the development of the law in this country.

If you look at a lot of appeals, See the cases of AG Abia vs. AGF those are the cases which indicates my efforts as AG at the time to seek clarifications on certain thorny Constitutional questions. So to that extent if the law is clear, the people are happier because obscure laws leads to unhappiness.

**The nation will be turning 50 soon, what is your assessment of the state of the nation?**

As lawyers say the fact speaks for itself (res ipsa loquitur) Nigeria at 50, is a sorry tale, I don't think it as made much impact. A person who is 50 is said to have made golden jubilee. I think the only reason we should be congratulated for reaching 50 is that we remain one country beyond that all other indices require no demonstration. I don't want to sound



AWA Uma Kalu (SAN)

uninterested in the development of Nigeria between 1960 to date, I don't want to also sound despondent and I don't want to also sound disappointed in what could have been but I think the occasion would require very serious medications and reconsideration and a considerable efforts from all concerned, all geo-political zones to re-energise and re-strategise and be focused on what to be done in order to earn greater respect.

**The Judiciary in Nigeria is not just slow but very slow. Which direction would you want the law to go?**

It is to re-focus the law as to achieve justice, equilibrium, as to bring peace, and to bring development. I think that should be the end of government, the welfare of the governed and it is part of the aim of the law.

**In the course of the interview you said that you were called to the Bar at the age of 25 who influenced you?**

I believe that life is circumstantial. My late father wanted me to be a medical doctor but for

some reasons he changed it and said that he wanted me to be a Pharmacist. So in my A-Levels I found myself studying a combination which is not associated with law. That is -Physics, chemistry, biology as a subsidiary. Then I wrote a poem for a young girl at that time who was in the liberal art and she asked me at that time whether I was the one that wrote the poem, we were not now talking about the subject matter of the poem, we were talking about the quality of the poem and she said that I have no business in the sciences. That was how the change started. At that time there were no JAMB, there were individual examination for admission. So I sat for admission into the University of Nigeria Nsukka, and also to University of Ife. I passed both and I elected to go to Ife.

**Are any of your children taking after the law profession?**

Yes my daughter was called to the Bar last year and my first son will soon, by the grace of God, graduate from the London school of Economics.

N/Assembly may amend CEMA to rejuvenate Customs

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

THERE are indications that the National Assembly (NASS) would tinker with the Customs enabling law - the Customs and Excise Management Act (CEMA) in order to make it more proactive to meet the challenges of a modern day customs service.

According to a source, a Federal Government Bill has been forwarded to the National Assembly requesting that the lawmakers repeal and re enact the CEMA 2004 as well as repeal also, the existing Destination Inspection Act 2003 to allow Nigeria Customs Service NCS take over all obligations of the Federal Ministry of Finance and the CBN under the new Act.

Sources close to the assembly and confirmed by a member of the customs board revealed that the initiative became necessary after the lawmakers discovered that some of the conditions adopted by the CEMA to deter crimes especially via fines were no longer relevant or stringent enough to deter such crimes.

“The CEMA, being a law enacted in the 1950's does not reflect the sovereignty of an independent Nigeria. The CEMA does not reflect the realities of modern day international trade and it is also silent on Destination Inspection of the present day Nigeria Customs Service (NCS).

“Trade practices procedures and sanctions that existed in the 1950's are no longer relevant, fines and penalties prescribed by CEMA are ludicrous and generally incapable of deterring economic criminals even if fully enforced,” he said.

He said that the NASS in the course of its statutory oversight functions has discovered that if the service was to incorporate Customs practice, traditions and obligation, then various recommendations and instrument on Customs and trade standard practice must be in consonance with the World Customs organization WCO, the United Nation Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization WTO etc; of which Nigeria is a recognized party.

“For Nigeria to fully exploit the benefits of its strategic placement and its ambition to be the maritime hub of the sub-region, our trade laws, especially as they relate to NCS operations must be made very simple and harmonized, with that of their Customs organizations of the sub regions”.

The law maker who spoke under the condition of anonymity frowned on what he saw as undue emphasis on revenue generation by the Service and advised that it was trade liberalization should be prioritized.

“Emphasis all over the world is on trade facilitation, liberalization, economic integration and globalization of markets rather than revenue generation which the CEMA stoutly promotes,” he also said.

## Law

# The Supreme Court as a cultural legal institution

By Ola O. Olatawura

TO most the Supreme Court is an adjudicatory institution solely concerned with practical moral, political, and economic intellectual answers to live questions of fact and law arising from disputes. That is only partially correct, because other dimensions of the Supreme Court as a cultural, social and economic institution have been ignored or undeveloped. Courts are cultural institutions, custodians of legal professional cultures, and instigators of aspects of some of the finest and noble national traditions of countries. Some courts of leading common and civil law jurisdictions have successfully impacted on the emergence of a legal profession and services industry to stimulate a nationally recognised legal services economic sub-sector generating tourism, employment, and pride. Research, for example, claim the English legal profession based in London, generates over £UK500million to the national economy. So far left untouched, it is time for the CJN and his colleagues to launch and propel policies and programs for developing, protecting and promoting the history, traditions, and place of the Supreme Court and other courts in the professional, national, and international cultural circuit generally and specifically through a National Supreme Court Museum and Studies Centre. "Our judicial system", states Chief FRA Williams SAN, "is one of the most valuable heritage that we Nigeri-

ans are entitled to count as one of our most sacred blessings." There is a creeping cold feeling, that history and tradition is ignorantly or irreverently being discarded at great future financial and cultural costs to the country. The fascinating history of the courts, sites and buildings, justices, their appointments procedure, including interviews by the Senate, their diaries, records, and judgments, written public and conference papers, individual and collective photographs, biographies and autobiographies, as well as classical judgments of the court should be documented for the institution's sake, for legal historians, law students, and the general public in a now being proposed Supreme Court Museum and Studies Centre managed by the Supreme Court or Body of Benchers. If many Nigerians remember that Sir Adetokunbo Ademola GCFR was the first indigenous Chief Justice, they are likely not to know his the place and roles of his predecessors and successors, namely Fatayi-Williams CJN, Ayo Irikefe CJN, and Mohammed Bello CJN. It is necessary to record for posterity traditions of swearing in, valedictory speeches, burials of serving justices, burials of retired justices, etc. At the personal level, moments of their favourite pastimes, constitutional duties in swearing in of the President, Vice-Presidents, and other public inquiries, the houses our Justices were born or lived should be recorded and plagued. At the management level, policy issues and initiatives should

be carefully stored. Understanding their importance, roles for the official sketch artist, painter, photographer, biographer, and merchandisers should commence before the reading of this paragraph is concluded. A National or Supreme Court Museum and Studies Centre will host conferences, seminars, law and legal professional related bookshelves and apparel retailers. From another perspective, the Supreme Court should establish traditions with regard to "terms", naming of court halls, buildings, as well as declaration of court holidays. There is no reason why wood, stone, or marble busts of some justices should not adorn the court premises and lawns. Quotes of justices should be inscribed on walls, calendars, and diaries. Is there any reason why permanent concrete sits, tables and chairs should not be put on the lawns to snack or engage in idle or polite conversation?

An ordinarily sober place, the CJN has an obligation to markedly celebrate the prime seasons and court holidays with the court's staff, management, justices, the legal profession, and the emerging legal press corps as part of the Court's calendar of activities with the newest Justice of the Court to lead the chorus. The Christmas party founded on turkey, the Easter season founded on fish and sea food, the Sallah season founded on ram, notably Suya and Kilishi, and the holiday season founded on sheep, goats and cow dishes should feature. The benefits of once in a season mingling and praying together



CHIEF Justice Aloysius Katsina-Alu

boosts staff morale and institutional strength. It is an effective public relations exercise with the press and avenue to promote professional cordiality between opposing counsel. Marked in the distinct Nigerian "aso - ebi" of colours and fabric, official and season apparels and makers will emerge. The court's staff will self imbibe pleasing taste and dressing standards. The future possibility of enforcement of likeable and deserving uniform standards will be easier for court staff. The yarn spinner in Oyo and Iseyin and the cotton farmer in Katsina should benefit from our legal profession. The Nigerian version of UK's Edes & Ravenscroft and Stanley Ley, and other national legal professions must be encouraged to emerge. As an offi-

cial patron or direct supporter, the CJN, the Supreme Court, and states CJs have the power and responsibility of supporting the emergence of new legal stationery and merchandising entrepreneurs. In the UK, the role of Letts in printing court diaries and legal agreements is entrenched. What do we have?

Novel as the overall idea to this important function is, questions with regard to implementation such as location, management, financing, etc are thin ice sheets on a naval ship's route. Being "learned", imports being cultured. There is little evidence of an authentic and celebrated Nigerian version.

\* Based on a forthcoming publication, "A New Supreme Court: Modernisation Challenges for Katsina-Alu CJN"

## Rep seat: Ex-gov's aide withdraws suit seeking to jail INEC boss

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

MR Emmanuel Obot, the former aide to ex-Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Chief Victor Attah, has applied to the Court of Appeal sitting in Calabar, to withdraw his application seeking to jail the immediate past Chairman of INEC, Prof Maurice Iwu and three principal officials of the commission over their alleged failure to issue him a certificate of return as purported winner of the election into Uyo Federal constituency.

The application for discontinuance was filed just as a five-member panel of the Supreme Court fixed June 3, this year for definite hearing in two appeals (now consolidated) seeking the final pronouncement on who between Hon Bassey Etim and Mr Emmanuel Obot is the rightful candidate of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party for the 2007 election into the Uyo Federal constituency.

Obot, specifically, withdrew his application for committal of

INEC principal officials hours after the Calabar Court of Appeal hearing the case asked him to produce its judgment which specifically ordered INEC to issue him the purported certificate of return.

Obot's lawyer, Mr Uwemedimo Nwoko, who was grilled by the justices of the Calabar Court of Appeal hearing the case could not show the court where such order to issue certificate of return to his client was written in the judgment attached to the application for committal of INEC principal officials.

The appellate court had observed that the judgment being flaunted was a declaratory one and could only be executed by taking out another writ in the lower court for its enforcement if no higher court is seized of the facts of the same case.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had always insisted that it flouted no court order.

It had filed a counter affidavit through its Head of Litigation,

Ibrahim K Bawa, attacking the competence of the application for committal on three grounds.

INEC contended that both Forms 48 and 49 issued out were not personally served on the alleged contemnors as required by Order 35, Rule 2, Sub Rule 2 of Civil Procedure Rules which rendered it incompetent.

INEC also said that assuming without conceding that there was a breach of court order, it claimed that the breach would qualify as contempt ex facie curiae which an appellate court like the Court of Appeal, Calabar, did not have the jurisdiction to sit over as court of first instance, being a criminal proceeding.

The commission insisted that the only contempt which the appellate court justices could summarily deal with was contempt in facie curiae which was not the case in the instant matter.

Although further hearing in the committal application brought by Obot against

INEC principal officials was adjourned till June 10 to enable him produce the judgment he purportedly obtained from the Calabar division of the Court of Appeal which ordered INEC to issue him a certificate of return, he withdrew the case.

It was gathered that Obot has no judgment directing INEC to issue him any certificate of return hence the discontinuance of the case.

Meanwhile, the five-member panel of the Supreme Court has fixed June 3 for adoption of briefs in the consolidated appeals by Hon Bassey Etim and PDP seeking for its final pronouncement on who is the rightful candidate between Obot and Hon Etim.

Hon Bassey Etim was declared winner of the April 28, 2007 poll into the Uyo Federal constituency by INEC after beating other contestants.

He contested the poll on the platform of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Obot who is claiming to be

the winner of the poll never participated in the National Assembly poll because his political party substituted his name with Hon Bassey Etim for the election.

In fact, for alleged anti-party activities, Obot was expelled from the ruling PDP by its National Executive Committee before the election held.

Etim is the sitting representative of the Uyo Federal constituency at the National Assembly up till date.

But Obot is claiming that he was the authentic candidate of PDP for the poll and the winner of the election.

In his letters to both INEC and the House of Representatives, demanding for certificate of return and swearing in, he is claiming that the final law court on election matter had nullified the political process leading to the emergence of Etim as the flag-bearer of PDP for the Uyo Federal constituency poll and that the same court had declared him not only the party's candidate but the winner of the poll.

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## FG inaugurates c'ttee on organic pollutants

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE National Ministerial Committee on Organic Pollutants, comprising of representatives of the relevant ministries, was inaugurated yesterday in Abuja by the Minister of Environment, Mr. John Odey.

The committee afterward held its inaugural meeting to further sensitise all stakeholders on the implementation of activities of the regional project on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) contaminated site which is being implemented under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

The committee which is to meet twice a year has the responsibility to assess and reflect on the progress

achieved based on the work-plan and constraints on the implementation of the project and to provide a general guidance to the implementation.

Odey represented by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Dr. Biodun Olorunfemi, while addressing the committee said that the Stockholm Convention is a legally binding Multilateral Environmental agreement (MEA) adopted in May 2001 with the sole objective to protect human health and the environment from Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

"POPs are chemicals that remain intact in the environment for a long period. Due to the characteristics of stability of the chemicals in the environment, they are widely distributed through trans-boundary movement

and therefore circulate globally, accumulate in the fatty tissues of living organisms including flora and fauna. They are toxic to humans and wildlife and have been implicated as the cause of major health effects such as deformity in children birth defects, malfunctioning of reproductive system, cancers, impaired immunity amongst others," Odey said.

He said that diagnostic studies conducted during the National Implementation Plan (NIP) preparation which entails inventory of POPs within the country revealed that many sites have been contaminated from the use of POPs chemicals including PCBs used in transformers and the POPs pesticides in power/ energy and the agricultural sectors.

## Kogi govt charged on streetlights

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

RESIDENTS of Lokoja, the capital of Kogi State, yesterday called on Governor Ibrahim Idris to provide streetlights across the metropolis.

Some of the residents who spoke to our correspondent yesterday said they were not happy with night darkness along the roads in the capital city.

According to them, the call becomes necessary to curtail activities of criminals who often explore the situation to attack innocent people in the night.

"I was dispossessed of my handbag last night. The same thing happened to a friend of mine last month. These criminals operate in the night and this has been possible for them because there is no streetlight in most of the areas in Lokoja. This is highly embarrassing. A capital city must be provided with such a vital amenity as street light. It is very essential, and we want the state government to do something about it very urgently. We cannot bear this any longer," said Mrs Kafayat Adeleke, a resident.

Meanwhile, Governor Ibrahim Idris, through his Special Adviser on Media and Public Affairs Zakari Adamu said the provision of social amenities was one of his administration's topmost priorities, stressing that on no account would the government relent in making life comfortable for the people.



CELEBRITY Eclipse, a \$200m ship latted with a casino, theatre, ten restaurants, 17 decks, pool and half an acre of lawn, launched recently in the UK.

## Heat: Damaturu Imam calls for prayers

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

THE chief Imam of Damaturu Central Mosque Ustaz Hudu Mohammad has called for intensive prayers as way out of the intensive heat affecting many states in the north east part of Nigeria including Yobe, Borno, Adamawa among others.

The chief Imam who spoke in Damaturu at the weekend gave a

different interpretation to Global Warming. "Increasing crimes occasioned by activities relating to ritual, corruption in public offices, armed banditry and betrayal of trust especially by politicians as some of the factors responsible for unfavourable climatic conditions", the chief Imam said.

Ustaz Hudu also called on workers in the Yobe State ministry of lands and survey to fear

God and desists from distorting town planning which according to him tempers with drainages, conveniences and layouts which according to him affects good ventilation with attendant consequences on lives.

"Of recent, many people are dying because of the unfavourable weather condition we have found ourselves in. There is the need for all of us to have a re-think, assess

our excesses and then repent," the chief Imam said.

He also called on Nigerians to pray for improved electricity supply stressing that by just making promises, governments at all levels would not be able to deliver anything good in the power sector which according to him had assumed "an embarrassing dimension for Nigeria as a nation."

## Niger distributes N4.5bn earthmoving equipment to LGs

From Ayegaba Israel Ebije, Minna

NIGER state government has spent the sum of N4.5 billion on provision of earthmoving machines to the 25 local governments in the state, Governor Muazu Babangida Aliyu has said.

The governor who was at the launching of the earthmoving machines in Minna yesterday explained that the decision of the state government to make such moves is

informed by its desire to put in place good road networks across Niger for economic purpose.

"What we are witnessing today is the demonstration of our commitment to the improvement of the living condition of all Nigerian citizens living in Niger state as far as infrastructural development is concerned.

"It is in line with the above desires that we have procured 25 bulldozers, 25 graders and 25 wheel loaders for all our 25 local government councils at the cost of N4.5

billion," he said.

He explained that no meaningful economical activities can be well implemented without good road networks adding that it will boost economic activities in the rural areas once the local governments put the earth movers into full utility. "Undoubtedly, rural feeder roads have direct impact on the economic activities at the grassroots, thereby facilitating the improvement of the quality of lives of the people, which is the focus of our administration," he said.

## Remembering Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem (1961-2009)

# Claim no easy victories, tell no lies

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caught up in the fray such as the Haitian poet Rene Depstre. In the end the Congress took place in Kampala but the recriminations (and 8th PAC bids), continue to this day). Why, around 2001/2 at the dawn of the new millennium, a Tajudeen detractor called in from London on a live phone-in a BBC interview with President Museveni. He prefaced his question to the President by referring to Taju as "your propagandist". Yet as at 1994, there was no shortage of challengers for the post which saw him endorsed by almost 3,000 delegates from all over the Pan-African world (Brazil, Cuba, Europe, the United States, the Pacific, Canada, Dominica, Trinidad, East, West, Central, Southern and North Africa). The Nkrumah, Dubois, Malcolm X, Lumumba and Sekou Toure families were also represented.

The first snag was the very definition of the scope of its agency in the midst of a maelstrom of geopolitical changes in the Great Lakes region. The Secretariat faced many challenges: funding, personnel, programming. Meetings of the Executive, Constitution and the International Management committees never took place. Communication became difficult in a cross cultural outfit with varying levels of exposure, residual suspicions and territorial politics. The resultant errors of judgment further complicated matters and many egos were bruised. The headquarters were in a building that on several occasions received a visit from a no nonsense bailiff. At one time, the residence had no running water. For many years there was no annual budget as the policy organs had not met to lay down a fundraising strategy. Apart from the occasional donation, the Uganda Government availed monies to cover rent and utilities as well as salaries for the small Ugandan staff. Tajudeen had no salary as such, relying on his intellectual output. But the misconception was that at best there was mismanagement and at worst, embezzlement. Some of these accusations were way off the mark as an NGO mentality had taken hold of many in our ranks who saw the Movement as a stepping stone to lucrative political or international agency careers.

Prior to the 7th Pan African Congress, African women

had met and established the Pan-African Women's Liberation Organization, the brainchild of Makini Roy Campbell (not to be confused with the Pan African Women's Organization that was founded in Dar es Salaam in 1962), a Pan African Workers Committee was set up under veteran unionist James Dennis Akumu. In youth matters Resolution No 9 was adopted on the separate organization of this sector that was meant to hold its own Congress before the next PAC. But with no funds there was very little activity barring substantial support to PAWLO from Akina Mama wa Afrika then under the formidable Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi in the initial stages.

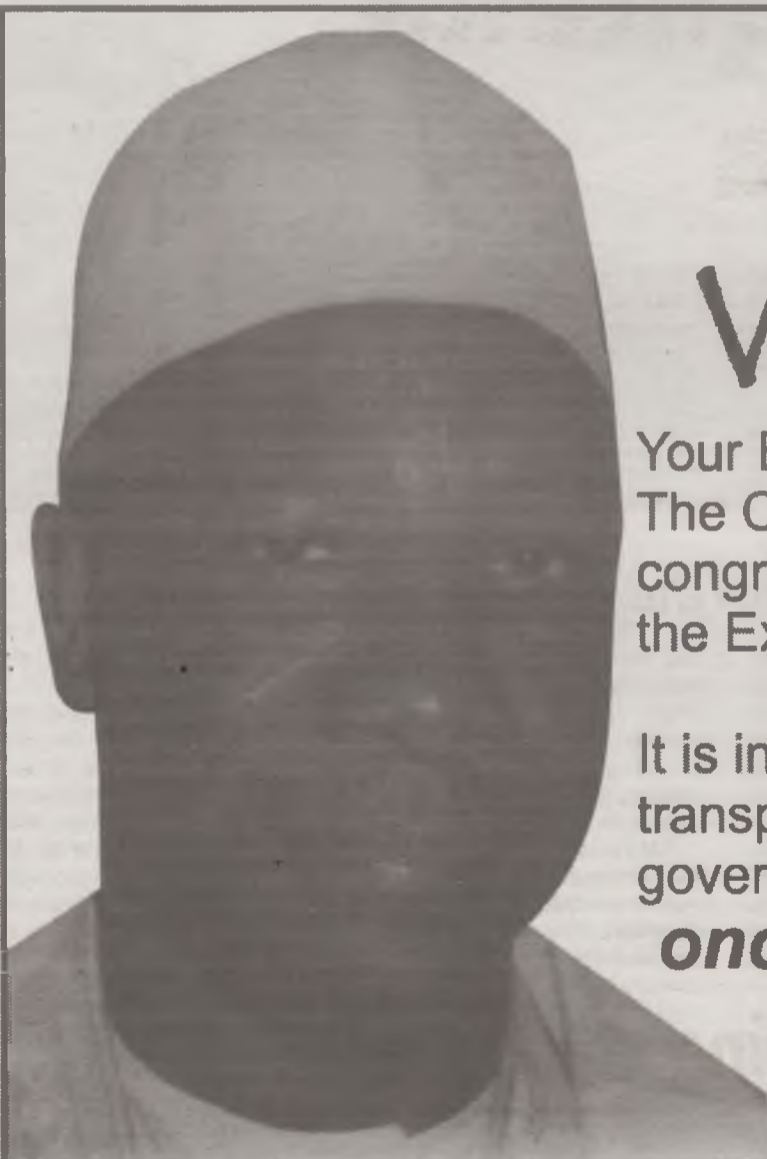
Undeterred Taju soldiered on. He creatively struck up alliances with emerging forces and several initiatives arose and activities were carried notwithstanding the stalemate at PAM. It is through these new modalities that several programmes were financed and affected. These include the Inter-African group in Addis Ababa, part of which mutated into Justice Africa, London and was instrumental in several Great Lakes region and Sudan projects, PADEAP run by the indefatigable Tominke Olaniyan which handles refugees and IDP issues and CRAI which jointly with the Open Society's Africa Justice Initiative and IIRI- the International Refugee Rights Initiative are working on an African Citizenship protocol. He collaborated with the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation in conceptualising the Symposium held in 2002 in Kampala on what would have been Mwalimu's 80th birthday had he lived. Other initiatives included his work with the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) as well as the Kathmandu Nepal-based LDC Watch, a body that brings together civil society organizations in the least developed countries, involved in monitoring the WTO/EU trade negotiations.

As a regular visitor to the AU in Addis Ababa, it was on one of these occasions that he spoke truth to power and openly challenged Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia on that country's visa policy governing citizens of AU member states and by extension, the free movement of persons from one African country to the other an issue

that had warranted a resolution at the 2nd OAU summit, chaired by Nkrumah himself as far back as 1965. The hall froze as the Premier made his exit without a word. Dinners were cancelled, acquaintances distanced themselves but lo and behold, a few weeks later the Ethiopians had relaxed their rules!

The pen was his weapon. As a scholar he wrote countless papers in peer reviewed journals, held teaching positions in many Universities without forgetting his beloved village of Funtua where he put up a school and a college named after his mother. He was planning to do a biography of his mentor Prof. Babu who had passed away two years after the Congress as well as a study on the Congo. Taju was a much sought after keynote speaker all over Africa. At PAM, he edited the volume "Pan Africanism in the 21st century" that included contributions from some of the eminent men and women who participated in the 7th Pan African Congress before launching his famous Postcard that has now been compiled into a book to mark this anniversary.

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His Excellency  
**Governor, Patrick Ibrahim Yokowa**  
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MEMBERS of the task force at Panteka Market, Nyanya, yesterday

## Task force raid Panteka market at Nyanya

By Zainab Shehu Saminaka

A task force set-up by the FCT Administration to rid the territory of street trading and illegal structures yesterday stormed Panteka Market at Nyanya to demolish and burn illegal structures within the market.

The team which comprised of officials of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board, police, road safety, civil defense and vehicle inspection officers, who arrived the market early in the morning in the convey of an armoured personnel carrier and other vehicles.

Our reporter learnt that the

traders were warned last Tuesday to move out of the market but stayed put selling second hand household items and iron rods.

Lucky traders that saw the convoy from a distance fled with some of their items while others watched as members of the task force impounded their goods and

threw them into Lorries. Other items such as tables, benches and woods used to build stalls were set on fire by the task force officials.

A task force member blamed the traders for the dirty environment and for causing road blocks in the area whenever their customers park wrongly.

## PHCN warns owners of homes under high tension cables

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE Power Holding Company of Nigeria's (PHCN) Gwagwalada Business Manager, Dr. Rhyle Haliu Balami has expressed displeasure over the manner at which people build houses under high tension electricity cables.

He said buildings under such cables pose danger to human lives and property.

According to him, people sometimes build houses with consultation, especially after getting plots in connivance with land officials, village heads or land racketeers.

He lamented at the way residential houses are being sited at Gwagwalada, Kuje, Kwali and

Abaji, adding that the PHCN management will not relent in their efforts to sensitize the public through traditional rulers on the dangers of building houses under high tension cables.

The PHCN official however observed that the problem of electricity supply especially within Gwagwalada is as a result of multiple faults experienced on the power lines, which he said the management is addressing.

He disclosed that work has since commenced to connect additional power lines from Shiro in Niger State and Geregu in Ajaokuta, Kogi State in order to boost more electricity in Gwagwalada and appealed to customers pay their bills on time.

## Abaji inaugurates legislative arm

By Ogechi Ohalee

THE legislative arm of Abaji Area Council was yesterday inaugurated in the presence of the council's Chairman, Alhaji Yahaya Musa Mohammad.

Ten newly elected councillors representing wards in the council took oaths of office administered by the Head of the council's Legal unit, Barrister Suleman Musa Agyana, while the council executive chairman signed to perfect the contract in accordance with the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

In his inaugural speech, council Chairman Alhaji Mohammad announced that the new council administration will bring a new lease of life to residents of the council, adding that the council will experience transformation.

The chairman disclosed that

his administration will pursue vigorously set targets in education, health/humanitarian services, rural infrastructures, improved revenue generation, agriculture, Business Empire and security.

He said the seven key critical areas are designed to ensure that the task of transforming Abaji Area Council in all spheres of human endeavours is achieved.

The chairman also urged the councillors to take the welfare and well-being of Abaji people upper most in their minds and appealed to them to seize the opportunity to continue to give his administration support and prayers.

Responding, the council's Vice-Chairman, Alhaji Hassan Garba thanked God for given them the opportunity to serve their people and pledged loyalty to the administration.

## Gishiri residents beef up of security

By Ogechi Ohalee

RESIDENTS of Gishiri, a community within Abuja, yesterday called for more police presence in order to check criminal activities.

A resident, Mallam Kabiru decried cases of theft within his environment and mentioned an incident when some policemen were attacked by hoodlums.

'Every day people are robbed and recently a church was attacked and the police are investigating the matter,' he said.

Mrs. Enuma, another resident, called on the police to make their presence pronounced by patrolling round the community, especially at night.

Brother Onyekachi of All Christian Church Practical Praying Band disclosed that two policemen and a member of the church were beaten up by hoodlums a few weeks ago.

The Divisional Police Officer of Maitaima, Rabi'u Sabi'u, said some mobile policemen were ambushed and the police are investigating the matter.

## Labourer jailed for 3 weeks

By Usman A. Bello & Hussein Yahaya

A 20-year-old labourer, Bashir Abubakar, was last Thursday sentenced to three weeks imprisonment for stealing a phone from one Suleiman Abdulrahman Mafwil.

Bashir Abubakar and Sahabi Hassan, all of Jabi Park were arraigned on a three-count charge of joint act, theft and assault, offences punishable under Sections 79, 287 and 265 of the Penal Code.

Prosecutor Francis Tanko had earlier told the court that Suleiman reported to the police that the accused persons stole his Nokia phone valued at N9,500 while he was waiting to board a bus at Wuse bus stop.

He said the accused persons slapped him twice in the process before the police in the area intervened and arrested them, adding that during investigations; the phone was recovered from the accused persons.

When the charges were read to the accused persons, Bashir pleaded guilty, while Sahabi denied the charges.

The prosecutor urged the court to try Bashir summarily under Section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) and asked for a date to commence Sahabi's trial.

Magistrate Folashade Oyekan sentenced Bashir to three weeks imprisonment without fine option and adjourned Sahabi's case to May 18 for hearing.

# Abaji council blames community for abandoned project

By Gladys Ogechi Nworgu

ABAJI Area Council Spokesman, Alhaji Umar Salihu Kombo, at the weekend absolved the council of blames on an abandoned school project at Ayaura community.

He blamed the delay of completing the project on the owner

of the land where the school is sited.

According to him, the owner of the land stalled progress of the construction work in the place until they are paid a huge sum of money as compensation, despite the council authority's willingness to pay a reasonable

amount to the land owners.

"Surprisingly, before the council could take a final decision on the issue, the owner of the land, where construction work on the school was going on, vandalised existing structures and frustrated the contractor to abandon the work, who consulted the council," the spokesman added.

He disclosed that the council

has made it clear on several occasions that education development is a collective efforts, adding that the council chairman has appealed to residents of Ayaura community to see reason and allow work continue in the site.

## ...As Kwali boss vows to scrutinise handover document

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE handing over ceremony at Kwali Area Council Friday suffered a slight set back when the newly sworn council Chairman, Mr. Joseph Shazin of the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) refused to apprehend his signature on documents handed over to him by Alhaji Kudu Mohammed, a representative of his predecessor.

Documents not signed were those concerning the council's expenditures, contracts awards, uncompleted projects, liabilities, among others incurred by the past administration under Mr Danlami Saleh Yebu of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The new chairman told council officials that it would not be ideal for him to sign any document presented to him by his predecessor, saying he has no ulterior motive.

He said the documents will only signed after a committee he set up meet with that of his predecessor to agree on the documents.

"I set up a committee whose members came here but were not given audience and if they had that time, the document would have been signed after both committees have reconciled facts and figures," he said.

The council boss pledged his cooperation to staff of the council and urged them to support his administration in order for desired objectives to be achieved.

When contacted, the former council's chairman, Danlami Yebu, said he set up a seven-man committee among staff of the council that was headed by the council's administration head, Alhaji Kudu Mohammed, was made the chairman of the committee.

He said the committee was meant to deliberate over the handover process and sought out grey areas before the document can be handed over to the incoming administration.

## Driver remanded in prison custody

By Usman A. Bello

AN Abuja magistrate Friday remanded a tipper driver, Isah Muhammed, in prison custody for alleged dangerous driving and causing the death of three passengers along Mpape road.

Prosecutor Musa Abdullahi had earlier told the court that on April 24, the accused drove a truck with registration number XQ 143 SMK in a dan-

gerous manner along Mpape road and hit one Honda Halla car with registration number CE 284 RSH and a Mazda car with registration number XU 836 ABC respectively, adding that three passengers died as a result of the accident, while the two vehicles were seriously damaged.

When the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty, while his counsel

requested for bail which was objected by the prosecutor who told the court that the offence are punishable under Section 27, Cap 548 of the Road Traffic Act.

Magistrate Azubike Okeagu remanded the accused in prison custody and asked his counsel to formerly apply for his bail application and adjourned the case to June 15 for hearing.

## Magician jailed for cheating

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

A 21-year-old magician who tricked four persons and collected their cell phones and other valuables at Wuse Zone 6, Abuja, was last Thursday sentenced to three months imprisonment without option of fine for cheating.

Mohammed Dantani, who also claimed to be a motorcycle mechanic, was reported to have induced his victims and collected five handsets and other valuables from them.

Police prosecutor, Christopher Roko, had earlier told the court that on May 16, one Wakile, a police inspector, led a team of policemen to arrest the accused.

According to the prosecutor, the accused collaborated with another man, now at large, to commit the crime at Wuse Zone 6, Abuja.

"The accused deceitfully displayed some unlawful juju and used them to induce one Mr. Egbadon Idemudia, Clement Judu, Gbologe and Ahmed Christopher to collect five handsets and other valuables from them," the prosecutor said.

"During police investigations, it was discovered that the accused dishonestly obtained the items from the complainant by deceitful means," he added.

When the two-count charge was read to the accused, he pleaded guilty and begged the court for leniency, pledging not to engage in such an act again.

Magistrate Idayat Akanni convicted the accused and sentenced him to three months imprisonment without option of fine.

PIC: ABUBAKAR YAKUBU



SECDA'S National Chairman Chief Kenneth Ugwu addressing aggrieved members of the association at Nyanya on Saturday.

## Corp member distributes glasses at Warumba

By Usman A. Bello

A Batch 'B' FCT Corp member, Dr. Ugowa Obioha, at the weekend distributed eye glasses and drugs to residents suffering from eye problems at Warumba community in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The beneficiaries were given eye glasses and drugs, after going through vision screens to correct reflective errors.

Dr. Obioha in collaboration with a medical teams formed by her, conducted the eye tests.

Speaking on the test, Dr Ugowa, a serving corps member with the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation's Medical (NNPC), said the exercise is her personal community development project aimed at helping rural communities in the FCT that have no access to healthcare.

According to her, most cases of blindness in the country today could have been prevented if eye screening was carried out on the victim at an early stage, adding that she decided to carry out the project as her community devel-

opment to help prevent blindness since God has given her the skill as a medical doctor.

"I choose Warumba, Adenayapai and Chafugi communities because there are no health centres or clinics in the area and believe the gesture will enable the beneficiaries have access to affordable eye care service as well as correcting their vision defect," she explained.

She described lack of fund as her major challenge in reaching out to more communities in the FCT and called on well meaning

individuals or corporate organisations to support her fight against blindness in the society.

Dr Ugowa also called on government to include eye education in their primary healthcare programme to educate people in rural communities on the need to stop using local herbs and breast milk to treat eye problems, saying that such traditional treatment complicates the problem.

Reacting, Chief of Warumba, Zhiba Tukura, a beneficiary, commended the corps member for the gesture.

## Inside Politics

# The challenges before Yakowa

The anxiety is over. Mr Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa has made history as the first Christian civilian to govern Kaduna state. But he will etch his name in gold if he governs well amidst the daunting challenges that lay ahead of him.

By Ibraheem Musa

In all, the epochal event, years of agitation and cries of marginalisation were over in just seven minutes. Last Thursday, Mrs Rahila Cudjoe, the chief judge of Kaduna state, administered both the oaths of office and allegiance on Patrick Yakowa and by that act, the deputy governor has made history, crossed the Rubicon and altered power relations in Kaduna state. Until now, no Christian had ever ruled the state. In 1984, Air Vice Marshal Usman Muazu, a Muslim from southern Kaduna governed for twenty two months but his sojourn did not assuage his people. All over, cries of marginalisation rent the air and in 2007, after Governor Ahmed Makarfi's two terms, agitation for power shift reached feverish pitch. In 2003, Makarfi and southern Kaduna allegedly entered a gentleman's agreement and they supported him in return for his support in 2007. Specifically, as the year approached, Senator Isiah Balat came all out, campaigned vigorously, reached out to power brokers but Makarfi's support never came. Instead, Makarfi supported Architect Namadi Sambo, his friend and business partner, for the governorship position.

Defeated, southern Kaduna felt betrayed but ate the humble pie, waiting and positioning for 2015. Significantly, on May 2, youth organisations, women groups and council chairmen, including the political elites, converged on Kafanchan and endorsed Sambo's second term.

However, on May 5, three days later, President Umaru Yar'adua died and Goodluck Jonathan succeeded him. Thereafter, events cascaded into each other and Jonathan, defying all speculations, picked Sambo as vice president on May 12, ten days after the southern Kaduna endorsement. Tension, rumour and sabre rattling stoked ethnic and religious brick bats over Sambo's nomination.

Last Wednesday, in spite of the delay, Sambo was sworn in as vice president and Yakowa, the very next day, stepped in as governor of Kaduna state.

A Christian and a minority, the new governor is from Kagoma, a small ethnic group by even southern Kaduna standard. Largely, even as deputy governor, he was apolitical as Yakowa was never associated with either ethnic or religious posturing. Reticent, self effacing and broad minded, the governor reaped where others sowed.



GOV. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa

Senator Balat, Charles Ali Madaki, the former works minister and a host of others, more than Yakowa, fought to be governors. Specifically, their agitation paid off but Yakowa, from the shadows, snatched the prize without a stir. Being a Kagoma in Jema'a local government, a 'minor minority', coupled with his easy ride to power enraged the political elites of his area and in murmurs, they protested silently. Similarly, his religion and ethnic stock, for most Muslims, were sources of concern and the scenario of a Christian governor seemed scary.

However, in spite of these concerns, all roads led to the State House last Thursday and Hassan Katsina House, as it is also called, stretched to its elastic limits as people jostled to glimpse the historic event. Shoving and pushing, the crowd was quite mammoth and diverse as politicians, senior civil servants, past and present political office holders as well as ordinary folks graced the occasion. Specifically, at 1.55pm, Sena-

tor Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi, former Kaduna state governor, arrived the venue and made straight for the banquet hall.

Similarly, Alhaji Shehu Idris, the emir of Zazzau, came at 2.15 pm Dogarai, courtiers and praise singers in tow. In contrast, Ufuwai Bonnet, the chief of Kagoro arrived quietly and was ushered in. Students, raising banners, couldn't enter the hall and they nearly caused a scene but Danjuma Bello, their national leader, pacified them and there was peace. In addition, Balat, James Bawa Magaji, former deputy governor, Senator Caleb Zaggi and other southern Kaduna politicians, came to felicitate with the governor.

At 2.55pm, siren blaring and with outriders, the man of the moment arrived and there was a thunderous ovation. The crowd, in one fell swoop, descended on Yakowa and Mrs. Pauline Tallen, Plateau state deputy governor. Most people wanted to touch him, see Yakowa or even shake hands with him, tasking his security

details. The governor, smiling and waving, meandered through the crowd and entered the banquet hall amidst cheers and praises.

The ceremony, without much preamble, commenced almost immediately and within seven minutes, the Chief Judge administered both the oaths of office and allegiance on Yakowa. Significantly, from then onwards, his designation changed from deputy to substantive governor and in that capacity, Yakowa calmed nerves, promised peace and security as well as the 11 point agenda.

Particularly, in his maiden address, he promised to be governor for all and not Christian or southern Kaduna governor. In addition, he promised to unite the state, overcome sundry fears and build on ethnic and religious diversities. In summary, the speech was as humble as it was philosophical, and it encapsulated the challenges before Yakowa.

Significantly, the first and immediate hurdle is the choice of a deputy governor and this task, according to insiders, is proving a hard nut to crack. From zone one to the central zone, at the last count, about 10 contenders are eyeing the top job and the list is growing. Specifically, as at yesterday, the front runners include Muktar Ramalan Yero, the finance commissioner, Alhaji Saidu Adamu, commissioner of information and Alhaji Ahmed Jumare, the state majority leader.

Alhaji Yusuf Hamisu Abubakar, the former PTDF boss and Alhaji Shehu Ladan, the immediate past NNPC helmsman, from available information, have 'fallen off the radar.' The former, in last one week, had criss-crossed the country, junketing from Bayelsa, Abuja and Kano, lobbying power brokers, especially Jonathan and Sambo's godfathers. However, by early last week, he read the situation correctly, abandoned the search and re-wired his senatorial ambition. Similarly, in a press statement, Shehu Ladan did not only withdraw, he denied ever being in the race as widely speculated. The dummy, according to a source, was sold by the presidency as excuse for sacking him, 41 days after assuming office.

However, in his shortlist, the vice president allegedly gave six names, including Yero, Jumare and Saidu Adamu and Yakowa,

according to reports, has endorsed the finance commissioner.

The choice, in the spirit of zoning, will alienate the central senatorial zone, comprising Igabi, Giwa and Chikun local governments, as well as Kaduna north and south area councils. Presently, the governor and SSG are from the southern zone while both the speaker and party chairman are from the north. In addition, if Yero is made deputy governor, the appointment will increase the north's tally while the central zone, where Sambo comes from, will be left politically high and dry and in coming weeks, the sparks will start flying. How Yakowa handles the controversy, pacifies the central zone and rekindles their hope will define his governorship.

Similarly, in coming months, his relationship with the vice president will be tested, especially if Yakowa decides to reconstitute his cabinet. Presently, without exception, every local government is represented in the state exco but the entire council, including Yakowa, are Sambo's nominees.

Significantly, in his maiden speech, the governor promised to continue with Sambo's programmes but continuing with his men may not be feasible. Yakowa, in his self interest, may either effect a few changes, or constitute a new cabinet, comprising his own men, from every local government. In addition, there is a retinue of assorted aides, numbering over 600, doing next to nothing and receiving salaries. Mainly, the so called aides are political hangers and dislodging them, just like reconstituting a new cabinet, will define Yakowa, underscore his political direction and make or break his relationship with Sambo as well as politicians in the state.

Similarly, the way and manner he balances contending interests will determine what manner of governor Yakowa is. Whether he will pander to his southern Kaduna demands and 'redress years of marginalisation' or cave in to pressure from the central and northern zones and risk being a 'Hausa/Fulani mole' requires the skills of a trapeze artist. Juggling these interests and balancing them with the vice president's, for even the most versatile, will be a tough act to follow and for Yakowa, this will require Solomonic wisdom, a thick skin but a warm heart.

However, whether or not he will continue beyond 2011 will be Yakowa's challenge if and when he decides to contest.

Meanwhile, enjoy the honeymoon Mr Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, the 20th governor of Kaduna state and the first Christian civilian, in over 43 years, to occupy the position.

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# Inside Politics

## I'm tired of giving excuses for PDP's failure in Yobe - Minister

From Isa Umar Gusau, Potiskum

MINISTER of Police Affairs Adamu Maina Waziri has said that he is tired of giving explanations to national leaders of his Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) over the party's inability to form government in Yobe State, and for that the PDP must overcome its shortcomings in 2011.

Waziri spoke on Sunday at Yobe southern senatorial rally of the party which held in Potiskum. He said he was regularly asked by PDP stakeholders why and how the ANPP was in control of the state since 1999 to which he was always giving excuses. He said he is no longer ready to give any excuse in the 2011 election.

"With this kind of crowd, with the kind of people that have joined the PDP and with the goodwill we are getting all over, it is evident that our party will take over Yobe in 2011. We know what went wrong and we will correct them and ensure that we mobilise supporters and safeguard our vote," the minister told the crowd.

Governor Danjuma Goje of Gombe State, who was represented by the Speaker of the Gombe State House of Assembly Manga Musa Bojude, said with



ADAMU Maina Waziri

the crowd he saw, the PDP should have no problems taking over Yobe State. He pledged to help in the fight to capture the state for PDP. National Vice Chairman of the PDP, north east, Senator Paul Wampana also spoke along Goje's line.

Senator Usman Albishir who recently decamped to PDP from the ANPP told the gathering that as "the father of the ANPP in Yobe" he had "cursed the party and left it along with its key supporters and as such the PDP is set to form government in 2011".

Wife of former governor of Adamawa state, Mrs Zainab Boni Haruna formally joined the PDP from the Action Congress in which she was candidate for Yobe south senatorial district in 2007 elections. Mrs Haruna said she left the AC because she was convinced that PDP was broad based and truly national while "it is the best platform to serve the community".

The party said it will be organising similar rallies in the eastern and northern senatorial zones of the state.

## Power shift not yet an issue in Kogi — Sen. Ugbane

From Isiaka Wakiili, Lokoja

SENATOR Nicholas Ugbane (PDP, Kogi East) has joined the gubernatorial race in Kogi State, saying that the much sought power shift is not yet an issue in the state.

Ugbane spoke to journalists last weekend in Dekina Local Government Area of

the state where he declared his interest in the next gubernatorial contest.

According to him, the state needs a competent governor who would deliver dividends of democracy to the people irrespective of his ethnic origin.

Ugbane described his current travails with the Eco-

nomical and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) as a ploy by detractors to distract him from running for the gubernatorial election.

"For over a year now with the EFCC, I have not been convicted and the court will not convict me by God's grace. It is only God that will vindicate me," he said.

## Bwari area council wants reps seat for FCT

By Nasir Imam

THE former past chairman of Bwari Area Council in the FCT, Isa Dara Bwari, has called on the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) to concede the seat of the House of Representatives to Bwari in 2011 because AMAC has dominated federal political positions meant for the FCT for a long time.

Addressing journalists at the weekend in his office while giving account of his six years in office, Dara said he was leaving the council a fulfilled man.

According to him, Bwari area council had lagged behind in terms of filling political offices.

He said his council got a total of N4.7 billion from the federal government as its share of the federation account in six years and also explained that the council realised N900million in internally generated revenue, which complemented the delivery of basic services to the people between 2004 and April 2010.

Meanwhile, the former council chairman said he was still consulting with his people to know his next political move.

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## Eagles try Saudis for size

By Ismaila Lere, with Agency reports

THE Super Eagles stormed Austria yesterday night for today's international friendly game with Saudi Arabia.

It is the first of three friendly games lined up for the two-time African champions as they put finishing touches to their preparation ahead of the first-ever FIFA World Cup finals on African soil, coming up in South Africa between June 11 and July 11.

The international friendly will be first match for former Sweden coach Lars Lagerback since he was appointed Eagles coach in March.

The Eagles worked out at their Five Lakes Hotel and Country Golf Club, Colchester Road, Essex on Sunday following their arrival from Abuja on Saturday night. By Monday morning, they were flying to Munich, Germany, from where they traveled by road for an hour to Wattens, venue of the match.

After tonight's match, the Eagles will on Sunday take on Colombia at West Ham's Upton Park ground in East London, before Coach Lars Lagerback name his final cut of 23 players for the World Cup the following day.

The Nigeria Football Federation is making arrangement to fly the contingent direct from London to Durban on May 31 aboard a chartered aircraft. On June 6, the team will travel down to Johannesburg from Richard's Bay for the final tune-up game against fellow World Cup finalists North Korea.

Meanwhile, the NFF will receive a match fee of \$50,000 from the football association of Saudi Arabia for tonight's warm-up match, officials have told MTNFootball.com

"Saudi Arabia will pay us \$50,000 for the match in Austria," revealed a top official of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF).

The Saudis will also foot the boarding and flight tickets of the Super Eagles from London to Germany.

Tonight's friendly will be the first Eagles trip to Austria in two years after they tackled that country's team in Graz in Shuaibu Amodu's first match back in charge of the team in April 2008. The match ended 1-0 in favour of Nigeria courtesy of Taye Taiwo's strike.



LAGERBACK... the Swede tactician will be in charge of the Super Eagles for the first time in tonight's friendly game against Saudi Arabia.

### Pillars banished to Calabar

THE Nigeria Premier League (NPL) yesterday in Abuja ordered league leaders, Kano Pillars Football Club, to play their remaining matches in the 2009/2010 season in Calabar.

Mr Tunji Babalola, NPL's Head of Competition Department, said that the decision was as a result of last Sunday's attack on match officials by the club's supporters.

The attack came shortly after the club's week 33 game in the Premier League against Dolphin FC of Port Harcourt played at the Sani Abacha Stadium in Kano.

The league body, in addition to the ban from their home ground, also fined the club N1.8 million for bringing the game to disrepute.

According to the NPL, march centre referee, Gabriel Adigwe from the Lagos State Referees Council and other match officials, were attacked by Kano Pillars FC supporters shortly after the match ended 1-1.

"The incident occurred inside the tunnel when the match officials were going to the dressing room and the NPL is really worried about this persistent and unjust attack on match officials in recent times.

"To stop this ugly trend, NPL is working out modalities that would guarantee efficient security at league venues," Babalola said.

He said NPL had in the meantime resolved to make a preliminary pronouncement before effecting the final punitive decisions by the Disciplinary Committee of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF).

## Galadima; Onigbinde back Dangote on Arsenal bid

By Orkula Shaagee

TWO prominent football administrators Alhaji Ibrahim Galadima and Adegboye Onigbinde yesterday supported the purported moves by business mogul Alhaji Aliko Dangote to buy shares in Arsenal Football Club of London.

Speaking to Trustsports in a telephone interview yesterday, both Galadima and Onigbinde said the nation's football league is not yet developed for businessmen to come and invest in it.

Though, the billionaire tycoon yesterday denied reports that he has plans to buy a 16 percent stake in English Premier League

club, both Galadima and Onigbinde said until such an environment is created in the Nigerian league, Nigerians will continue to go for foreign clubs to purchase shares.

According to Galadima, as a businessman, Dangote has the right to put his money where he believes it would yield profit for him, which is why he chose to invest in the London club.

He stated that the Nigerian football league as it is presently constituted is not open to individuals and corporate bodies to buy shares in existing clubs.

The former NFA Chairman added that if the situation improves, he believes that as a

businessman who knows his onions, Dangote would consider investing in any of the Nigerian clubs.

"The Nigerian league as at now is not open for people to buy shares in clubs; it is not like in other countries of the world. Almost all the clubs are owned by state governments, so it is very difficult for people to come and buy shares.

"But Dangote as a businessman who knows his onions, I am sure he will in future consider investing in Nigerian football base on what is on ground", Galadima stated.

Similarly, former Super Eagles handler Adegboye Onigbinde

said the decision by Dangote was based on business interest and he has no quarrel with it.

According to him, those saddled with the task of developing the Nigerian league to attract interest have failed the nation; therefore it is not a surprise that Nigerians are looking elsewhere for clubs to invest in.

He however noted that as a Nigerian with genuine interest in the development of the nation's football, no matter the situation, he would advise Dangote to put his money and help develop the game.

"Dangote is a businessman and he took the decision based business interest, and again there

is nothing to purchase from the Nigerian league, where are the players to go and watch? We are not developing the league to attract interest from individuals and organizations.

"Again, there are two issues here, business interest and the interest of the game, and I don't know the level of interest he has in football, if he has genuine interest, I would have stay and develop Nigerian football league", Onigbinde stated.

Efforts to get reaction from the Nigerian Premier League secretariat on the matter proved abortive as several call to the NPL Executive Secretary Al-Hassan Yakmut were not picked.

## ADVERTORIAL

### A PASSIONATE APPEAL FOR JUSTICE: A CASE OF VICTIMIZATION AND INJUSTICE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE

*Advertorial by the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Abuja*

Our attention has been brought to a serious alleged human rights violation of Alhaji Kabir Suleiman a Senior Director in the National Assembly who has been subjected to unfair treatment and political ambush over his promotion and schemed out prematurely for retirement from the service in contravention of the rules and regulations in the National Assembly Service and due process.

The National Assembly Service Commission, which is the legislature's version of Federal Civil Service Commission came into being through NASC Act 2000 and is empowered to regulate appointment, promotion and discipline in the National Assembly Service. It is therefore expected to operate within the confines of rule of law which will ensure justice, equity and fair play which the present administration has pursued with great vigor.

There are however indications that the Commission in the recent past has conducted its affairs in a manner that has not reflected these noble ideals.

A case in point is the purported retirement of Senior Director (Planning, Research and Statistics) in the NASS – service in the person of Alhaji Muhammad Kabir Suleiman under the controversial circumstances in November 2009.

It is on record that stakeholders in parliamentary affairs since 1991 have testified that Alhaji Kabir Suleiman possesses a creditable track record of performance, diligence in public service and in the Service of the National Assembly, where he has contributed immensely to the development of the Nigerian parliament.

In spite of this, he seemed to have suffered from what could be termed as systematic exclusion as far as career progression and advancement is concerned. There are allegations that Alhaji Suleiman had previously been left out of obvious opportunities for promotion. This is exemplified by the 2003 exercise which saw the elevation of his contemporaries namely; Alhaji Ibrahim Arab, Prince Yemi Ogunyemi and Alhaji Umar Sani as Permanent Secretaries. This recurred in 2009 when there were four (4) vacancies on consolidated grades, with him eligible to occupy one of them.

This seeming injustice, however got to a climax with the introduction of the Head of Service circular HCSF/061/S.1/111/68 dated, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. By wrongly applying this circular he was purportedly being forced to retire four years ahead of his original official retirement date of 2013.

Previously, in an internal memorandum of November 10, 2009, the applicability of the said circular to the National Assembly Service Commission had been questioned on the following grounds.

- a. That the much talked about circulars were meant to address two main issues in the mainstream of Federal Civil Service in the Executive Arm of government which is entirely distinct from the National Assembly, viz:
  - i. Stagnation due to lack of vacancies which prevents other eligible officers from being promoted
  - ii. Tenure of appointment of Permanent Secretaries and Directors so as to avoid officers staying long on one post.
- b. That there was no such stagnation in the NASS-Service as vacancies for Directors and Consolidated grades have been in existence since 2005. The existence of these vacancies had severally being brought to the notice of the Commission under the leadership of Mr. Ishaya Dare Akawu in May 2006 and the incumbent Chairman, Eng. Ahmed Dogon Daji in April 2007 in representations endorsed by the then Clerk of NASS, Alhaji Nasiru Ibrahim Arab. In actual fact, the appointments to consolidated grades were only made recently in January 2010.
- c. That this circular was not adapted by the judiciary as it considered itself as distinctive Arm of government under the principle of separation of Powers.

CISLAC has been duly informed that in a meeting of the Commission held on September 2009 to discuss the application of the said circular, that a decision on the matter should be shelved until after proper consultation with the NASS

Leadership. This was considered essential because there is separation of power between Executive, Legislature and Judiciary.

However, before this consultation was made, Alhaji Suleiman was issued with a letter giving him notice to retire from service. The letter, dated November 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 cited the minute of the meeting of 29 September 2009 as the authority from that decision, a position that has been disproved by at least two others who were in attendance at that meeting.

We recall that the Head of Service, who is the Chief Initiator of the reform contained in the circular purportedly adapted by the Commission preceded implementation with transparency. He first of all, gave opportunities to all eligible Directors to become Permanent Secretaries through a competitive and transparent procedure.

Perhaps realizing the questionable nature of its action, the Commission came up with another basis from its decision on Alhaji Suleiman and claimed that the decision on his retirement was taken by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service which put his name as the first on the list of retiring Directors issued by the HSC.

CISLAC finds this very curious and doubtful because on record, Alhaji Suleiman is a bonafide staff of the NASS-Service and due process demanded that the Commission should have referred to their letter No. NASC/SS/PF/06 dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 where they confirmed his absorption in the NASS-Service.

The Commission also contradicted themselves in the recent appointment they made, which were not made in accordance with the provision of HSC which policy they claimed to have adapted. None of their appointment were based on tenure, as none of the appointees retired from their permanent and pensionable appointments which is fundamental before taking up any tenured appointment. It is worthy to note that, all recently appointed Permanent Secretaries and DGs of parastatals in the Executive were appointed on tenure basis.

The various conflicting and contradicting positions therefore suggest due process was not followed and that the purported adaptation of the Head of Service circular reform was not official and its implementation on A SINGLE staff in the NASS service, is questionable and calls for an enquiry.

In the light of the foregoing, CISLAC hereby, calls upon the Leadership of the National Assembly, the Human Rights Commission, the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation and all other concerned authorities to, as a matter of urgency and in the interest of justice.

- a. to take the necessary steps to determine whether Alhaji Suleiman has been an object of a defective process that has resulted in the violation of his human rights and therefore, requires correction and reversal.
- b. If the above is found to be true, we appeal on behalf of this diligent citizen of Nigeria who has served the NASS for over 18 years with no established record of corruption, inefficiency and any unethical practice, to have his rights restored to alleviate his plight.

This is necessary to ensure that the human rights of Nigerian citizens are safeguarded and the rule of law which this administration cherishes is not lip service. Every citizen has a right to equal opportunities and security of tenure in matters that relate to employment and service, as well as an open, transparent and credible process in every aspect of life.

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NOVAK Djokovic of Serbia plays a forehand during his men's singles first round match against Evgeny Korolev of Kazakhstan at the French Open in Roland Garros in Paris, France, yesterday.

# Cricket: Ibeju Lekki wins six aside tourneys

From Adeolu Johnson, Lagos

IBEJU Lekki Cricket Club (ILCC)1 ended the cricket season on a high by defeating Lagos Asians Cricket Club (LACC) 1 by 4 wickets with 12 balls to spare at the 7th Lagos six-A-side tournament.

The Captain Mathias led LACC 1 won the toss and elected to bat first as they posted 84 runs all out in 10 overs.

Vishal Sharma recorded the

highest score for his side with 24 runs off 16 balls and was supported by Mathias who added 19 runs off 16 balls.

But the duo of Sean Phillips 2 overs, 17 runs for 1 wicket and Captain Ademola Onikoyi 2 overs, 18 runs for 1 wicket ensured the Asians didn't find their rhythm during the first innings.

Phillips was a tough nut to crack for LACC 1 as he scored 49 runs not out off 25 balls to win batsman of the series with 169

runs in 4 matches while Olympio Seyi added 15 runs off 8 balls to hand the champions of regular season the 6-aside trophy.

Despite Shrini Kumar's 2 overs, 25 runs for 1 wicket in LACC 1's second innings it was not enough to stop the rampaging ILCC.

The Man of the Final Match was won by Sean Phillips (ILCC 1), Wicketkeeper of the Series award went to Bejide Jide 2 also (ILCC 1), the bowler of the

series was won by Phillips (ILCC 1) Fieldsman of the series, by Onikoyi Ademola (ILCC 1), batsman of the series also Phillips 169 runs (ILCC 1), man of the Series, also Phillips (ILCC 1)

Speaking at the end of the 2-day competition, the chairman of Lagos State Cricket Association Mr. George Wiltshire thanked all the sponsors for supporting Cricket all through the season with a charge to them not to rest on their oars.

## Bauchi Nets record away win against AHIP

BAUCHI Nets continue its good run in the Savannah conference of the Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF) Premier League with a 53-49 win away from home.

The Nets who is fighting its way back to reckoning after suffering from poor form in the Nigeria league in several years defeated AHIP Giants at the weekend in Kano to keep a clean slate on the conference standing.

The latest win now gives the Nets a 3-0 record as it is yet to taste defeat since the commencement of the league.

In other games played in the Savannah Conference Plateau Peaks had the better of city rival, Tapgun Rockets who recently hired the services of former Kano Pillar's point guard Umar Bala 75-65.

## Union Bank clinches Atlantic Conference

From Adeolu Johnson, Lagos

UNION Bank Hockey Club has emerged the most formidable hockey club in the Atlantic Conference championship decided at the National Stadium Surulere last week.

The bankers defeated Delta Force of Asaba 3-0 in an intriguing finals watched by a capacity crowd.

Union Bank scored a total point of 10 to emerge overall winner while Delta force who put up a great fight came second with 7 points.

Bayelsa Queens emerged victorious in the female category by defeating hard fighting Heartland of Owerri 1-0.

Speaking after the

championship, the President of Hockey Federation of Nigeria (HFN), Mr Pat Ukah said he was impressed with the standard of play displayed at the championship.

He disclosed that the train

would now move to Abuja next week where the Savannah conference would hold.

"We equally hope to see the teams at the Savannah Conference give a good account of themselves and finally settle for the finals in Kano where those that will represent the country later in the year in Zambia, Lusaka would be picked," he said.

He pointed out that hockey is back for real and called on past players to save the game in the country by coming to their aid just as IEL, Union Bank and Coca Cola are doing.

Ukah explained that plans are in the pipeline to revive past championships such as Jerry Useni tourney, Sani Abacha and Yar'adua tournaments.

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## Ajagun sent packing

FLYING Eagles Head Coach Sam John Obuh wielded the big stick when he sent packing midfielder Abdul Jelili Ajagun for indiscipline.

"The boy violated our camp disciplinary code, which I always insist that players must abide by. No matter who you are or how good you think you are, if you can't abide by disciplinary code, you cannot be in our camp.

"The code is for players and officials, and we all try to live by example. But Ajagun fell foul of it. It was not his first time. So we decided to send him packing", said Obuh, who has the support of the Nigeria Football Federation for his action.

Meanwhile, the Flying Eagles pipped Togo 1-0 as they began a Four-Nation invitational tournament in Cairo on Sunday.

Nigeria's victory over Togo was secured by a goal from Terry Envoh.

The present U-20 team is made up of the bulk of the U-17 team that won silver medal at the FIFA U-17 World Cup finals that Nigeria staged last year.

## Insurance, Berger optimistic of promotion

WITH just three games left to the end of the Professional League season, the number of clubs aspiring to the Premier League are increasing by the day.

In spite of the position of the clubs on the league table, many of them are still hopeful that they would still climb up next season.

The clubs aspiring to gain promotion to the elite division are mostly those who were demoted from the premiership.

It was therefore no surprise that Bendel Insurance of Benin and Julius Berger officials told NAN on Saturday that they were hopeful of returning to the top league in the 2010/2011 season.

The Insurers after their 1-0 defeat to the Lagos Bridge Boys still expressed confidence of joining the top division next season.

Their coach, former striker Roland Ewere, who blamed the defeat on loss of concentration, said they were determined to get the maximum points in the remaining three games.

Describing the loss as 'unfortunate', Ewere declared: "We needed the match badly because those clubs contesting with us (Crown FC Ogbomoso and Prime of Osogbo) are playing at home.

"A momentary loss of concentration in the early part of the second half cost us the match. That is football for you," Ewere said.

While the Benin side have 49 points, Julius Berger have garnered 45.

He expressed satisfaction with the performance of his players, adding that they would work harder to beat Anambra United FC Onitsha next Saturday in Benin.

"We do not have problem at home. We will work harder to win our three remaining matches (two homes and one away) to realise our dream," the coach said.



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*Congratulations your Excellency!!!*



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**Mallam Umar Musa Yar'adua GCFR,**

**O**n behalf of the Board of Management, Management and the entire Staff of Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, I wish to express our heartfelt condolences over the death of our dear President, **Mallam Umar Musa Yar'adua GCFR**, (the Matawallen Katsina), to the Federal Government of Nigeria, Katsina State Government, their Royal Highnesses, the Emirs of Katsina and Daura, his immediate family, the entire good people of Katsina State and the Nation as a whole.

We pray that Almighty Allah would repose his gentle soul and grant him Aljannah Firdausi. We also pray that Almighty Allah shall grant his family and the entire Nation the fortitude to bear the loss, amin.

**Prof. Abba Waziri Hassan oon**  
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Board Chairman.

## THE TUESDAY COLUMN

Sanusi Abubakar

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## Bank reforms: We are not out of the woods yet

It is not surprising that Daar Communications, owners of AIT and Raypower 100 FM, announced last week that it lost N381.02m in 2008. This is the first annual report that this one-man plc is submitting to the Nigerian Stock Exchange since its IPO in March 2008, when Darr and the banks behind it convinced a gullible public to part with N13.9bn, promising these investors projected after tax profits of N2.22bn, N4.26bn, and N5.77bn, in 2008, 2009, and 2010 respectively. Their IPO prospectus, the document prepared to convince investors, was obviously too rosy. The banks obviously got back the debts Daar owed them, and the investors were left holding the can. Those holding the junk share certificates may still be dreaming of the dividends promised them in the prospectus, after all real assets in 2008 were said to have gone up to N17.53bn, compared to N11.42bn in 2007. I think the more discerning ones among them know by now that they are not likely to get their money back anytime soon. This raises questions regarding credibility, legal liability and poor corporate governance.

It was such shenanigans that CBN's recent reforms sought to end, and those used to these illegal, or at best extra-legal, manipulations are now bent on going back to. Their arrogance is really absurd. How dare anyone interfere with their party? Sanusi Lamido must be removed they say, and they have recruited a strange mix of fellow-travellers, some

quite surprising, to execute that agenda. We are all supposed to have forgotten the abyss we just missed falling into. *Haba jama'a*. Unfortunately the impression is being created that we are out of the woods already. We are not. Even the foreign banks that wanted to come and buy into these banks have mostly fled, after having a thorough look at their books. However, all this noise is only possible simply because we refuse to punish those crooks responsible. Even the US is not as lenient, as we can see from their ongoing attempts to find out what happened there, and fish out those responsible.

The Bill for the second leg of the reforms, the Assets Management Company, is still in the National Assembly, so there is still some way to go. Those responsible should expedite action on it. Hopefully, they understand its significance. Without it, getting out of the quagmire we find ourselves would be very difficult indeed. The banks could then be forced to write off a huge chunk of their losses.

The details of the AMC are still not clear to me since I am yet to see a copy of the Bill. My view on the matter, however, remains that the banks must take some punishment for the mess they created. All insider deals, bubble-driven shares, dubious margin loans and shady deals must not be covered by the AMC. It should only deal with assets that are related to genuine, real sector loans, which would hopefully be turned around in the future.

It is also to its credit that the government, through the CBN, is not limiting this rescue to the large players only. Specifically, the CBN said it is introducing a N200bn rescue package for the small and medium players in the economy. According to its spokesperson, "the main objectives of the

scheme are to: fast-track the development of SME/Manufacturing sector of the Nigerian Economy by providing guarantees; set the pace for industrialisation of the Nigerian economy; increase the access to credit by promoters of SMEs and manufacturers; and generate employment". Additionally "activities to be covered under the scheme include Manufacturing; Agricultural Value Chain; Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) with assets not exceeding N300 million and labour force of 11 to 300 persons. Others are private educational institutions; processing, packaging and distribution of primary products; and any other activity as may be specified by the managing agent from time to time. As an exception, trading activities are not covered by the scheme".

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I read somewhere that the fund would also go into restructuring existing debts of genuine businesses that were caught up in the mess. Some of them could still be made profitable. So the hands of the CBN are clearly full. Their work is just starting, and we should critically focus on helping them deliver.

The trouble still remains that of popular misconceptions being spread by these cowboys (and cowgirls) which are allowed to go unchallenged. They think that the banks and the whole economy is theirs' and that they should have been left alone to do as they wished. The truth is that these funds they stole or squandered belong to the depositors and not the shareholders.

The shareholders themselves are often portrayed as mere victims. Most of them were victims; that is true. But they had roles they refused to play. How can they remain spectators in their own company, watch it vandalised and then turn around to complain when they lose money or lose control? A third misconception, more ideological in this case, is that a central bank's responsibilities should remain the traditional ones of monetary policy, inflation, interest rates, exchange rates and the flow of money, among others. It is refreshing that the CBN is not buying this archaic policy of passivity but is actively pursuing "quantitative easing". One cannot tighten money supply at times like these, and just watch money languishing in bank vaults, when there is much that needs doing. This is why we should support the N200bn injection for SMEs and the N500bn for special power sector interventions.

The biggest headache lies in the future. When the stimulus succeeds so well we may risk serious inflation. But that is a bridge that Nigeria, as well as other countries now seriously trying to stimulate bank lending and economic growth, would have to face when the time comes.

**Dora as INEC Chair? Let's hope it is only a joke.**

I have nothing against Madame Rebranding. But, for her name to be sent for clearance as the Chair of the Independent National Electoral Commission is in extremely bad taste, if the rumour is true. Ok, so just like Prof. Maurice Iwu, she too is a pharmacist. Is that the only qualification for becoming an elections umpire in Nigeria? And isn't she a card carrying member of the PDP? Even if her name is sent to the National Assembly I think she has the decency to reject the tasteless joke.

## SPORTS REPORT



JOSE Mourinho

## I would be calling the shots at Real-Mourinho

Mourinho has made it clear that he will be the one making decisions about the Real Madrid first team should he leave Inter Milan and take over from Manuel Pellegrini as coach of the Spanish side.

Real coaches must work under the demanding management trio of president Florentino Perez, director general Jorge Valdano and sporting director Miguel Par-

deza. Mourinho, who led Inter to a Champions League triumph on Saturday at Real's Bernabeu stadium, was quoted by Spanish media on Monday saying that he needed assurances from the La Liga club that he would be free to run the team himself if he took charge.

"I want to see what they can offer me so that I have no concerns about being able to start my work," the 47-year-old tactician said.



SERENA Williams

## French Open: Serena stutters into second round

Serena Williams wore the first of seven dresses at the French Open yesterday, but her first-round match proved no catwalk as the world number one stuttered past Swiss Stefanie Voegele 7-6-2.

The 2002 Paris champion stooped and clenched her fist as she saw off three break points en route to a 7-2 win in the first set tiebreak after struggling to break her opponent's serve.

"I definitely didn't feel good about it. At least I won. I think I'm still in the tournament, that's what matters," Serena told reporters. World number 76 Voegele, egged on by the crowd on Court Philippe Chatrier, lost her composure in the second set as Serena ended the contest with a routine volley after an hour and 21 minutes.

She will next face German Julia Goerges.

