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PROFESSOR Attahiru Jega taking his oath of office as new INEC Chairman in Abuja, yesterday.

## Jega to FG: Guarantee our neutrality

By Mohammed S. Shehu  
PROFESSOR Attahiru Muhammadu Jega was sworn-in yesterday as the new Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), and he promptly called on President Goodluck Jonathan to guarantee INEC's neutrality

and impartiality as it proceeds to conduct general elections in the country. The chairman, who was sworn-in along with six new INEC national commissioners, received a strong advice from President Goodluck Jonathan for them to justify the con-  
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# Jonathan disbands Super Eagles

## • No international matches for two years

By Mohammed S. Shehu

A week after they returned from the World Cup tournament in South Africa following their first round exit, the national football team, the Super Eagles, were summarily disbanded by President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday. The president also directed that Nigeria withdraws from all international football competitions for the next two years to enable the country reorganise its football administration following the dismal performance of the Super Eagles at the ongoing World Cup in South Africa. The Super Eagles ended this country's dream for football glory in South Africa by bagging just one point in Group B, where they were grouped alongside Argentina, Greece and Korea Republic. President Jonathan also directed that an audit be undertaken of the finances of the World Cup project and that any

perceived misapplication of funds should be investigated in order to bring the culprits to book. Addressing State House reporters soon after a meeting between Jonathan and members of the Presidential Task Force on the 2010 World Cup, the president's spokesman Ima Niboro said Jonathan also approved the auditing of all monies spent by the country during the ongoing World Cup in South Africa. "President Goodluck Jonathan has directed that Nigeria withdraws from international competitions for two years to enable the country put its house in order," Niboro said. Yesterday's presidential decisions however risk attracting a FIFA ban of this country from all international football events. Football's world governing body frowns at government interference in football matters. "At the time of writing, we have no official information on this matter," FIFA said in a statement last night. "However, in general,  
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THE new INEC national commissioners taking their oath of office in Abuja, yesterday.

# Collapsed building kills 14 in Kebbi

From Ismail Adebayo, Birnin Kebbi

FOURTEEN people were killed when a building collapsed on them last night during heavy rainfall at Unguwar Binanchi Area of Gwandu in Kebbi State.

The victims, mostly teenagers, were reportedly taking refuge in the mud house during a heavy down pour Tuesday night when the building suddenly came down on them killing 14 of 15

occupants. According to a witness, one Farouk Mallam Dan Karami survived as he was rescued from the rubble of the collapsed building.

The witness said, "Yes, only one boy survived. There were 15 of them in the building when it collapsed. 14 of them died instantly but luckily for Farouk he survived. He even spoke with the governor when he came to Gwandu today." Daily Trust gathered that before its collapse, the building had become a ren-

deavour for the teenagers who hawk sugarcane and other items in the area. On that day, some of them were sleeping in the building while others were waiting for the rain to stop.

Sole Administrator of Gwandu Local Government Area Alhaji Shehu Gwandu described the incident as unfortunate, saying Governor Saidu Dakingari on hearing the news stopped over at Gwandu on his way out of the state to condole families of the victims.

## Nigerian universities producing illiterates — Assembly

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THE Nasarawa State House of Assembly yesterday rejected Section 65 of the draft amendment of the 1999 Constitution which seeks to jack up the minimum entry qualification into the National Assembly from Secondary School Certificate to National Diploma, as members said presently, graduates of Nigerian universities are not better than school leavers of the past.

House member, Adam Iyisana (Toto-Gadabuke PDP) submitted that Nigerian universities are now churning out illiterates in the guise of graduates. "Many university graduates of today cannot even articulate any point, many of them are not sound. Many of them cannot even compare themselves with secondary school

leavers of the past. If a constituency decides that a secondary school certificate holder is sound enough to represent them and articulate their views, I don't see any reason why he should be denied when a university graduate cannot do that", the lawmaker said.

This, the 24-member House, except for Barrister Innocent Lagi (Wamba Labour Party), enormously supported when they adopted wholesale, the 41 amendments already passed by the National Assembly. They said members of the state Houses of Assembly had no much input make on the amended sections because the National Assembly had already passed them, an action most of them described as a violation of Section 9, Sub-sections 1 and 2 of the constitution.

Lagi of the Labour Party declined voting for the rejection of Section 65 to maintain the status quo on the entry qualification into the National Assembly, saying it is only when the educational background of members is higher that Nigerians can expect informed debates that would be free from avoidable mistakes such as the alleged gross violation of the constitutional provisions by the National Assembly in the consideration of the on-going amendment. The opposition member insisted on the need to raise the entry qualification, adding that it would make state assemblies make informed debates for the improvement of their constituencies.

Speaker Musa Mohammed overruled Lagi, since he alone voted for the minimum entry qualification of National Diploma.

## Man, 23, to hang for killing friend

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

TWENTY-THREE year old Abdulmumuni Dan Asabe of Gidan Danbe, Maiduguri, Borno State has been sentenced to death by hanging by a Maiduguri High Court for stabbing to death, one Alhaji Bawa Makinta.

Asabe, a student at a Quranic school, stabbed and killed Makinta, who was also in his early 20's with

a knife on his left rib at Mashamari, Gwange Ward of Maiduguri on June 23, 2005, around 1am after a fight over fried yam and akara (bean cake) the court heard yesterday.

In his Judgment, Justice Abdullahi Yerima Sanya said the confessions made by the accused at Gwange Police Station and the State Criminal Investigative Department (SCID) and other circumstantial evidences given by witnesses showed that the

prosecution had proved beyond reasonable doubt that Alhaji Bawa Makinta, the deceased, was killed by the accused. "Consequently, I hereby sentence you, Abdulmumuni Dan Asabe to death by hanging. You should be hanged by the neck until you die. This however will not stop you from applying to the governor of the state to commute your sentence to life imprisonment," Justice Sanya said.

## Sokoto approves N8.9b for state varsity

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

THE Sokoto State government has approved N8.9 billion for the commencement of the first phase of the proposed state university. The Information Commissioner Malam Dahiru Maishanu said this yesterday while briefing journalists on the outcome of the state executive council meeting. He disclosed that the contract was awarded to an indigenous firm, Mcnamara Nigeria Limited with a completion period of two years.

The Information Commissioner explained that the first phase consists of site lay out, hostels, faculty buildings, staff quarters, administrative block and other structures. Also approved by the state executive council in yesterday's meeting included N292 million for the rehabilitation and asphaltting of eleven roads in the old GRA in Sokoto as well as over N201 million for the construction of wall for the Silame bridge. Similarly, N128.42 million was approved for the construction of access roads, walkways, drainages and other auxiliary works at the newly constructed guest houses in Sokoto.

## Common law inappropriate for labour disputes- Adejumo

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

THE principle of common law administered by the conventional courts in dealing with labour related matters are ill-suited for resolution of industrial disharmony in the country, the President of National Industrial Court of Nigeria (NIC) Justice Babatunde Adejumo has said.

He spoke in Gombe at a seminar organized by the National Orientation Agency on the sustenance of Industrial Harmony in Nigeria.

He said the establishment of labour or industrial courts in most countries was necessitated by the inability of the common law principles to cater effectively in resolving issues bordering on industrial disharmony.

Adejumo further remarked that under the common law a demand for higher wages could not be justice able except on the basis for what had been contracted whereas such issues could be justice able before the National Industrial Court.

## Gombe to give N76m soft loans to workers

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

GOMBE State government has earmarked N76 million for distribution as soft loan to civil servants in the state, the branch chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress, Comrade Babaji Dunama has said.

Dunama made the statement yesterday at a press briefing in Gombe, saying the committee entrusted with the distribution of the loan had to borrow a leaf from the 2007 formula that was used when the state government disbursed N 100 million as loans.

He said part of the condition for qualifying for the loan was that the person must have applied for it and he had not enjoyed it.

According to him, staff on Grade Levels (GL)01-6 are only entitled to collect N30, 000, GL 07 is N80, 000, GL 08-09 is N200, 000, GL 10-13 N300,000 while GL 14-15 and GL 16 and above would collect N 400, 000 and N 500,000 respectively.

## Ondo Assembly sacks council boss

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

THE Ondo State House of Assembly yesterday sacked the interim chairman of Akoko-South West Local Government Area of Ondo State, Mr. Charles Akinniyi, over alleged corruption and maladministration.

The Assembly also ordered him to hand over government's property in his possession and repay over N11 million to the state government's treasury. This amount was part of the fund he allegedly paid to cover up his irregular payments and misapplication of funds as chairman of the council, the Assembly said.

It would be recalled that the Assembly had earlier suspended the chairman to aid investigation into allegations leveled against him. Submitting his report before the House, the chairman, House Committee on Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs Afolabi Akinsiku said the committee based its decision on oral interview and proper examination of relevant documents. He added that the committee also used a special audit report of the Auditor-General for local Government in arriving at its decision.



BOKO Haram man Imam Abubakar Shekau.

## 'Dead' Boko Haram leader re-emerges in new video

By Habeeb I. Pindiga (Abuja) & Isa Umar Gusau (Maiduguri)

DEPUTY leader of the *Boko Haram* sect who the police said they killed in Maiduguri during last year's clashes has re-emerged in a new video clip, saying he has assumed command of the group and would continue to propagate its anti-Western education ideology.

Imam Abubakar Shekau was the second-in-command to Mohammed Yusuf, who was killed by the police in July last year after days of fighting between security forces and the sect's followers. The police said last year that Shekau was shot dead in the clashes.

But a 25-minute video clip, shot on April 19 and obtained by Daily Trust in Abuja during the week, showed Shekau answering questions from a journalist at his hideout believed to be in Maiduguri.

In the clip, Shekau is seen wearing a headdress, with an AK-47 gun and a stack of religious books behind him. People who know Shekau very well identified him in a still image captured from the video clip.

Proclaiming himself as leader of the sect, Shekau said during the interview that with the death of the former leader, he "being the deputy (to Yusuf), stepped in and assumed leadership to continue in the pursuit of religious knowledge."

However, the police in Maiduguri insisted on Tuesday that Shekau is dead.

Borno State Commissioner of Police Ibrahim Abdu told our reporter that information available to the police indicated that both leaders of the sect—Yusuf and Shekau—have been killed.

"I have not seen the clip and I cannot comment on what I have not seen. (But) to the best of my knowledge, Shekau and Mohammed Yusuf are dead. If anybody can identify them and tell us their location, we are ready to act. But to us they are dead, if they are alive, they are wanted persons," Abdu said.

There had been no conclusive evidence of the claim that Shekau was killed in the *Boko Haram* clashes, unlike the case of Mohammed Yusuf, whose death was confirmed because of the wide circulation of the photo of his dead body.

Initial speculations were that Shekau was killed at the sect's Ibn Taimiyya enclave, when soldiers engaged the members in a gun battle on the second day of the clashes. But there were rumours later that the second-in-command had escaped out

of the state.

Asked to explain how he survived the onslaught by security forces during the 4-day clashes, Shekau said in the video clip that he was shot in the thigh but was rescued by "fellow believers and protected by Allah."

He argued that his men were not the first to attack security agencies, but that they retaliated in self defence after they were hit. He claimed that during the *Boko Haram* clashes, only a few of his men were killed and that the major casualties were mere passersby, mad people and young hawkers.

Shekau vowed to retaliate for the killings of his followers in Maiduguri and other places.

Asked why they use guns even though the guns were also products of Western education, he said, "Guns are not products of boko... we also can make guns, we even made and used guns."

On where his sect gets weaponry, Shekau said, "We get them from where we get them. God said we should get them (weapons), the Holy Prophet said we should get them."

He insisted that the pursuit of Western education is prohibited, and that his group would continue to propagate the *Boko Haram* ideology.

"What we are saying is that it is not permissible to seek for boko (Western education) under the prevailing system and given the un-Islamic things introduced in boko," he said.

"We are not fighting Western education itself, what we are opposed to are the various un-Islamic things slotted into it and the system upon which the study of Western education is rested. These are the reasons why we say it's not permissible to study it."

The video clip was shot by a journalist, who told *Daily Trust* that he sought to interview Shekau through some followers in Maiduguri. They then arranged and picked him up at night on April 19 at a location within the city, blindfolded and drove him to a hideout.

The journalist said the place should be in Maiduguri because the drive took just about an hour and did not feel like a movement out of the city. He said he was taken into a house and to a pre-set stage for the interview in a room. He also said Shekau had armed guards with him.

Shekau was, besides being a second-in-command of the sect, the most influential and feared member of the *Boko Haram* group.

## Reps: Parties must win assembly seat or be axed

■ State assemblies oppose independent candidacy

By Turaki A. Hassan

POLITICAL parties in the country will now have to win at least one state assembly seat or be de-registered by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

Adopting the report of an ad hoc committee of the House of Representatives led by minority leader by Rep. Mohammed Ali Ndume (ANPP, Borno), the House voted overwhelmingly and inserted new sections to the 2010 Electoral Act.

The inserted section empowers INEC to de-register any political party which fails to win a seat in the national or state assembly election.

The lawmakers also introduced sub-section (h) and (i) to section 80 of the electoral Act which stipulates the conditions for registering a political party which states that, "The association main-

able offices in at least 2/3 of the local government of the Federation, the association to be registered must have at least 10,000 registered and verified members in at least 2/3 of the states of the Federation."

Sub-Section (j) states that, "The Commission shall verify all the claims of the associations seeking registration and publish the report of the verification in at least 3 National Newspapers before registration."

Meanwhile Speaker Dimeji Bankole said, "Conference of Speaker are not in support of independent candidate so we may not have the possibility of standing as independent candidates in the election."

The House unanimously passed the Electoral Act and Chairman House Committee on Rules and Business Rep. Ita Enang (PDP, Akwa Ibom) said the bill will now be forwarded to the Senate for concurrence.

## Wonder banks dupe Nigerians N107bn

By Idris Ahmed

THE Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) said yesterday that Nigerians have lost N106.9 billion to wonder banks or illegal fund managers.

About 440 illegal companies were involved in the deals totalling 560,882 claims, the Inter-Agency Committee On illegal Fund Managers said it has discovered.

Members of the Committee include the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC), Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC), Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and the Police.

A statement signed by the CBN's Head of Corporate Communications Mohammed Abdullahi said 36 illegal fund managers accounted for N104 billion, or 97.3 per cent of the total collated claims.

"Nospetco Oil and Gas Ltd, one of the illegal fund managers, accounted for 48 per cent of these claims," Abdullahi said.

He said the committee deliberated on measures to confront the challenge posed by the stripping of assets by the promoters of the 'won-

der banks, many of who have gone underground.

He said a liquidator had been appointed by a court in the case of Sefteg was able to realize a sizeable sum of money from the assets of the company and has commenced payment to verified depositors of the company.

"This approach of using court appointed liquidators will be replicated in all cases to ensure early resolution," he said.

"Members of the public are once again strongly advised to refrain from dealing with unlicensed or illegal operators, who offer astronomical or extra-ordinary returns on investments to extort money and lure unsuspecting people into dubious pyramid schemes," CBN's statement further said.

The statement said anybody who chose to deal with "these unscrupulous individuals and companies, despite these warnings, do so at their own risk."

CBN advised the public to refrain from dealing with unlicensed or illegal operators.

# 8-man panel to probe land sales in Suleja

By Jibrin Abubakar

THE Suleja Emirate in Niger State has set up an eight-man committee to investigate the indiscriminate sales and allocation of land in the area.

Inaugurating the panel in his palace yesterday, Emir of Suleja Alhaji Auwal Ibrahim said the committee has 12-weeks to submit its report.

He said infrastructure of the Suleja emirate has been overstretched due to its proximity to and the influx of vic-

tims of demolition from the Federal Capital Territory.

"Cost of living is now high in Suleja. We are suffering from social ills. Let me use this opportunity to disabuse the minds of those who think we are here to promote our selfish interest. I will account for my stewardship tomorrow before Almighty Allah," he said.

He said the probe panel will work against the backdrop of the proposed master plan of Suleja, adding that the exercise has the blessing of the state government.

The committee is chaired by Galadiman Zazzau of

Suleja Alhaji Muhammad Rabi'u Is'haq, with Wazirin Ija Malam Bitrus W. Kaura, Sarkin Yamma Muhammad Bawa Abdullahi, Malam Hudu Danjuma Biba, Malam Umaru Shuaibu, Malam Ibrahim A. Bisallah, Malam M.T. Saka and Malam Abdullahi Baban Nma, as members.

The committee is to, among others, establish the sales procedures and the role played by the district, village and ward heads.

The emir said the committee would start its work with Madalla and Kwamba districts.

## Lebanese charged with forging FG papers

By John Chuks Azu

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) yesterday arraigned two Lebanese at an FCT High Court in Maitama over alleged forgery of Federal Government documents.

Jihad Mohammed Ghraizi, 57, and his son, Mohamad Jihad Ghraizi, 27, allegedly forged four different documents, two of them belonging to the Federal Government of Nigeria between Dec. 1999 and June 2008 and presenting same as original copies.

He was alleged to have fraudulently forged a "Letter of Transfer of Shares" and an "Irrevocable Power of Attorney" dated Dec. 27, 1999 thereby fraudulently laying claims to 60% shareholding, and possession of land and building Plot 2025 Dalaba Street, Cadastral Zone AO2 Wuse Zone 5, Abuja,

respectively and presenting them as purportedly made in his favour by Madeni Construction Company Ltd.

The two accused persons were further alleged to have made forged "Renewal of Expatriate Quota Positions" and "Revenue Collector's Receipt" with no: Z007167466 dated 4th June, 2008 and presented same as purportedly made by the Federal Ministry of Interior's Citizens and Business Department for Madeni Construction Limited.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to the offences.

Justice Sadiq Umar is to rule today on an application for bail filed by counsel to the accused persons S.I. Ameh, which was opposed by the counsel to EFCC, James Onuh.

Meanwhile the accused persons are to remain in EFCC custody.

## 'Why FG dropped N3.3bn yacht for Jonathan'

By Misbahu Bashir

THE proposal to buy a presidential yacht worth N3.3 billion for President Goodluck Jonathan has not been approved and will not be executed, Ministry of Defence said yesterday.

The Naval headquarters had forwarded a request to the Defence Minister Adetokumbo Kayode seeking to spend N4bn both for the purchase of the Presidential yacht and N16m as operational

costs for the participation of NN Augusta Helicopters, Defender and Nightcat Interceptor boats in the celebration of Nigeria's 50th independence anniversary.

Media adviser to the minister, Group Captain E.J. Ezoemena, in a statement that "Although there was a provision in the 2010 budget for such an item of expenditure, however, Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief had given directive that such aspect of the budget will not be implemented.

## Jonathan swears-in Niboro, Balat

By Mohammed S. Shehu

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan yesterday swore-in Ima Niboro as his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity and Prof Barth Nnaji as his Special Adviser on Power, at the Council Chamber of the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

The president also swore-in Isaiah Balat as Special Adviser to the Vice President on Special

Duties and Hussaini Jallo as Special Adviser to the VP on Political Affairs.

Jonathan charged Nnaji to ensure that the power problem, which is one of the cardinal programmes of the administration, is properly addressed.

He said with gas, water and coal, Nigeria must be able to generate the power that the country needs.

## Army chief: 'Officers retirement guided by laws'

By Misbahu Bashir

CHIEF of Army Staff Lt Gen Abdurrahman Dambazau said retirement of military personnel is done in accordance with established regulations.

A total of 79 military officers alleged they were compulsorily retired and wrote to the Presidency and the House of Representatives. The

House summoned defence minister and service chiefs over the matter.

Dambazau said at press conference in Abuja that officers will never be retired without complying with the regulations.

"But officers who are not satisfied with their retirement from the military have the right to channel their complaints to the Commander-in-Chief within some days," he said.



A Lebanese, Jihad Mohamad Ghraizi (right) and his son, Mohamad Jihad Ghraizi (left) arraigned before the Abuja High Court by EFCC for allegedly forging Nigerian government documents, in Abuja, yesterday.

## Soludo wants 6 regional bodies to replace 36 states

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

FORMER Central Bank of Nigeria governor Prof. Chukwuma Soludo advocated a six-regional administrative structure to replace the current 36 state structure, which gulps up to 90 per cent of resources on overhead costs.

Speaking at a two-day business summit in London on Tuesday, Prof. Soludo added that any future alteration of the structure should be premised on viability and self-sustainability.

He warned of a very bleak future for Nigeria unless fundamental changes are made to overturn the precarious slide the country was heading to.

The professor of economics said Nigeria must

overhaul the "distorted constitution" which was crafted to promote "dependency and consumption" rather than production to avert the impending catastrophe.

He said Nigeria's vision to be among the world's top 20 economies by the year 2020 is a mirage, explaining that the country needed to double its present growth rate of seven per cent per annum to be able to achieve the feat.

At the current rate of growth, he said, it will take Nigeria 30 years to attain South Africa's present level of development, adding that with an ominous population explosion around the corner, Nigeria would be unable to sustain its growth rate based almost exclusively on revenue from oil.

## Jega vows fairness in INEC reorganisation

By Abbas Jimoh

NEW chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Prof. Attahiru Jega has promised to be fair and just in the reorganisation of the commission.

Jega, who arrived the commission headquarters at 11.48am shortly after being sworn in along with national commissioners by President Goodluck Jonathan, also pledged to do his best to ensure the

success of the 2011 elections.

On arrival, the new INEC boss held a closed-door meeting with top management staff of the commission till 12.52pm when he came to the conference hall to address the media and directing staff.

"I want to assure you that while we encourage meticulousness, while we will ensure that square pegs are put in square holes, we will also be very fair and just in ways in which we address the re-organization that is necessary in the commission.

"The aspiration of all Nigerians and the international community is that INEC should be truly independent and impartial and should be able to bring about credible, free and fair elections in 2011. I want to re-assure you and all Nigerians that I have come to this office committed to do my best and to ensure that these aspirations are actualized. I have no doubt that the National Commissioners have the same commitment that I have in order to bring this about," Jega said.

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GOVERNOR Murtala Nyako (left) of Adamawa State listening to the Commissioner for Health, Dr Zainab Kwanchi (right) during his inspection of projects at the Specialist Hospital in Yola, yesterday.

## States warned against executing FG projects

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE Federal Government said state governments intending to execute federal projects in their states should obtain approval or do so at their own risk.

Information and Communications Minister Dora Akunyili said this was one of the decisions taken at yesterday's weekly Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting presided over by President Goodluck Jonathan.

Akunyili, who briefed newsmen alongside her state counterpart, Labaran Maku, said the decision followed a memo presented to the council by Vice President Mohammed Namadi Sambo on the guidelines for executing federal projects by state governments and high cost of procurement in Nigeria.

She said the council also approved that re-imbursment of expenditure should be subjected to the relevant sections of the Public Procurement Act that deals with quality and cost.

The minister said such projects should meet standards and guidelines of the appropriate federal ministry supervising such projects.

# Jonathan disbands Super Eagles

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FIFA's position regarding political interference in football is well known."

Nigeria's next scheduled international match is a qualifier for the 2012 African Cup of Nations, at home to Madagascar in early September. FIFA statutes demand that national federations manage their affairs independently, or face suspension from world football. National and club teams, plus referees, would be barred from participating in international matches and football officials could be prevented from attending meetings.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter had already expressed concern over the

French government's investigation into France's first-round exit from the World Cup. "Definitely I can tell you that political interference will be dealt with by FIFA notwithstanding what kind of interference and what is the size of the country," Blatter said Tuesday.

Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on the World Cup 2010 and Rivers State Governor Rotimi Amaechi said Nigeria will officially write to FIFA to notify of it of government's decision. He said Nigeria's outing in South Africa was characterised by all sorts of maladministration and that the country has been punished enough as far as football was concerned.

He said, "Our recommenda-

tions were based on what we saw and what we met on ground. You will observe that the history of our qualification was not as smooth as it used to be before. We struggled to qualify.

We got to the World Cup, we got a new coach, PTF was paying the coach. We agree to pay the Coach N1.3 million which we paid. We got to the World Cup and we had all sorts of mal-administration. We also had all sorts of problems and we find out that the problem of Nigerian football now is structural and there is the need for us to look inward, sit back and re-organize the structure to ensure that we don't continue to have what we currently have now.

"We recommended to Mr. President, which he has approved, that we formally write FIFA to say that Nigeria will not engage in any international competition for the next two years so that when we re-organize Nigerian football and train higher coaches and all that and come out to any competition, it will be to the delight of the Nation.

The Nation has been punished enough, people have had heart attack because of Nigerian football. We want to reorganize and get back to what it used to be when it was the pride of the Nation and we are glad that Mr. President has approved all our recommendations and given directive to that effect.

"What we are doing is not con-

trary to FIFA rules. We are not dissolving NFA. Their tenure is over, you should not forget that. They have served their tenure but there is a problem which we have to nationally address. Nigeria must endure the pain that comes with this. We are not sure that we will go to the next world cup if we continue like this. During the CAF competition, you listen to the players when Odemwingie said they did not win the last match because their luck in the lucky bag got exhausted," Amaechi said.

The governor, who was joined by other members of the PTF, said "we will formally write FIFA to say that Nigeria won't engage in international football competitions."

## Guarantee our neutrality

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confidence reposed in them by ensuring that the rules and regulations guiding the electoral system are strictly followed irrespective of status or party affiliation. The chairman and six national commissioners were last week confirmed by the Senate following their nomination by the President.

Speaking shortly after the swearing-in yesterday at the Council Chamber of the Presidential Villa, Abuja, Jonathan said members of the reconstituted INEC were carefully selected in order to institute a robust electoral process and ensure that the process is overseen and managed by men and women of integrity.

He said, "I therefore expect Professor Jega and his able team to meet the high standards that Nigerians and the rest of the world expect of them.

This assignment is one of the most important jobs in our country and our citizens are keenly interested in its outcome. It is true that legitimacy is one of the fundamental building blocks that compel governments to accountability. To be accountable, elected officials must emerge through a process that is free, fair and transparent. Most Nigerians believe that our difficult electoral history is the

reason for our underdevelopment and lack of confidence in those who govern.

We must therefore begin to repudiate this arbitrariness, and there is no better time to start than now. "The success or failure of the reconstituted INEC rests upon all of us. We must act with responsibility towards INEC, in order to retain the trust reposed in us by the Nigerian people. Rules and regulations must be obeyed and electoral misconduct shall not be tolerated irrespective of status or party affiliation. As the saying goes, we are all equal before the law," Jonathan said.

Jonathan said the 'almost unanimous endorsement' of the choice of INEC leadership, particular Jega, "a radical and professor of high repute," was an indication that he had made the right choice, which he said was a critical step in his administration's quest for credible elections in 2011.

"I was quite excited when one newspaper described you as a radical, and I am happy that a radical is going to INEC to do positive things and make sure that you don't compromise that belief. Luckily you are a professor of high repute. Your students are all watching you; whether you will stand by the principle you have been talking in the classroom. Your colleagues that you have left are also watching you," he said.

The President, who expressed gratitude to all Nigeri-

ans for the role they played in the emergence of Jega as the INEC boss, said "your responsibility is even more enormous than mine in terms of managing elections. I will be considered as ordinary partisan politician. People will accuse that probably I will favour my party, but you are not one. You are expected to show transparency and honesty in all that you do."

In his response, the INEC chairman promised to provide Nigerians with credible, free and fair elections in 2011, saying that for his team to succeed, there was the need for support and cooperation from stakeholders.

"In order to succeed in this assignment, we need the goodwill, support, cooperation and assistance of all stakeholders within our country and all friends of Nigeria and its development partners globally. We trust that Mr. President, from all that he has said and done, is fully committed to bringing about free and fair elections. And we trust that Mr. President will work hard to guarantee our impartiality and neutrality as an independent electoral commission."

The six INEC national commissioners sworn-in yesterday were Dr Nuru Yakubu (Yobe State), Mrs. Thelma Iremiren (Delta State), Prof. Lai Oluode (Osun State), Dame Gladys Nwafor (Abia State), Col. Hammanga Kurmi (Adamawa State) and Dr Ishmael Igbani (Rivers State).

## Borno legislators reject sections of harmonized constitution

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

THE Borno State House of Assembly has rejected some sections of the harmonized version of the constitution, which was submitted to all states Assemblies by the National Assembly for consideration. The House in an executive session Tuesday, rejected sections 65, 68, 106 and 277, 131 and 177. The sections rejected are those dealing with qualification for election, with the House insisting that secondary school certificates should remain the minimum qualification for election into any elective position. Other sections include, cross-carpeting from the political party under which a candidate wins an election, independent candidature among others. After the deliberations, the Speaker Alhaji Goni Ali Modu directed the Clerk of the House to prepare and send a clean copy to the National Assembly before Friday June 31, 2010.

## Kwara Poly expels 10 for exam malpractice

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Governing Council of the Kwara State Polytechnic at its 163rd regular meeting approved the expulsion of 10 students from the institution for examination malpractice.

A statement by the Registrar, Mr. M. O. Salami, said, "The students were expelled from the institution, following the council's deliberation on the report of the Examination Malpractices Committee during the first semester of 2009/2010 examinations".

Four among the affected students were from Institute of Environmental Studies while six were students of the Institute of Technology. They are Adeboye Soji A, Salami Ismail, Toki Bukola Kikelomo and Braimoh Isaac. Others are, Oguniyi Adekunle Isaac, Adeola Rasheed, Agbedor Vincent, Osungade Olalere Olanrewaju, Omanoye ThankGod Joe and Abdulkadir Abdulwasiu.

## Court holds security guards over missing bags of maize

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

AN Ilorin Magistrate Court has remanded three security guards and a store keeper at the Federal Prison, Oke-Kura, Ilorin, for allegedly stealing 205 bags of maize. The accused persons are Ahmed Ibaruba, 34, Abdulahi Amudu, 20, Benjamin Kaku, 40 and Adebayo Aremu, who is the storekeeper.

The four, who are being charged with criminal conspiracy, store breaking, theft and negligence were remanded in prison, following an order by Magistrate S.O. Hanafi. Trouble began for the accused persons following a complaint lodged on June II, 2010, at the Maletu Police Station by one Babatunde Akinsinde, the Managing Director of the Maletu Youth Farm Training Centre.

Police First Information Report (FIR) on the matter stated that investigation at the state CID, Ilorin, showed that the accused were supposed to protect the goods in the warehouse, but, they stole the goods.

The prosecutor, Sergeant Mathew Saye, objected to the bail of the accused persons and prayed the court to remand them. The case was adjourned to today, July 1.

# Katsina releases N315m to pay exam fees

From Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

THE Katsina State government has approved N315 million for the payment of the 2010 WAEC, NECO and NABTEB examinations for 52,000 students in the state. A statement by the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Press Affairs,

Mallam Maharazu Ahmed, said the state government had so far spent N755.3 million on examination fees since 2007.

He added that for the 2010 examination fees, the state government paid N233 million while the 34 local councils contributed N81 million.

Governor Shema in the statement,

advised the students to take their studies seriously, saying the gesture was to ensure that all students in the state, irrespective of their social or economic backgrounds have access to education. He said his administration would continue to promote education and urged parents to guide their wards into becoming responsible citizens.



FROM left: Suspected illegal arms and ammunition dealers Eugene Nwokedi, Hope Akpan and Madundubisi paraded by Nigerian Army 82 Division in Enugu yesterday.

## Judge gives prosecutors last chance on Boko Haram

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

AS hearing on the Boko Haram case continued yesterday in Maiduguri, presiding judge, Justice Abdullahi Yerima Sanya of High Court 9 in the state granted the application of Barrister Richard Balami by adjourning the case to today for the final hearing. This is to allow the prosecution assemble

exhibits and tender same through their last witness.

Barrister Balami had earlier pleaded with Justice Sanya to allow him assemble exhibits and tender same on the final day of hearing, promising to close his case afterwards.

The judge said those, whose names were not mentioned by the witnesses and were not found wanting in anyway would be set free.

In another trial involving over 100 suspected members of the sect at the High Court 11 also in Maiduguri, the trial was suspended yesterday, because the only functional prison van available for conveying inmates from the Maiduguri Maximum Prisons failed to convey the suspects to court. The judge then adjourned the case to July 26.

## ASUU shuns Shema's negotiation team

From Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

THE Academic staff union (ASUU) of the Umaru Musa Yar'adua University, Katsina, has shunned a negotiation committee set up by Governor Ibrahim Shema, insisting on embarking on strike if the government fails to pay the new salary structure on or before July 12, 2010.

In a statement jointly signed by the chairman and secretary of the union, Usman S. Abdullahi and Umar Bala, ASUU said it did not have the powers to re-negotiate a pact reached between the national union and the Federal Government.

The lecturers accused the state government of paying lip service to education and asked the state governor to honor the agreement and pay them their 12 months arrears. Responding, Special Adviser to the Governor on Media and Public Relations, Alhaji Nasiru Abdul, said the union had no justification to act that way because according to him, the government must follow due process.

He said the government had set up a committee to study the level of implementation in other universities as well as cost implication with a view to ensuring justice. He maintained that even the Federal Government that signed the pact with ASUU was yet to start implementation.

## Army to provide free medical care in Niger

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

AS part of activities to mark this year's Nigerian Army Day Celebration, the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) of the Nigerian Army has concluded plans to offer free medical treatment.

According to a statement in Minna yesterday, the Army said the annual event always provides an opportunity for it to interact with civilians. The statement added the event is expected to commence with members of the Nigerian officers

Wives Association (NAOWA) visiting orphanages and hospitals.

"Activities marking the annual Nigerian Army Day celebration is aimed at projecting and educating the general public on the compatibility and images as well as the achievement of the Nigerian Army," the statement added.

The six days occasion is to commence on July 1 to 6th. Prayers will be said at the Military Central Mosque in the state on July 2, while a combined interdenominational service is to hold on July 4, at the St Luke military Catholic Church.

# Expert warns of tobacco, alcohol related cancer epidemics

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

IF the current rate of cigarette and alcohol consumption in the country continues, Nigerians should expect epidemics within the next two decades.

Professor Muheez Durosinmi, Consultant Hematologist to the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, stated this in Sokoto at a public lecture on Cancer Burden and its Control organized by the Usmanu DanFodiyo University Teaching

Hospital, UDUTH yesterday.

He noted that in Nigeria now, over 18 per cent of children between 13 and 15 years smoke cigarette, just as he described as regrettable, "the unwitting popularization of tobacco and alcohol consumption in Nigeria".

He said, "Drinking of all forms of alcoholic beverages such as beer, spirits and wines has also been associated with the induction of cancers of the liver, the colorectum, the breast and the upper respiratory

tract and through synergism, the risk of alcohol-related cancers is higher in individuals that also use tobacco". He expressed concern that cancer is a major but neglected public health disease in Nigeria. He recalled that at this year's World Cancer Day in February, the World Health Organization (WHO) called attention to the fact that cancer is a leading cause of deaths worldwide, accounting for 7.9 million deaths worldwide (about 13% of all deaths) with about 72 per cent

of these occurring in low-and middle income countries like Nigeria.

According to him, in developing countries, the younger and more economically productive segment of the population is more affected by a large majority of cancers, thus posing a threat to the socio-economic development of the society. He said some habits believed to be responsible for chronic non-communicable disorders such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, diabetes mellitus,

as well as arthritis have also been implicated for the increasing incidence of cancers of the colorectum, the prostate gland and the breast. These habits, Professor Durosinmi stated, include lack of physical exercise, inadequate consumption of fruits and vegetables, as well as the consumption of tobacco and alcohol. Others are high intake of red meat, saturated fat, free sugars and common salt, all of which he noted, promote increased body mass index and obesity.

## Senate to legislate on independence of tertiary institutions

From Isa Liman, Zaria

THE Senate is ready to come up with legislations that would help the country's tertiary institutions to become independent in the running of their various programmes. The Chairman, Senate Committee on Education, Senator Abubakar Bagudu, made this known in Zaria yesterday during an official visit to various federal educational institutions as part of the committee's oversight functions. While at the Federal College of Education, Zaria, Senator Bagudu said it was now time for Nigerians to come to terms with the realities of the day as government alone cannot handle all matters concerning education. Senator Bagudu explained that demands from various sectors coupled with inadequate resources do not enable government to meet all the expectations of Nigerians on the education sector. The Provost, FCE, Zaria, Dr Moukhtar Ibrahim Maccido, said the college had witnessed tremendous infrastructure development now making academic pursuit much easier by both staff and students. Dr Maccido called on the Senate Committee to push for the reversal of the national policy that puts the UME entry-point into Nigerian tertiary institutions at 180, saying many students of Northern extraction would be denied the opportunity of furthering their education if the 180 cut-off point was maintained.

## Man, 25, gets life jail for stealing motorcycle

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

TWENTY-FIVE year old Bukar Gagava of Bokko village in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State was yesterday sentenced to life in prison by a Maiduguri High Court for stealing a motorcycle and N700 from one Ali Ibrahim and another N200 from one Mustapha Abubakar. Gagava along with three other men now at large was said to have attacked Ibrahim and Abubakar on their way from Ngoshe village using guns and sticks to dispose them of their motorcycle and cash, thereby committing armed robbery, an offence punishable under Section 298 of the penal code. Ibrahim, the owner of the motorcycle, had earlier testified in court that on January 21, 2002 they were stopped by four men on their way from Ngoshe village and one of the men whom he later identified as Gagava.

## Court frees man accused of killing student

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

A Maiduguri High Court yesterday freed one Mamuda Ali of Bulabulin ward in Maiduguri of killing and removing the tongue of one Halima Modu Grema, a student of the Ramat Polytechnic, Maiduguri. The accused was said to have committed the offence on September 29, 2005 and it is punishable by death under Section 221(b) of the penal code. According to court documents, one Bulama Hassan of Bulabulin Aliajiri ward informed the police that he got information from a reliable source that the body of a lady which was later identified as that of the poly student was discovered upon which the accused was arrested in connection with the murder. Justice Patum Haruna Ngadda yesterday discharged and acquitted the accused for want of evidence. According to her, the prosecution failed to prove that allegation which is one of the ingredients needed in a homicide case. Meanwhile, the accused is currently serving a seven year jail term for a similar offence.



COMRADE Joseph Babatunde, Oyo State Chairman of Nigerian Union of Teachers (left), addressing teachers at a rally organised by Oyo State wing of the union in Ibadan yesterday.

## Labour leaders attack radio station, seize presenter

From Ibrahim Muhammad, Yola

LABOUR leaders in Adamawa State yesterday attacked the state-owned ABC Yola radio station, abducting a local presenter, Mallam Adamu Tanko popularly known as Katakore, over alleged inciting comments against labour unions on the current strike that entered its third week in the state.

Angry labour leaders stormed the premises of the radio station along Hore Ladde layout in Yola and interrupted the transmission of "Tabakidi Taba Karatu" programme being anchored by Katakore. The presenter was taken away while other staff that

did not comply with the strike order were asked to leave the premises.

Over 10 unions from the state civil service are involved in the strike which has grounded health and other government services for nearly three weeks. Reacting to the incident, Governor Murtala Nyako through his Principal Special Assistant on Media and Publicity Alh. Aminu Iyawa condemned the NLC's action, saying government would not allow people to take laws into their own hands. He appealed to the leadership of the NLC in the state to see reasons in their demands, saying, "The labour leaders do not have power and authority to abduct or seal government premises,

they have gone beyond civil liberty by taking laws into their hands, the government would not take it kindly with so ever is found wanting."

State chairman of the NLC Comrade Dauda Buba denied that some deviant members were humiliated but assured, "No-going back until our demands are met which include re-instatement of sacked workers at the College of Legal Studies Yola." The National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) recently cautioned ABC-Yola for flouting broadcasting code by airing "Tabakidi". The presenter of the programme was reported to have used the programme to settle political scores.

## Network advised to collaborate with NBA

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE Network of the Bar, Bench and Police (NBB&P) which is aimed at protecting the sexual and reproductive rights of women should collaborate with both the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and the Human Rights Institute, Barrister O.O. Olowokore, the Kaduna State Chairman of the NBA has advocated. The chairman who was represented by Barrister V.A.B Ewuzie, the Vice Chairman of NBA, made the call at the inauguration of the Network's state executive committee in Kaduna yesterday. He also advised NBB&P to involve medical doctors in the network since they cannot be talking about the reproductive rights of women without doctors.

Ewuzie advised the network to sponsor a private

member bill either at the state or national level in order to legislate against the rights of women. By so doing, he pointed out, NBB&P would help in fulfilling one of its cardinal objectives which is to domesticate international treaties and conventions.

The NBA vice chairman also advised the network to re-christen itself as the Network of the Police, Bar and Bench because investigation of a case starts with the police before the lawyer and the court come in. He advised that the network's activities should not be restricted to sexual and reproductive rights of women but expand to other women's rights. Police commissioner Tambari Yabo Muhammad who was represented by Imodu Abdu Sule, said the police welcomed any organisation willing to partner with it to fight crime.

# Senate probes Zamfara lead poisoning

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

THE Senate has directed its Committees on Solid Minerals, Environment and Health to carry out a holistic investigation on the lead poisoning that claimed hundreds of lives, mostly children, in Zamfara State.

Moving a motion on

the matter yesterday, Senator Sahabi Alhaji Ya'u (PDP, Zamfara North), on behalf of 27 other senators, said the lead poisoning epidemic in Anka and Bukkuyum Local Government areas of the state claimed more than 160 lives; mostly of children below the age of 5.

He said "This danger-

ous situation was occasioned by activities of illegal mining of iron ore by villagers who take crushed rock home from the mines to extract precious stones, this result in the soil being contaminated from lead; which then poisoned people through hand to mouth contamination."

Senator Adego Eferakeya (PDP, Delta Central) said the people in the affected areas are likely to face impotence and kidney failures if not properly treated.

The Senate observed a one minute silence in honour of all those that died as result of the incident.

## FG extends screening for police applicants

By Misbahu Bashir

POLICE Affairs Minister Adamu Maina Waziri has directed police authorities to extend the period for screening of applicants for the position of police constables by one week.

The screening exercise, earlier billed to end on July 3, 2010 will now stop on July 10 when applicants will sit for examinations.

The Federal Character Commission had said that the police force did not abide

by established laws in the exercise, adding that 6 weeks ought to have been given for the submission of completed application forms instead of the one week while the vacancies be advertised in 2 national newspapers not one as done by the police force.

Waziri assured the public of fairness and firmness in the recruitment exercise as all laid down guidelines such as academic qualifications, federal character, physical and moral fitness will be fully observed.



FROM left: Founder/President, National Women Youth Forum for President Goodluck Jonathan, Miss Harirat Yakubu, Vice President, Miss Safiya Ibrahim and member, Miss Rose Shehu, at a press conference by the forum in Abuja, yesterday.

## Gummi LGA wants EFCC to probe Zamfara govt

By Atika Balal

ZAMFARA State ministry of local government and chieftaincy affairs has been sued before an Abuja Federal High Court for allegedly diverting monies meant for Gummi Local Government Council and its chairman, Suleiman Gyalange.

In the suit, the council and the chairman urged

the court to compel the AGF and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to furnish all sums due to the council and paid to the state government from June 2007 to the date judgment is delivered.

The monies were said to have been paid to them by the Accountant General of the Federation (AGF) and the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Com-

mission (RMAFC).

They similarly want a declaration that by virtue of Sec 162 (5-8) of the 1999 constitution States are trustees of any sum due to the local government from the Accountant.

They also want a declaration that state as trustees cannot deduct, reduce, alter or deduct any sum due to the local government from the Federation account.

## 57-yr old woman, 9 others arrested with drugs

From Shehu Abubakar, in Lagos

TEN Nigerians including a 57 year old grandmother have been nabbed in connection with unlawful exportation of 14.3kg of cocaine at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport (MMIA) Lagos.

Adaba Olajomoke Adunni, a mother of four with two grandchildren who sells shirts in Lagos, was caught yesterday on her way to London.

She was arrested along

with nine other suspects after they were detected with the aid of United States donated scanning machines. Madam Adunni told newsmen at the airport that she is homeless and needed money for accommodation.

Adaba concealed her 2.5kg of cocaine inside her travel bags during outward clearance of Arik passengers to London. Three of the suspects including Adaba live in Nigeria while seven others are based in Europe.

NDLEA Commander

at the Lagos airport Alhaji Lawal Hamza gave the names of the nine other suspects to include Onwughalu Edmond Uchendu, 37, who ingested 1.4kg of cocaine; Shomefun Deborah Oluwakemi, 38, who swallowed 1.2kg of cocaine.

Ugoeke Beneth Okezika, Okeke Emeka Zachary, Harrison Nnorom, Arinze Emeka Ugochukwu, and Chigbogu Joseph are based in Spain. Kanu Nwanbueze Lyonheart, and Ekuruemu Richard Wisdom live in Greece.

## FG to strengthen security agencies

By Atika Balal

FEDERAL Government will strengthen security agencies across the country to enable them carry out their functions of protecting citizens, particularly minors, Justice Minister and Attorney General of Federation (AGF) Mohammed Bello Adoke

has said.

Adoke, represented by his Special Adviser, Pious Oteh, spoke at the Global Association of Female Attorneys (GAFA) support dinner in Abuja yesterday.

He said agencies like the Nigeria Immigration Service, National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic and

Persons (NAPTIP) and the Nigeria Police Force will be reinforced to ensure adequate welfare of citizens.

Earlier, GAFA President Chinelo Irielle decried the poor enforcement of law as regards violence against women and menaces like female genital mutilation and the girl child's denial to education.

## Civil defence strengthens operations in Makurdi

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

NATIONAL Security and Civil Defence Corp (NSCDC) has commissioned its Zone H Commander's residential quarters in Makurdi Benue State to strengthen its operation.

Speaking at the commissioning, Minister of Interior Capt. Emmanuel Iheanacho

said the residential quarters would create comfort for NSCDC in its operatives against criminals in the state.

Represented by his deputy, Chief Steven Lawani, Benue State Governor Gabriel Suswan, said the security agencies have assisted in reducing the spate of crime in the state.

He appreciated the role of NSCDC in curbing the men-

ace of vandalism, their role in disaster management and timely response to emergencies.

Commenting on the project, NSCDC Commandant General Dr. Ade Abolurin said quarters are foundations geared towards giving members of the corps a firm base from which to stamp out all forms of crime.

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SPECIAL Adviser to the Governor of Lagos State on Health Mr Toyin Hamzat, Deputy Governor of the state Princess Sarah Sosan and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Dr. Adetoun Agbe-Davies during the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Lagos, yesterday.

# Respect your husbands, Gov's wife tells women

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

WIFE of the Ondo State Governor, Mrs. Olukemi Mimiko, has advised women to respect their husbands even as they clamour for their rights.

Addressing women groups in Isua town, Akoko South East Local Government Area of the state yesterday, she said they should always remember that a husband is the head of the family.

"It is specifically stated in the holy books that the man is the head of the woman. Therefore, you must love, respect and submit to him," she added.

She said as part of efforts to curb discrimination against women, the Ondo State government had established family courts in all the 18 local government areas of the state.

Mrs. Mimiko added that family counseling and reconciliation centers had also been established in all the councils. Earlier, the Commissioner for Women Affairs Mrs. Bukola Tenabe commended Governor Olusegun Mimiko for his efforts in checking discrimination against women in the state.

She called on the people of the state to cooperate with the government to reduce discrimination against women, saying discrimination against women violates the principle of equality of rights and respect for human dignity.

# FG to establish museums in villages

From Isa Umar Gwau, Maiduguri

PLANS are underway by the Federal Government to establish at least a museum in every community in the country, the Director General, National Commission for Museums and Monuments Usman Abdallah has said.

Abdallah, who is in Borno State to assess work at the Rabihi's Fort in Elikwa, one of the national monuments identified by the Presidential Committee on the Restoration of Disjointed

Archives, called on Nigerians to freely donate artifacts under their custody for conservation.

"We are thinking of partnering with communities to develop community museums where objects and artifacts of various communities could be preserved. The museums will also serve as educational and resource centres for the communities," he said.

On the Rabihi's Fort, Abdallah said, "A lot of work has been done and I am impressed with the quality of work carried out there."

# Nasarawa urges contractors to step up work

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

CONTRACTORS handling government projects in Nasarawa State have been charged to step up work on the projects.

The state Commissioner for Works and Transport Dr. Joseph Oghere, while inspecting work on roads in Nasarawa North and South, said. "We have outlined a programme to faithfully implement the 2010 budget 2010, one of which is that all new roads awarded for construction in the rural areas must be completed within three months. We want all our contractors to be

faithful to this so that at the end of the day, the governor will be happy and the people will also be happy."

The commissioner expressed satisfaction with work on the Ancho-Bayan-Dutse road and the 21-kilometre Nasarawa-Eggon-Bakyan-Ariky road.

The Chairman of the Nasarawa State Public Works Maintenance Agency (NAPUWNA) Dr. Ramalan Aliyu also called on the contractors to keep to the contract specification, saying the state government was relying on the roads to boost socio-economic activities in the state.

# Court orders Maryam Abacha's jewelry case to start afresh

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

A Kano High Court on an appeal session Tuesday, ordered that the case of jewelry theft against Hajiya Maryam Sani Abacha's, house help be re-assigned to another magistrate's court for a fresh trial.

The case of house breaking and theft against the house help, Abdullahi Ali and two others was earlier heard by a Magistrate's Court in No-Man's Land, Kano, and presided over by Chief Magistrate Aminu Abubakar Kabara.

The new order was part of the judgment delivered on an appeal filed by the counsel to Mrs Abacha's servant, Barrister Abubakar Mohammed. The counsel has said that the verdict of the lower court that trial within trial was not in existence in Kano, was unreasonable and could not be supported.

He maintained that the trial magistrate erred in law by delivering that judgment. Justice M.H. Abdullahi, who was assisted by Justice S.B. Na-Malam in delivering judgment on the appeal said, "We have come to the conclusion that the learned trial magistrate was in error when he arrived at that conclusion, without stating the law that abolishes same. In other words, he gave a ruling that was not supported by any reasoning or legal analysis."

The court then directed the Chief Registrar of the Kano State High Court to re-assign the case.

There was no opposition to the ruling as the respondent in the matter, the Department of Public Prosecution, (DPP) was not present in court.

The issue of trial within trial first came up on February 25, 2010, when Barrister Mohammed challenged the admissibility of the evidence, the police prosecutors referred to as the original copies of his client's statements before the lower court on the grounds that they were not obtained voluntarily.

He also claimed that they were obtained under duress and misrepresented the accused person, who cannot write in English. But the presiding magistrate ruled that trial within trial had been abolished in the state and as such it would be difficult to prove whether or not the statements were obtained voluntarily.

We have come to the conclusion that the learned trial magistrate was in error when he arrived at that conclusion, without stating the law that abolishes same.

# Shema appoints Yar'adua's daughter special adviser

From Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

KATSINA State Governor Ibrahim Shema yesterday, approved the appointment of the late President Yar'adua's first daughter, Hajiya Maryam Umaru Musa Yar'adua as his Special Adviser on Inter-Governmental Affairs.

The daughter of the former Chairman of Bakori Local Government Area of the state, Alhaji Halilu

Yahaya Bakori was also appointed as his Special Adviser on Special Duties.

Governor Shema in a statement signed by the Permanent Secretary Special Services in the governor's office, Lawal Balarabe Tsauri, said the appointments were in recognition of their outstanding qualities.

The governor wished them well in the discharge of their duties.

# IBB varsity to run IJMB program in New-Bussa

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

IBB Ibrahim Badamasi University (IBBU) Lapai, Niger State, has concluded plans to run the Interim Joint Matriculation Examination Board (IJMB) programme in New-Bussa, its out campus.

The Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Ibra-

him Kolo, who spoke with newsmen in Minna yesterday, also added that the institution had made it mandatory for the Tergina Campus to function as an all female campus.

He said the decision was to create an enabling environment for interested females to get quality education.

"The school of Remedial and General studies in Tergina

will be for females while that of Ibeto will be for both male and females. The center will give students an opportunity to remedy their O/levels deficiencies to enable them get admission into the university", he said.

He added that the institution was determined to improve on its quality to ensure that its students compete favorably with their contemporaries anywhere in the country.



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The Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria, Mallam Sanusi Lamido Sanusi will be hosting the forum of the Governors of the Central Banks of the **Eight Developing Countries (D-8)** namely: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey as part of the scheduled summit of the Heads of State and Government of the D-8 Countries in Abuja on July 6, 2010.

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## Inside Politics

# 2011: Can Jang drop Tallen as running mate?

By Andrew Agbese

In the face of the widening gulf between Governor Jonah Jang and his deputy, Dame Pauline Tallen, and speculations that he might drop her as his running mate in the 2011 elections, our correspondent looks at the implications which the action could have on the political space in Plateau State and the chances of the incumbent in the next elections.

**I**NTRICATELY interwoven on the web of high wired politicking that precedes elections, is the usual manipulations, conjectures, and schemes done in the dark for utmost secrecy, but which most times find themselves in public glare due to leakages or betrayal that are also considered part of the game.

It is not clear if all the calculations being made to return Governor Jonah Jang for a second term and which have found themselves in the public domain are true but since such manipulations are usually not confirmed even when the pointers are there, the risk of dismissing the leakage also comes with risks which many are not ready to take.

Since last month, the political scene in Plateau has been rife with what may come as the one of the greatest political realignments in recent time; the plan to drop the deputy governor of Plateau state, Dame Pauline Tallen as the running mate to candidate Jang in the 2011 general elections.

If the the projections turned out to be true then it can be certain that the political arrangement of today cannot remain the same. The effect on the political future of the incumbent governor and the radical consequences it would have on the political landscape would be of earth shaking proportion.

**T**allen is by no means a push over in politics. From her days as a councillor in Shendam, she has grown to be an ubiquitous power broker in Plateau with the capability of being either an asset to those she is in league with or a thorn to those opposed to her.

She was to display these sides of her in the run up to the 2007 election when she joined the race on the side of JNG and tilted his hitherto unsteady pose to a position of balance, giving him the space and leverage to counter his opponents.

When as a PDP gubernatorial aspirant Jang was almost losing his voice to that of those who were calling for a rerun election after the primaries which did not produce a



GOV Jona Jang

clear winner, it was Tallen that came to the rescue.

What would have been a repeat primary in which the conspiracy against Jang would have been too much for him to bear was discounted when Tallen pressed the necessary buttons using her connections at the top echelon of the PDP then, and the idea of a repeat primary was shelved.

**T**he prospect of having Tallen to one's side is so propitious to any candidate seeking election in Plateau state, some observers have said. But none can deny that the relationship between Jang and Tallen is no longer rosy.

Even though both of them have denied any rift between them in the past, the denial seem more like a front, like the veil used by Obasanjo and Atiku to cover their differences until preparatory to the 2007 elections, when the bubble burst. Many say it is only a matter of time before the bubble would burst on both Jang and Tallen.

The rift between the two only came to the open early last year with the formation of a faction of the PDP in the state when most of the supporters of the deputy governor were identified as open supporters of the new faction, PDP 2. This believed to have led to governor to take the decision to cut her to size. And as a first step, he removed the education portfolio from the deputy governor's office.

**A**nother thing was the removal of one of her allies as commissioner and the refusal of the state governor to accept her nomination as replacement.

The undeniable happened when at an event in Maiduguri last year, the deputy appeared at a function only for another official of the state government to appear and present himself as the representative of the governor. Tallen had to explain at that occasion that she was there in her personal capacity and as a catholic. Worse things have also happened.

**T**wo weeks ago when the state governor was hosted at a rally of the PDP in her home local government, she was conspicuously absent from the occasion. In the face of the existing factions of the PDP in the state, the impression she sought to give by her absence was resounding.

At the moment, it is an open secret in political circles that her position is in the market with about two local government chairmen and some prominent politicians from the southern zone jostling for it.

But at what cost can Jang afford to sacrifice Tallen even if they do not agree politically? Can any of the people touted as likely replacement effectively add value or even fill in the gap blocked by Tallen when she was both running mate and later deputy governor?

Among the politicians on the Plateau only the likes of former deputy senate president Ibrahim Mantu, former governors Chief Solomon Lar, Joshua Dariye and Fidelis Tappun have the kind wide contacts across the country that Tallen has.

Her contacts along the PDP hierarchy is also said to be enormous. Her recent seconding the motion to swear in Okwesilieze



DEPUTY Gov Pauline Tallen

Nwodo as the new PDP chairman also attests to how savvy she can be when it matters most in politics.

**A**t the state level, Tallen who hails from Shendam in the southern senatorial zone of the state has not left followers of political events in the state in doubt about how wide she can spread her tentacles with her fingers in almost every pie. Many therefore feel that it would amount to political suicide to drop her?

Many in the state believe that the intention to drop Tallen is majorly due to her gubernatorial ambition. Given her projections and the activities she has been involved in, it is clear that the deputy governor position Tallen is at present occupying is not her turf.

Many, including Governor Jang, suspect her real ambition is to become governor. The governor had in the early days of his administration hinted on the suspicion when he told her at a gathering that she was still young and could afford to wait for him to complete his second tenure before he hands over to her. Indeed many observers have drawn some similarities between the Jang/Tallen saga and the Obasanjo/Atiku story when the duo held sway as President and Vice President respectively.

**N**ow, the thought of handing over to her appears to be a far cry and the calculation is that she is better done away with in time because if she is there for eight years, it would not be easy for any upstart to push her out.

Another thing is that it is suspected that Tallen may not have approved whole sale some of the

policies of the Jang administration. The urge to remain independent minded in the administration is a luxury she cannot afford to have because it is misinterpreted as not being one hundred percent loyal. The urge to be assertive in some respect appears to have made her a foe.

**B**esides, there is the Jang persona which many believe does not forgive. Because of the certain things that had happened in the past, those who know Jang and his penchant for getting say even if all other factors are ignored, he has to prove to Tallen that he can exert a pound of flesh.

Those being peddled as likely successors of Tallen include a local government chairman and two former gubernatorial hopefuls, all from the southern zone where she hails from.

**A**part from the local government chairman who may want to play the good boy, the two others having been in the national assembly and contested the governorship of the state are also known to be independent minded and bold enough to say their minds.

Though their influences go beyond their local governments, the duo may not have shown the capacity that could rival that of Tallen. But in politics, some factors may make up for others and in the case of the two they are known to have connections outside the state and are both wealthy.

Whether Jang would juggle all these factors and prefer to give Tallen the boot remains to be seen, but doing that for now appears risky.

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# Constitution Amendment: Gombe rejects 21 sections

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

GOMBE State House of Assembly has rejected 21 sections from the first harmonized 2010 constitutional amendment bill which was sent to the legislature for approval.

Some of the areas rejected include Section 190 which empowers the Vice President or Deputy Governor to act on behalf of their bosses, President and Governor respectively, if after 21 working days the principals

remained absent from office.

Also rejected by the Assembly is Section 106 which makes provision for independent candidate. The legislators argued that the alteration was made to suit only unpopular politicians who lack party discipline and want to win election at all costs, thereby causing chaos in the society.

One other issue which got stiff resistance from the lawmakers is the minimum academic qualification for contesting elec-

tion which the national assembly pegged at diploma level.

A Press Release signed and made available to newsmen by the information officer of the Gombe State House of Assembly, Umaru Ma'aji, said the house rejected parts of the amended constitution because the provisions were contrary to the interest of the generality of Nigerians, especially at the state and local government levels.

According to the press release, "the State

Legislators have considered the culture, traditions and way of life of our people in adopting the constitution so as to approve what our people want."

Among the proposals approved by the Gombe Assembly, are sections 69 and 66 which confer power on INEC to recall any member found wanting as well holding elections 121 to 150 days before the expiration of tenure so that cases will be dispensed before swearing in of elected persons.

## Gov Orji of Abia joins APGA

GOVERNOR Theodore Orji of Abia has joined the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), Mr Joshua Ogbonna, Special Adviser to the governor on Print Media, announced in Umuahia.

Ogbonna, who made the announcement yesterday while briefing newsmen on the political future of the governor, said that Orji had lost confidence in the PPA which brought him to power.

"I have the mandate of Governor Theodore Orji to inform you that the governor has joined APGA because the party has shown that it is disciplined and focused than the rest of the parties in the country," he said.

Ogbonna added that APGA was more progressive, hence Orji's decision to join the party.

He said that Orji decided to leave PPA due to the activities of its National Chairman Larry Essien, who, he said, had shown that he was not conversant with the happenings in the state and had summoned the governor to

explain an issue that the party was 'not even sure of'.

Ogbonna said that chieftains of APGA including Chief Odumegwu Ojukwu, Governor Peter Obi of Anambra and the two factional chairmen of the party at the national level would be in the state on Friday to formally welcome the governor to the party.

Mr Emeka Nwachukwu, APGA state chairman, said that the party was a better political platform for the governor to realise his ambition of moving the state forward.

"APGA remains a party with great appeal and given a convivial political atmosphere the party will win elections in the South East zone," Nwachukwu said.

Nwachukwu, who is the State Chairman of Conference of Nigeria Political Parties, said that the party leadership had concluded arrangements to give the governor a rousing welcome and solidarity to his new party. (NAN)



GOV Theodore Orji

## ...We're not aware, says PPA

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

PROGRESSIVE Peoples Alliance (PPA) yesterday said it was not aware that Abia State Governor Theodore Orji had defected to the All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) because of disagreements with some party chieftains.

PPA's National Secretary Dahiru Musa Abdullahi said there was no correspondence from Governor Orji to the effect that he was leaving the PPA. He said the report was fabricated to compound the

disagreement between the party and the governor in the state. The party's scribe said Governor Orji had begun implementing the recommendations given to him early this week by the party in order to restore the confidence of the people in the PPA as a party and make effort to improve his relationship with the party in the state.

Governor Orji was reported to have sacked the Secretary of the State Government Mr. Mazi Donatus Okerie, Commissioners of Justice, works and housing Mr. Umeh Kalu, Mr. Emma Nwabuko and Mr. Uche Ihediwa respectively as well as Chief of

Staff Mr. Mascot Uzor Kalu.

PPA National Chairman Mr. Larry Esin had, on Monday, instructed Governor Orji to ensure that he paid the allowances of his deputy Dr. Chirs Akomas and workers' salaries before August this year or face the wrath of the party.

Esin also tasked the governor to refurbish his relationship with Chairman of the BOT of the party Chief Orji Uzor Kalu and the Deputy Governor Chris Akomas and all party chieftains in Abia State, complete outstanding contracts and provide sustainable solution to kidnapping in the state.

## Jigawa AC chieftains decamp to PDP

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

CHIEFTAINS of the Action Congress including a House of Representatives aspirant, Alhaji Farouq Dalhatu, AC's state secretary, Alhaji Sa'adu Barawa and the 27 local government chairmen of the party yesterday defected to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Receiving the defectors at the state secretariat

of the party in Dutse, PDP chairman Alhaji Isa Ahmad Duniya Ba Hutu said the Action Congress had come to the end of the road in Jigawa state. He also called on other opposition political parties in the state to down their tools because PDP has taken over the driver's seat to take the state to the promise land. "We want them to join the ruling party to move the state forward," he said. Alhaji Isa Ahmad told the new entrants to the PDP to "feel free in

the PDP" which had become their home from the moment they were received.

"You were in the PDP before you quit for AC. Now that you are back, you have no problem. We will treat you like any other party member," he said. Addressing the gathering, the former secretary of AC Alhaji Sa'adu Barwa said the defectors resolved to quit AC and return to the PDP because the ruling party is doing its best to develop the state.

## 'Northern youths won't support Jonathan in 2011'

From Halima Musa, Kaduna

THE Northern Youth Assembly has resolved not to support any move by President Good Luck Jonathan to clinch the presidential seat in 2011.

The youths made this known in a statement after its meeting in Kaduna at the weekend. The statement signed by national publicity secretary of the assembly, Mr Peter Hassan, said that any move by Jonathan to contest the 2011 election would not augur well for the peace and unity of the country.

The statement said the gentlemen agreement reached by the PDP should be allowed to thrive, saying the agreement could be reviewed at the end of 2015. "The Northern Youth Assembly is of the opinion that if the rotational system of power; between the south and the north is not in the best interest of the Nigerian democracy or Nigerians, it could be reviewed in 2015. This will be in the best interest of justice and fair play to all regions," it said.

## Nigeria's electoral policies have no problem but....

Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

NIGERIA'S structural policies on elections have no problem, it is the implementation and those who carry out the implementation that have problem, Senator Ahmad Maccido (PDP, Sokoto Central) has said.

Senator Maccido who stated this in an interview in Sokoto yesterday, said "what is important is for the stakeholders to sit down and re-examine ways of implementing policies that were provided by law."

Senator Maccido lauded the appointment of Professor Attahiru Jega as chairman of INEC, noting that he is known to be a man of principles who is tested and trusted.

"I think he will do well because he has the capacity," the lawmaker said.



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NASARAWA STATE

As transformations go, the one engineered by Alhaji (Dr.) Aliyu Akwe Doma, OON, *Madauchin Doma*, in Nasarawa State in the past three years has been nothing short of breathtaking and extra-ordinary. Within the framework of his administration's **13-point Agenda** which aims to capture the critical areas of need of a people desperately in a hurry to develop and catch-up with the rest of the country, Governor Doma has set in motion a chain of critical reform measures that have within a short period of time literally turned around the fortunes of the young state.

Presently, the Nasarawa metamorphosis is all-encompassing. The reform measures are essentially designed to redress social infrastructure deficits as well as deficits in virtually all sectors; accelerate rural development, improve and expand the agricultural base of the state; and tackle head-on the pandemic of poverty by means of MDG-based poverty reduction strategies.

In general, the reforms have given added impetus to good governance, accountability, transparency and efficient service delivery in the state's public sector.



School of Nursing and Midwifery complex in Lafia



School of Nursing Students' Hostel complex Lafia, under construction



Health personnel administering vaccination to people.



Former First Lady Musa Yar'Adua, Turai inspecting the Taimako Breast and Cervix Cancer Centre Lafia during the commissioning ceremony

**E**fficient healthcare delivery remains top of the agenda of the Doma administration. The state governor signaled early on his strong desire and determination to address the deplorable healthcare delivery situation he met at inception, through the establishment of Healthcare Assessment and Implementation Advisory Committees. Following the findings and recommendations of the committees, the governor embarked on massive construction, rehabilitation and provision of ultra-modern healthcare facilities/equipment/drugs/health personnel and the introduction of qualitative services across the state, towards the overall upliftment of the quality of life of the people of the state.

This is in addition, to the aggressive implementation of health-based projects under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations. By all independent

accounts, Nasarawa State is well ahead of the remaining 35 States of the federation in the significant area of increased access to health system interventions.

### Score-Card:

Establishment, staffing and equipping of six general hospitals (two in each of the three senatorial zones of the State); procurement and distribution of Ambulances to all six General Hospitals in the State and the Dalhātu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia; staffing of the hospitals by trained health personnel and the implementation of CONTISS salary structure in the State's health institutions; establishment of 150 functional Millennium Development Goal (MDGs) rural healthcare facilities across the State which have had significant impact on ante-natal care, child mortality, immunization, pneumonia and diarrhoea treatment.



Taimako Breast and Cervix Cancer Centre, Lafia.

HEALTH



NASARAWA STATE

# 3 years of Giant Strides



Taimako Breast and Cervix Cancer Centre, Lafia.



Mammographic machine for screening cancer at Taimako Screening Centre, Lafia.



A cancer screening bed at Taimako Screening Centre, Lafia.



Former First Lady Turai Yar'Adua (right) with wife of Governor Doma, Hajiya Rerliya Doma, during the commissioning of the Taimako Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Centre, Lafia.



Laboratory for screening of cancer at the Taimako Centre.



Her Excellency Hajiya Doma Launching the Hand Washing Campaign to promote Hygiene & Sanitation in Nasarawa State



MDG Primary Healthcare clinic, sarkin Noma, Kardoko, Kean Local Government Council



Health personnel with vaccines ready to administer same to beneficiaries.



A Medical Personnel attending to an eye patient.

HEALTH



## UNVEILING OF THE PERMANENT COURT COMPLEX OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COURT, KANO DIVISION, KANO



THE COURT COMPLEX OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COURT, KANO DIVISION: - BRINGING JUSTICE NEARER TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH WEST GEOPOLITICAL ZONE OF NIGERIA.

The President, National Industrial Court

**Hon. Justice Babatunde Adeniran Adejumo, OFR**

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Former C.J.N, Justice Idris Kutigi with President NIC, Justice Babatunde Adejumo

The Judiciary, the Legal Community, Leadership of Organised Labour, National and State Assemblies, and interested members of the Public to the Commissioning of the National Industrial Court, Kano Division Permanent Court Complex, Kano, by His Lordship, Hon. Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi, GCON, the Immediate Past Chief Justice of Nigeria.

**Date:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2010  
**Venue:** The Permanent Court Complex, GP381, New Court Road, Gyadi-Gyadi, Kano, Kano State  
**Time:** 10.00a.m Prompt.

The Purpose built Court Complex of the Kano Division of the National Industrial Court, is a manifestation of the ongoing massive infrastructural upgrade of the Eight Divisions of the Court to provide a conducive environment for the promotion of Industrial peace and harmony in Nigeria.

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# BUSINESS

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“Nigeria’s foreign reserves hit an all time high of \$64 billion in August 2008 when the international oil price reached a record high of \$165 per barrel

## Foreign reserves fall to \$37bn

By Idris Ahmed

THE Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) said yesterday that the country’s foreign reserves have further declined to \$37 billion from \$38 billion a week ago.

The apex bank did not say the reason behind the fall.

CBN has always maintained that the increase or the decrease in the reserves is a function of out-flow and the inflow of the country’s international transactions.

Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi of CBN said at the last Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting that the balance of \$38 billion in reserves were sufficient to finance more than 17 months of import in the country.

The reserves balanced at \$43.57 billion during the same period last year.

Nigeria’s foreign reserves hit an all time high of \$64 billion in August 2008 when the international oil price reached a record high of \$165 per barrel.

Also yesterday, CBN sold \$250 million foreign exchange at its Wholesale Dutch Auction System (WDAS) to dealers.

This was about \$12, 644, 271 short of what dealers demanded for. On Monday, the same \$250 million forex was sold by the CBN out of the \$269,123,223.87 demanded by dealers.

### BIZtoons

BY AKIBO JIBRIN

FG PLEDGES BETTER POWER REGULATION TO ATTRACT INVESTORS

- News



...I just pray they don't end up investing into charcoal business like us this time around

## Banking sub-sector sustains lead in trading activities on NSE

THE banking sub-sector on Wednesday continued its dominance over other sub-sectors at the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), trading 133.77 million shares valued at N1.23 billion in 3,307 deals. Activities in the sub-sector were largely driven by the shares of First Bank where N419.14 million was invested on 32.12 million shares in 832 deals.

The insurance sub-sector was the second most active, with 44.3 million shares worth N43.4 million exchanged in 327 deals.

The food, beverages and tobacco sub-sector traded 33.2 million shares valued at N694.91 million in 929 deals. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the NSE market indicators dropped by 0.11 per cent at the close of Wednesday’s transactions. The market capitalisation, which opened at N6.181 trillion, closed at N6.174 trillion. All-Share Index fell by 28.25 points to close at 25,384.14 from the opening index of 25,412.39. Prices of 38 stocks appreciated while those of 31 others depreciated. Cadbury led the price losers, shedding N1.42 to close at N27.17. Nigerian Breweries went down by N1.00 to close at N63.00 while Flourmill lost 40k to close at N69. Benue Cement Company (BCC) led the price gainers, appreciating by N3.00 to close at N63.

WAPCO gained N1.00 to close at N39.00 while CCNN also gained 70k to close at N17.60. A total of 266.08 million shares worth N2.45 billion were traded in 6,522 deals on Wednesday. This was against 175.33 million shares valued at N1.60 billion exchanged in 5,914 deals on Tuesday.

## S/African bank stresses importance of Nigerian market in Africa

MR Louis Zeuner, Deputy Group Chief Executive of Absa Group, a South African bank, on Wednesday stressed the importance of the Nigerian market in the broader African economy.

Zeuner made the assertion in an e-mail he sent to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Johannesburg. It was in response to the enquiries about the depth of the bank’s plans for the Nigerian banking industry in which it has shown interest. There has been increasing interest of South African banks in the Nigerian banking industry.

NAN reports that Standard Bank, which has back, announced that it was eyeing further growth opportunities in the Nigerian banking sector through select acquisitions.

The bank has indicated its interest in the next round of consolidation in the sector.

First Rand had also announced its interest in participating in the process of consolidating the Nigerian banking industry.

“No one doubts the importance of the Nigerian market in the broader African economy,” Zeuner said, hinging Absa’s interest on the need to become an active player in the market.

“ACTIVITIES in Nigeria remain a priority for Absa, as we enhance our presence on the continent,” he said.

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Wednesday, June 30, 2010
Index:	25,412.39
Deals:	6,522
Volume:	266,081,057
Value:	N 2,450,047,526.70
Cap.:	N 6,181,288,376,547.13

### TRUST INDEX

Inflation	11%
GDP	7.23%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$38bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.2bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$79 a barrel
Power Supply	3,759.9MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N10,959,238.2m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,065,975.8m
Inter-Bank Rate	4.3700%
Treasury Bills	1.65%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

### CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
29/6/2010			
CFA	0.2576	0.2676	0.2776
DANISH KRONER	24.1693	24.2502	24.3321
EURO	180.0995	180.7098	181.3201
POUNDS STERLING	222.1365	222.8893	223.6412
RIYAL	39.3467	39.48	39.6133
SDR	217.651	218.3886	219.1261
SWISS FRANC	135.7031	136.163	136.6228
US DOLLAR	147.55	148.05	148.55
WAUA	217.0491	217.7846	218.5201
YEN	1.6601	1.6658	1.6714

### Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N186
Pound	N210
SELLING	
Dollar	N153
Euro	N190
Pound	N223

Source: Seb J Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.



## Business/Trade & Commerce



PUSHING a wheel barrow to eke out a living at the Wuse Market Abuja, yesterday.

# AGOA: Nigerian products are not competitive in US

By Sunday Williams

THE harsh condition of doing business in Nigeria makes it difficult for her products to be competitive in the United States which is one of the reasons why the country has not been able to utilize the opportunity provided by the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), a US consultant, Prof. Thomas Andrew O'Keefe has said.

He made the remarks yesterday in Abuja at AGOA interactive forum with the theme: "Entrepreneurship and AGOA: Why Nigerian businesses should export to the US," organized by Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC).

AGOA provides duty free and quota free market preferences for about 6,400 products including apparels, footwear and nuts among others from Sub-Saharan African countries to the United States' markets until 2015.

Professor O'Keefe said the World Bank's 2010 special report on doing business in Nigeria was not encouraging as the country ranks number 125 out of 183.

He said: "One of the problems as highlighted by the report is the cost and time consume in registering a company. In Nigeria it cost about 80 percent of an average Nigerian annual salary to

register a company and takes almost a month compare with Mauritius which is very successful in AGOA. In Mauritius, it costs about 4 percent of annual income of an average worker to register a company."

He said with all the attendant infrastructural problems like power, transport, delay in ports etc all added up the cost of production which makes the goods less competitive in the United States markets.

He said as the programme comes to an end in 2015, there is the likelihood for the US Government to either extent it for another period or indefinitely or replace it with a bilateral trade arrangement.

The United states imports from Sub-Saharan Africa under AGOA were \$66.3 billion in 2008, about 29.9 percent more than in 2007. Out of the amount, US oil imports accounted for 92 percent of the \$66.3 billion, while non-oil imports accounted for 7.7 percent or just \$5 billion.

Nigeria ranks 8th out of the 40 AGOA beneficiary countries in 2008 exports of agricultural products to US.

Nigeria's leading AGOA non-oil products to the US includes, shea butter, shrimps, cahew nuts, ginger, gum Arabic, cocoa products and local foods.

# 'States not doing well in promotion of non-oil exports'

By Sunday Williams

STATE Committees on export promotion in the country are not doing well to increase the contribution of non-oil exports sector, the Executive Director, Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) David I. Adulugba has said.

The State committees on export promotion was established through the NEPC Amendments Decree No.72 of 1979 to coordinate grassroots export activities of the council and act as catalyst on non-oil export business across the nation.

Speaking in Abuja at a retreat on revitalization of state committees on export promotion, the Executive Director said the committees seem to have been quiet for a while now.

He said: "This situation has not assisted the council or

Nigeria in any way as regards the yearnings for increased contribution of non-oil export sector away from near total dependence on oil as the major source of foreign exchange earnings."

Represented by the Director, Trade, Information, Planning and Cooperation, Levi Akor, the Executive Director said the forum will among other things proffer implementable strategies that will enhance the performance of the non-oil sector in the country.

In his address, the Chairman, NEPC Governing Board Alhaji Abuba kar Ali Jatau said the forum will proffer solutions to problematic issues such as inadequate funding of the committees, frequent changes of nodal officers which is aided by change of state executives (government).

# Germany plans free visa for Nigerian businessmen

By Idris Ahmed

NIGERIAN businessmen would soon start enjoying visa-free flying to German's Parchim International Airport Trade Zone, a firm said.

Chairman of the Fortune Global & Shipping Limited Mr Eric Opah said negotiations are under way with German authorities on this arrangement. He said as soon as negotiation is concluded, going to Germany would be like going to Dubai in the United Arab Emirate.

He said Fortune Global would also procure visa for Italy, Spain, China, Egypt, United Kingdom and a lot of other countries for Nigerian businessmen.

Chinese's Linde International Logistics Group wholly acquired Parchim International Airport and the affiliated 850 hectares of land in Germany in 2007.

Fortune Global is a member of World Freight Network (WFN), connected to more than 600 offices, each of whom has extensive knowledge of their local markets and can move cargo from any point in the world by air or sea. Also, the firm provides door-to-door services either from the airport or sea port.

# '47% of imported tyres are sub-standard'

By Sunday Williams

ABOUT 47 percent of importations of tyres in Nigeria by fragmented importers are sub-standard and low quality, Managing Director, Michelin Tyre Service Company Limited (MTSC), Mr. Jean-Yves Maron has said.

In a presentation during a visit to the Minister of Commerce in Abuja, the Managing Director said the low quality tyres pose a threat to the safety of Nigerian tyre users as it has contributed to high rates of accidents on Nigerian roads.

With no more local manufacturing, importation

of tyres has become an all comers affair with attendant problems of "smart" Nigerian businessmen importing low quality, low priced products to the detriment of the safety of the users and the environment.

He said high import tariffs on imported car tyres at 20 percent customs duty plus 20 percent import levy is no longer beneficial to the overall economy.

"As there is no local tyre manufacturer in the country, the tariff protection should be lowered from the current 40 to 20 percent total duty while retaining the 10 percent duty on truck tyres," he said.

# 'FG reforms have not made impact on business'

By Sunday Williams

THE National President of Nigerian Chamber of Commerce, Industry Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA) Dr. Simon Okolo has said that the ongoing reforms by Federal Government have not made the desired impact on business activities in the country.

He made the remarks in Abuja when he led a delegation of NACCIMA on a courtesy visit to the minister of Commerce and Industry Jubril Martins-Kuye.

He said the reforms in the power sector have not made any impact.

He urged the Federal Government to stop the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)

from implementing the proposed new tariff until the electricity infrastructure in the country is revived.

Speaking, the minister of Commerce and Industry, Jubril Martins-Kuye urged stakeholders in the nation's industrial sector to be patient with the Government while it is taking measures to improve the power situation in the country.

He said: "There might be error of omission and commission in the past but the present government is very much alive on its responsibilities. The thing that is most dear to life and progress of Nigerians is power and that is number one priority of this government. We will soon earn your commendation.

Business

# Politicians who are farmers can't access credit in banks - Audu Ogbe



AUDU Ogbe

By Suleiman Bisalla

FORMER chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and now a chieftain of the Action Congress (AC) Audu Ogbe has said that politicians who became farmers are finding it difficult to access credit to fund their agric business.

Chief Ogbe in an interview with Daily Trust said the banks claimed that they were working on instruction from the Central Bank of Nigeria not to honour any application from politicians who are farmers.

"The most ridiculous was the Agric Credit Scheme; the N200 billion where a bank told me that there was an instruction from the CBN that persons with political exposure - they call us politically exposed persons - were not qualified to get a bank loan. I wrote a letter to the CBN governor and he denied giving any such instruction. But we still cannot access credits. We do have the land to farm. I have been in farming since childhood," he said.

He said it is also difficult for investors of northern extraction to secure loan from the banks, despite collateral, adding that there is serious poverty in the Northern part of Nigeria.

"I can tell you it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to access bank credits no matter the security we have. I don't know whether this is deliberate. Many of us of northern extraction have sat down recently and each has shared his experience. No matter the security you have, there is always a reason why you don't qualify," he said.

He expressed worry that in the area of industry, 'the entire northern industries have closed down'.

He said: "Most of the northern states cannot boast of one factory or two. That can't be for too long. If we don't deal with the economy and our population is rising faster than the south... by 2050 Nigeria's population will be 300 million, going by current statistics. We will overtake Indonesia and become the third most populous country in the world. That is threatening."

## Dangote Sugar's 2009 pretax profit down 35%

DANGOTE Sugar said on Wednesday its 2009 pre-tax profit dropped 35 percent to N19.58 billion (\$132 million), but the firm proposed a dividend of N1.00 per share. Gross earnings at the

company rose 2 percent to N82.39 billion in the period, the unit of Dangote Group, Nigeria's top private conglomerate, said in a filing to the Nigerian Stock Exchange. (Reuters).

## SkyeBank sees N10.36bn Q3 profit

SKYE Bank on Wednesday forecast a 10.36 billion naira pre-tax profit for its third quarter to September on gross earnings of N61.94 billion.

The bank, which has changed its financial year to the calendar year, did not provide comparative figures in its filing with the Nigerian Stock Exchange. (Reuters).

## Oil spill: Exxonmobil, Shell may bid for BP

From Mohammed Shosanya with agency report

EXXON Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell may consider bidding for British Petroleum Plc after the London-based oil company lost more than half of its market value in the wake of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, JPMorgan Cazenove Ltd. said.

According to Fred Lucas, a London-based analyst at JP Morgan, Exxon Mobil has the stronger balance sheet and proven ability to integrate a large transaction. He said it could make cash and share offer, valuing BP at 473 pence a share compared with yesterday's close of 308.25 pence, and including a \$50 billion spin-off of BP's downstream assets.

BP's market value has collapsed by more than

\$100 billion since the April 20 explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig that killed 11 crew members and caused the leak.

The company has set aside \$20 billion to pay for Gulf restoration and compensation claims and said yesterday the cost of battling the spill had reached \$2.65 billion.

Any potential attempt to buy BP would have to be backed by "ruthless integration," JPMorgan said, adding that BP has many high quality assets, including deepwater positions and upstream operations, Lucas wrote under a future possible scenario.

Sheila Williams, a spokeswoman for BP, declined to comment, as did Kim Blomley, a London-based spokesman for Shell.

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## Business / Aviation

# NAMA completes final phase of radar project

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

NIGERIAN Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) has announced the completion of the multi-billion naira new radar project for the entire country under the Total Radar Coverage of Nigeria (TRACON) initiative.

The new surveillance system which was conceived seven years ago by the federal government to enhance air traffic safety in the aviation industry, has nine locations with major stations in Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt and Kano.

According to the General Manager of Public Affairs of NAMA, Mr. Supo Atobatele, radar heads at these stations are co-fixed with both Primary and Secondary surveillance system having a range of 65 and 256 nautical miles respectively.

He explained that the radar project has five relay stations located in Ilorin, Maiduguri, Obubra, Numan and Talata-Mafara with optimization of the

last two stations by foreign engineers commencing this week.

Atobatele stated that Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt airports had been on operation since last year while Kano came on stream recently to boost the nation's surveillance system.

The backbone of this project he disclosed is a VSAT network that connects the various radar sites which allows the two Area Control Centres [ACCs] in Lagos and Kano to receive radar inputs from the secondary radar sites.

He hinted that the managing director of the Agency, Alhaji Ibrahim Auyo is elated by this development, saying that the new surveillance would definitely improve the air traffic management of the nation's airspace.

NAMA's Director of Engineering Services, Mazi Nnamdi Udoh remarked that "the joy is that a 35 year old technology has been replaced with a state-of-the-art technology".

## Trust Weather Forecast

S/N	CITIES	MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE(°C)	
		01/07/10	02/07/10
1	SOKOTO	37	38
2	KATSINA	37	38
3	NGURU	38	38
4	KANO	36	36
5	POTKUM	39	38
6	MAIDUGURU	39	39
7	YELWA	36	36
8	KADUNA	34	35
9	BAUCHI	36	35
10	GOMBE	36	35
11	JALINGO	36	35
12	YOLA	36	35
13	ABUJA	34	34
14	JOS	28	28
15	MINNA	34	35
16	MAKURDI	34	34
17	LOKOJA	34	34
18	ILORIN	34	35
19	M/PLATEAU	29	29
20	OGOJA	30	32
21	OBUDU	30	32
22	IKOM	30	32
23	ENUGU	33	33
24	ASABA	33	33
25	BENIN	30	32
26	IBADAN	33	33
27	ABEOKUTA	34	34
28	SHAKI	34	35
29	OSHOGBO	33	34
30	AKURE	33	34
31	LAGOS	33	32
32	WARRI	33	32
33	YENAGOA	32	32
34	P/HARCOURT	32	32
35	OWERRI	32	32
36	UYO	32	32
37	CALABAR	32	32
38	ABAKALI	33	32
39	ADO EKITI	33	33
40	AWKA	33	33
41	DUTSE	37	38
42	EKET	32	33
43	GUSAU	37	37
44	LAFIA	34	35
45	ONITSHA	33	33
46	UMUAHIA	33	33
47	ZARIA	34	34

Source: NIMET

## Flight schedule (local)

### LAGOS - ABUJA (MONDAY-FRIDAY)

AIRLINE	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
1. Aero	06.50	08.10
2. Associated	07.00	09.30
3. Nigerian Eagle	07.00	08.20
4. IRS	07.00	08.20
5. Dana	07.02	08.22
6. Arik	07.15	08.15
7. Air Nigeria	08.15	09.35
8. Dana	08.10	09.20
9. Aero	08.45	10.05
10. Arik	09.15	10.15
11. IRS	11.15	12.35
12. Dana	12.06	12.26
13. Aero	12.20	13.30
14. Arik	13.45	14.45
15. IRS	14.00	15.20
16. Aero	14.10	15.30
17. Nigerian Eagle	14.50	16.10
18. Dana	15.30	16.50
19. Arik	15.50	16.50
20. Aero	16.00	17.20
21. IRS	16.30	17.50
22. Arik	16.50	17.50
23. Dana	17.10	18.30
24. Air Nigeria	17.35	18.55
25. Air Nigeria (T/TH)	18.30	19.50
26. Arik	18.45	19.45
27. Aero	19.20	20.40

### ABUJA - LAGOS

1. Aero	07.00	08.15
2. Dana	07.02	08.22
3. Arik	07.15	08.15
4. Air Nigeria	09.05	10.15
5. Dana	09.36	10.50
6. Arik	09.45	10.45
7. Air Nigeria	10.20	11.35
8. Arik	10.20	11.20
9. Aero	10.50	12.05
10. Nigerian Eagle	11.20	12.35
11. Aero	11.55	13.10
12. Arik	12.00	13.00
13. Air Nigeria	12.35	13.50
14. Dana	13.05	14.25
15. Aero	14.25	15.25
16. Dana	14.40	16.00
17. Arik	14.40	15.40
18. Air Nigeria	15.30	16.45
19. Arik	15.35	16.35
20. Arik	17.30	18.30
21. Dana	17.40	18.00
22. Aero	17.50	19.05
23. Arik	18.10	19.10
24. Aero	18.20	19.35
25. Air Nigeria	19.40	20.55
26. Aero	19.45	21.00
27. Air Nigeria	20.35	21.50

### REGIONAL FLIGHTS

#### LAGOS - ACCRA

Air Nigeria (Daily)	08.00; 17.00; 22.45
Aero (Daily)	07.25; 17.10
Arik (Daily)	08.00; 17.00

#### LAGOS - ABIDJAN

Air Nigeria (M/W/F)	18.25
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#### LAGOS - BANJUL

Air Nigeria (TH/SUN)	21.45
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#### LAGOS - COTONOU

Air Nigeria (M/W/F)	18.25
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#### LAGOS - DAKAR

Air Nigeria (M/W/F)	22.45
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#### LAGOS - DOUALA

Air Nigeria (Daily)	08.30; 12.00
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#### LAGOS - LIBREVILLE

Air Nigeria (M/T/W/F)	08.30; 12.00
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#### LAGOS - MONROVIA

Air Nigeria (T/TH/Sat)	07.30
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#### LAGOS - FREETOWN/BANJUL/DAKAR

Arik (M/W/F/SUN)	08.00
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#### LAGOS - JOHANNESBURG

Arik	11.15
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#### LAGOS - LONDON

Arik (Daily)	11.35
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#### LAGOS - NEW YORK

Arik (T/TH/SUN)	23.20
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# Business/Finance

## Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)
<b>2ND-TIER SECURITIES</b>				
ADSWITCH PLC	1	1.90	2,000	3,620.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,620.00</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>				
FTN COCOA PROCES. PLC	14	0.70	658,000	469,498.00
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	13	0.73	198,850	142,130.00
OKITIPUPA OIL PALM PLC	1	6.21	1,000	5,900.00
PRESCO PLC	8	5.50	73,309	421,805.63
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>931,159</b>	<b>1,039,333.63</b>
<b>AIR SERVICES</b>				
AIRL/SERVICES & LOG. PLC	18	2.85	418,350	1,155,815.50
NIG. AV. HAND. COY PLC	143	10.95	655,083	7,214,661.10
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>161</b>		<b>1,073,433</b>	<b>8,370,476.60</b>
<b>AUTOMOBILE &amp; TYRE</b>				
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	2	0.50	188,992	94,496.00
R. T. BRISCOE (NIG.) PLC	33	4.15	708,762	2,941,278.94
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>897,754</b>	<b>3,035,774.94</b>
<b>BANKING</b>				
ACCESS BANK PLC	185	8.10	6,176,377	50,018,273.79
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	39	1.96	1,452,481	2,805,781.77
DIAMOND BANK PLC	45	7.55	978,889	7,364,105.81
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	50	4.70	2,840,478	13,415,841.11
FIRST CITY MON. BANK PLC	115	8.30	5,382,582	43,827,841.63
FIDELITY BANK PLC	127	2.67	8,950,196	22,666,231.14
FIRST BANK OF NIG. PLC	832	13.17	32,116,922	419,138,854.57
FINBANK PLC	25	0.52	5,508,995	2,966,167.40
GTBANK PLC	525	16.65	11,086,387	184,696,212.16
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	57	10.07	1,369,304	13,778,275.54
INTERCONT. BANK PLC	67	1.53	984,315	1,520,405.42
OCEANIC BANK INT. PLC	73	1.65	1,547,331	2,514,991.88
BANK PHB PLC	84	1.33	4,846,385	6,719,724.48
SKYE BANK PLC	136	8.05	15,088,953	121,824,395.87
SPRING BANK PLC	8	0.63	296,209	189,620.51
STERLING BANK PLC	66	1.83	5,123,165	9,318,507.61
UNT. BANK FOR AFR. PLC	308	10.78	18,704,550	199,300,106.25
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	152	4.98	1,937,979	9,668,721.26
UNITYBANK PLC	7	1.11	148,753	165,115.83
WEMA BANK PLC	38	0.99	873,488	864,036.69
ZENITH BANK PLC	368	13.80	8,353,199	115,918,376.08
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>3,307</b>		<b>83,766,011</b>	<b>786,831,366.11</b>
<b>BUILDING MATERIALS</b>				
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	71	19.50	5,476,915	106,387,968.62
BENUE CEMENT COY PLC	28	63.00	340,127	21,273,888.81
CEMENT CO. OF NIG. PLC	30	17.60	305,427	5,319,038.85
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	25	39.00	281,588	10,975,838.50
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>154</b>		<b>6,404,057</b>	<b>143,956,734.78</b>
<b>CHEMICAL &amp; PAINTS</b>				
BERGER PAINTS NIG. PLC	9	5.72	39,506	221,972.82
CHEM & ALLIED PROD. PLC	7	30.00	3,983	119,975.83
I. P. W. A. PLC	1	1.09	3,700	3,848.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>47,189</b>	<b>345,796.65</b>
<b>CONGLOMERATES</b>				
A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC	7	3.98	238,000	947,240.00
PZ CUSSONS NIG. PLC	44	30.00	219,595	6,604,665.28
SCOA NIGERIA PLC	1	8.71	194	1,606.32
TRANS. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	10	0.50	1,942,000	971,000.00
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	72	41.50	762,979	31,706,348.32
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	105	23.56	414,555	9,765,817.21
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>239</b>		<b>3,577,323</b>	<b>49,996,677.11</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>				
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	28	7.58	980,007	7,399,446.63
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	11	55.00	49,048	2,599,544.00
M/VERSE RESOURCES PLC	4	0.50	93,485	46,742.50
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>1,122,540</b>	<b>10,045,733.13</b>
<b>ENGINEER. TECHNOLOGY</b>				
CUTIX PLC	9	3.61	180,000	630,360.00
NIGER. WIRE & CABLE PLC	10	0.76	188,600	143,336.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>368,600</b>	<b>773,696.00</b>
<b>FOOD/BEVERAGES &amp; TOB.</b>				
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	13	47.00	185,690	8,632,074.55
BIG TREAT PLC	12	0.76	243,392	179,578.16
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	92	27.17	1,139,627	31,153,837.08
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	302	20.55	3,593,208	74,047,224.15
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	312	20.30	26,255,023	533,306,322.71
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	58	69.00	394,531	27,145,558.62
HON/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	32	7.65	214,749	1,682,199.09
NAT. SALT COY NIGERIA PLC	49	7.55	847,060	6,564,778.59
NIG. BOTTLING COY PLC	17	30.00	34,854	1,020,710.25
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	23	360.00	30,604	10,783,453.60
N/NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC	7	33.58	3,000	95,730.00
TANTALIZERS PLC	17	0.87	298,138	257,673.17
UNION DICON SALT PLC	1	4.44	10,000	42,200.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>929</b>		<b>40,876,694</b>	<b>911,339.97</b>
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>				
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	2	1.60	4,920	7,478.40
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	21	3.11	433,690	1,319,792.00
GLAXOSM. CONS. NIG. PLC	19	28.08	49,726	1,397,391.42
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	19	5.84	294,540	1,626,392.00
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	3	2.53	14,900	35,909.00

UNION DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	22	0.64	4,253,000	2,559,440.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>86</b>		<b>5,050,776</b>	<b>6,946,402.82</b>
<b>HOTEL &amp; TOURISM</b>				
CAPITAL HOTEL PLC	2	3.07	2,000	5,840.00
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	18	1.72	396,505	688,714.80
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>398,505</b>	<b>694,554.80</b>
<b>IND/DOMESTIC PROD.</b>				
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC	7	0.50	217,500	108,750.00
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	17	6.60	214,086	1,433,578.40
VONO PRODUCTS PLC	8	0.50	44,000	22,000.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>475,586</b>	<b>1,564,328.40</b>
<b>INF. &amp; COMM. TECHNOL.</b>				
CHAMS PLC	35	0.57	1,705,073	945,136.95
STARCOMMS PLC	19	2.22	16,809,059	39,418,623.93
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>54</b>		<b>18,514,132</b>	<b>40,363,760.88</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
AFRIC/ALLIANCE INS. PLC	2	0.50	5,003,000	2,501,500.00
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	98	1.28	5,000,054	6,202,728.38
CONTINENTAL REINS. PLC	12	1.15	608,766	700,090.90
CORNERSTONE INS. CO. PLC	2	0.66	46,500	29,295.00
CUST. & ALLIED INSUR. PLC	20	3.50	4,745,250	16,445,792.50
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	3	0.50	238,000	119,000.00
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	15	0.65	13,042,501	8,459,014.65
GUAR. TRUST ASSUR. PLC	16	2.14	369,650	799,446.50
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	3	0.50	465,500	232,750.00
CONS. HALLMARK INS. PLC	3	0.50	240,200	120,100.00
INT. ENERGY INS. COY PLC	27	0.51	6,746,966	3,385,532.36
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	10	0.50	468,252	234,126.00
LAW UNION & ROCK INS. PLC	15	0.58	464,213	253,821.28
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	3	0.50	36,500	18,250.00
MUTUAL BEN. ASSUR. PLC	7	0.50	142,100	71,050.00
N.E.M. INS. CO. (NIG.) PLC	26	0.53	1,945,474	1,032,267.62
NIGER INSURANCE CO. PLC	7	0.83	130,268	108,322.44
OASIS INSURANCE PLC	1	0.59	354,950	209,420.50
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	7	3.44	26,400	90,153.00
REG. ALLIANCE INS. COY PLC	2	0.50	3,880	1,940.00
SOVEREIGN TRUST INS. PLC	3	0.50	1,099,569	549,784.50
STACO INSURANCE PLC	3	0.50	166,780	83,390.00
STAND. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	7	0.50	317,363	158,681.50
UNIC INSURANCE PLC	20	0.53	1,878,004	998,569.39
UNIVERSAL INSUR. COY PLC	3	0.50	91,700	45,850.00
INTERCONT. WAPIC INS. PLC	12	0.79	683,094	535,344.26
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>327</b>		<b>44,314,934</b>	<b>43,386,220.78</b>
<b>MARITIME</b>				
JAP/OIL & MARIT. SERV. PLC	81	1.52	1,728,150	2,650,443.98
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>81</b>		<b>1,728,150</b>	<b>2,650,443.98</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>				
AFROMEDIA PLC	6	0.61	400,000	244,000.00
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	13	0.79	118,827	94,864.68
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>518,827</b>	<b>338,864.68</b>
<b>MORTGAGE COMPANIES</b>				
ASO SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	4	0.50	54,280	27,140.00
RES. SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	11	0.50	2,000,100	1,000,050.00
UN/HOMES SAV&LOANS PLC	29	0.64	1,906,869	1,222,207.16
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>44</b>		<b>3,961,249</b>	<b>2,249,397.16</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCIAL INST.</b>				
CRUSADER NIGERIA PLC	16	0.60	684,223	410,533.80
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	3	0.76	5,100	3,723.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>689,323</b>	<b>414,256.80</b>
<b>PACKAGING</b>				
NIG. BAG MAN. COY PLC	336	2.55	2,235,845	5,758,263.59
NAMPAK NIGERIA PLC	3	4.67	6,607	30,617.33
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>339</b>		<b>2,242,452</b>	<b>5,788,880.92</b>
<b>PETROLEUM (MARKETING)</b>				
AFRICAN PETROLEUM PLC	52	36.58	179,070	6,391,909.13
BECO PETR. PROD. PLC	11	1.01	369,767	378,714.67
MRS OIL NIGERIA PLC	8	91.35	11,999	1,047,474.21
CONOIL PLC	18	54.00	44,572	2,288,214.52
ETERNA OIL & GAS PLC	18	7.20	137,105	984,287.55
MOBIL OIL NIGERIA PLC	16	174.67	18,566	3,081,559.04
OANDO PLC	105	75.00	519,676	39,000,296.58
TOTAL NIGERIA PLC	12	253.94	15,289	3,743,500.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>240</b>		<b>1,296,044</b>	<b>56,915,955.70</b>
<b>PRINTING &amp; PUBLISHING</b>				
LONGMAN NIGERIA PLC	11	6.87	93,257	613,340.21
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<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>269,137</b>	<b>1,795,253.81</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE</b>				
UACN PROP. DEV. CO. PLC	14	21.50	647,450	13,707,050.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>647,450</b>	<b>13,707,050.00</b>
<b>ROAD TRANSPORTATION</b>				
ASSOC. BUS COY PLC	9	0.85	151,140	122,423.40
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>151,140</b>	<b>122,423.40</b>
<b>TEXTILES</b>				
UNITED NIG. TEXTILES PLC	2	1.29	51,500	66,435.00
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>51,500</b>	<b>66,435.00</b>
<b>THE FOREIGN LISTINGS</b>				
ECOBANK TRANS. INCORP.	11	16.65	818,455	13,571,404.65
<b>SECTOR TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>818,455</b>	<b>13,571,404.65</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>6,522</b>		<b>266,081,057</b>	<b>2,450,047,526.70</b>

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HONYFLOUR	0.40



# CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

## GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING LIQUID ASSET STATUS TO STATE GOVERNMENT BONDS

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

State governments as agents of development are saddled with responsibilities that are sometimes beyond their resources, given the level of economic development in the country. The recourse to the capital market to fund projects, especially of long gestation periods, should therefore be encouraged as this will not only improve the socio-economic well being of the people but also deepen the capital market.

It is believed that conferring liquidity status on state government bonds would promote investments in these securities, encourage the regular issuance of the bonds by state governments, stimulate primary and secondary market activities and facilitate the development of the Nigerian capital market.

It is in light of the foregoing that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), on March 2, 2010, decided to confer liquid asset status on eligible state government bonds in accordance with the CBN Act (2007). The CBN hereby issues the following Guidelines to operationalize the decision.

### 2.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### 2.1 Enabling Legislation

The issuance of bonds shall be backed by a law enacted by the State Assembly, specifying that a Sinking Fund fully funded from the consolidated revenue fund account of the issuer be established.

#### 2.2 Fiscal Responsibility Law

The state government shall have in place a fiscal responsibility law, with adequate provisions for public debt management, in order to enhance investors' confidence in the issuer.

#### 2.3 Credit Rating

The state government shall have a credit rating at inception and throughout the tenor of the bonds. The credit rating shall be determined by a rating agency registered or recognized by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

#### 2.4 Utilization of Proceeds

The proceeds of the bond issue shall be strictly disbursed to the projects they were meant for and execution shall be monitored by the SEC. In addition, for outstanding bonds, a SEC confirmation shall be required.

#### 2.5 Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO)

The issuer shall provide an ISPO which shall be payable out of the Statutory Allocation of the state Government and shall be deductible at source. The ISPO shall be approved by the State Assembly.

#### 2.6 Sinking Fund

The issuer shall maintain a fully-funded Sinking Fund to be managed by a Trustee registered by the SEC.

#### 2.7 State Debt Management Departments

The State Government shall establish a debt management department in order to enhance transparency and the professional management of debt issues.

#### 2.8 Tenor of Bonds

The state government bonds shall be limited to a minimum maturity of seven years in order to be considered for liquid asset status.

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**2.9 Other Requirements**

The state government bonds shall comply with all the relevant provisions of the Investment and Securities Act (ISA 2007) including amendments thereto as well as SEC's rules as may be prescribed from time to time.

**3.0 REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS**

3.1 State government bonds which meet the criteria for liquid asset status shall be eligible for repurchase or "repo" transactions and the CBN shall open an account with the Central Securities Clearing System (CSCS) Limited to warehouse the securities.

3.2 The collateral provided by counterparties towards the repo shall have a "haircut" applied. This haircut reflects the underlying risk of the collateral.

**4.0 RISK WEIGHTS FOR CAPITAL ADEQUACY RATIO**

4.1 For the purpose of computing the capital adequacy ratios of banks and discount houses, state government bonds with liquid asset status shall be assigned a weight of 20 percent or as may be prescribed by the CBN from time to time.

**5.0 INVESTMENT LIMIT**

5.1 Banks shall not invest more than ten percent of shareholders' funds in bonds issued by a single state government.

5.2 In order to be eligible for liquidity ratio determination, the value of state government bonds in a bank's portfolio shall not exceed fifty percent of the value of the bank's investment in FGN securities.

**6.0 CEILING ON LENDING TO SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

6.1 State government bonds granted liquid asset status shall not be included in the computation of the 10 percent ceiling on lending to all tiers of government as specified in the CBN's Circular reference BSD/DIR/GEN/CIR/03/011 dated June 26, 2009.

**7.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND OTHER MATTERS**

7.1 These guidelines shall apply to both previously issued state government bonds and new issues of state government bonds.

7.2 State governments seeking liquid asset status for their bonds shall apply to the Director, Financial Policy and Regulation Department, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja, through their financial advisers.

7.3 The CBN shall regularly publish, on its web site, state government bonds that qualify for liquid asset status.

**8.0 REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES**

These guidelines shall be reviewed from time to time.

**Glossary of Terms**

1. **Bond** – A debt instrument with a maturity greater than one year.
2. **Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO)** – A written mandate given by the issuer (State government) of a bond to the Accountant General of the Federation (AGF) authorizing the AGF to deduct, at source, predetermined sums of money from the statutory allocation of the issuer.
3. **Issue date** – The date on which a bond is issued.
4. **Maturity date** – The date on which a bond becomes due and payable.
5. **Primary Market** – The market for new issues of debt instruments.
6. **Secondary Market** – The market where previously issued instruments are traded.
7. **Sinking Fund** – A fund into which an issuer sets aside money over time, in order to retire its debt instruments.

Signed:  
Management

# Online Reactions

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

## Lead poisoning: FG warned Zamfara 10 times

THE State Government and the Police were aware of the illegal mining activities no doubt. Due to typical Nigerian 'elitism', they were either 'unconcerned' or even set up their own mines to benefit from the booty. It is also distinctly possible that many may not be aware of the severe dangers of exposure to lead which is used for processing gold ore!

Instead of denials and refutations, the State Government, The Federal Ministry of Mining and the Police should join hands to enlighten the people of the dangers of lead and set up a functional patrol to monitor the activities and provide the correct working tools for the growing gold mining industry.

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ADAMU Sani Katuru, Director of Press to the Zamfara state governor, you said "before the poisoning incident, the ministry was not even aware that lead deposits exist in Zamfara state". Meanwhile dur-



GOV Aliyu Shinkafi

ing this year's budget presentation in January, Governor Mahmud Aliyu Shinkafi stated that there

were over 10,000 illegal miners in the state and with the establishment of a Solid Minerals Processing Fac-

tory - then under construction - the state government would incorporate the informal miners into the process of supplying the factory with raw materials. Remember, this incident occurred in June. Why are you contradicting the statement of His Excellency, the Governor? Wouldn't it be easy for the state and the state police command to admit to their negligence and tender their unreserved apology to the Federal Ministry of Mines, Zamfara state citizens and Nigerians at large?

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THIS is not surprising because I am very sure that top government officials benefit from the illegal mining. If not why didn't the state government take any action? Over 10 warnings but yet the state government was not willing to protect the lives and the properties of its citizens.

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ALI Ndume

## Opposition MPs reject N10bn for Nigeria @ 50

WHAT is there in Nigeria to celebrate? What have we achieved that they are planning to celebrate? Shouldn't they, instead of celebrating, even come out and apologize to us for failing to perform their duty for the past 50 years? But now N10 bn is going to be spent on celebrating what wasn't even achieved. People are dying because of hunger, poverty, insecurity, bad educational system, corruption and many more. Human misery is now part of Nigerians. Mr. President you need to think again if you really need our votes in 2011.

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THIS is not an issue that has to be referred to any committee, Mr Speaker. I always agree with the saying that "democracy is the government of the people by the people and for the people". Nigerians do not want this spending. Why won't you guys put a stop to it?

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MINORITY Leader Mohammed Ali Ndume, you are really representing the masses. Why should they contemplate spending N10 billion on a celebration? The Nigerians that you represent are not happy and we owe you a duty to voice our unhappiness out on the floor of the House."

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## Court stops DNA tests on Pfizer Trovan victims

IT looks like Nigerian lawyers are at it again. The US court's decision illustrates the fact that "large pharmaceutical companies" conducts trials of new drugs outside the US basically to escape from the stringent conditions applicable on US citizens. This is particularly with regards to INFORMED CONSENT. Unfortunately in Nigeria, no proper records of these activities were kept, hence the present quagmire of the Pfizer Trovan Victims identification. Typically, some unscrupulous people seem hell bent on receiving the compensation largess come what may. The Courts had better seriously study this issue before depriving the innocent (usually weak) victims of their dues.

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IGP Ogbona Onovo

## Police turn back Gadi from office

THE Police should respect the law and should not intervene in a political issue in the name of maintaining peace. Gadi is the Deputy Governor of Bauchi state and no one else.

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WHO is this Commissioner of Police telling this to? Does he understand what the law said about this case? How can he order police protection for the reinstated Deputy Governor and the same time stop him from assuming duty the next day? Why did he not wait for the same IG's directive before assigning those officers to protect him? Gadi is not a contender; he is the real and authentic Deputy Governor for now as reinstated by a Court of law and until otherwise, the Police should give him all the needed protection and escort. When are Nigerians going to wake-up and change from this culture of abuse of due process and rule of law? Must we implement the law only when it suits our and our masters' interests?

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## Policeman to hang over Jos crisis

ONCE again, another plus for our judiciary. However, why is it that it is only the common man that is always convicted? What is happening to all the people who keep stealing Nigerian money in billions? Are they above the law? Let justice be seen to be done on every person irrespective of status.

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LET him hang! That vindicates Aljazeera's story showing how Police lined up some innocent kids and shot them. Let the people of Jos also know that some of these atrocities are not exactly a Muslim/ Christian affair, but also trigger happy law enforcement agents sent to control the

situation.

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THAT is a good example to those policemen who kill people unlawfully.

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THAT is beautiful. Gradually all those involved will be punished. It seems now that Nigeria is taking going down a new direction. Look at what happened with Bello Lafaji, Bode Gege, Aminu Dabo and co. Our Judiciary is doing a wonderful job. Now we are waiting to hear another ruling concerning more of those who have looted our treasury.

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I am amazed that this is happen-

ing in Nigeria. Why is it that justice is only meted in Nigeria if you are poor and do not have anybody highly placed? This is not fair. Is he the only who has killed before? What about all the rest?

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THE judgment is fair and will save as a deterrent to others and armed robbers. Please, the judiciary should note that they are the only hope for the common man. Their judgment should be extended to all citizens irrespective of their status.

May he repent of the sin he has committed before the execution takes place.

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## Nwodo: Those scared of Jega not wanted in PDP

PLEASE my chairman that is what we want. PDP has been called many names because of people in that category - and they are many in our great party. I pray you have the political will to do this because Nigerians are seeing PDP as a failure because we have

elected people of no pedigree, no reputation and no names to protect. We pray that God will give you the wisdom to actualize this good reform. God bless PDP and Nigeria.

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## Ministers turn us to protocol officers, Okojie says

IT is pathetic to hear the lamentation of the erudite Professor on the pages of a newspaper. If the Professor has the audacity to air his grudge on how they are being treated by their bosses, he need

not wait for an occasion to explain it as his reason for going late to an event. All he needs to do is to say it to face of his 'boss' and go about his 'primary duties'. Simple.

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Why don't you resign then?  
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# See who our heroes are (I)

## Idang Alibi

A few months ago when Mr. Kevin Pam returned from his 'exploits' at the reality show called Big Brother Africa, he was received as an honoured guest of the president's in the Aso Rock Presidential Villa.

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Pam has since become a celebrity and a Nigerian pop idol. A few years back when another young Nigerian Bayo Okoh won in the same competition, he visited President Obasanjo who promptly declared him a Nigerian hero. I do not know what feat a competitor achieves in Big Brother Africa to be declared winner and for him to then be hailed as a national hero.

I am not at all ashamed to declare that I am a man of the Old School. When something new comes on the scene, I am always wary of embracing it and when I warm up to it, I will do so with the tentativeness with which a young woman responds to the entreaties of a persistent new suitor. In fact I embrace new things without any much gusto until I am convinced beyond doubt that it is very good for me. And so when Big Brother Africa reality show intruded on our national consciousness and there was the huge craze in town over it, I had to rely on TV addicts to tell me what it was all about.

When I was told all about what the "housemates" do, how there is a "shower hour" in which the housemates bathe in their birthday suits for the watching, lustful admiration of millions of viewers, the moral side of me convinced me that that was not the kind of show that me a child of the Living God should waste my time to watch. How can I, the Right Honourable Mr. Idang Alibi, God's own child, watch a programme that is likely to corrupt my morals and take away my valuable sleeping hours? God forbid.

Imagine my surprise then when a Nigerian who is declared winner in such a competition is received in audience by the President of my country and declared a national hero. I also heard that a young man from Botswana who won last year's game, perhaps, as part of the game, fingered, or to put it more euphemistically, touched a young Nigerian girl in a part of the body considered in all civilised cultures as sacred and sensitive. And this was done in full view of the whole world! So this is the stuff of which winners of Big Brother Africa are supposed to be made? To be audacious, un-African and adopt the devil-may-care attitude? And then at the end of it all, they are hailed as heroes? What hero?

Big Brother has been on for some years now and to date, no one has succeeded in telling some of us what really is done in that 'House'. The housemates are never required to do anything imaginative, creative, innovative or soul-lifting; nothing that will add significant value to their nation of origin or to the African continent or to humanity as a whole. They just sit there in that house and speak and act like poor caricatures of White children. The kind of music they sing is un-African. The values they promote in that 'House' is un-African. And then they become heroes. Just like that. Is that the kind of activity that produces heroes? Are they heroes because they promote Western, American values?

By honouring the likes of Bayo and Kevin as heroes what are our presidents telling other Nigerian youth? That the way to glory is through pop culture? That you do not need to do anything positive or productive to become a hero? That all what you need to do is to just get into the public eye through all devices and you become a hero?

What attributes of heroism does the Big Brother Africa competition seek to bring out of those who take part in it? Is it extreme courage, selflessness, perseverance, resourcefulness, ingenuity or nobility? If you win Big Brother Africa competition is that a scholastic or vocational achievement? Do you offer any scientific or technological breakthrough that will bring better life to the people of say Nigeria and Africa?

Every society reserves the right to define who should be its heroes. In the Western world, they have conquered many diseases which still kill hundreds of thousands in Africa. They have overcome development challenges which we here are still grappling with. Food is no longer a challenge to them as it is to us in most of Africa. They take for granted some socio-economic amenities which are a luxury to us here. For them they want things that can help give them diversion from the tedium of over enjoyment. In such societies any meaningless idea such as assembling young men and women to stay in sexually charged atmosphere to view them like animals in a zoo such as the Big Brother Africa competition does give them the much needed diversion they crave.

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### Thinking aloud, IBB

If in the unlikely event that you are declared winner of the 2010 presidential election, and the result annulled, how would you react?

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### Jonathan's 9-month power plan

We hope this plan has not provided for any apology by the president.

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### Ex-leaders on the scale

Those who say that past Nigerian leaders, especially from the north, have done nothing and had been only opportunists looking for juicy appointments to accumulate wealth at the expense of their people, are not being realistic. If they too are given the chance to lead, they would certainly not do a fraction of what the former leaders have done. +2348020635765

### Keeping up with the Joneses

When rich nations like France are banning their officials from luxury expenses, our own poor Nigeria is planning to spend N10 billion to celebrate independence anniversary. How preposterous! AM Bature, FCT, +2348099374243

### Hardly surprising

The reason Ministers in this country regard heads of Parastatals and Director-Generals as mere protocol officers is because all appointments into such offices are not done on merit. They were as a result of intense lobbying. Those who make the complaint should quit if they cannot 'roam about with the ministers too much'. Bar. Isa, Bauchi, +2348069652965

“When rich nations like France are banning their officials from luxury expenses, our own poor Nigeria is planning to spend N10 billion to celebrate independence anniversary”

### Odinga example

That the Kenyan PM was admitted in a Nairobi hospital for surgical operation in the brain made me envy the Kenyans. In my dear country Nigeria, even a LG Chairman suffering a minor ailment would rush abroad, at

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### Curious

Why is Daily Trust not featured in the daily FRCN review of national newspaper headlines?

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### Quote me

If Mohammed had done a thorough research on the HND/BSc dichotomy issue, he would have found that most HND holders are better than their BSc-holding counterparts in many respects and by so many standards. He certainly doesn't appear to have anything better to say on the matter.

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### Re: No alternative to zoning

I disagree with Mr Audu Ogbe, and wish to assure him that there is indeed an alternative, although not the type that made him a one time chairman of the People's Democratic Party. Credible parties, credible politicians, credible elections, credible judiciary, credible police force, credible press, upright government officials, and vigilant and patriotic electorate; these are the elements of what constitute alternative to zoning.

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## The 'failed state' label on Nigeria

Last week, a Washington, US-based non-profit research and educational organisation, The Fund for Peace, ranked Nigeria number 15 among a group of nations that it claims have become, or were veering towards the status, of failed states. In the 2009 Failed State Index, the organisation placed Nigeria in a position which makes Bangladesh, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Yemen, and North Korea, look comparatively, in much better shape. The Funds conclusion may look outlandish; but it would not be first time that Nigeria would be grouped in bad company, in terms of social indicators.

In 2005, a US National Intelligence Council study of sub-Saharan Africa concluded that there was active concern among the intelligence community that Nigeria, in spite of its size, population and resources, could become a failed state, and outlined the dangers of such a scenario occurring by 2015. "If Nigeria were to become a failed state, it could drag down a large part of the West African region.... If millions were to flee a collapsed Nigeria, the surrounding countries, up to and including Ghana, would be destabilized. Further, a failed Nigeria probably could not be reconstituted for many years, if ever, and not without massive international assistance. The frequency of domestic violence in Nigeria was cited in the study: "For instance, 20,000 people have been killed in Nigeria while that country has maintained its democratic facade." At the time, the report caused widespread consternation, particularly among Nigerian officials, who saw a hidden agenda in the administration US President George W Bush, then facing mounting international pressure over the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The report also cited various indicators to justify its conclusion, such as rivalry between regions, component states, local communities and religious groups threatening national stability of Nigeria.

The attributes of a failed state, or one that is failing, are many, they cover broad categories, the most common being the loss of physical control of its territory, or monopoly on the legitimate use of force. They also include the erosion of legitimate authority to make collective decisions; inability to provide reasonable public services; inability to interact with other states as a full member of the comity of nations. In earlier reports citing the health systems of five focus-countries, the US National Intelligence Agency ranked Nigeria among Ethiopia, Russia, India and China, to be in the early to mid stages of an HIV/AIDS epidemic, as being led by governments that have not given the issue sustained high priority that it said had been key to stemming the tide of the disease in other countries. The problem was that the disease would severely constrain national health systems, cause tension and destabilize society, it concluded.

Since the US 2005 report, the Nigerian government announced that it has made strenuous efforts, including initiatives to meet the targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which proposes to halve, by the year 2015 the poverty rate, reduce child and maternal mortalities, improve the well-being of the citizens and stabilise the country. It is therefore something of a jolt that the report of The Fund for Peace appears to conclude that the government efforts have so far amounted to little and have failed to halt the projected slide towards a failed state.

The failed state label is too strong a term, and therefore inappropriate to apply to contemporary Nigeria. But the intelligence chatter about the status of Nigeria that is currently going on in international circles should be not be ignored by the leadership in Nigeria. The endemic corruption in the country is capable of inducing all the elements of failed state to manifest in Nigeria, precipitating a crisis that can put the country in the same basket as Somalia. The failure to provide basic infrastructure, like electricity, food security, physical security for citizens, access to educational opportunities to those who seek it, portends serious problems. The government must avoid creating the condition that might precipitate such a crisis.

We do not believe that Nigeria belongs in the failed-state category; but acknowledge that it requires very little, such as the actions of insensitive leaders, to take the country there.

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## The political bull in a square

It was a festive setting. The drumming and praise singing announced the event before one reached the venue. The gaily-dressed women, representing the various states trooped to the International Conference Centre ICC. There were contingents from thirty two states and party members, activists, government officials, and others who came to organise exhibitions. As the various delegations moved from the car park to the hall, the praise singers trailed them telling them indisputable truth and hoping that would move the delegates to part with their money. As the dignitaries listed in the glossy programme arrived, the drumming and singing peaked to a pitch and then subsided. The supporters of the National Summit on women participation in politics organised by the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development were listed in the programme. The Special Guest of Honour was the First Lady, Dame Patience Goodluck Jonathan and wife of the Vice President Hajiya Amina Sambo. The Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Iyom Josephine Anenih read her opening remarks in which she outlined the purpose of the Summit which was organised to motivate women to participate effectively in politics. The theme of the Summit was 'Women in Democracy: An Imperative for Good Governance and National Development.'

The first plenary session featured a presentation by Dr Otive Igbuzor, the Executive Director of the Centre for Leadership, Strategy and Development titled Overview of Nigeria's Electoral Reform Process: Prospects for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. It was chaired by Mrs. Maryam Uwais and the discussants were Hon. Jumoke Okoya-Thomas, Prof Sam Egwu and Hajiya Saudatu Mahdi. The second plenary session was on Women's Engagement with Political Parties. The Chairperson was Chief Kofu Akerele Bucknor while the presenter was Chief Remi Adiuoku. The discussants were Ambassador Nkoyo Toyo, Hajiya Maryam Ciroma, and Mrs Wumi Asabioro. These were followed by parallel breakout sessions with several interesting topics. Among them were Funding Women Politicians, Youth and Politics in Nigeria, Winning Elections, Effective Speaking and Win-Win Negotiation Strategy. My humble self chaired a session on The Role of the Media in Women's Political Participation. The presenter was Dr Doyin Abiola and the discussant was Mrs. Bimbo Oloyede.

On the second day, the Eagle Square in the central business district came to life. The Summit metamorphosed into a colourful rally more like a parade of amazons roaring to go tackle the political bull by the horn. There was a march past of state delegates, the Minister of women Affairs and Social Development, Iyom Josephine Anenih mni welcomed participants while the First Lady, Dame Patience Goodluck Jonathan roused the women by

## Civil Society Watch

By Hajiya Bilkisu (mni)

recognizing their potentials and calling each state delegation one after the other. There were brief remarks by the Chairmen of the major political parties, the PDP, AC, UNDP; the only Woman led political party, Labour, ANPP and PPA. The delegates sang a Women's anthem and listened to the special remarks by the Vice President Namadi Sambo. The highlight of the event was the presentation of Women's Resolution which is the mind map for women committed

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to effective participation in politics and public life. Those who wish to do an accurate mind reading should digest the resolution that emanated from that Summit where Nigerian women said:

We, as representatives of the citizens of the Federal Republic of Nigeria participating in the National Summit on Women's Participation in Politics today June 22nd 2010; and committed to rapid national development in Nigeria, as well as appreciating the growing consensus on the important role women play in development globally and;

Considering the:  
Contributions of women to economic and social development in Nigeria;

Active and constructive role of Nigerian women in the current Constitutional and electoral reforms;

Need for the conscious increase of women in political, policy and social leadership positions in Nigeria;

Critical status of Nigeria's young democracy and the need for every citizen to contribute to its sustenance irrespective of sex, geography and age;

Recalling; The national, regional and international commitments by Nigeria in the National Gender Policy, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the International Convention on Population and Development, African Union (AU) Protocol on the Rights of Women, the AU Solemn Declaration on Gender, and the ECOWAS Gender Policy,

The specific provisions in the above commitments to women's inclusion and active participation in governance especially the 35% minimum accepted in our National Gender Policy and;

Recognizing the; Incremental shift and promotion of women's participation in public spaces;

Positive recommendations

and actions in Nigeria's reform processes particularly the Uwais electoral reform committee report Numerical strength of Nigerian women and the solidarity amongst them

Role of men who wish to support women

Condemning in the strongest possible terms, violence in all its ramifications during elections;

Reaffirming President Goodluck Jonathan's resolve to ensure that every vote counts in the 2011 general elections; We resolve as follows to:

a. Work with political parties to ensure: Increased number of women in party leadership and membership; Strengthened intra party solidarity through collabo-

ration between regional women leaders, state women leaders and women members of the respective Boards of Trustees;

Strengthened inter party partnerships amongst female politicians;

b. Forge strategic partnerships with the institution of the media for increased visibility and sustained engagement.

c. Demand affirmative action as follows:

Entrenchment of the gender character principle in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 through the review of sections 14(3) and 147 respectively;

The adoption of the twinning mechanism at all levels of governance (female/male appointment/nomination where the head is female and deputy is a man or vice versa);

35% appointive positions in the leadership structures of Governing Boards, Agencies and Parastatals at local, state and federal levels;

State Governors to consciously support the emergence of more female candidates towards the 2011 general elections;

State Houses of Assembly revisit and adopt recommendations for gender responsive reforms in the draft amendments to the Constitution.

d. To further demand: All political parties entrench internal party democracy principles and mechanisms in the conduct of party primaries;

INEC puts in place a credible voter register and devises a registration plan that goes beyond election cycle; Professionalism and respect for women's rights within the police force and other security agencies charged with maintaining the peace during elections FMWASD ensures equitable access to the funds for women's political participation in the 2011 elections; with technical and managerial support from UNIFEM.

# AFRICA REPORT

## Naomi Campbell may testify in Taylor case

A war crimes court has ruled that model Naomi Campbell can be called to testify in a case against former Liberian President Charles Taylor.

Prosecutors for the UN-backed court for Sierra Leone say she was given a "blood diamond" by Mr Taylor in 1997 at Nelson Mandela's house in South Africa.

Mr Taylor is accused of using such diamonds to fuel an insurgency in Sierra Leone that cost many lives. Ms Campbell had previously refused to provide testimony to prosecutors.

The Special Court for Sierra Leone, sitting in The Hague, also agreed to a prosecution request that it be allowed to call actress Mia Farrow and Ms Campbell's former agent Carole White to testify.

Ms Farrow - who was also at the Mandela dinner - has said Ms Campbell told her about the gift of the diamond the morning after the dinner.

Ms Campbell said she had been visited by representatives of Mr Taylor during the night, and that they had given her a "huge" uncut diamond, Ms Farrow told ABC News in April.

Ms Farrow and Ms White were both willing to testify, the prosecutors' request to the court said.

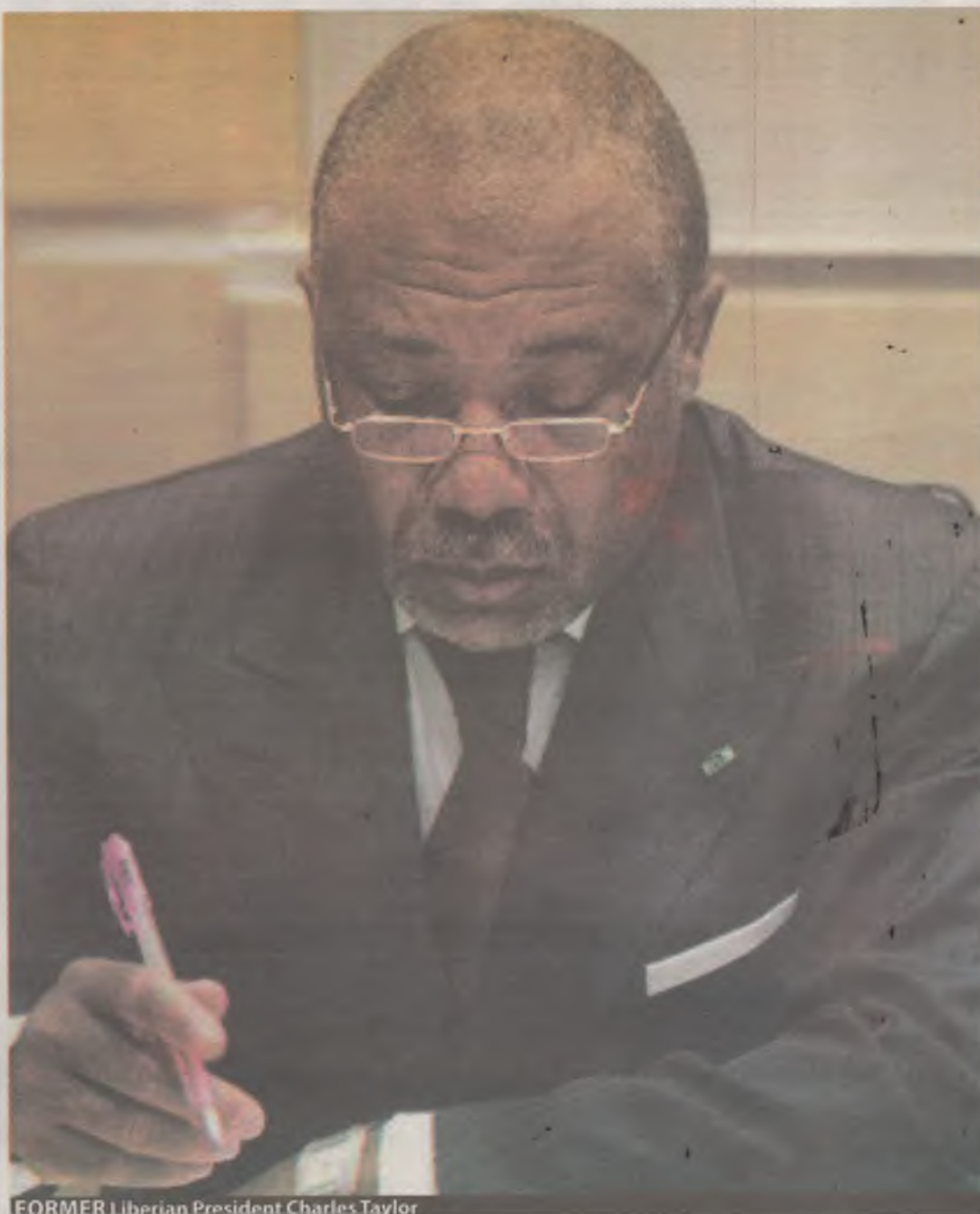
Mr Taylor is accused of selling diamonds and buying weapons for Sierra Leone's Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels, who were notorious for hacking off the hands and legs of civilians during the brutal 1991-2001 civil war.

He has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity stemming from the war. He has also dismissed the claims he presented Ms Campbell with a diamond in 1997.

"Blood diamonds" is the name given to diamonds mined in areas of conflict that are sold to fund warfare. Mr Taylor's trial opened in June 2007.

In their request to subpoena the three women, the prosecutors said they did not know about the alleged Campbell diamond until June 2009, by which time they had already closed their case.

Mr Taylor had sought to prevent their bid to reopen the case against him. Defence witnesses are now being heard.



FORMER Liberian President Charles Taylor

## UN tribunal sentences Rwandan to 25 years

A United Nations court has sentenced a former businessman to 25 years in prison for his role in Rwanda's 1994 genocide.

Yusuf Muniyakazai was convicted of leading an attack that killed 60 to 100 Tutsis and sentenced yesterday. He also was accused of helping transport Hutu militias to sites where he helped them kill hundreds of Tutsis.

Muniyakazai, 74, is the oldest person on trial at the court set up to try those suspected of involvement in Rwanda's genocide.

The court has convicted dozens of people and trials are ongoing for 24 people. At least 500,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed during Rwanda's genocide, which began after President Juvenal Habyarimana's plane was brought down in April 1994.

## Egypt finds evidence of unfinished ancient tomb

EGYPTIAN archaeologists who have completed excavations on an unfinished ancient tunnel believe it was meant to connect a 3,300-year-old pharaoh's tomb with a secret burial site, the antiquities department said yesterday.

Egyptian chief archaeologist Zahi Hawass said it has taken three years to excavate the 570-foot long tunnel in Pharaoh Seti I's ornate tomb in southern Egypt's Valley of the Kings. The pharaoh died before the project was finished.

First discovered in 1960, the tunnel has only now been completely cleared and archaeologists discovered ancient figurines, shards of pottery and instructions left by the architect for the workmen.

"Move the door jamb up and make the passage wider," read an

inscription on a decorative false door in the passage. It was written in hieratic, a simplified cursive version of hieroglyphics.

Elsewhere in the tunnel there were preliminary sketches of planned decorations, said Hawass.

Pharaoh Seti I (1314-1304 B.C.) was one of the founders of the New Kingdom's 19th Dynasty known for its military exploits and considered the peak of ancient Egyptian power. His tomb is famous for its colorful wall paintings. Seti's son Ramses II built grandiose temples and statues of himself all over Egypt.

Hawass speculated that the tunnel and the secret tomb were not finished because of the pharaoh's death, but may have inspired a similar structure in Ramses II's tomb.

## Burundi opposition leader admits he is in hiding

BURUNDI'S main opposition leader and former rebel leader Agathon Rwaswa has confirmed that he has gone into hiding. In a taped message sent to a local radio station, Mr Rwaswa said he had fled because he feared for his safety.

He went missing a week ago, ahead of presidential elections which took place on Monday with incumbent Pierre Nkurunziza as the only candidate.

The election was the second major vote since the end of the country's brutal 12-year ethnic-based civil war. Diplomats have warned that the country is still in danger of slipping back into conflict.

Correspondents say turnout was low in Monday's poll compared to local elections last month. Five opposition parties claimed those polls were rigged and pulled out of the presidential ballot.

Mr Rwaswa, who signed a peace deal last year to lay down his arms, did not say where he was, although he is reported to be in neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo. When he first went missing, his party said he was "on holiday".

"They're looking for me because I told the truth, because I said publicly that I don't accept the results of the local elections," AFP news agency quotes Mr Rwaswa saying in the radio broadcast.

"[Last] Wednesday they wanted to arrest me again. I got wind of it and I disappeared from circulation," he said. Both President Nkurunziza and Mr Rwaswa led mainly Hutu rebel groups fighting against the army which was dominated by the Tutsi minority during the civil war.

Mr Rwaswa refused to end the fighting when other warring factions set up a power-sharing government followed by elections in 2005.

He only led his National Liberation Forces (FNL) in disarming in April 2009 and was widely thought to be the key challenger to President Nkurunziza. An estimated 300,000 people are believed to have died during the civil war.

## Star Feature

# In Maiduguri, 'senior beggars' on the pro

'Senior beggars' are at work in Maiduguri, the Borno state capital. They walk the streets and focus on

From Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri

The high profile beggars are mostly healthy and good looking people, who in their age long tradition, wear fine looking traditional attires: 'agbada', 'baban riga' or 'binjima' with expensive caps to match. Besides using good perfumes, they drive in their own cars to offices or homes of public office holders: commissioners, senators, House of Representatives members, state assembly members, Special Advisers, permanent secretaries, heads of boards and other top public officers, to complain of one problem or another, to extract money almost on daily basis. Commonly, they claim that their vehicles lack petrol, or that the vehicles lack good tyres or are faulty. Or they say their wives or relations are sick, or that they have given birth.

In previous times, the 'senior' beggars sang praises of their victims, before initiating excuses to which the public office holders pretend to have agreed with, and in some cases give them far less than they

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requested or give them appointments. The senior beggar sometimes refused such appointment, perhaps since both parties believed the appointments were fake. So the senior beggars' preferred to part with some money, and after collecting same, they then remind the public officers of the same appointments which make the officers pour insults on them, or just laugh.



ENTRANCE to the Musa Usman secretariat in Maiduguri. Senior beggars besiege offices here to track down commissioners and other officials.

In recent times however, the 'senior' beggars have turned into 'informants,' especially to political aspirants. They go around getting information, which may be 'true or false' and passing same on to public office seekers. Quite often, they tell aspirants that they (the aspirants) have the support of certain god fathers (i.e. the governor or his wife) claiming to have overheard some discussions. At times, they spy on political enemies of certain aspirants, and relate information to the other person. Such information may be that rallies held by the other party had poor attendance, or that they

were some failures etc to which the other person celebrates and gives them some money in appreciation. In other cases, the senior beggars use handsets to record incidents (of say, a political enemy being humiliated) and download into the sets of their pay masters.

As further discovered by our correspondent, in some cases, the targeted aspirants, whom certain information is meant for, try to obtain the information on phone. But the senior beggars insist on face to face interaction, because as one of them said, "when you meet face to face, you stand the chance

of collecting something. At least he will not leave you empty handed, but when you tell him everything on phone, he will give you a fake appointment, or tell you he will call you later and tell you where to meet him, but he will never do it. That is why it is important to release the information when you people meet."

Even when the 'senior' beggars obtain information meant for their targeted aspirants, they find it nearly impossible to meet, because a lot of public office holders in Borno state, either switch off their phones, or simply don't respond to calls.

In addition, many public officers keep away from their offices at the Musa Usman Secretariat, as well as their homes, to hide in hotels, guest houses of political associates, or hang out with friends and relations, so as to avoid the senior beggars. Most of the senior beggars have their own way of catching the public officers, by trailing them to the government house in Maiduguri, especially when the state governor is in town, knowing that some officers will either pay homage, or be invited to attend the function. The beggars also stay put in the homes of some officers, and hide themselves

PIX: ISA UMAR GUSAU

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A building with offices of public officers in Musa Usman secretariat, where senior beggars visit regularly to catch their prey.

wives and relations of some of these officers hold grudges, as they feel more attention is accorded to the beggars than them.

In other situations, the women have since accepted the beggars as close to their husbands, and sometimes even use them to pass certain messages to their husbands-i.e. when they want the husbands to part with certain political group or affiliates, the beggars help in that regard, because the officers listen to them.

The number of senior beggars seems to be on the increase, apparently because many of them have through the ‘business’ built houses, began to own vehicles and use it to sustain their families. Many of them are known to live on that, and they are often given what they begged for.

In Maiduguri, a late commissioner who died two months ago, was one of the major targets of many senior beggars, because he was seen as generous and tolerant of them, despite repeatedly coming back. A number of commissioners in the state and top government officials, are amongst many who contend with pressures from senior beggars, because their houses are regularly besieged while they are always being trailed. No public officer would offer to speak about the activities of the beggars either for fear of “misconception” or for fear of being black mailed.

The beggars themselves seem to realize that the officers can’t turn them down, because some of the beggars were either with them before they rose to the level they are now, or that the beggars could damage their reputation in places, and call them names when they turn them down.

There are however some public office holders who are rarely trailed by the beggars and who go to their offices when they want, without being disturbed. Such officers are either seen as ‘not having enough to give.’ They are marked as ‘stingy fellows’, or because they are seen as not having stakes in the political equation. So there is noth-

ing they need in return from the beggars, which makes it convenient for them not to give. Somehow, the



A multipurpose hall inside the Government House, Maiduguri.

beggars have branded some public officers as unapproachable. So, even during public functions, the beggars don’t go to them at all.

Apparently worried by the trend of begging in the state, Governor Ali Modu Sheriff said on May 29,

2010, that the final year of his second term in office will pay special attention to eradication of poverty. He also said that his government has done so much on youth and women empowerment. The governor expressed commitment to his drive to revive industries. The state commissioner for commerce, Mohammed Imam didn’t respond to several calls to comment on government’s efforts to fix industries, most of which have remained idle, but the governor’s special adviser on information and Media, Shehu Mustapha Liberty had said in an interview that the problem of power supply was the major hindrance to the industrialization of the state.

But it doesn’t really appear that lack of jobs pushed the senior beggars into their line of trade, because some of what they get should be

enough to establish businesses small, medium or even large scale or industries. It really seems that that the high profile beggars are into their trade, because public office holders have over the years, continued to give them free cash

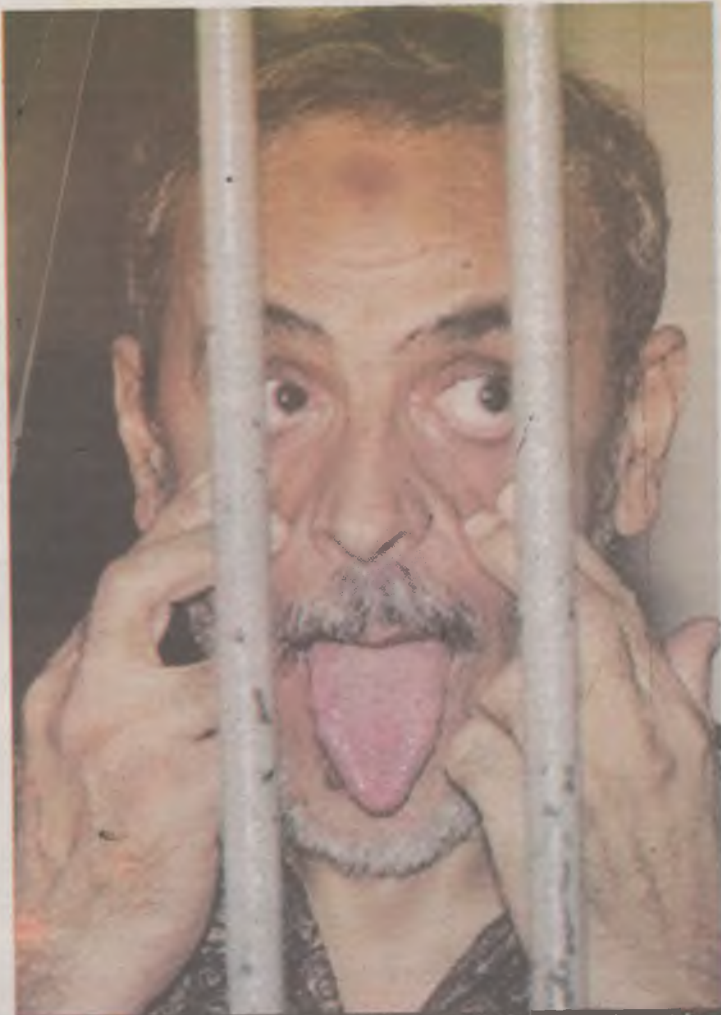
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and other items, while on the other hand, the cat and mouse relationship between the two have often affected public services in negative ways, since most public officers avoid their office, and only treat files taken to their homes.



ANOTHER block of offices inside the Musa Usman secretariat.

## Middle East &amp; Asia



A retired Saudi Arabian teacher Al Khelawi Ali Abdullah jokes with a journalist as he waits for his trial inside a court fence at South Jakarta's court Monday. An Indonesian court says a retired Saudi Arabian teacher did not finance last year's attacks on two luxury hotels.

## Taliban attack NATO base in Afghanistan

INSURGENTS yesterday attacked NATO forces in eastern Afghanistan. Several attackers were killed in the Taliban attack on a base at an airfield outside Jalalabad, near the border with Pakistan. Gunmen set off a car bomb and fired rocket-propelled grenades, wounding two soldiers, NATO said.

The attack began at 0730 local time (0300 GMT) yesterday, with insurgents attacking the airport from different directions.

A NATO spokesman said the

perimeter of the base had not been breached. An Afghan soldier and one international service member were wounded.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said six suicide attackers had taken part in the assault. Eight insurgents died in the ensuing gun battles, the Associated Press news agency reports.

The attack is yet another example of the increasingly sophisticated assaults favoured by the Taliban, says the BBC's Quentin Sommerville in Kabul.

These commando-style operations are increasing in numbers, and often result in higher civilian and military casualties.

A total of 100 NATO troops serving in Afghanistan were killed in June, making it the deadliest month for the alliance since the US-led invasion of 2001.

An Afghan army-led operation is taking place in nearby Kunar, where 600 troops are attempting to rout about 250 insurgents thought to have links to al-Qaeda.

## Aquino sworn in as new Philippine president

THE son of an assassinated opposition leader and a former president has been sworn in as the 15th president of the Philippines.

Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino won a convincing victory in elections in May with pledges to stamp out corruption. His predecessor, Gloria Arroyo, has said she does not fear his plans to investigate allegations against her.

He has also promised to end long-running insurgencies, and to modernise the judicial system. Armed forces are fighting both Islamic and

communist rebels in the south of the country, particularly on the island of Mindanao.

Mr Aquino has vowed to pursue the current administration's peace talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels in the south, but few exact details have been given so far.

Noynoy Aquino comes from a dynasty of Philippine leaders.

The swearing-in ceremony in Manila's seaside Rizal Park yesterday was attended by at least half a million people, many wearing the family's trademark yellow.

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On behalf of myself, family and entire staff of **SALAMKA SCIENTIFIC LTD**, I heartily congratulate a worthy icon, **Prof. Attahiru Jega**, for his appointment as the new INEC Chairman.

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# World

## Strike halts Madrid subway again

SPAIN'S capital Madrid endured a second day without subway service yesterday, with big traffic jams forming as people scrambled to find alternative transport, as workers went on strike over pay cuts that are part of government austerity plans.

No negotiations were planned and workers voted to continue the walkout for two more days, although they vowed to comply with a legal obligation to run half the trains scheduled.

Trains will operate as normal over the weekend, then there will be another vote Monday on how to proceed, unions said.

The partial service promised for today and Friday means the subway line running to and from Madrid's busy Barajas airport will be back in service just as the summer vacation season begins in earnest today.

The network carries more than two million travelers a day.

Workers are protesting a 5 percent pay cut ordered by the Madrid regional government, which oversees the metro system.

## Russia: Spy scandal won't damage US ties

RUSSIA said yesterday the US arrests of suspects in an alleged Russian spy ring would not hurt improving relations with Washington, softening its tone after an initial angry response.

The Russian Foreign Ministry at first slammed the US actions as "baseless and improper" and hinted the arrests could dampen Moscow's enthusiasm for warmer ties, raising the specter of a Cold War style diplomatic stand-off.

But yesterday the Foreign Ministry expressed optimism that the fall-out would not ruin the relationship "reset" initiated by US President Barack Obama and embraced by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

"We expect that the incident involving the arrest in the United States of a group of people suspected of spying for Russia will not negatively affect Russian-US relations," a Foreign Ministry official said on condition of anonymity.

The US Justice Department on Monday announced it had arrested 10 suspected spies in four eastern cities. An 11th suspect was arrested in Cyprus on Tuesday and freed on bail.

The suspects were accused of seeking information on issues ranging from nuclear weapons research to the global gold market and CIA job applicants, according to US prosecutors.

With buried banknotes, coded communications and ritualized rules for secret handoffs, the US accusations echoed spy scandals of the Soviet era and the more recent chill in relations with a Kremlin which, during the 2000-2008 presidency of former KGB officer Vladimir Putin, often accused the West of trying to weaken Russia through espionage.



RUSSIAN social networking website 'Odnoklassniki', or Classmates, shows a woman journalists have identified as Anna Chapman, who appeared at a hearing.

# Congratulations



His Excellency

**Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo** GCON, FNIA


Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

On behalf of His Royal Highness, the Emir of Biu, Mai Umar Mustapha Aliyu, Biu community elders, all sons and daughters of Biu emirate, Biu Forum wishes to congratulate His Excellency, Arch Muhammad Namadi Sambo(GCON), on his appointment as the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

We pray that the Almighty Allah gives you the strength and wisdom to discharge your duties diligently and to help steer the affairs of the country to greater heights.

Signed:

**Mal Mustapha Muhammad**  
National Chairman

**Biu Forum** 

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# IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE OF NIGERIA IN THE KADUNA JUDICIAL DIVISION HOLDEN AT KADUNA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE OF NIGERIA  
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HOLDEN AT KADUNA  
SUIT NO. KJM/KAD/542/2010

**BETWEEN**  
1. NATIONAL EYE CENTRE, KADUNA  
2. THE NATIONAL EYE CENTRE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
**PLAINTIFFS/APPLICANTS**

**AND**  
1. ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM  
2. ALHASSAN MASABA  
3. SANUSI ALHASSAN  
4. WADA ALHASSAN  
5. ISAH ALHASSAN  
6. SULE ALHASSAN  
7. MUSA ALHASSAN  
8. ABDULLAHI ALHASSAN  
9. AUDU ALHASSAN  
10. UMARU ALHASSAN  
11. LAVAL SANUSI  
12. INA-MAZA ALHASSAN  
13. SAMATLA IBRAHIM  
14. MOHAMMED IBRAHIM  
15. BAWA IBRAHIM  
16. SA'ADU IBRAHIM  
17. ABISALAK ABDULLAHI  
18. KANAWA MASABA  
19. PERSONS UNKNOWN  
**DEFENDANTS/RESPONDENTS**

### COURT ORDER

Upon a Motion Ex parte brought pursuant to Order 15 Rule 3 (1) and Order 7 Rule 5 (1) & (2) of the Kaduna State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2007. The inherent powers and sanctions of the Honourable Court, praying the Court for the following orders:  
1) An order granting the Plaintiff/Applicants leave to effect the service of the originating summons, statement of claim and other Court processes in this suit by substituted means, to wit: by

advertising the aforementioned Court process in one issue of the DAILY TRUST Newspaper which has wide circulation within Kaduna Township where the disputed land is situated in particular and Kaduna State generally.

2) An Order to issue such service as proper and sufficient service on all the Defendants / Respondents in this suit.

And for such further or other orders as the Honourable Court may deem fit and just to make in the circumstances, coming up for hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 before the Hon. Justice J.S. Abasi - Juge.

And upon hearing M.T.K. Wodung Eze counsel to the Plaintiff/Applicants moving the application with a 8 paragraph affidavit, written address in support of the Motion Ex parte dated 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**  
Application is granted as prayed.

1) An order is hereby made granting the Plaintiff/Applicants leave to effect service of the originating summons, statement of claim and other Court processes in this suit by substituted means, to wit: by advertising one aforementioned newspaper which has wide circulation within Kaduna Township where the disputed land is situated in particular and Kaduna State generally.  
2) The writ of the court proper and sufficient service on all the Defendants/Respondents in this suit.

Adopted to 23/7/2008 for members.

Dated at Kaduna on 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

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FORM 37  
ORDER 50 RULE 2  
ORIGINATING SUMMONS FOR POSSESSION OF LAND  
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19. PERSONS UNKNOWN  
**DEFENDANTS**

1. TO 19<sup>th</sup> DEFENDANTS  
ALL OF NATIONAL EYE CENTRE HOSPITAL LAND, HANNO, KADUNA.  
2. EVERY OTHER PERSON IN OCCUPATION OF NATIONAL EYE CENTRE HOSPITAL LAND, HANNO, KADUNA.

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situate at Mahuta Village of Rigasa District Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State which land is now being unlawfully occupied by the Defendants without the Plaintiffs' license or consent and they have persisted in their said unlawful occupation.

(2) **AN ORDER** for the ejection of the Defendant forthwith or as the Honourable Court may order from the Plaintiff's aforesaid land.

(3) **AN ORDER** of perpetual injunction restraining the Defendants, their agents, assigns or privies whomsoever and howsoever otherwise from further entering into the Plaintiffs' land.

LET all persons concerned advised herein: The Kaduna State High Court of Justice do hereby order that the Plaintiff's application for the hearing of an application by the Plaintiff against the Defendant party and severally for the following reliefs:

- 1. **AN ORDER** of possession of the Plaintiff's land which constitutes part of the premises of the National Eye Centre, Kaduna lying and situate at Mahuta Village of Rigasa District Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State which land is now being unlawfully occupied by the Defendants without the Plaintiff's license or consent and they have persisted in their said unlawful occupation.
- 2. **AN ORDER** for the ejection of the Defendants forthwith or as the Honourable Court may order from the Plaintiff's aforesaid land.
- 3. **AN ORDER** of perpetual injunction restraining the Defendants, their agents, assigns or privies whomsoever and howsoever otherwise from further entering into the Plaintiff's land.

DATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2010.

SAMUEL ATUNGBEQ  
FIR. EMMAUEL TUBO & COMPANY  
NO. 1A PARKSIDE RESIDENTIAL  
GHANSHAWA  
KADUNA.

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19. That I depose to this affidavit in good faith believing its contents to be true and correct by virtue of the Oaths Act, 1990.

DEPONENT

SWORN TO AT  
THE HIGH COURT REGISTRY, KADUNA,  
THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2010.

BEFORE ME

High Court of Justice  
Kaduna  
COMMISSIONER OF JUSTICE

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**PLAINTIFFS**

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**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ORIGINATING SUMMONS PURSUANT TO ORDER 50 RULE 3, OF THE HIGH COURT CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES, 2007**

I, MR. JONATHAN P. ZAHARA, Barrister, Nigerian Citizen of National Eye Centre, Kaduna do hereby make Oath and state as follows:  
1. That I am the Director of Administration of the National Eye Centre, Kaduna, the 1<sup>st</sup> DEFENDANT herein by virtue whereof I am duly conversant with the facts of this suit.

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2. That I have the consent/authority of both my employers and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant herein to depose to this affidavit.

3. That the Kaduna State Government sometime in the late 1980s acquired a piece of land measuring 1268.99 acres with a Certificate of Occupancy numbered G. Bam No. HGS-1197 and awarded same to the Plaintiff for the purposes of constructing a National Eye Centre in Kaduna. A copy of the detail plan of the land set aside for the Plaintiff's use is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit 'A'.  
4. That the same Kaduna State after details of negotiation and representations made to it subsequently erected or alienated 203.1 acres from the tract of land aforesaid for purposes of setting up the National eye centre. A copy of the Kaduna State Government letter conveying the approval to encase the Plaintiff's land is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit 'B'.  
5. That upon the alienation of the piece of land given to the Plaintiff by the Kaduna State for the purpose already stated herein, the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Kaduna State Government had compensation to the villagers whose land was acquired for the purpose aforesaid.

6. That the villagers aforesaid include villagers from Mahuta and Mahuta villages.  
7. That despite the payment of compensation to the villagers some of them the Defendants herein and others (persons referred to as 'C') the land already assigned leading to series of meeting between representatives of the villagers, the Kaduna State Government and the Plaintiff. Copies of minutes of meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1987, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1991 and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1992 are attached hereto and marked as Exhibits 'C', 'D' and 'E' respectively.

8. That even some of the villagers who had earlier vacated the Plaintiff's land subsequently returned to same.  
9. That the approval in exhibit 'B' herein is a result of the series of meetings referred to in the foregoing paragraphs 6.

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2. **SUBMISSIONS**  
1.1 We submit, My Lord that the provisions of order 50 of the Kaduna State High Court civil procedure Rules is one of the innovations contained in the new rules of court as same was not provided for in the 1987 High Court Civil Procedure Rules.  
1.2 We submit, that the jurisprudential reasoning behind the provision of order 50 of the High Court Civil Procedure Rules which is similar to order 59 of the defunct High Court of Lagos State Civil Procedure Rules, 1994 is to enable a party recover possession of land from another party who has no right to be on the land, or from another party who is on the land without the license or consent of the Claimant or of his predecessors in title. It also aimed to expedite determination of claims relating to possession of land in which there is no dispute as to the facts from which the claims arise. Please see the case of **ADEIPE V. THEOPHILUS** (2005) 16 NWLR (PT.

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### ISSUES FOR DETERMINATION

2.1 We submit that from the facts and circumstances of this suit only one issue can be distilled for determination viz: -

WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO THE RELIEFS BEING CLAIMED IN THIS SUIT.

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951) page 256 at Pp. 264, para 6, F - G, 262 para D - E. Please see also supra at 271 paras E - F as per OGBURN, J.C.A. 18/8/95.

"The christial purport of the provisions of order 39 of the Lagos State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules 1994 is that which contemplates matters which are obvious, non-contentious and therefore of an expeditious nature same is to serve a quick dispensation of justice and with due consideration to all parties involved. Where the action is therefore expeditious, the summary due process procedure is to be followed and which ought to do a way with the use of pleadings."

Please see also in the foregoing regard the case of **MMODI V. EMANKS INVESTMENTS LTD** [2005] 11 NWLR (PT. 934) page 23 at page 30 paras A - D.

We submit, that in the instant suit the Plaintiff has established through affidavit evidence that title to the land in which his has been acknowledged by the Defendants vide exhibits B - F attached to the Affidavit in support of this Ongoing business.

We submit, that the issuance of a certificate of Occupancy marked '2' here as favour of the Plaintiff by the Governor of Kaduna State is a presumption of exclusive possession of the land in which a claim in favour of the Plaintiff to the exclusion of the Defendants. Please see the case of **OSAZUWA V. OJO** [1999] NWLR (PT. 634) Page 286 at Pp. 291 para A wherein it was held thus:-

"A Certificate of Occupancy properly issued by a competent authority raises the presumption that the holder is the owner in exclusive possession of the land in which it is issued. Such a Certificate also raises the presumption that at the time it was issued there was not in existence a customary owner whose title has not been revoked."

In sum my Lord is urged upon to answer the sole issue for determination posed herein, in the negative and accordingly grant all the reliefs sought by the Plaintiff in this suit.

DATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2010.

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Signature: Samuel Atung Esq.  
Name: SAMUEL ATUNG ESQ.

**SAMUEL ATUNG ESQ**  
PP: **EMMANUEL TORO & COMPANY**  
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KADUNA.

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Signature: Stephen Akpogor  
Name: Stephen Akpogor  
Date: 28/6/2010

### EXHIBIT A



**EXHIBIT B**  
1. The Defendant's Affidavit in support of this Ongoing business.  
2. The Plaintiff's Affidavit in support of this Ongoing business.

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**Urban Development  
Bank of Nigeria Plc**



**ADVERTISEMENT TO PROSPECTIVE BENEFICIARIES / OPERATORS ON ACCESSING THE PUBLIC MASS TRANSIT REVOLVING FUND SCHEME OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA BEING MANAGED BY THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BANK OF NIGERIA PLC.**

**1.0 Introduction**

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) in its bid to address the transportation challenges being experienced nationwide, has established a Public Mass Transit Revolving Fund with the objective of increasing the availability of vehicles to the public through eligible transport operators across the country. The following are the guidelines relating to accessing the Fund.

**2.0 Objective of the Fund**

The primary objective of the Fund is to increase the availability of vehicles for Public transportation through the provision of buses to identified transport operators/groups at a concessionary interest rate, which shall be used for the Public Mass Transit Scheme.

**3.0 Fund Manager**

The Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Plc (UDBN) has been appointed as the Fund Manager with the responsibility of rolling out the Fund by on-lending to eligible operators, with a mid-term plan to grow the Fund and make it self-sustaining.

**4.0 Utilization**

The proceeds of the Fund shall be lent to identified target groups/partners consisting of the Labour Unions' Mass Transit arms and affiliates, States and Local Governments Mass Transit arms, and Private Sector operators.

**5.0 Eligibility Criteria for Beneficiaries of the Fund**

The eligibility criteria for prospective beneficiaries of the Fund shall be one of the following:

- (a) Membership of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) or Trade Union Congress (TUC) and affiliated agencies; OR
- (b) Membership of Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON); OR
- (c) State Governments and affiliated Road Mass Transit Agencies; OR
- (d) Private Sector road mass transit operators and members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

**6.0 Modalities of the Fund**

**(a) Interest Rate**

The Fund shall be administered at an interest rate of 5 percent per annum calculated on outstanding principal payable on a monthly basis in arrears.

**(b) Other Fees/charges**

Standard fees covering preparation, legal, administrative, documentation, supervision and incidental expenses associated with the loan would not exceed 0.75% per annum over the life of the loan.

**(c) Tenor**

Loans under the Fund shall have a maximum tenor of five (5) years.

**(d) Repayment**

- (i) Repayment of loans under the Fund shall be on monthly basis for both principal, and interest payments.
- (ii) Prepayment at the instance of the beneficiary of the loan shall be acceptable without penalties.

**(e) Security**

Security for the loan under the Fund shall be one and/or a combination of the following:

- (i) Corporate Guarantee from acceptable trade unions, agencies and institutions; OR

- (ii) Bank Guarantee from a reputable commercial bank acceptable to UDBN covering the facility amount; OR

- (iii) Credit Insurance Bond from a reputable insurance company acceptable to UDBN covering the facility amount; OR

- (iv) Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO) from respective Government (for Government beneficiaries and affiliated agencies) covering the facility amount.

**(f) Insurance**

- (i) Vehicles acquired through the Fund must have full comprehensive insurance cover from a reputable insurance company acceptable to UDBN.

- (ii) UDBN shall be the first loss payee to the insurance companies of the insured vehicles till liquidation of the facility amount.

**(g) Other guidelines**

- (i) The vehicles provided to beneficiaries of the Fund shall be through UDBN accredited /approved vehicle providers only. The vehicles provided would have standard safety features, including but not limited to Automatic Brake System (ABS); 2 airbags (front seats), driver and passenger seat belts; and so on.

- (ii) Vehicles would be provided to eligible operators/beneficiaries on a first come, first served basis.

**7.0 Mechanism for administration of the Fund**

- (a) Following this public notice, interested eligible applicants are expected to purchase a scratch card at any Unity Bank Branch nationwide at the cost of N10,000.

- (b) Applicants shall then visit the following websites: [www.udbn.com](http://www.udbn.com) and [www.unitybankplc.com](http://www.unitybankplc.com) to complete an application form on-line. Other instructions for the completion and submission of the application form shall be outlined at the back of the electronic card, as well as on a flyer that would accompany the scratch card. Application forms shall be available at the aforementioned websites from 06/07/2010.

- (c) Each application must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- (i) Feasibility Study/Business Plan;

- (ii) Certificate of Incorporation evidencing the incorporation of the company with the Corporate Affairs Commission Nigeria and Memorandum and Articles of Association;

- (iii) Valid operating permit or license (where applicable) and/or evidence of association with a National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW);

- (iv) Corporate Profile of the Customer including experience and track record in mass transit operations;

- (v) Audited Accounts for the last 3 years (where applicable);

- (vi) Management Account for the year under review;

- (vii) Any other form of documentation that would assist the appraisal process as may be required by UDBN.

**8.0 Notices**

- a) In line with FGN's objective, directives and mandate of the Fund, immediate presence of branded vehicles will herald the success of the scheme;

- b) All further enquiries should be directed to:

**Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Plc**  
Plot 977 Central Business District  
Adjacent National Mosque Abuja,  
Federal Capital Territory  
P.M.B. 272 Garki, Abuja  
E-mail: [pmtf@udbn.com](mailto:pmtf@udbn.com);

Phone: 09-6725228



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

### RE- NIGERIAN TRIBUNE COMPENDIUM OF 500 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS, VOL. 1

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to a Publication by the Nigerian Tribune of Monday May 10, 2010, advertising its so-called Compendium of Five Hundred (500) distinguished Professors, Vol.1

The Commission dissociates itself from such a publication and advises all Nigerian Professors not to partake in this pedestrian attempt to cheaply use their names in a publication that will not stand any academic test.

A publication of this nature is surely a serious academic enterprise and with all due respects, Tribune, which is not an academic outfit, clearly lacks the expertise to undertake this venture.

Determining who is a distinguished Professor can only be achieved through a peer review mechanism using several academic instruments, which can only be properly measured by seasoned academics.

Furthermore, to succeed in a venture of this nature, a database of all Nigerian Professors both within and outside Nigeria will be required to cross-check all entries made. We have no doubt that the Tribune does not have such a database, as only the Commission possesses such a database and has not given it to any organization.

A respected Newspaper like the Tribune is advised not to venture into such a publication without due recourse to the appropriate regulatory agencies for proper guidance.

To safeguard the sanctity of our mandate, which is the orderly development of the Nigerian University System and ensuring quality assurance, we will discourage any such publication which lacks substance and due diligence and likely to cause confusion in the Nigerian University System.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to reiterate that all Nigerian Professors should ignore any invitation to submit their names to the publishers of the so-called compendium and advise all Nigerians to ignore such a publication as it lacks any merit.

Any professor who partakes in this exercise does so at his/her own risk. Those who have unwittingly submitted their names should demand the non-inclusion of their names in order not to tarnish their hard earned academic achievement.

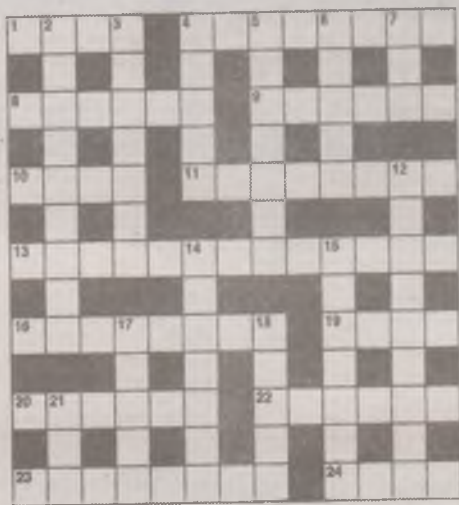
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The more empty the better. Don't forget your steering wheel too.  
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**CROSSWORDS 16**



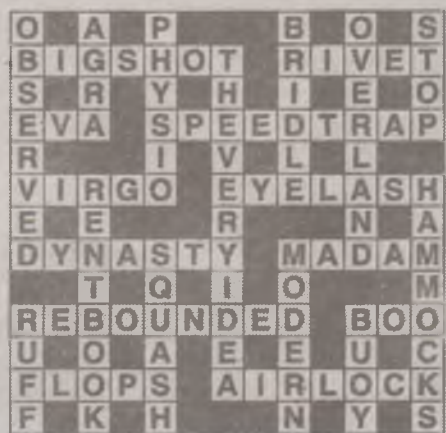
**ACROSS**

- 1 Chills (4)
- 4 Tragedy (8)
- 8 First name shared by actresses Burton and Redman (6)
- 9 Implant (6)
- 10 Vivacity (4)
- 11 Fiancee's evening out (3,5)
- 13 Risk getting into difficulties (3,3,7)
- 16 Approved, agreed (8)
- 19 1992 Robin Williams film (4)
- 20 Wound, injury (6)
- 22 Contemptible (2-4)
- 23 Island beyond the Menai Strait (8)
- 24 Orderly (4)

**DOWN**

- 2 Includes (9)
- 3 Car bodywork feature (7)
- 4 End of life (5)
- 5 Claire \_\_\_\_ Mrs Macey in TV's *Lark Rise to Candleford* (7)
- 6 Popular Japanese food (5)
- 7 Part of the head (3)
- 12 Suburb of Los Angeles, centre of the American film industry (9)
- 14 Ceremonial acts (7)
- 15 Edgy (7)
- 17 Well-balanced (5)
- 18 \_\_\_\_ Osmond, *Puppy Love* singer (5)
- 21 \_\_\_\_ Weasley, *Harry Potter* character (3)

**SOLUTION TO CROSSWORDS 15**



**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.

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**Solution to Sudoku 181**

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## News Extra

# CNN's Larry King to step down

- King likes Seacrest as a possible replacement
- King has interviewed every U.S. president since Richard Nixon
- By one count, King has interviewed more than 50,000 people
- Says Nelson Mandela was most extraordinary person he has met

LARRY King, the iconic TV interviewer, will step aside from hosting of his prime time CNN show later this year, he said Tuesday.

King, 76, made the announcement with a short posting to his Twitter account, citing his desire to spend more time with his wife and young children.

"I want to share some personal news with you. 25 years ago, I sat across this table from New York Governor Mario Cuomo for the first broadcast of Larry King Live. Now, decades later, I talked to the guys here at CNN and I told them I would like to end Larry King Live, the nightly show, this fall and CNN has graciously accepted, giving me more time for my wife and I to get to the kids' little league games," King wrote.

"I'm incredibly proud that we recently made the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest running show with the same host in the same time slot. With this chapter closing I'm looking forward to the future and what my next chapter will bring, but for now it's time to hang up my nightly suspenders."

"He will end his run with Larry King Live on his own terms, sometime this fall," said Jon Klein, president of CNNUS. "Larry is a beloved member of the CNN family and will continue to contribute to our air with periodic specials."

During his Tuesday night show, King told guest Bill Maher "there's a freedom" that came with his decision.

"I want to expand," King told the comedian. "I want to do other things that I haven't been able to do."

The idea to step aside came to him after he completed his week-long 25th anniversary celebration, he said.

"I'm thinking to myself, I've done 50,000 interviews," he said. "I'm never going to top this."

King said he would exit the host's chair "maximum November." But, he told Maher, "Then I'll be doing specials. You'll see me in other places."

Asked whom he wants to replace him, King cited "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest. "He's curious, he's interesting, he's likable," King said. "If he has a great interest in politics, I would recommend him. But I'm sure there's a ton of people who could do it. Come on. It's Q and A."

"It's not easy," Maher responded. "That's the trick."

In a telephone call to the program, former first lady Nancy Reagan told King, "I couldn't let you do this without my calling you. You didn't call me and ask my permission."

King said he had made no plans about his future, but added, "I'm looking forward -- I feel open to so many things. Life will be better."

ABC News Anchor Diane Sawyer chimed in: "I just want to say, Larry, what a monument of vitality you have built for all of us and I cannot wait to see your specials because everybody in the world wants to talk to you and to see you do them in a concentrated way -- when you choose to do them it's going to be a thrill."

King's decision followed months of media speculation about his future as his ratings declined.

King was hosting a nationally syndicated overnight radio talk show when CNN founder Ted Turner persuaded him in 1985 to try his interviewing skills on cable TV.

"All I had to do was everything I'd been doing since I was a kid," he wrote in his best-selling 2009 autobiography, "My Remarkable Journey."

His gentle but persistent interview style drew big-name guests, and "Larry King Live" became a place for

between then-Vice President Al Gore and Perot in 1993, a debate that for more than a decade was the highest-rated program in cable history.

King, who was initially based in Washington, became a mandatory stop for politicians. Over his career, he conducted sit-down interviews with every U.S. president since Richard Nixon.

His program was sometimes a place of real-time diplomacy. In 1995, he hosted a program on the Middle East Peace process with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

His suspenders, large glasses and vintage desk microphone are as recognizable as the countless celebrities lined up to have an intimate chat with King while the world listened in.

And there have been a lot of guests, including Marlon Brando, Nelson Mandela, Mikhail Gorbachev, Paul McCartney, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, L. Ron Hubbard, Madonna and Martin Luther King, Jr.

After extensive coverage over many months of O.J. Simpson's trial for murder, Simpson himself called the program the night he was acquitted.

King says that Nelson Mandela



LARRY King walks down Pennsylvania Avenue after an undisclosed business inside the White House in 2008

he asks his interview subjects to explain things.

"All I do is ask questions," he wrote. "Short, simple questions."

Born in Brooklyn, Larry Zeiger moved to Miami, Florida, in 1957. He began his radio career that year with a new name, Larry King. His first television job was hosting a local interview show in Miami in 1960.

While some critics have called King a throwback, he embraced the online social networking tool Twitter. He had 1,648,920 Twitter followers as of Tuesday.

On Monday, King used Twitter to respond to a fan's question about the highlights of his career: "Winning 2 Peabody Awards & an Emmy. Perot-Gore Debate a show highlight," King tweeted.

In addition to earning the

20 movies.

King has suffered a decline in ratings. His show, which was once on top, sometimes has come in fourth among cable talk shows during the 9 p.m. hour.

King faced highly publicized personal problems this year. He and his eighth wife, Shawn Southwick-King, filed for divorce in April, but reconciled weeks later.

King has repeatedly talked about the importance of spending time with his children, including his two boys from his marriage with Southwick-King.

"I'd love to see Chance and Cannon talk about how their Dad took them to play when they were kids," he wrote in his autobiography.

After suffering a heart attack in 1987, King underwent quintuple bypass heart surgery. A year later, he created the Larry King Cardiac Foundation, which he said was to help those "not so lucky" to have medical insurance. In 2009, the foundation paid for 287 life-saving surgeries.

And through it all, the interviews continued.

"Only God failed to show up for a Larry King interview," said Tom Johnson, who was CNN's chairman for more than a decade, ending in 2001.

"Larry has been my close friend since I joined CNN in 1990," Johnson said. "We never had a single disagreement in my 11 years as CEO, although he never thought much of my suggestions for more shows about North Korea."

Is there anyone he would like to interview that he hasn't so far? For years, he joked in his autobiography, he answered that question "God."

"And my first question would be, 'Do you have a son? Because there's a lot riding on the answer.'"

Culled from [cnn.com](http://cnn.com)



LARRY King interviews Paris Hilton in 2007

major personalities to break news. Billionaire Ross Perot used the show to announce he was running for president in 1992. And the show was the setting for the historic NAFTA debate

was the most extraordinary person he has met.

In his autobiography, King confessed that he never plans a question, that he likes to be surprised by the answers. He says

Emmy and two Peabody Awards, he was inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1992.

King also has an extensive film resume, having played himself in



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## Kwara spends over N1 bn on natural disaster victims

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

SPECIAL Adviser to the Kwara state Governor on Emergency Relief Service, Alhaji Sulyman Yusuf, disclosed that over N1 billion was committed to assisting victims of natural disaster across the state in the last one year.

Alhaji Sulaiman, stated this in Ilorin, while speaking on the efforts of the government on the disaster management.

The governor's aide also said relief materials worth millions of naira had been distributed to various victims of natural disaster across the state.

"In the last one year, almost all the local governments witnessed one disaster or the other in which properties worth millions of naira were destroyed while some lives were lost in some cases."

He said, about N6million and other relief materials were distributed to victims of boat disaster in Baruten Local Government whose boat capsized along Nigeria-Benin Boarder.

Alhaji Sulaiman also disclosed that the state government had also approved the sum of N30million for victims of natural disaster in Moro, Ilorin-West, Offa, Oyun, Ifelodun LGs and other affected areas to be distributed to them to cushion the effect of the disaster.

# Chevron faults oil spill report in N/Delta

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

CHEVRON Nigeria Limited [CNL] has faulted media publication on oil spill in the Niger Delta area of the country, saying some of them are not accurate.

Femi Odumabo, the company's General Manager, Policy, Government and Public Affairs, who disclosed this weekend when executive members of the National Association of Energy Correspondents (NAEC) paid him visit at the company's corporate headquarters in Lagos, said such publications have negative impacts on the operators.

According to him, Chevron has recorded less than 1 per cent of oil spill which is mostly caused during operational discharged and other

third party factors.

"We at Chevron are very conscious of our environments and places where we operate and have the interest of the host communities and the country at heart in whatever we are doing," he said.

He said that Chevron has committed nearly one billion dollars to the development of communities, which he said had made the working environments more peaceful.

Odumagbo said that Nigerians should not be unduly panic about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

"What was experienced in the Gulf of Mexico cannot happen here in Nigeria. All the oil companies in Nigeria will work together to ensure quick response to reported cases of spill.

"There is no spill that happened that we cannot handle within 24 to 48 hours. "It is a fallacy for people to compare the spill in Gulf of Mexico to what happens here in Nigeria," he said.

Odumabo, therefore charged journalists to ensure accurate reporting of issues relating to the oil and gas sector.

Mr Emeka Ugwuanyi, Chairman NAEC lauded the good initiative of the organisation in ensuring that journalists covering energy sector are well informed through capacity building workshop and facility tour.

He assured the company that his members would always strive to balance their reports before publications, urging the organisation to response promptly to his members' enquiries about its operations.

## Trust Fund trains hydrological data collectors

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

THE Hadejia- Jama'are-Kumadugu- Yobe Basin Trust Fund (HJKYBTF) has trained 34 hydrological data collectors who were drawn from six states including Plateau, Bauchi, Kano, Jigawa, Yobe and Borno.

The administrative secretary of the trust fund Dr Hassan Bidliya said the initiative was meant to address climatic challenges along the basin which had subjected over 30 million people including farmers and fishermen to hardship.

The training which ended in Damaturu yesterday drew its participants from ministry of water resources, water board and hydrological units in the affected states as well as others from the North East Arid Zone Development Programme (NEAZDP).

"Long term failures in the management of the river system and climatic variations has led to the blockage of channels by silts and invasive weeds and the consequent inundation or desiccation of thousands of hectares," Dr Bidliya said.

He said the root cause of the problem was the collapse of the hydrological data bank of the

basin in the 1980s which resulted in the pervasion in the flow of the river and the loss of economically viable fish species.

According to him "primary data collectors are critical actors in the survival of the basin. They are the ones that will read and record according to standardized format, information on hydrology from the equipment that have been installed."

He said the basin covers about 148km<sup>2</sup> and it is internationally shared water with Niger, Chad, Cameroon and Central African Republic.

## Climate Change: Bank supports Lagos campaign with 800 trees

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

FOLLOWING the United Nations Scientific Findings indicator that the world would need about 87 billion trees before human beings can survive the consequences of various environmental abuses by people that has led to Climate Change across the world, the management of the Standard Chartered Bank of Nigeria has supported tree planting campaign in Lagos with 800 trees.

The Bank's Head of Corporate Services, Mr. Diran Olojo who made the donation of the trees to Lagos Commissioner for Environment, Muiz Banire, said the donation and planting of the trees along Lateef Jakande Road in Ikeja

and other notable road in the city is part of the bank's corporate responsibility to combat effects of climate change in and enhance sustainable development in Lagos.

Olojo said that the trees are too important to human life noting that aggressive tree planting remains one of the major approaches to combat the menace of climate, because trees according to him, give life to man by giving us oxygen in exchange for carbon dioxide change, noting that tree is the source of man's existence.

Responding to the donation by the bank, Banire explained that tree planting is capable of adding value to our environment and provide fresh air, thereby reducing cooling cost.

He said the state government, knowing the importance of trees to man's existence recently, imported a giant transplanting machine from the United States of America to make transplanting of trees from one region to the other in the state possible.

In his own remark, the Coordinator of the Fight Against Desert Encroachment, (FADE) Dr. Newton Jibunoh, who accompanied the government officials to the venue of planting exercise, stated that human activities have affected the environment so badly that, there is an urgent need to take measures that would mitigate its effects. He noted that the effects of environmental abuses by people may be too much to bear if we fail as a people to rise to the occasion.

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# FG partners environmental health service providers to check quackery

By Mustapha Suleiman

ENVIRONMENTAL Health Officers Registration Council (EHORECON) in conjunction with Environmental Health Service providers Association of Nigeria (EHSPAN) have commenced moves to prevent unregistered companies and individuals from performing the roles of health service providers in the country without being duly registered by the council.

Speaking at a press briefing held in Abuja, National President of Environmental Health Service Providers Association of Nigeria, Chief H.A.C Anyadike said that the association in conjunction with EHORECON in pursuant of EHORECON's mandate to take care of the health service sector will now monitor and ensure that only registered health service providers engage in the business.

He said that, "In obedience to the mandate, we responded positively which gave birth to this association known as Environmental Health Service Providers Association of Nigeria (EHSPAN), membership is drawn from managing directors of companies registered by EHORECON, by implication, therefore, you cannot practice or engage in any cleaning, pest control, waste management, etc without being registered outfit by the council or subscribing member of the association."

He therefore called on companies and individuals that have not registered with the council to do so immediately and be qualified to be admitted as a member of service providers.

Anyadike said that the council has put in place an easy access to regularize their operations by establishing zonal offices at Abuja and other geo-political zones of the country to attend to prospective members.



PIC: HIR JOSEPH

THE government of Nasarawa State under Abdullahi Adamu built this tourist resort almost to completion, but the project has been abandoned for over three years now.

## Eco-tourism project abandoned at Nasarawa/Plateau border

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

THICK grasses and shrubs have taken over the nearly completed, multi-million naira Eco-Tourism projects at the foot of the Farin Ruwa Water Falls located at the mountainous community of Massange in Farin Ruwa Development Area of Nasarawa State.

The project was initiated by the administration of the last governor, Abdullahi Adamu as part of that administration's eco-tourism development of the potentials that lie vast but waste at the Nasarawa/Plateau states. The state government initially initiated the Farin Ruwa Tourism resort which project was executed to near completion, but had to expand it to an eco-tourism project which entails the provision of sporting facilities, the hotel and other attractions.

The administration's life came to an end in 2007, marking the end of the project which is abandoned at the foot of one of the world's most attractive waterfalls.

Daily Trust observed during last week's visit that the project has been taken over by thick grasses and shrubs, and is playing host to reptiles and insects, just as it has remained a grazing field for cattle.

When Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma visited Kwara, headquarters of the area,

recently, as part of his ongoing "Meet the People Tour," the administrator of the area, Barrister Dauda Ngwai sought the state government to implement the Farin Ruwa Eco-Tourism master plan, construct roads, bridges and culverts to link Kwara with the border communities including Massange and Marhai.

A community leader, the Madaki Mama, Alhaji Audu Lugu also made a case for the security of the border communities, insisting that security threats in the area can best be tackled if government makes its presence through the provision of physical structures.

State Information commissioner, Barrister Mamman Alakayi said he is barely three months in office, which makes it difficult for him to know if the Eco-Tourism project is among the inherited abandoned projects Governor Doma promised completion this fiscal year. Christened "Budget of Reality", the 2010 Budget which capital expenditure of N40,646,265,383 represents 60 percent of the entire year's budgetary expenditure, has outlined the "completion of inherited abandoned projects considered essential for socio-economic development of the state", as one of its policy thrust in 2010.

## FCT Minister tasks area councils on sanitation

By Nasir Imam

TOWARDS ensuring that the whole of the Federal Capital Territory is kept clean, the FCT Administration has concluded arrangement to partner with the six FCT Area Councils on environmental sanitation.

To this end, the FCT Minister Senator Bala Mohammed has directed the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) to Partner with the six Area Councils in the to immediately commence holding regular environment sanitation in their respective areas as a way of making the environment safe and habitable for the residents.

The Minister gave the directive during a familiarization tour of the six FCT Area Councils.

Senator Mohammed who was represented by his Special Assistant On Area Council Affairs, Hon Boloubo Orufa, who was in Gwagalada Area Council, noted that modalities would be spelt out to ensure that

all the area councils comply with the directive on holding regular sanitation in nook and crannies of the Federal Capital Territory.

He urged the Abuja Environmental Protection Board as well as the six area councils to live up to expectation of the people by making the environment clean and good in order to avert the outbreak of diseases.

His words "cleanness is next to Godliness as we all know in holy Books as well norms and values of our society" adding "Abuja is very important to us and we cannot afford to allow it to become dirty and disorganized.

The Minister solicited for understanding and cooperation of the Chairmen of the area councils to always keep their areas clean by steadily evacuating solid and liquid wastes on daily basis.

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# EDUCATION

## Nigeria needs PhD holders as primary school teachers – NTI boss

Dr Aminu Ladan Sharehu is the Director General of National Teachers Institute (NTI). In this interview with *Daily Trust*, he spoke on the institute's degree programme which was put on hold on the instructions of the Minister of Education Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, among other things. Excerpts:

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

**T**HE NTI has been in existence for more than three decades. What has it contributed to the education sector and what would you say are the challenges facing the institute?

The contributions of NTI to the education sector of the country are enormous. The institute has done pretty well in producing teachers at primary and secondary school levels.

One of the major challenges facing the NTI is the need to ensure quality of our activities. That was what has made me to come up with what I called five-point agenda when I assumed duty as the Director General of the institute.

The purpose of the agenda is to look at the problems facing the institute and see how we can address them, especially the issue of quality of our training programmes. We are addressing them now and we are really seeing positive results.

**H**OW is the institute addressing the issue of quality of its training programmes?

The first item on our five-point agenda is enhancement of the quality of programmes in the institute. We have actually put a number of measures to improve the quality of these programmes.

For instance, we instituted a number of additional monitoring and assessment measures. We now engaged the services of what we called Quality Assurance Assessors. This is a group of people who are highly experienced in the area of education who are engaged to go round to assess the quality of what we do and write report and bring to us. And we use these reports to improve on the quality of the programme that we will implement in the future.

We also introduced a system whereby the Governing Council of the institute and the Ministry of Education are involved in monitoring the programme we conduct in the institute. That is also another way of ensuring quality of our programmes so that people will practically see what we are doing and tell us where we are doing well so that we can improve on them and where we are lacking so that we

can address the problem areas.

We also looked at the areas where we were lacking in our manuals which we distribute to the students. We have addressed a number of areas where we noticed some problems. The institute has also gone into the areas of assessing the needs of the teachers and carried out evaluation exercise on how our training programmes impacted on the teachers.

**N**TI'S primary responsibility is to train teachers for the country. Recently the Education Minister said that half of Nigerian teachers are not qualified. Don't you see that as an indictment?

The NTI has taken bold measures to address this problem. First is the step taken to improve on what we called the Continuing Professional Development of teachers across the country. This is one area that is aimed at improving the quality of our teachers. It is the kind of programme that is being conducted in each of the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), and we often seize this opportunity at all times to call on state governments to partner with us so that we can improve the quality of our teachers.

If all state governments cooperate with us in the Continuing Professional Development of teachers exercise, I believe in the next few years to come you will notice some dramatic positive changes in our teachers. Their cooperation is necessary in this regard because once teachers' knowledge is not updated on the modern skills of teaching, there is no way you will ensure quality.

Another area we are looking into is to upgrade the qualification of teachers. Teachers' qualification needs to be upgraded from one level of education to another. Just like a worker stagnates in an office so also a teacher stagnates once his or her knowledge is not improved.

For instance, if our teachers remain with Grade II or NCE certificates, certainly there is no way you can ensure quality. There should be a way in which to support those that have Grade II to update their knowledge to have NCE certificate. In fact, not just for them to have the certifi-

cate but for the education to go through them and not them to go through the education.

Again, those who have the NCE certificates should be encouraged to have Bachelor of Education degrees and even Masters and PhD degrees. There is nothing wrong in having a number of our teachers in primary and secondary schools with Masters and PhD degrees. In fact, these are the kind of qualifications Nigeria need for its teachers in primary and post-primary schools to ensure sound and quality education for the citizenry.

Therefore, the National Teachers Institute needs to be supported by governments and all stakeholders in the education sector so that we can have quality teachers with Masters and PhD degrees in primary and secondary schools in the country.

**T**HE institute was asked to halt its degree programme by the Education Minister and reposition for efficiency. Was it a sign of failure or that the institute is not living to its mandate?

I think what motivated the Education Minister to say we should halt the introduction of

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Dr Aminu Ladan Sharehu

certificates we are awarding.

She didn't say we should abandon it completely, but that we should halt the degree programme until when we go a little bit further on the repositioning exercise we are currently doing. Later on we can look into the introduction of the degree programme. That is what she said and I quite agree with her.

**H**OW many teachers has the NTI produced since its establishment and how many are you looking at in the next two to three years?

The National Teachers Institute actually started producing teachers in 1976, when it was established. Since that time, the institute has been producing a number of teachers in different levels. That is certification of teachers at Grade II level when it started and later on the introduction of National Certificate in Education and certification of Post-graduate Diploma students in education.

Some of the students currently doing this programme have Masters and even PhD and professors who are teachers in universities, polytechnics and other tertiary institutions but do not have the professional teaching skills or good teaching certificate. They enrolled into our programme so that they can be

drilled to acquire the basic professional teaching qualification.

We also have Advanced Diploma in Education, which produces teachers in specialized areas like Guidance and Counselling, School Supervision and a number of specialized areas in education. The qualification for you to be admitted into the Post-graduate Diploma is first degree and above.

There is a specialized programme that we are about to commence and it is tagged "Strengthening Mathematics and Science Education Teachers in Nigeria." It is a specialized programme that is intended to train all mathematics and science education teachers in the country. It is a big programme for the institute.

The institute is also collaborating with a number of international organizations like National Open University of UK, the Commonwealth of Learning and so on. We collaborate with them to produce our academic programmes, especially the training manuals which are unique.

Our training manuals are unique in the sense that it is a collection of experiences of a number of African countries. There is no university, polytechnic or any tertiary institutions in this country that you can find this kind of rich manuals.

# EDUCATION

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## Intercontinental Bank introduces undergraduates' competition

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE management of Intercontinental Bank Plc has instituted an essay competition for undergraduates in the nation's tertiary institutions as part of activities to commemorate Nigeria's 50th independence.

A statement from the bank quoted the management as saying that the development would afford the bank another opportunity to say thank you to its numerous customers for their unflinching and continued support and patronage.

The competition is expected to commence this month and will run till September.

## LG boss tasks teachers on dedication

CHAIRMAN of Langtang-North Local Government of Plateau State Mr Bintim Brain Dadi has called on the 200 teachers recently employed by the council to be dedicated to their duties and demonstrate professionalism in the classroom.

Mr Dadi made the call while presenting letters of appointment to the teachers who were engaged primarily to improve on the primary education standard in the area.

One of the teachers Mr Domchang Tali said they will do everything possible to meet the expectations of the council.

## Idah poly commissions library, entrepreneurial development centre

THE Federal Polytechnic Idah has commissioned its central library and Entrepreneurial Development Centre (EDC). The centre was commissioned by His Attah Igala, Dr Aliyu O. Obaje.

The Attah Igala, who was represented by a member of the traditional council, Odekina Attah, Chief Samaila Inah Obaje, said he will give the polytechnic maximum support for it to meet the growing technological needs of the nation.

Chairman of the Governing Council of the polytechnic, Air Commodore Peter Ndabake Gana (retired), solicited the support of members of the polytechnic community and other stakeholders in the efforts to move the polytechnic forward.

## College expels 18 students for misconduct

ABOUT 18 students of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Bichi have been expelled for examination malpractice, Provost of the college Alhaji Ibrahim Jubril, has said.

Jubril stated this in Bichi when the Senate Committee on Educa-

tion visited the institution.

He said 26 cases of examination misconduct had been recorded since 2007, saying that two of the culprits were rusticated, four were warned, results of five were cancelled while three others were "advised appropriately."

The provost, however, said that the institution had not recorded any case of cultism.

He cited water shortage, inadequate classrooms and non-completion of the site's handover process by the Kano State Ministry of Education as

problems confronting the institution.

In his remarks, Chairman of the committee, Senator Abubakar Bagudu, said the lawmakers would ensure that more funds were allocated to the education sector.



CROSS section of Bukhari Islamiyya students during the Qur'an graduation ceremony at Giginyu, Nassarawa Local Government Kano on Sunday.

## Academic technologists seek ETF's intervention funds

FEDERAL Government has been called upon to expand the scope of the Education Trust Fund (ETF) intervention programmes to cover the training and retraining of technologists in the country.

The call was contained in a statement issued by the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT).

The statement, jointly signed by the General Secretary of the association Alhaji Sani Suleiman and the Public Relations Officer (PRO) Amana Albert Amana said that the ETF intervention programmes are laudable and should be extended to technologists.

## 19 students for international mathematics, science Olympiads

Stories by Abdullahi M. Gulloma

TWENTY four students drawn from secondary schools across the country will be sponsored by the Federal Government through the National Mathematical Centre (NMC) to represent Nigeria in the different categories of the 2010 mathematics and science Olympiads that will take place in Kazakhstan, Croatia, Korea and Canada this month.

Already, Onah Pius Aje of Saint Gabriel Secondary School Makurdi and Henry Amobi of Nigerian Turkish International College Kano won

gold and silver medals respectively at the Pan African Mathematics Olympiads (PAMO), which took place in Ivory Coast last month.

Minister of Education Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i expressed satisfaction with the performance of the team that just returned from the competition in Ivory Coast, and enjoined the teams that will participate in the forthcoming Olympiads to be good ambassadors of the country and come back with laurels.

She said mathematics and sciences occupy strategic place in the educational system, and described the students' performance as a great

source of encouragement to government.

She commended the National Mathematical Centre for promoting the study of mathematics and sciences, and assured the centre of the continued support of the Education Ministry.

In his remarks, Director General of the centre, Professor Sam Ale said the students were selected based on their brilliant performances at various competitions organized by the centre. He said the students have proven themselves capable of representing Nigeria at the international competition.

## Legal studies institute begins distant learning programmes

By Adelanwa Bamgboye

THE Nigeria Institute of Advance Legal Studies has installed e-learning facilities for distant teaching and learning, Director General of the institute, Professor Epiphany Azinge, has said.

Azinge told journalists in Abuja that those who cannot come to the institute can avail themselves of the opportunity offered through the virtual library and e-learning centre.

On the funding of the institute, Azinge said N21 million was approved for capital expenditure in 2009 which was the highest ever, and that the institute was able to secure approval of N276 million as capital for the year under review.

He revealed that for the first time an official website for the institute has been launched, stressing that information about the institute can be accessed and downloaded.

Azinge also revealed that the institute is working on inducting the first black South African President, Nelson Mandela or the first Prime Minister of Singapore Hucon Lii in its Hall of Fame for their contributions in law and human rights.

"Under my administration, we have established the NIALS Hall of Fame to honour individuals that have made monumental contributions in the field of law and related disciplines, particularly those areas that impact on humanity.

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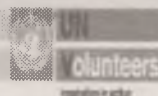
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It should however be noted that all candidates are expected to be at the interview venues by 9:00am for clearance and written tests.

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**EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Nigeria announces the following vacancy

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**ADVERTORIAL**

**NIGER STATE GOVERNMENT/UNDP 7<sup>TH</sup> COUNTRY PROGRAMME**

1. The Niger State Government is desirous of implementing the NGS/UNDP 7<sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2010) under the Capacity for Governance, Capacity for Economic Governance and Environment and Risk Reduction programmes.
  2. In view of the above, the State is inviting competent and reputable companies/ members of the Academia, NGOs, CBOs, and Consultants to submit proposals for each of the activities listed below:
    - LOT 1. Review Report and formulate Policy on renewable energy
    - LOT 2. Design and produce State Farmer's guide
    - LOT 3. Review report on Climate Change, design and produce adaptation strategies and Action plan
- Capacity Building**
- LOT B1. Design and implement training for Resident DUE process Teams on Managing competitive bidding processes
  - LOT B2. Capacity building for LGA Chairmen and state officials on Accountability and Transparency in Local Government Administration
  - LOT B3. Facilitate Accountability sessions (Town Hall meetings) on Local Government Administration and Budget implementation in the three zones of the state
  - LOT B4. Design and Implement Training programme for planning officials on mainstreaming cross cutting issues of Gender, HIV/AIDs and Environment into state development plans
  - LOT B5. Design Technical capacity building for state officials on the development of Medium Term Development Plans (MTDPs)
  - LOT B6. Produce the 2009 Niger State Millennium Development Goals Report (MDGR)
  - LOT B7. Organize Sensitization workshop for Farmer Associations and Cooperatives on commodity exchange village and enhanced productivity.
  - LOT B8. Capacity Building on Gender Mainstreaming in conflict prevention and peace building
  - LOT B9: Training for state statistical officers on primary data collection and reporting of related issues
3. Seeking Proposals in two separate envelopes (Technical and Financial) marked "2010 NGS/UNDP 7<sup>th</sup> Country Programme" should be submitted within two (2) weeks from the date of this publication complying strictly with UNDP's Process and Programme Implementation Guidelines which can be obtained from the UNDP Nigeria website [www.ng.undp.org/procurement](http://www.ng.undp.org/procurement).
  4. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for each activity can be obtained from M&E Unit/Programme Committee Secretariat.
  5. All submissions should be made to the **State Outcome Committee Secretariat, No. 6, Paiko Road, Adj. FRSC office, Minna.**

The Chairperson  
State Outcome Committee  
C/O Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning  
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**BWARI AREA COUNCIL, FCT**  
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### INVITATION TO TENDER

Our Ref: BAC/ADM/1460/1/010/L010 Date: 30/06/2010

Bwari Area Council hereby invites tenders from reputable companies/contractors for the execution of the following jobs:

- Lot 1 - Construction of Drainage Line and Road Asphalt Overlay along Byazhin Primary School, Road measuring 0.55km in distance
- Lot 2 - Re-Roofing of Bwari Township Mini Stadium
- Lot 3 - Construction of a Prototype Primary Healthcare Centre (Type II) at Kawu II
- Lot 4 - Construction of Drainage Line and Asphalt Overlay of Market Square Road Ushafa measuring 0.50km in distance

**BID REQUIREMENTS:**

- I. Evidence of Registration with the CAC
- II. Evidence of Registration with BAC
- iii. Up-to-date Tax Clearance
- IV. Evidence of Similar Jobs Executed
- v. Evidence of payment of Tender Fee of N15,000.00 only

Companies/contractors are enjoined to collect the following tender details:

- a. Drawing (where necessary)
- b. Un-priced Bills of Quantities
- c. Structural Engineer's Details and Specifications

They are also enjoined to visit and inspect the site before the submission of their tender. Note that all payments must be by bank draft payable to Bwari Area Council, FCT.

For further enquiries, please contact the Tenders Board, Bwari Area Council, FCT.

Tender last from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

Signed:  
**Management,**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

This is to inform the general public particularly interested candidates for the vacant positions advertised by the Nigerian Press Council in the *Daily Trust* of June 14, 2010 and *The Guardian* of June 15, 2010 that the closing date for the submission of applications have been extended.

**The new date is as follows:**

- i. Closing date for submission for vacant positions - **Monday, July 30, 2010.**

**ALL OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADVERTISEMENTS REMAIN VALID.**

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RE: INVITATION FOR TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL BIDS FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE 2010 CAPITAL APPROPRIATION AS APPEARED ON DAILY TRUST AND THURSDAY NEWS OF 27<sup>th</sup> AND 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010 AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL TENDERS JOURNAL OF 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2010 (vol.6, No. 11 pages 44&45).

This Notice is for members of the general public interested in the Year 2010 Procurement exercise of the Authority and have responded or intend to respond to our adverts of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Daily Trust (Pages 46 & 47) and Thisday Newspapers of 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (Pages 64 & 65), as well as the Federal Tenders Journal of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 (vol.6, No. 11 pages 44&45).

- i. The general public is accordingly invited to note the following:
- a. The collection and submission of the Technical and Financial bid documents is hereby extended to **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 by 12.00a.m;**
- b. Lot 26 has been redesigned as:
  - i. Lot 26A (Construction of Hand Pump Boreholes in Maiha LGA);
  - ii. Lot 26B (Construction of Hand Pump Boreholes in Madagali LGA);
  - iii. Lot 26C (Construction of Hand Pump Boreholes in Michika LGA);
  - iv. Lot 26D (Construction of Hand Pump Boreholes in Mubi North); and
  - v. Lot 26E (Construction of Hand Pump Boreholes in Mubi South LGA) in Adamawa State.
- c. Lot 46(A) initially advertised as Construction project will now be **Consultancy Services for Study and Design of Medium Earth dam in Old Muri, Karim Lamido LGA, Taraba State; and**
- d. The Consultancy Services for Year 2010 and for which the Authority is inviting Technical proposals as earlier advertised are therefore lotted as follows:
  - i. Lot 45 Study and Design of Cham Dam and Irrigation, Gombe State
  - ii. Lot 46A Study and Design of Small Earth Dam in Old Muri, K/Lamido LGA Taraba State
  - iii. Lot 55 Study and Design of Medium Earth Dam in Pindiga, Gombe State
  - iv. Lot 56 Supervision of the Construction of Verima-Gassol Road, Gassol, Taraba State.
  - v. Lot 57 Supervision for Completion of the Construction of Kaltungo Earth Dam, Kaltungo LGA, Gombe State
- e. Tender Fees for all the lots have been reviewed as follows:
  - i. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26A, 26B, 26C, 26D, 26E, 27, 28, 29, 32, 37, 42, 43, 44, 46B, and 50 will be sold at a tender price of N10,000.00 each;
  - ii. Lots 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 47 and 49 will be sold at a tender price of N20,000.00 each;
  - iii. Lots 5, 21, 22, 22, 54 and 55 will be sold at a tender price of N25,000.00 each;
  - iv. Lot 51 will be sold at a tender price of N35,000.00;
  - v. Lots 48 and 52 will be sold at a tender price of N40,000.00 each; and
  - vi. Lot 53 will be sold at a tender price of N50,000.00.

2.0. Interested bidders should therefore continue to collect Tender documents from the Authority's Head Quarters in Yola, Adamawa State in line with all the requirements earlier advertised.

(Signed)  
**Engr Peter Y. Manjuk**  
Ag. Executive Director (Operations)  
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This is to inform the general public particularly interested Companies or Contractors for the invitation for Bids advertised by the Nigerian Press Council in the *Daily Trust* of June 14, 2010 and *The Guardian* of June 15, 2010 that the closing date for the submission of application for prequalification have been extended.

Furthermore, all Companies interested in the bidding for the contracts shall comply with the Pension Act.

**The new date is as follows:**

- i. Closing date for submission of applications for prequalification - **Monday, July 30, 2010.**

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## CITY NEWS



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# Run away wife: Husband seeks children's custody

By Ogechi Ohalee

A middle aged man, David Adigidzi, yesterday approached a Grade 1 Area court sitting at Kado Estate Abuja to assist in getting the custody his two children which, according to him, his wife Veronica David Adigidzi, absconded with.

David told the court that on May 1, 2010, when he came back

from Mina, he discovered that his wife had packed his property including their two children to an unknown destination, saying that since then, she has denied him access to the children.

The two children are Christabel Adigidzi 3, and Emmanuel Adigidzi, 1.

"I reported the matter to the Wuye Police station so as to find

out where she is but to no avail. I later got a call from the Human Rights Commission that I should come to their office for settlement with my wife," he said.

He said after listening to both of them, the Commission instructed his wife to allow him access to the children, a directive which his wife did not comply with. He said his wife insults him whenever he

called to talk to the children.

David said: "I want my children back to school because I have paid their school fees."

Counsel to Veronica, Barrister Abbah-Agor urged the court to give them time to explore the possibility of settling the matter out of court.

The presiding Judge, Abdul Bello adjourned the case to July 12.

## Senate backs FCTA's ban on prostitution

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

SENATE Committee on Women Affairs has declared support for the ban on prostitution placed by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) in Abuja.

Speaking to *City News* yesterday, Chairman of the committee, Senator Eme Ufot Ekaette (PDP, Akwa Ibom) said the Senate is in support of the move to rid Abuja of commercial sex workers lining the city's streets at night.

She said "I congratulate the Minister for this action and I want to urge the FCTA not to relent on this effort. They must ensure that the girls get off the streets because it is embarrassing to this country."

Ekaette said the FCTA should provide skills training opportunities for those prostitutes wishing to be helped. "Some of them don't even want to be trained because they see prostitution as a way to make quick and easy money", she said.

She said the Senate will also look at ways to legislate on possible prohibition of prostitution in the entire country and to make it punishable under the law.

"It was in line with the effort to stem the problem of prostitution that we came up with a bill on indecent dressing which did not scale through. Stopping prostitution has to begin with ensuring that girls and women dress decently," Ekaette said.

She called on all ladies engaging in prostitution to dump the act as they are exposing themselves to risks of contracting HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

## Court orders CBN cooperative to stop work at site

By Ogechi Ohalee

AN Abuja Area Court has ordered the Central Bank of Nigeria Cooperative Society to stop work at a project site in Wumba District, Abuja, following a suit instituted by Ado Leo and Festus Umeoye, both contractors engaged by the cooperative society to supply materials at the site.

The court was told that the site is a three kilometer road network with drainage and culverts that is located at Imani CBN Multipurpose Cooperative Society Housing Project at Wumba District, Abuja.

Both applicants had taken the case to court over non payment by CBN Cooperative Society for the materials supplied at the site, which they alleged is currently being used by En-Pearl Limited, Mr Ayeni of Joma Invest Limited, David Aboyebe, Kasim Tukur, Imani and Sons Limited and CBN Cooperative Society.

At the hearing yesterday, Nnaemeka Ejiofor representing the plaintiffs /applicants, informed the court that despite the order restraining the defendants from continuing work at the site, was still going on.

All the counsels representing the defendants undertook to ensure compliance with the court order and Judge A. Bello adjourned the case to July 2 for arguments on the motion on notice to be heard.

In a related development, an Abuja High Court presided over by Justice Senchi has asked the police to apologize publicly to one Obi Adolphus for detaining him and his wife on false allegation without justification, and causing them to abandon the under aged children of between 5 to 3 years from May 29 to June 4, 2009. Mr Adolphus had instituted a case against the police, attorney-general of the federation and one Boniface Eze, for the enforcement of his fundamental human rights.

Eze, a tenant of the applicant had accused his landlord of being a robbery suspect, which prompted the detention.

The court also ordered Eze to pay N1 million to Mr Adolphus for the damages caused him and his wife.



A demolition scene at the Efab Estate, Kado, Abuja, last Saturday.

PIC: USMAN A. BELLO

## Customers accuse cooperative society of absconding with their money

By Romoke W. Ahmad

CUSTOMERS have raised alarm over the disappearance with their monies by a cooperative society known as Leadership Cooperative Society located at Mararaba in Nasarawa State.

One of the customers, Mr. Suleiman Simon who spoke with *City News*, said the operators of the society vanished since last year after collecting money from them without honoring an agreement to grant loans to their unsuspecting customers.

Narrating his ordeal, Simon said he opened an account with the Leadership Cooperative Society in August 2009 with N1,000 and continued paying into the account every day till November of the same year with the intention of getting loan from them as promised.

He said: "They told me that I am going to get double of whatever amount I save as loan so I tried and paid up to N54,000 for that period".

He said when it was time to get the loan, he went back in November of the same year for the promised loan only to be told him that the cheque they took to the bank was paid into another person's account and that he should give them time to sort things out with the bank.

"Thereafter, they started promising and begging us to be patient with them which we did but early December when I went back, there was nobody in the office again and all their telephone numbers were switched off," he added.

Simon said that in December of the same year, he received a text message from them, prom-

ising to start paying them by January 18, 2010 and that when he went there on the said date nobody was there except their other customers who also got the alert.

But instead of paying the customers they brought a new manager who told the customers that they have sacked all their staff and that they want to recruit new people to continue with the work and as well promised to pay them as soon as they start operation.

He also lamented that they started collecting money from people again without refunding their customer's money and disappeared again after collecting money from different set of people in February this year.

"When I saw them in February I sued them to court and they promised to refund my money

and that of other customers and the judge gave them the chance by adjourning the case but since then they have disappeared again. I am telling you this so that other innocent Nigerians who are striving to make ends meet would beware of this group of fraudsters because I learnt they have offices across the country" he said.

At the resumed hearing of the case filed against the society at the Nyanya Customary Court yesterday, the Presiding Judge, Hauwa Yilwa of Nyanya said efforts by the court, complainant and his counsel to serve the management of the society a hearing notice after the first time proved abortive as the office is always under locked.

She adjourned the case indefinitely until they were able to serve them with the notice.

## Man, 29, remanded in prison custody

By Bunmi Omolehin

AN Abuja Upper Area Court, Tuesday remanded a 29 year-old man, Uba Tanimu, for allegedly stealing cell phones and money belonging one Helen Nnabues.

Uba of Angwan Rogo and two others at large were alleged to have invaded Helen's house and made away with five cellphones and N330,030 cash.

Prosecutor Malik Taiwo had informed the court that on February 22, 2010, Helen reported at the Lugbe Police Station that the accused and two others at large invaded her house at Lugbe with dangerous weapons and made away with her children's five phones and N330,030 cash, adding that the value of the stolen items was not yet known.

The prosecutor further

stated that the accused person and others still at large went back to the same house on March 7, for another robbery but were caught in the process by a police patrol team.

"During investigation, the accused confessed to have committed the offence and that he had received his share of the stolen money. The offences are punishable under Sections 96 and 296 of the Penal Code Law.

When the charges were read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty and requested for bail which was objected to by the prosecutor on the ground the his accomplices are still at large.

Judge Umar Yusuf Kagarko ordered that the accused be remanded in prison custody and adjourned the case to August 6, for hearing.

## PDP faults AC petition on Abaji poll

By Ogechi Ohalee

COUNSEL to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Chief Karina Tunyan (SAN) has filed preliminary objections urging the election tribunal to strike-out a petition filed by the Action Congress (AC), Abdulrahman Ajiya and Alhaji Ibrahim Mohammed over the Abaji council election.

The PDP lawyer told the court that the petitioners failed to comply with the mandatory requirements under paragraph 4 (3) (b) of the 1st schedule of the Electoral Act 2006.

Other points raised were that the petition was not signed by any of the three petitioners or by any solicitor

named at the foot of the election petition; the petitioner failed/ or neglected to attest to the petition by signing same personally and attesting to it before the secretary of the tribunal; the petition was presented by two different counsel from two separate chambers, all not mentioned at the foot of the petition by the petitioners or/ any of the petitioners.

The PDP counsel supported his motion with 20 pages of relevant authorities, to which counsel for the AC, Mr Omar Musa, argued the motion by the PDP and said they were based on mere technicalities of law and the petition competent to be heard. The tribunal fixed July 20 to rule on the objection.

# 'How we steal cell phones from motorists, commuters'

By Usman A. Bello & Hussein Yahaya

MR. JOHN (not real name) heard a loud bang on the boot of his Toyota Camry while driving home along Wuse market after a hectic day's work. Thinking he was hit by another car from behind, he rushed out to check. But before he could shut his door car to see what the problem was, a pick pocket had dipped his hand into his vehicle and made away with his cell-phone that was kept on the dash board.

John's experience is just one out of several that abound in Wuse market and other Bus stops in the city on a daily basis. Residents and commuters who either walk along the Wuse market or wait to board vehicles at the bus are disposed of their belongings by hoodlums who deploy different tactics to perfect their criminal act.

While some of the pick pockets are lucky to get away with their stolen items, others who are not so lucky end up in police cell and even prison custody.

The hoodlums always carry out this activity in the evening time when commuters are struggling hard to board a vehicle to their destinations after a hectic work. Now listen to some of the confessions made by the hoodlums before court proceeding.

One of the hoodlums Bashir Abubakar who was convicted for stealing a handbag from a woman's car narrated how they carry out their nefarious activities.

"As you know, there is heavy traffic along the Wuse market and Wuse bus stop area in the evenings, hence we always station ourselves in the area and watch to see any vehicle whose door windscreens are not wind up."

"Whenever we discover that the windscreen is opened due to the slow pace of traffic, we check the dash board and front seat of such vehicle while still on traffic to know whether its owner either kept a cell-phone or hand bag on it. Once we notice that, we would signal one of us who is always on standby to hit the boot of the car so hard for the occupant of such vehicle to believe he was hit by another vehicle from behind. And we would also



PICK pocketing.

shout: Oga dem don hit your motto!"

He said as soon as the occupant who was oblivious of their intention opens his or her door to check what happened to his car, one of their members standing by will pick whatever that is kept on the dash board or seat and flee.

Another hoodlum, Abubakar lawal, who was sentenced to three weeks for stealing a Nokia handset from a commuter at Wuse Bus stop also narrated how they pick items from commuters' bags.

According to him, they always go in group in order to effectively distract attention and at the same time attract unsuspecting commuters while waiting to board vehicles to their destinations. "At times we create a scene at the bus stop by pretending to be fighting with ourselves and by doing so, passengers will not fully concentrate on their belongings while watching the stage managed fight," he said.

He said while the supposed fight is goes on, other gang members who pretend

to be on-lookers get busy opening ladies' bags as well as dipping hands into men's pockets to dispose them of their items.

"When one of us is unzipping the victim's bag or dipping his hand into a victims pocket, other gang members will be pushing such victim so that he or she may not feel a hand creeping into his or her bag or trouser's pocket", he narrated.

Ukachukwu Obike who was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment for cell phone theft also revealed to City News another tactic used by them.

In his words: "Some of us pretend to be passengers waiting to board vehicles while other gang members would be shouting the names of various satellite towns in Abuja. This is a trick we employ to make people believe we are conductors as soon as a vehicle arrives to pick passengers.

Spokesman of the FCT Police Jimoh Moshood said the Police command has devised various means to curb the incessant cases of cell phone theft by hood-

lums within the FCT.

He said apart from establishing a police out post station at the market, the command has also approved three patrol teams to be stationed at different locations around the market and bus stops.

"One of the patrol teams is stationed around Zone 6 traffic junction, another by the entrance of the Market while the other is at the Zone 3 junction and this arrangement has started yielding results. Last Friday five of the hoodlums who posed as Police officers were arrested while trying to extort money from people," he said.

Jimoh said police officers in multi have also been drafted to the area to ensure that criminal activities are reduced to the barest minimum, adding that many of the hoodlums who were caught in the area have been jailed while other are still facing trial.

He called on the public to assist the police in fighting crime in the society, saying they need the cooperation of every one in other to succeed.

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# Tenant accused of threatening to kill landlord

By Hussein Yahaya & Usman A. Bello

A middle-aged tenant was on Monday arraigned before an Abuja Magistrate court for allegedly threatening to kill his landlord before packing out from his house.

Okoli Chukwu of Federal House Authority (FHA), Lugbe, Abuja was charged for criminal intimidation, an offence which is punishable under Section 397(B) of the Penal Code.

Prosecutor Hoseni Emmanuel had informed the court that on April 19,

2010, one Sylvanus Okpara of the same address reported at the Area Commander's office that on the March 29, the accused person who is his tenant threatened to kill him before leaving his house.

He said during police investigations, it was discovered that the accused person actually made the threat.

When the one-count-charge was read to the accused person, he pleaded not guilty and sought for bail which was not objected by the prosecutor but

asked for a date for hearing to enable the police produce witnesses to testify before the court.

Magistrate Njideka Duru granted the accused person bail in the sum of N50,000 with two sureties in like sum.

She also ruled that the two sureties must reside within the jurisdiction of the court and as well swear to an affidavit promising to produce the accused person in courts on the adjourned date.

The case was adjourned to July 12 for hearing.

# Surety jailed for failing to produce accused

By Hussein Yahaya

A middle-aged business man was Tuesday sentenced to four months imprisonment for screening an offender he stood for as a surety.

The convict, Abdulganiyu Adewumi was jailed for refusing to produce one Engineer Ola Ayobami he stood for as surety at the Lugbe police station.

Police prosecutor Jerimiah Elijah informed the court that on June 28, one Mrs. Ann Nosike reported at Lugbe Police station that the accused person stood as surety for one Engineer Ola Ayobami with a promise to produce him at the station for the continuation of a case he had with the complainant.

According to the prosecutor, the said Ola Ayobami of No.15 by Catholic Church, Lugbe deceived the complainant and collected 1,582 pieces of blocks and 50 bags of cement valued at

N350,890 with pretence to pay her the same day after dropping the material at the site.

"But instead, he refused to pay her and absconded to unknown destination. Thereafter, he was arrested but the accused person came and voluntarily stood surety for him with promise to produce him anytime for the continuation of the case. He, however, failed to honour the agreement", the prosecutor stated, adding that the offence is punishable under Section 167 of the Penal Code.

When the charge was read to the accused person, he pleaded guilty and begged the court for leniency, adding that he will look for the said Engineer Ola Ayobami to continue with his case.

Magistrate Hadiza Shagari sentenced him to four months imprisonment or an option of N1,000 as fine. She also gave the accused one month within which to look for the Engineer.

PIC: ABUBAKAR SADIQ ISAH



SCENE of an accident along the Lokoja- Abuja highway, recently.

# Monarch canvases free education for orphans

By Abbas Jimoh

THE Emir of Jiwa, Alhaji Musa Idris, has called for free education for orphaned children to guarantee their future as their educational advancement may be in jeopardy due to the loss of parents.

Alhaji Idris made the appeal yesterday in Abuja while receiving the Board of Trustees (BOT) and executives of

Orphan Empowerment through Education Initiative (OETEI) a non-governmental organization (NGO).

He said that it is good for the society to guarantee the future of orphan children, by ensuring free education for them, saying that Islamic injunction encourages every good Muslim to be actively involved in the welfare of orphans.

In her remarks, the

organization's National President, Mrs Onye Ogechukwu, said that the ongoing scholarship scheme for 116 orphaned children in various primary and post primary schools in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) would be sustained.

She said, "Under this scheme, we pay tuition, provide learning materials, school uniforms and after school care and counseling; we also discovered

that there is no provision in the data requisition form of the National Population Commission, as well as school enrolment forms on the status of school entrant to determine whether they are orphaned or not.

We hope to impact positively on the negative perception of orphans in your domain and environs, so as to assure their future and by extension make them better and loyal citizens."

# Board organises workshop for Pilgrims

By Nasir Imam

THE FCT Christians Pilgrims Welfare Board yesterday commenced a two-day mobilization stakeholders' workshop to sensitize 2010 intending pilgrims from the FCT as part of the preparatory activities to kick-start this year's Holy Pilgrimage exercise.

Chairman of the Board, Joseph Uzoama, said the workshop had been the forum to mark the beginning of the pilgrimage activities where all stakeholders gathered to interact and be informed about recent developments in the annual spiritual exercise.

He said about 800 appli-

cation forms have been and are still being sold, while the fare is about N300,000 for Nigeria-Israel bound pilgrims and about N600,000 for the Nigeria-Rome-Israel bound pilgrims.

FCT Minister, represented at the occasion by his S.A. on Security Matters, Colonel John Y. Madaki, said the essence of the workshop was to avail participants with the right information necessary for a smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.

The minister implored the intending pilgrims to be of exemplary Christian conduct while in the holy land and that they must be good ambassadors of Nigeria.

## CORRIGENDUM

Re: Fed Min of Land, Housing and Urban Development

This is to inform the general public that the above titled advert published in Daily Trust of Monday June 28, 2010 on page 38, the Tender fee should be N50,000 not N25,000 as earlier Advertised. The error is highly regretted.

# Kwali council boss inaugurates scholarship c'ttee

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THE Kwali Area council chairman, Mr. Joseph Shazin, yesterday inaugurated a 14 man scholarship committee to screen eligible students.

The chairman charged committee to discharge their duties diligently

and be transparent in their duties by making sure that only eligible and qualified students are selected for the scholarship.

He disclosed that out of the 635 students who were earlier screened for the outstanding scholarships, only 336 students

met the requirement, adding that the award of scholarship for outstanding students will commence next week.

Responding on behalf of the committee members, Malam Mohammed D. Mammam, promised to carry out the job transparently without

prejudice.

Among the committee members are: Malam Muhammed D. Maman, Danjuma Barnabas, Malam Yunusa Waziri, Abigail Etsu, Alhaji Abubakar Sadiq, Fatai Popoola, Yakubu Saidu, John Wabari and Simon Enoch.



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**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF  
CONTRACTORS FOR YEAR 2009  
(BOT-SPECIAL) ETF INTERVENTION PROJECTS  
IN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

The Bauchi State Ministry of Education hereby invites interested and experienced contractors to express their interest in the pre-qualification to bid for constructions of schools structures and procurement of furniture items in the following secondary schools:-

- (i) GDSS Futuk in Alkali L.G.A.
- (ii) GSS Burra in Ningi L.G.A.
- (iii) GSS Madara in Katagum L.G.A.
- (iv) GSS Warji in Warji L.G.A.
- (v) GDSS Shira in Shira L.G.A.
- (vi) GSS Udubo in Gamawa L.G.A.
- (vii) GDSS Azare in Katagum L.G.A.
- (viii) GSS Azare in Katagum L.G.A.
- (ix) GTC Gamawa in Gamawa L.G.A.
- (x) GDSS Alkali in Alkali L.G.A.

**2.0 Pre-qualification requirements:**

Prospective Interested contractors shall be required to submit the following documents.

- (a) Valid Certificate of Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission
- (b) Current Tax Clearance Certificate.
- (c) Evidence of Registration as a contractor with the Bauchi State Government
- (d) Evidence of execution of similar projects supplies stating clearly the locations contracts sums including copies of award letters and other relevant documents.
- (e) Name(s) and address of Bankers;
- (f) Financial capability to handle the job
- (g) Company's resume/profile

**3.0 Submission of Pre qualification documents:**

The pre-qualification documents should be enclosed in a sealed envelop marked pre-qualification document "Year 2009 (BOT-Special) ETF Intervention" and addressed to the Secretary Public Procurement Committee, Ministry of Education Headquarters, No 1 Railway Road, P.M.B. 0064, Bauchi.

**4.0 Closing date of submission:**

All pre-qualification documents must be deposited in the Tenders Box in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Education Headquarters, Bauchi not later than (1) week from the date of this publication.

**5.0** All Interested Contractors for the prequalification should note that only successful companies would be considered to bid for the proposed projects.

SIGNED:

**MOHAMMED AUWAL IBRAHIM**

Permanent, Secretary,  
Ministry of Education,  
Bauchi State.



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**CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION**  
DATE OF ISSUE OF THIS NOTIFICATION: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

In pursuant to the World Bank Guidelines Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits (May, 2004 revised October 1, 2006) Clause 2.60 Publication of the Award of Contract, Bauchi State Governance & Capacity Building Project hereby publishes award notification as follows:

**A. Name of Bidders who submitted Bid**

S/N	Name of Bidders	Address
1	Connet Centre Dot Net Ltd	Re-Insurance House, Ahmadu Bello Way, Bauchi
2	Sunnet Systems Ltd	14, Balarabe Musa Crescent, Off Samuel M Str. V.I Liggins
3	Glory Dynamics Ltd	Area 11-Garki/FCT, Abuja
4	Impro Impex Ltd	2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr, Union Bank Building, 37, Niger Street, Kano
5	Takudu Enterprises Ltd	12 Post Office Road, Kano
6	EGO NCI Ltd	41A Sharada Phase 1, Kano
7	GNT Systems Ltd	1, Hubari Triangle, Zoo Road, Kano
8	Mobile Linkstech Ltd	Suite 6, Hamdalla Shopping Complex, Kaduna
9	Aswad Investment Limited	4, Kawo Close, Off Mushaguri Road, Bauchi
10	Freedom General Enterprises	7A, Niger Street, Kano
11	Kaybel Investment Ltd	4 Rafi Close, Kaduna
12	Royas Exclusive Furnishings Ltd	Plot 138, Idu Industrial Layout, Abuja
13	Artra Ventures Limited	5, Gornwalk Road Standard Building, Jos, Plateau State
14	AT & S Investment Ltd.	Plot 6, Ashabi Cole Road, Agidighi, Ikeja, Lagos.
15	Partnership Projects and Associates Ltd.	11/13 Yankari Road, Bauchi, Bauchi State.

**B. Bid prices as read out at Bid opening (Lots 1-2)**

S/N	Bidder/Address	Read out Price (NGN)
1	Connet Centre Dot Net Ltd	13,228,700.00 - Lot 2
2	Sunnet Systems Ltd	13,001,600.00 - Lot 2
3	Glory Dynamics Ltd	10,676,000.00 - Lot 2
4	Impro Impex Ltd	16,590,457.00 - Lot 2
5	Takudu Enterprises Ltd	16,799,085.00 - Lot 2
6	EGO NCI Ltd	13,028,005.00 - Lot 2
7	GNT Systems Ltd	22,865,000.00 - Lot 2
8	Mobile Linkstech Ltd	42,381,000.00 - Lot 1
9	Aswad Investment Limited	15,562,350.00 - Lot 1
10	Freedom General Enterprises	13,125,838.30 - Lot 1
11	Kaybel Investment Ltd	29,930,000.00 - Lot 1
12	Royas Exclusive Furnishings Ltd	19,542,300.00 - Lot 1
13	Artra Ventures Limited	30,830,000.00 - Lot 1
14	AT & S Investment Ltd.	18,019,000.00 - Lot 2
15	Partnership Projects and Associates Ltd.	21,436,679.40 - Lot 2

**C. Name and Evaluation prices of each Bid that was Evaluated**

S/N	Bidder	Evaluated Bid Price (NGN)
1	Mobile Linkstech Ltd	42,381,000.00 - Lot 1
2	Aswad Investment Limited	15,562,350.00 - Lot 1
3	Kaybel Investment Ltd	29,930,000.00 - Lot 1
4	Royas Exclusive Furnishings Ltd	19,542,300.00 - Lot 1
5	Artra Ventures Ltd	30,830,000.00 - Lot 1
<b>LOT 2</b>		
1	Connet Centre Dot Net Ltd	13,228,700.00 - Lot 2
2	Partnership Projects & Associates	21,436,679.40 - Lot 2
3	Artra Ventures Limited	18,019,000.00 - Lot 2
4	Sunnet Systems Ltd	13,001,600.00 - Lot 2
5	Glory Dynamics Ltd	10,676,000.00 - Lot 2
6	Impro Impex Ltd	16,590,457.00 - Lot 2
7	Ego Net Ltd	13,028,005.00 - Lot 2
8	AT & S Investment Limited	18,019,000.00 - Lot 2
9	GNT Systems Limited	22,865,000.00 - Lot 2

**D. Name of Bidders whose bids were rejected and reasons for rejection-**

S/N	Bidder	Bid Price (NGN)	Reason for Rejection
1	Freedom General Enterprises	13,125,838.30	No power of Attorney. No Manufacturer's authorization.
2	Mobile Linkstech Ltd	42,381,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
3	Kaybel Investment Ltd	29,930,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
4	Artra Ventures Ltd	30,830,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
<b>LOT 2</b>			
1	Artra Ventures Limited	18,019,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
2	Sunnet Systems Ltd	13,001,600.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
3	Glory Dynamics Ltd	10,676,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
4	Impro Impex Ltd	16,590,457.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
5	AT & S Investment Limited	18,019,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
6	GNT Systems Limited	22,865,000.00	Brand and Model of Items not stated
7	Takudu Enterprises Ltd	16,799,085.00	Letter of Undertaking presented instead of Bid Security as requested in the Bidding Document

**E. Name of Substantially Responsive Bidders:**

S/N	Bidder	Bid Price (NGN)	Remark
1	Aswad Investment Limited	15,562,350.00	Lowest Responsive
2	Royas Exclusive Furnishings Ltd	19,542,300.00	Responsive
<b>Lot-2</b>			
1	EGO NCI Ltd	13,028,005.00	Lowest Responsive
2	Connet Centre Dot Net Ltd	13,228,700.00	Responsive
3	Partnership Projects & Associates Limited	21,436,679.40	Responsive

**F. Name of winning Bidders and Price offered:**

S/N	Bidder	Contract price (NGN)	Lot No.	Delivery Period
1	ASWAD INVESTMENT LIMITED	15,562,350.00	1	60 Days
2	EGO NCI LTD	13,028,005.00	2	60 Days

**Debriefing:**

Any bidder who wishes to ascertain the grounds on which its bid was not successful should request an explanation from the Project Coordinator Bauchi State Community Based Urban Development Project in writing

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TO FEDERAL AND STATE MINISTRIES, DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, CORPORATE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER COLLECTING AGENTS ON PAY-AS-YOU EARN (P.A.Y.E) MONTHLY REMITTANCES AND RETURNS

**1. MANDATORY PAYMENT:**

Notice is hereby given to all Federal and State Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Local Government Councils of the Federation and all other Collecting agents on the mandatory direct electronic(e-) Payment of Pay-As- You Earn (P.A.Y.E) to Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) accounts and States Internal Revenue Services (SIRS) as appropriate.

Collecting agents are also requested to submit schedules along with the payments as shown under item 5 in approved templates in electronic form (Ms- Excel 2003) to the relevant tax offices of the FIRS and send copies to the Coordinating Director Tax Operations Group (TOG) at Revenue House, FIRS Headquarters, Abuja while those for the States should be sent to the respective State Internal Revenue Services.

It is important to note that it is required of every collecting agent to render returns of PAYE in summary forms to the Coordinating Director Tax Operations Group (TOG) for the remittances due to FIRS and to the relevant Chairman of the State Internal Revenue Service for the State remittances. This is without prejudice to the submission of Employers Declaration and form H1 which should be submitted at the end of each year.

The administrative arrangement spelt out above is predicated on the provision of Financial Regulation 334 (11) of the Financial Regulations 2008 which specifies that all government establishments shall make monthly returns of PAYE to FIRS within 21 days after the end of the month of Account.

Over the years, huge arrears of taxes accumulated by Federal, States, Local Government Councils and all other collecting agents all over the country have impacted negatively on the nation's revenue profile. It is also a known fact that the nation needs a sustained flow of revenue for her development purposes.

Furthermore, tax arrears have arisen from the following practices:

- (a) Failure to charge the correct rates of Personal Income Tax (PIT) on resultant chargeable incomes of employees; and
- (b) Partial or non-remittance of PAYE deductions made from employees' salaries/emoluments.

**2. RELEVANT LAWS**

Total compliance with the relevant provisions of the tax laws will be a safeguard against accumulation of arrears and ensure availability of funds for sustainable national development. The relevant tax laws include:

- Section 40 of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (Establishment) Act 2007 which imposes a general obligation on agents to deduct and remit taxes in accordance with specific provisions of the various tax laws;
- Section 81 of the Personal Income Tax Act Cap P8 LFN 2004 as amended enunciates the obligation of the employer to deduct income tax from the emoluments of employees under the PAYE scheme.

It should be noted that failure to comply with the various provisions of the tax laws quoted above attracts sanctions ranging from payments of penalties and interest to imprisonment. The years of imprisonment so prescribed are not an alternative but an addition to the payment of tax, penalty and interest.

In fact, Section 40 of the FIRS (Establishment) Act 2007 states that any person who is obliged to deduct any tax under this Act or the laws in the First Schedule to the Act (Inclusive of Companies Income Tax Act, Capital Gains Tax Act, Value Added Tax Act, Stamp Duties Act, Taxes and Levies, Approved List of Collection, etc) but fails to deduct or having deducted fails to pay to the Service within thirty days from the date the amount was deducted or the time the duty to deduct arose, is guilty of an offence. The law also stipulates that the offender on conviction is liable to pay the tax withheld or not remitted in addition to a penalty of 10 percent per annum of the tax withheld or not remitted and interest at the prevailing Central Bank of Nigeria's minimum rediscount rate and imprisonment for a period of not more than 3 years.

Also, under Section 24 of the FIRS (Establishment) Act, the Accountant General of the Federation has the power to deduct at source from the budgetary allocation, unremitted taxes due

For the avoidance of doubt, FIRS has jurisdiction over Personal Income Tax including PAYE of all individuals/employees resident in the FCT, Abuja, while the States Internal Revenue Services have jurisdiction over Personal Income Tax including PAYE for all residents within their States.

PAYE should be deducted from the emoluments of individuals resident in the FCT, members of the Armed Forces, Police, officers of the Nigerian Foreign Service and persons resident outside Nigeria who derive income or profit in Nigeria, in accordance with the provisions of PITA. The deductions so made should be paid directly to the FIRS accounts in the collecting banks.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD ANY TAX PAYMENT DUE TO THE FEDERAL INLAND REVENUE SERVICE BE MADE TO AN ACCOUNT OTHER THAN THAT OF THE RELEVANT FIRS ACCOUNT IN THE COLLECTING BANKS, AS THIS IS A CONTRAVENTION OF THE TAX LAWS, WHICH ATTRACTS APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS.**

Payments to States Internal Revenue Services should be made to the relevant States with accompanied schedules as shown under item 5 for PAYE.

The reliefs and rates applicable for PAYE are as stated in the Personal Income Tax Act Cap P8 LFN 2004 as amended.

**3. MANDATORY TIN GENERATION**

A key element of PAYE schedule is the unique Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for both the employers/collecting agents and the employees. TIN is readily generated at Large Tax Offices/Integrated Tax Offices of FIRS all over the country subject to submission of appropriate information.

The relevant information needed for this purpose for companies, individuals and enterprises are as follows:

- (I) **COMPANIES**
  - a. Name of Company
  - b. Incorporation Number
  - c. Business Address
  - d. Date of Incorporation
  - e. Line of Business
- (II) **INDIVIDUALS**
  - a. Name of Taxpayer
  - b. ID Type and Number (Work ID, National ID, Drivers Licence or International Passport)
  - c. Taxpayer's Address
  - d. Line of Business
- (III) **ENTERPRISES**
  - a. Name
  - b. Registration No.
  - c. Business Address
  - d. Date of Registration of Business
  - e. Line of Business

**4. SUBMISSION OF RETURNS**

Submission of returns for amounts deducted from emoluments of employees should be made to the Relevant Tax Authority. Returns of PAYE paid to relevant tax authorities should be made not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the month of payment. Failure shall attract appropriate sanctions. The returns to the relevant tax authority should be reported as follows for FIRS and SIRS respectively:

- (a) **Monthly Returns of PAYE**  
To: CD/Tax Operations Group (TOG), FIRS Headquarters, Abuja
- (b) **Monthly Returns of PAYE**  
To: Chairman, relevant State Internal Revenue

**Particulars of Returns to be Submitted**

- (a) **In case of FIRS**  
Name of Organisation/Ministry/State/Local Govt  
Type of Tax (PAYE)  
Total Amount Remitted  
Month and Year of Remittance
- (b) **In case of SIRS**  
Name of Organisation/Ministry/State/Local Govt  
Type of Tax (PAYE)  
Total Amount Remitted  
Month and Year of Remittance

In the case of FIRS, the returns should be made to the Coordinating Director Tax Operations Group (TOG), Revenue House, Abuja while in the case of SIRS, such returns should be made to the Secretary, Joint Tax Board, Education Tax Trust Fund Building, Maitama.

**5. SCHEDULE TO BE ATTACHED TO PAYMENTS  
PAYE SCHEDULE**

Cover Page PAYE SCHEDULE  
TAXPAYER/AGENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TAXPAYER/AGENT TIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRANSACTION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_  
TRANSACTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Staff TIN	Staff Name	Basic Salary	Allowances	Transaction Date (DD/MM/YY)	Tax Amount	Period Covered

**6. NECESSITY OF ONLINE PAYMENT**

Furthermore, the e-payment policy of the Federal Government represents another effort in institutionalizing accountability, transparency and efficiency in the polity. In this direction, a taxpayer can make payment to FIRS through FIRS On-line with the use of electronic tax card which is obtainable from collecting banks. State MDAs and Local Government Councils are required to take advantage of e-payment platform and print out the e-ticket as an acknowledgment of remittance from the collecting bank whenever payment is made.

**7. CONCLUSION**

In view of the enormous government projects to be funded even in the face of dwindling oil revenue, the Federal and State Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Local Government Councils and other collecting agents are enjoined to be alive to their obligations by complying with the tax laws to ensure availability of funds for development.

For further clarifications, please contact the Executive Chairman, Tel No.09-6701467 or the Director, Field Operations, Processes and Programmes Department of Federal Inland Revenue Service, 16 Sokode Crescent, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja Tel No. 08033303459 or the Secretary, Joint Tax Board, Tel No. 08053217206.

**Igbo Andy K. Ejemeyovwi**  
Director,  
Field Operations Processes & Programmes Department  
Federal Inland Revenue Service.



Legacy Pension

# Legacy Pension Managers (PFA)

## Legacy Pension RSA Fund

### Statement of Income and Expenditure

	Notes	2009 N' 000	2008 N' 000
<b>Income:</b>			
Investment income	1	1,837,088	794,184
Realized gain on investments	2	1,244,521	-
Other income		4,031	-
		<u>3,085,640</u>	<u>794,184</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Fund management fees	4	379,661	230,092
Audit fees	5	3,000	3,201
Operational and administrative expenses	6	42,417	230,448
Unrealized loss on investments		-	430,548
		<u>425,088</u>	<u>894,289</u>
Surplus before tax		2,660,552	117,794
Taxation	7	2,433,017	-
Surplus after tax		2,227,535	117,794
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year		462,038	344,284
Accumulated surplus, end of year		<u>2,690,073</u>	<u>462,038</u>

The statement of accounting policies on page 8 to 9 and accompanying notes on page 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	2009 N' 000	2008 N' 000
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash & short-term funds	8	1,357,251	2,811,817
Investments	9	28,303,046	11,623,287
Other assets		3,943	8,444
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>30,064,240</u>	<u>14,443,548</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Liabilities for fees & commission	10	38,887	24,956
Accrued expenses	11	3,000	2,644
Other liabilities	12	1,193,616	2,811,817
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>1,235,503</u>	<u>2,849,417</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>28,828,737</u>	<u>11,594,131</u>
<b>Members' Funds:</b>			
Members' contributions	13	17,531,883	10,343,282
Revolutions reserve	14	-	-
Accumulated surplus		2,895,073	462,038
<b>Total Members' Fund</b>		<u>20,426,956</u>	<u>10,805,320</u>
Net asset value per unit	15	N1.5586	N1.3491

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE FUND BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATOR BY:

*[Signature]* Chairman  
*[Signature]* Managing Director

Approved by the Board of Directors on 29 March, 2010

The statement of accounting policies on page 8 to 9 and accompanying notes on page 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the subscribers of Legacy Retirement Savings Account (RSA) Fund:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Legacy Retirement Savings Account (RSA) Fund ("the Fund"), which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December, 2009, the statement of income and expenditure, statement of cash flows, the statement of accounting policies, and notes to the financial statements, as set out on pages 8 to 20.

#### Directors of the Fund Manager's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Fund Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Statements of Accounting Standards applicable in Nigeria, the Pension Reforms Act of Nigeria, 2004 and relevant National Pension Commission (PENCOM) circulars. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Legacy RSA Fund as at 31 December, 2009, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Statements of Accounting Standards applicable in Nigeria, Pension Reforms Act of Nigeria 2004 and relevant National Pension Commission (PENCOM) circulars.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Compliance with the Requirements of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) Guidelines.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Fund, so far as appears from our examination of those books and statement of operations are in agreement with the books of accounts.

KPMG



29 March 2010  
Lagos, Nigeria

## Legacy Pension Retiree Fund

### Statement of Income and Expenditure

	Notes	2009 11 Months N' 000
<b>Income:</b>		
Investment income	1	238,960
Realized gain on investment	2	207,466
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>446,426</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Fund management fees	3	30,893
Audit fees		3,000
Amortization of premium on bonds		5,046
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>38,939</u>
Surplus before tax		407,487
Taxation	4	-
Surplus after tax		407,487
Accumulated surplus, beginning of period		-
Accumulated surplus, end of period		<u>407,487</u>

The statement of accounting policies on page 6 to 7 and accompanying notes on page 11 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### Balance Sheet

	Notes	2009 N' 000
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash & bank balances		133,140
Investments	5	2,747,608
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>2,880,748</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Liabilities for fees and commission	6	2,022
Other liabilities	7	2,022
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>4,044</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>2,876,704</u>
<b>Members' Fund:</b>		
Members' contributions	8	2,468,241
Accumulated surplus		407,487
<b>Total Members' Fund</b>		<u>2,875,728</u>
Net asset value per unit	9	N1.1863

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE FUND BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PENSION FUND ADMINISTRATOR BY:

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*[Signature]* Managing Director

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To the subscribers of Legacy Retiree Fund:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Legacy Retiree Fund ("the Fund"), which comprise the statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December, 2009, the statement of income and expenditure, statement of cash flows, the statement of accounting policies, and notes to the financial statements, as set out on pages 8 to 16.

#### Directors of the Fund Manager's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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#### Opinion

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KPMG



29 March, 2010  
Lagos, Nigeria



**OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION  
THE PRESIDENCY, ABUJA**

**BIOMETRIC ENROLMENT OF PENSIONERS**

**EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE**

THIS IS TO INFORM PENSIONERS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION, (INCLUDING STATE PENSIONERS WITH FEDERAL SHARE), THAT THE ONGOING BIOMETRIC ENROLMENT EXERCISE WHICH COMMENCED ON MONDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2010 AND EARLIER SCHEDULED TO END ON MONDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2010 HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED BY A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS. THE EXERCISE WILL NOW CLOSE ON SUNDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2010.

**PENSIONERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. THIS EXTENSION IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PENSIONERS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ENROLLED.
2. PENSIONERS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, PROVIDED THEY GIVE PRIOR NOTICE TO THE OFFICIALS ON THEIR AVAILABILITY WITHIN THE TIME FRAME FOR THE EXERCISE.
3. THE BIOMETRIC FORMS ARE COMPLETELY FREE.

IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ANY PENSIONER NOT CAPTURED IN THIS EXERCISE WOULD BE REGARDED AS A GHOST PENSIONER.

ALL AFFECTED PENSIONERS ARE THEREFORE EXPECTED TO COME FORWARD TO BE CAPTURED AT THE EXERCISE WITH THE ORIGINALS AND ONE PHOTOCOPY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- ORIGINAL LETTER OF FIRST APPOINTMENT
- ORIGINAL COPIES OF RETIREMENT/DISENGAGEMENT LETTER
- LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION FOR DECEASED ENTITLEMENT
- LAST PAY SLIP
- PENSION IDENTITY CARD (STATE/FEDERAL)
- PREVIOUS PAYMENT SLIPS (IF ANY)
- BANK DETAILS INCLUDING SORT CODE
- FOUR (4) RECENT PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH

THIS EXERCISE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD FROM 9AM TO 5PM DAILY IN EACH STATE OF THE FEDERATION AND THE FCT AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES:

S/N	STATE	VENUE
1	Adamawa	9, Kasim Ibrahim Way, Old H/C Road, Yola.
2.	Anambra	Akwa South LG Headquarters, Akwa.
3.	Akwa-Ibom	State Secretariat, Uyo
4.	Abia	Umuahia Sub-Treasury
5.	Abuja	Federal Civil Service Club, Mabushi, Abuja
6.	Benue	IBB Square, Makurdi
7.	Borno	Treasury Office, Maiduguri
8.	Bauchi	Federal Pension Office, Gombe Road, Bauchi.
9.	Bayelsa	Yenegoa Local Council Premises
10.	Cross River	Calabar Sub Treasury, Calabar
11.	Delta	Labour House, Asaba
12.	Enugu	Main Sub Treasury, Enugu.
13.	Ekiti	NUP New Building, Near Internal Revenue, Oke Oriomi, Ado Ekiti
14.	Edo	State Pension Board, Benin City
15.	Ebonyi	Local Govt. Staff Pension Board, Abakaliki
16.	Gombe	Office of Accountant General, Gombe
17.	Imo	New Nigeria Union of Pensioners Secretariat, Area A, New Owerri, Behind Dream Land Hotel, Adjacent to Claret Academy, Owerri.
18.	Jigawa	State Government Secretariat, Dutse.
19.	Kano	Rumfa College, Kano
20.	Kastina	Old Ministry of Works, GRA Nagogo Road, Katsina.
21.	Kaduna	Yakubu Gowon Way, NUP Office, Kaduna
22.	Kogi	New NUP Secretariat, Lokoja.
23.	Kwara	Audit Dept. Sulu Gambari Road, Ilorin
24.	Kebbi	NUP New Secretariat, Birnin Kebbi
25.	Lagos	Civil Service Union House, Near Chapel of Christ Delight Church, Alausa, Ikeja.
26.	Lagos	(PURE FEDERAL) Federal Civil Service Club, Ikoyi, Lagos
27.	Nasarrawa	Pension Bureau Office, Lafia
28.	Niger	NLC Office, Near NUP State Secretariat, Minna
29.	Ogun	Ijeja Sport Centre, Abeokuta
30.	Osun	NUP Office Opp. Anglican Secondary School, Ikirun Road, Oshogbo
31.	Ondo	St. Peter's Unity Secondary School, Akure
32.	Oyo	Oyo State Secretariat, Ibadan
33.	Plateau	Plateau State Pension Board, Jos
34.	Rivers	Rivers State Secretariat, Port-Harcourt
35.	Sokoto	Federal Secretariat, Sokoto
36.	Taraba	Pensioners Office, Jalingo
37.	Yobe	Governor's Office, Damaturu.
38.	Zamfara	State Pension Board, Gusau

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS:  
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## SPORT

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# Jonathan's directive will salvage Nigerian football- Lumumba

By David Ngobua

FORMER member of the House of Representatives and football enthusiast, Hon. Lumumba Dah Adeh has said the decision by the federal government to withdraw the country from international football for the next two years will help in salvaging Nigerian football.

At the Federal Executive Council meeting yesterday in Abuja, President Goodluck Jonathan ordered for immediate withdrawal of Nigerian national football teams from all international football competitions.

Speaking to Trustsports on phone, Lumumba said the decision taken by the federal government wouldn't have come at a better time as he described it as apt and timely.

He said considering what has become of Nigerian football, nothing apart from the federal government's decision can salvage the country's football.

His Words: "The president's decision is salvation for Nigerian football. It couldn't have come at a better time. It is apt and timely and whoever faults it does not have the interest of Nigerian football at heart".

Lumumba maintained that those in charge of Nigerian football have held the nation, particularly football enthusiasts to ransom but FIFA, the world football governing body appears to have become a willing collaborator by brandishing sanctions even when it is obvious that its affiliate is working against the good of the game.

He said the negative outcome of the recent meeting between the Minister of Sports, Alhaji Isah Ibrahim-Bio and FIFA proved clearly that the world football governing body is over stepping its boundary



SUPER Eagles players Obafemi Martins (9) and Obinna Nsofor look dejected after the 2-2 draw against South Korea at the ongoing FIFA World Cup. Eagles failed to qualify for the next round

and taking Nigeria for granted.

"I was particularly disturbed by the negative outcome of the meeting between the minister of sports and FIFA. At the meeting, the minister of Sports was representing the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for FIFA to behave the way it did showed clearly that it does not appreciate the strength

of Nigeria in Africa and the whole world.

He said no nation, no matter how small, is in any way inferior to FIFA and can not be under the international organization, just as he stressed that Nigeria with its size and international clout should not be taken for granted by FIFA.

According to him, if Nigeria

decides to withdraw from international football for any given duration in order to re-organize its football, it can not incur the wrath of FIFA because she has the right to do so.

Lumumba however said in the event that FIFA decides to overstep its bounds, Nigeria will not lose anything, if the time taken off

international football is judiciously utilized.

He said: "Even if FIFA bans us and we get it right for once, so be it. We must be ready to position ourselves to benefit maximally from the break we have taken. Sometimes you destroy to repair. Therefore, FIFA sanction or not, we do not stand to lose anything.

## Why FIFA won't ban Nigeria- Jaja

By David Ngobua

AS football fans continue to debate on the likely consequences of Nigeria's decision to take a break from international football for two years, one time NFA board member and former president of the Nigeria Football referees Association, NRA, Dr. Sam Sam Jaja has said FIFA will not ban Nigeria because the country has every right to withdraw from international football for purposes of re-organization.

Following Super Eagles' dreary performance in the 2010 FIFA

World Cup, President Goodluck Jonathan yesterday directed that Nigeria should withdraw from all international competitions for the next two years.

Speaking to Trustsports on phone, Jaja commended the Federal government's directive as he said the need for Nigerian football to be re-organized without further delay can not be over-emphasized.

He said the directive by the Federal government has put paid to the inordinate plan of some elements to perpetuate themselves in power and continue

to lead Nigerian football by the nose.

"The directive by federal government is commendable. There is every need for our football to be re-organized for better performances. FIFA sanction has been used several times by those who have inordinate plan to perpetuate themselves in power in order to destroy Nigerian football".

He explained that Nigeria has every right to take a break from international football and those who think by the decision taken by the federal government, the country will become a pariah

football nation should not entertain such fears.

"This is voluntary withdrawal from international football and FIFA will have no ground to ban Nigeria. FIFA itself wants football to be organized in the best possible way and so it should not have any problem with the decision the federal government has taken", he stated.

Saying that the time has come to call FIFA's bluff, Jaja maintained that if the worst comes to the worst, Nigeria should be banned for the game to be re-organized.

He advised that even if in the

end Nigeria is banned, the two years of self exile from international football should be enough to bring on board credible Nigerians who will preside over the much needed re-organization of Nigerian football.

"If the worst comes to the worst, FIFA should go ahead and ban Nigeria but those to be entrusted with the responsibility of re-organizing the game must ensure that credible elections are conducted. This is the only way we would feel the impact of this commendable decision by the Federal government", he stated.

## Onigbinde lauds Jonathan on Eagles' ban

By Orkula Shaagee

FORMER Super Eagles Coach Adegboye Onigbinde yesterday expressed his support to the decision by President Goodluck Jonathan to ban the country's senior national football team from participating in all international football competitions in the next two years.

Jonathan, yesterday announced that the Nigerian national team has been withdrawn from all football for the next two years, follows its first round elimination at the 2010 World Cup, where they failed to win a single match and managed just a solitary draw against Korea Republic.

Jonathan's decision was based on the finding of a presidential taskforce set up to investigate the failures of the team.

Reacting to the decision, in a telephone interview with Trustsports yesterday, the former Super Eagles handler said Jonathan was right because the two year period would afford the country's football ruling authorities to re-organize for a better future.

He played down fears



SUPER Eagles players, Osaze Odemwingie(L) and Onyekachi Apam at the 2010 Africa Cup of Nations in Anqola

that world football ruling body FIFA would sanction Nigeria for the decision, saying the Nigerian government has the right to decide what is good for its citizens.

"Mr. President has spoken and I have no rea-

son to query his decision. He has his reasons for taking the action, and I believe that the two years will afford us the opportunity to re-organize our football and build it for the better", Onigbinde stated.

## Jonathan means well for Nigerian football - Gombe, Toro

By Ibraheem A. Fatai

THE decision of Nigeria to withdraw all her national teams from international competitions following the embarrassing outing of the Super Eagles in South Africa is the best decision ever taken by President Goodluck Jonathan since he assumed office, former Gombe State FA Chairman, Shaibu- Gara Gombe has said.

Reacting moment after the suspension, Gombe praised the President for taking the decision, saying the government has demonstrated that it has interest in sports and is ready to save football from total collapse under the present Nigeria Football Federation (NFF).

"The suspension is long overdue. The present NFF board has proved that they are more interested in self enrichment than developing sports in Nigeria. Every responsible government has a constitutional mandate to stop the

collapse of any sector and that constitutional right is what the President has exercised.

"The government has long lost faith in the NFF and that was why it set up a Presidential Task Force to help secure qualification for South Africa 2010, when all hope of making it to South Africa was almost lost. This is nothing but a complete vote of no confidence on the NFF," Gombe said.

Furthermore, he called on the EFCC and ICPC to beam their search light on the NFF activities, saying Nigerians would like to know how the NFF have been spending their money over the years.

Also reacting, former NFA's Scribe, Sani Toro, said the suspension is the best thing that has happened to Nigerian football in recent times, urging the government to ensure that a very good plan is put in place to ensure that after the two years, the same old story of woes does not

continue.

"The President has the right to save anything sector that is collapsing, including football. This would really enable us look critically into those things that have gone wrong with our football over the years. The decision is good for our football and Nigerian youths," Toro said.

In a telephone interview with former NFA Board member, Barrister Dudu Orumen, praised the government for its boldness in taking the decision, adding that it would have been irresponsibility on the part of the government of Nigeria if it has decided to fold its arms and watch our football collapse.

"I warned those people in the NFF that their days were numbered. I warned them that their ineptitude would lead them to nowhere, but they refused to listen. Now that the problem has come, they should be made to face the music," Orumen said.



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## PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING

### EXERCISE

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The deadline for the uploading of required information is 22nd July, 2010. However candidate awaiting any result but who have registered before 22nd July, 2010 have the opportunity to upload their result on/or before 15th August, 2010.

### ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must have:

\*Scored a minimum of 200 marks in the 2010 UTME for most courses except those for which higher cut off marks have been specified on the University website.

\*Made University of Ilorin their First or Second choice, and

\*Obtained Five (5) Credits in relevant 'O' level.1 subjects at not more than two sittings except MB;BS that accepts one sitting only.

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[www.unilorin.edu.ng/undergraduateportal](http://www.unilorin.edu.ng/undergraduateportal) or contact

[preadmission2010@unilorin.edu.ng](mailto:preadmission2010@unilorin.edu.ng) to complete their registration online.

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## Goodluck Jonathan, ethnic bigotry and political competitiveness

*"Nigeria is a country peopled by ethnic bigots who reach out to their narrow cleavages when they cannot compete"*  
- Goodluck Jonathan

There is something about travelling abroad which seems to dispose President Goodluck Jonathan to committing political mistakes. Two months ago, then Acting President told an American interviewer that the problem in the Plateau was caused by "settlers". With such an impolitic statement, Jonathan divided the community down the middle instead of finding the words to heal wounds. That passed as the naïve statement of a man from the backwaters of Nigeria yet to have a steady hold on the affairs of state or appreciate the nuances of power. Then a few days ago, This-day newspaper reported Jonathan, apparently over-effusive at being invited to rub shoulders with the leading imperialist politicians, going one step worse than he did in his earlier faux pas during the American visit two months ago.

On his most recent visit to Canada, Jonathan met members of the Nigerian community and was said to have told them what we quoted at the head of today's piece. It is a line in the sand by Goodluck against all those urging him to respect the zoning agreement within the PDP; Jonathan is unambiguously stating that he has chosen to darn the consequences of his intention and plan: run he will and in the process, cause as much problem for Northern Nigeria as he possibly can especially! Those who assume the man will be honourable now know the truth: Goodluck Jonathan is the typical political opportunist in power, and as was said in Murder in the Cathedral, the strong man strongly, the weak man by caprice, each has the same ambition: take power and retain it. Jonathan has Nigeria by the throat and he will do with it as he likes in search of power in 2011!

But let us attempt some interrogations of the bizarre statement of the President, starting with his assertion that people retreat into an ethnic laager because they cannot compete. He got it wrong, because nobody has asked that power be given to any ethnic community. Those who seek respect of the PDP's zoning formula remind him that the South under his godfather/mentor, Olusegun Obasanjo, was in power for two terms. If that was the agreement within the PDP it should be respected; it is that simple! Then there was the laughable adjunct about people who are

unable to compete; such statement coming from the mouth of Goodluck, who has NEVER won an election in his life, is incredible, as the French say! Goodluck rose to the top by default and he knows that better than anyone. In Bayelsa, he was the spare tyre which Obasanjo fitted to the wheel of governance after treacherously dealing with Alamiesei-gha. He then became the running mate of the late President Umaru Yar'adua in the WORST-RIGGED election ever conducted in our country, in 2007! When Yar'adua died he inherited power on a platter with the active support of people he now accuses of "ethnic bigotry"!

Goodluck Jonathan occupies no moral, intellectual or political high ground to talk about competitiveness, because his entire political career has not taught a single lesson about competitiveness! As for his accusation of ethnic bigotry, I think Alhaji Tanko Yakassai offered him a fitting riposte this week, when he said that "it is unfortunate that

of all people, it is President Goodluck Jonathan that is quoted of accusing fellow Nigerians as being ethnic bigots. If Nigerians have now resorted to ethnic sentiments it is because we are following the actions and utterances of the president. It is this presidential moral rectitude that is guiding ordinary Nigerians. If President Jonathan is ethnically biased, he is ...making other Nigerians tow this line of thought". Frankly, I think we have in power a president who is clearly willing to let crisis overtake the state in his desperate effort to run for president in 2011.

I also think that those who are willing to stop him should reduce the amount of time being dissipated telling Jonathan to be honourable; he will not be. He is using the power of incumbency to build a movement for his 2011 project hence the motley groups of campaigners that are mushrooming everyday. There is a huge war chest that is being moved around to buy people; the EFCC and ICPC will blackmail opponents; religion and ethnicity will be used to decimate the North especially and governors will be beaten into line by employing the Obasanjo method of hos-

tage-taking through the exhumation of corrupt activities. If people are truly determined to defeat Goodluck Jonathan, they must be willing to organize and struggle and should work on time on a national platform. He has already started his campaign; even Madam Patience commenced another leg of the campaign amongst women last Tuesday at the Eagle Square. By describing those who tell him to respect his own party as ethnic bigots afraid to compete, Goodluck Jonathan has thrown down the gauntlet. Let us politically defeat that paper tiger hiding behind presidential power to cause disaffection in the country.

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## SPORTS REPORT



JUSTO Villar

## Paraguay vow to stop Spanish style

Paraguay will aim to stifle Spain and their stylish passing in Saturday's World Cup quarter-final, captain and goalkeeper Justo Villar said yesterday.

"We can't give them space, they are a team who have a very good touch and who move the ball very quickly - if we give them just a little bit of space they will slap us in the face," Villar told reporters.

Paraguay earned their

place in the last eight by beating Japan on penalties after their game had ended goalless following extra-time.

Villar and his well-organized defense have conceded just one goal in four games in the tournament so far, helped by a midfield that has closed down their opponents effectively.

"Our football has always been about effort and our tactical set-up, that is what our game is based up on."



JAVIER Aguirre

## Aguirre resigns as Mexico coach

Javier Aguirre quit yesterday as Mexico coach, three days after the national team was knocked out of the World Cup in a 3-1 loss to Argentina in the round of 16.

It marked the fifth straight time that Mexico has been eliminated in the second round of the World Cup.

"I'm the person responsible," said Aguirre, adding that he'd made a commitment to reach the quarter-finals.

Mexico has only twice reached the quarterfinals of the World Cup—in 1970 and 1986, when it hosted the event.

"We didn't qualify for the next round, and because of this one can consider it a failure," Aguirre added. "The plan was to ... be among the best eight in the world. This was the plan. If we didn't do it, it's clear staying on the job is not an option."

