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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We love ourselves after so many mistakes, so why do we hate others for one or two mistakes they've made

- Mufti Ismail Menk



## AFRICAN SAYINGS

"Only a wise person can solve a difficult problem"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

## WEATHER

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ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
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(Temperature in centigrade)

## PRAYERS TIMES

JUMADA AL AKHIR 27, 1444 AH

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ISHA	7:36	7:37	7:34	7:27	7:30	7:55	7:10	7:41	7:41

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



## PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ Dancers perform during the Issey Miyake show as part of the Menswear Ready-to-wear Fall-Winter 2023-2024 fashion week in Paris, France

Photo: Emmanuel DUNAND / AFP

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# IN-DEPTH

## Furore over plan to relocate Jos Orthopaedic Hospital

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

**C**ontroversy is trailing an alleged plan to relocate the Jos Orthopaedic Hospital from Jos to Barkin Ladi town in Barkin Ladi LGA of the state.

On July 21, 2022, President Muhammadu Buhari, approved the establishment of an Orthopaedic Hospital in Plateau, to be sited in the old Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), but contention has since begun over alleged moves to relocate the hospital.

The disagreement followed a statement issued on November 22, 2022, credited to the Chief Medical Director of the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), Dr Pokop Bupwatda, by Governor Lalong's Director of Press, Dr Makut Simon Macham.

Part of the statement by Makut, reads: "CMD cited the approval of the National Orthopaedic Hospital affiliated to the University of Jos and to be located in the Lalong Legacy Model Hospital Barkin Ladi as one of the many good things the governor has done to improve the standard of the hospital."

The CMD was quoted to have said this when he paid a courtesy visit to Governor Lalong at the government house, Jos.

Soon after the release of the statement, groups and other stakeholders vehemently rejected the relocation of the hospital, saying it was an attempt to deprive Jos communities of enjoying the services of the hospital.

A group, known as Plateau Equity Forum, in an advertorial signed by its chairman and a former State Minister of Information and Communication, Alhaji Dasuki Salihu, accused the CMD of a deliberate plan to relocate the hospital to Barkin Ladi, describing the move as a violation of the law that established the hospital.

The group appealed to the Minister of Health to stop the plan to relocate the hospital.

"We, as a community, wish to state that the stance of the CMD is misguided and exposes an undisguised hatred toward the community. The agenda to relocate the hospital from the Jos metropolitan area is against the law passed by the National Assembly, which was assented to by President Muhammadu Buhari on 21st July, 2022 because the law specifically situated the hospital in Jos, not any local government within the state.

"We are writing this formal complaint with the firm belief that if the plan of the CMD is allowed, it is tantamount to a direct violation of the law establishing the institution.

"Our community is indeed aggrieved by the intention of the CMD, and sees the attempt as a sign of hostility to our community," the former minister added.

Dr Ibrahim Idris Zakariyya, an Islamic scholar in Jos, who condemned the alleged plan, said any move to relocate the hospital anywhere was a clear violation of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

"Whatever is passed by the National Assembly, has become law. So, any



■ CMD

move by anybody to change it because of his selfish interest is a violation of the law.

"The law had already been passed and assented to by the president. Why make such an attempt to disrupt the process?"

"Secondly, the move to relocate the hospital is an attempt to disrupt the effort of the federal government to restore peace in the state. The government has the right to site whatever project it wants wherever it wants in this country.

"We are Nigerians, and we have the right to enjoy whatever the federal government is bringing into the state.

"Jos North is a community that, since the return of democracy in 1999, has not enjoyed any dividends of democracy. We have contributed immensely as a community to the development of the state and participated in the election of various successful governments, but we have been neglected for years.

This is an opportunity that comes our way, but a few individuals want to change the location of the hospital. We have been left behind," Dr Zakariyya added.

On the claim that the buildings at the Old JUTH were dilapidated, and therefore new ones like those in Barkin Ladi would be better, Dr Idris said: "This is just a claim. Even if it is dilapidated, it can be renovated. Take for instance, if it is taken to Barkin Ladi, it is the same old story because new buildings must be erected by the government.

"If the buildings at the old JUTH are dilapidated as they claim, why can't the federal government build new blocks there since the law establishing it cites the hospital at Old JUTH?"

"Besides, there are other departments of the JUTH still operating at the old JUTH. This is to tell you that the place is very much okay to house the proposed Orthopaedic Hospital.

"We are calling on the federal government not to allow people to use ethnicity or religion in determining what should be done to Nigerians.

"To me, I have every reason to say that some people want to use religion in deciding where the hospital should be located. If for whatever reason, this hospital is relocated, that wouldn't do us any good because it would create another problem among the residents



■ Lalong

of Jos.

"We, therefore, call on both the state and federal governments to do the needful and take the path of honour.

"Let the hospital be built where the law says it should be established, just like the Federal Polytechnic in Shendam and Federal Medical Centre in Wase," Dr Idris added.

Alhaji Baba Akawu, a former deputy leader, House of Representatives also condemned the alleged plan. He said



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it would be unfair if the hospital was relocated.

"In the first place, a bill has been passed and assented to by the president for the hospital to be situated in Jos, and specifically in the Old JUTH.

"Jos is a city and accessible to everyone. Whatever you are looking for, you can find it within the environment. So, it is illegal to tamper with the position of the hospital.

The law sited the hospital at Old JUTH. There is nothing to debate about. This is the only dividend of democracy that came to Jos community. So why try to stop it. We are calling on the government to stop this relocation," Akawu said.

When contacted, the CMD of JUTH denied the allegation, adding that he had no intention to relocate the hospital.

Dr Bupwatda said though there was a suggestion by a committee that came to assess where the hospital would be sited, no report has been issued in that respect.

He said his statement was not meant to relocate the hospital to Barkin Ladi because he didn't have the power to do so.

He explained why he made the statement when he visited the governor;

"When a committee set up by the Federal Ministry of Health to assess where the hospital would be located came to Jos, I wasn't around but my deputy represented me during the assessment tour.

"The committee and the representatives of the state Ministry of Health went round to assess the Old JUTH. After the assessment, the same committee of the Federal Ministry of Health, inquired if there was another place to assess apart from the Old JUTH. The state government then suggested the Lalong Legacy Project, which is in Barkin Ladi.

"From what my deputy told me, after assessing the two, they said they would look at them and write their report. But the committee felt that some of the structures in the Old JUTH are dilapidated but Barkin Ladi is a new structure.

"The committee told the state government to choose between the two. But even with that, no reports have been issued in that regard.

"There is no conclusion that the hospital would be relocated to Barkin Ladi because I haven't seen any report on whether or not the hospital will be sited in Old JUTH or Barkin Ladi.

"During the visit, I just made mention that both Old JUTH and the building in Barkin Ladi were visited by the committee. The report of the assessment is yet to be issued.

"I never said it would be moved to Barkin Ladi. I don't have the power to relocate the hospital anywhere. I wasn't the one that led the delegation. Besides that, nobody has come to a final conclusion on where the hospital would be located. There is no plan to change anything," Bupwatda said.

Mr Nimkong Landam, the state Commissioner for Health, also explained why the building in Barkin Ladi was also assessed and that the decision to move the hospital was not concluded as Governor Lalong had not made any pronouncements in that respect.

He said: "The governor has the right to choose which place the hospital will be situated because they are all state properties. Besides, the federal government committee said they may prefer that of Barkin Ladi because it was easy to access and can be expanded in the future. But the governor hasn't made any pronouncements.

"Some of the structures in the Old JUTH were affected by the bomb blast, and they have to be demolished, unlike the ones in Barkin Ladi. It is an institution meant for the North Central and not Plateau alone.

"If the hospital is sited in Barkin Ladi, it would be easier to be accessed by those coming from other states of the North Central. But another person from the federal ministry came for the second time with a letter requesting that the Old JUTH be assessed again.

"We just started hearing people say the governor has moved the hospital to Barkin Ladi. This is not true. The governor hasn't made any statement yet. But preferably, we want the hospital to be sited in Barkin Ladi," the commissioner added.

# Bank ATMs still dispensing old naira notes

By Sunday M. Ogwu (Abuja),  
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Kabiru R. Anwar (Yola),  
Umar Muhammed (Lafia) &  
Bassey Willie (Yenagoa)



■ CBN Governor Emefiele

Despite a directive by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to banks to load their Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) with the redesigned naira notes, financial institutions in many states are still giving their customers the old notes, *Daily Trust* reports.

The CBN yesterday asked the citizens to reject old naira notes from commercial banks, insisting they cease to be legal tender on January 31.

The apex bank had since Friday, January 12, asked banks to stop giving customers old N1, 000; N500 and N200 notes but checks by our correspondents in many states revealed that most of the banks have not complied.

Deputy Director, Currency Operation, CBN, Rekiyat Yusuf, made the call for Nigerians to reject to old notes in Lokoja, Kogi State Capital, while sensitising market men and women about the redesigned naira notes.

She said any bank caught dispensing old notes to customers henceforth would be sanctioned.

She was responding to a concern by a customer that banks were still dispensing old naira notes via ATMs.

She said, "If banks give you old notes, reject it and return it to them and report the bank to us immediately for appropriate action. We have given them enough new currency notes to dispense to replace the old ones in circulation.

"There is no reason for banks to still be stocking their automated teller machines with old notes as the apex bank has made enough redesigned notes available for dispensing

to members of the public. Any bank caught would be made to face appropriate sanction."

Similarly, CBN Director of Currency Operations, Ahmed Bello Umar, who addressed traders at the Katsina Central Market yesterday, said the CBN had enough new naira notes, which had since been distributed to commercial banks for onward disbursement to their customers through ATMs.

He noted that the CBN had last Friday "Directed that all ATMs must carry only new notes. If the banks don't have the new notes, they should not load the old notes.

"We're going round towns and cities in Nigeria to ensure that all the ATMs are loaded with new notes. And there's relaxation on the policy, they can dispense any of the notes either N1, 000, N500 or N200 notes.

**ATMs dispensing old notes in Lagos, Kano, Nasarawa, Sokoto, others**

Our correspondents, who visited some of the ATM points in Lagos, Kano, Nasarawa, Sokoto and Adamawa states yesterday, observed that most of the machines were still

dispensing old notes; while some mixed them with new ones.

Traders in Kano State, including those at the popular Wapa Bureau de Change market, expressed fears over the CBN's deadline on the old naira notes. They said their clients were rejecting the old naira notes.

Some of the forex dealers, who spoke to *Daily Trust* yesterday when CBN officials went to the market to sensitise traders on the deadline, lamented that the new notes were not available in most of the banks.

Traders at Galadima, Sabongari, Katin Kwari, Wambai and Kurmi markets also complained of the scarcity of the new notes.

The chairman of the Sabon Gari Market Traders Association, Alhaji Sule Umar Kura urged the CBN to make the new notes available to commercial banks.

The CBN Kano Branch Controller, Umar Ibrahim Biu, also said defaulting banks would be sanctioned.

But when our correspondent visited some ATM points in Kano, it was discovered that none was dispensing the new naira notes.

The Unity Bank's branch on Lagos Street, which shares the same fence with CBN office, was not dispensing cash on both ATM around 6pm. This situation is also similar to First Bank's branch opposite CBN's office on the same street.

At Zenith Bank's branch on Zoo road, it was discovered that the machines, about four of them were all dispensing old naira notes.

The CBN Kano Branch Controller, Umar Ibrahim Biu said the apex bank would not hesitate to sanction commercial banks that are hoarding or frustrating the policy.

He said the Apex bank had also directed commercial banks to desist from payment on the counter as part of efforts to check favouritism of customers.

In one of the banks at the University of Lagos, one ATM dispensed new notes of N, 000 mixed with N500 notes while others were dispensing old notes.

**Cattle traders reject new notes for fear of counterfeiting**

Cattle traders at the weekly Mararraban Liman Katagum market in Bauchi State, during the sensitization by the CBN officials yesterday, appealed for extension of the Naira Redesign deadline, alleging activities of Point of Sale (POS) fraudsters targeting unsuspected Fulani herders and others in the state.

Chairman, Mararraban Liman Katagum Cattle Traders and Dealers (Sarkin Tike) Association, Hashimu Isah, said many fraudulent POS operators had flooded local markets swindling herders who brought cattle to the market for sale.

Responding, CBN Controller in Bauchi, represented by Director, Medical Services, Abdulkadir Jibril, said the apex bank's Consumers Protection Department had deployed ambassadors and agent bankers to liaise with local leaders to ensure imposters do not cheat the rural dwellers.

"Through these agents, appropriate actions will be taken to ensure that people get their monies safely into the banks without necessarily going

to commercial banks inside the cities," he said.

**Reconsider January 31 deadline, Sultan urges CBN**

The Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar, yesterday advised the CBN to reconsider the January 31 deadline on the naira policy.

He gave the advice in his palace while receiving the CBN Comptroller in charge of Sokoto State, Dahiru Usman, who led officials to intimate him and seek his advice on the redesigned naira notes.

He said: "We still have people who don't know that our naira was redesigned. They could reject the new naira notes when given. If they see the colour, they will think it is a fake currency.

"The CBN ought to have considered stakeholders right from the day the redesign was announced. We have credible means to step down the information to the common man because the conventional media is for the elite."

The sultan also cited insecurity, saying some people could not move large sums of money from their villages to banks in the city because they could be robbed or kidnapped along the way.

**No going back on deadline -CBN**

Meanwhile, the CBN yesterday insisted there would be no going back on the January 31 deadline for phasing out the use of the old naira notes.

Team Leader, CBN Monitoring Team Group C, Owugar Comfort Akinbode, reiterated this while answering questions from journalists in Makurdi, Benue State Capital.

She said: "We want compliance in all the states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory. That's why our team is here. We want the money to get to the masses; that is why we are very interested in this exercise, especially to check their ATMs, to see if they're dispensing the new notes."

She said the pay points of the banks visited, including Access and Union Banks were dispensing the new notes.

## Buhari hosts Emefiele, receives briefings on new naira notes

Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari Thursday held a closed door meeting with the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emefiele, who resumed work last Monday amid speculation that his position in the apex bank is being threatened over the issues he had with the Department of State Services (DSS).

Emefiele, who returned to the State House, Abuja, around 2:30pm for a second meeting,

discussed for about 25 minutes with the president.

The CBN governor appeared in a navy blue suit with a white shirt and his usual green tie, carrying a white file which he clung to his chest.

When approached by reporters, he declined comments.

However, *Daily Trust* gathered that he updated the President on the activities of the bank since the introduction of the redesigned naira notes of two, five and one thousand denominations,

particularly its availability ahead of the January 31 deadline.

The CBN governor is believed to have presidential backing on the Naira redesign and withdrawal limit policy introduced by the apex bank in December, 2022.

Emefiele had earlier in the day met the president at the Presidential Villa in the company of a team from The Arab Bank for Economic Development (BADEA).

In attendance at the first meeting with the president were

the Chief of Staff, Professor Ibrahim Gambari; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Geoffrey Onyeama; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Alhaji Aliyu Ahmed; Nigerian Ambassador to Sudan, Safiu Olamiyan; Director of Operations, Public Sector, Diab Karrar Ahmed Karrar; BDS Operations Department, Yousif Awad Ahmed; and Assistant Director (GIU), Mustapha Jimoh.

As soon as Emefiele returned to the country on Monday, news

started circulating that DSS had invaded the bank, seeking to arrest him, but the secret police denied this.

A Federal Capital Territory (FCT) High Court sitting in Maitama had restrained the DSS from arresting the CBN governor.

The CBN had announced that the governor was out of the country after failing to appear before the House of Representatives which summoned him over some policies of the bank late last year.

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First Bank of Nigeria (FBN).

*Panelist*



**Prof. Jibrin Ibrahim**  
Professor of Political Science and  
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*Panelist*



**Dr. Yetunde Anibaba**  
Lecturer, Analysis of Business  
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*Panelist*



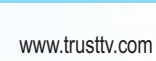
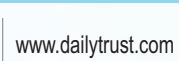
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# Diphtheria outbreak kills 25 in Kano

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

At least 25 people have been reported dead while others were hospitalized after an outbreak of diphtheria infection hit some communities in Kano state heightening panic among residents of the state.

Daily Trust gathered that the outbreak started last week in Tudun Rubudi and Bare-Bari communities in Ungogo Local Government Area of the state, and so far 25 deaths have been recorded.

Speaking to Daily Trust, a resident of one of the communities, Aminu Abdullahi, said the disease started when two of their neighbours had difficulties in breathing and later their throats got affected.

"The outbreak is real and so far seven people died in our community. Some officials came here including the commissioner

for health. They gave us numbers to call in case there is another case," he said.

Also, the ward head of Bare Bari, Malam Ado Mai Unguwa, told our reporter that 11 people so far had died in his ward and that adequate measures were taken to create awareness of the dangers of the diseases.

Reports gathered that the killer disease which was first noticed in Kano late last year is being treated as an outbreak presently at Murtala Muhammed Specialist Hospital and Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, AKTH, in Kano.

However, when our reporter visited the two hospitals, none of the officials, patients and caregivers could ascertain where the victims of the disease are said to be receiving treatment.

According to records of the Kano State Ministry of Health on the outbreak, 58 suspected cases of the disease were documented,

six were on admission and 25 patients died of diphtheria infection as of January 13.

It was further gathered that due to the enormity of the outbreak, the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) last week deployed personnel to Kano to set up an incident command structure to conduct outbreak investigation for diphtheria, offer technical support and to reactivate operation centre for treatment.

Confirming the development earlier to journalists, Kano State Commissioner for Health, Dr Aminu Ibrahim Tsanyawa, said the state emergency preparedness committee was meeting in the morning to evaluate the casualty and review the data and measures to address the situation.

Tsanyawa said the state rapid response team had been reactivated and an index action plan to check the spread of

diphtheria was in place.

He said the low routine immunization attributed to the spread of the disease was due to the hard-to-be-reached areas in the state.

Tsanyawa said apart from the Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital designated as an isolation centre, other isolation centres would be created to check the spread.

Also speaking to Daily Trust, the state Epidemiologist, Dr Abdullahi Isa Kauran Mata, said they had recorded 78 suspected cases of the disease and they were undergoing a test to confirm whether all the cases were Diphtheria.

He explained that they got information on the expected outbreak of the disease in December based on the number of children received in the state hospitals with symptoms of the disease.

"Immediately we get the

information we quickly mobilized our team through the ministry of health and the investigation started. In the end, samples were taken and the first initial confirmation was done at a laboratory in AKTH. To further reaffirm that, the sample was sent to the National Reference Center in Abuja which further confirmed it is truly a Diphtheria infection.

"So far we have 78 suspected cases and 8 were confirmed to be Diphtheria and 3 deaths were recorded from them. But 15 suspected people also died before they were tested, so we are not sure whether they died from the disease," he said.

He urged the media and the general public to sensitize people on the importance of immunization, especially children, as many of the cases recorded were a result of non-compliance with immunization by parents.

# Supporters injured as explosion rocks Rivers APC rally

From Victor Edozie, Port Harcourt

Some supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Rivers State sustained injuries after an improvised substance suspected to be dynamite exploded at the popular Igboekwu field, the venue of

a rally in Port Harcourt, on Thursday.

The injured victims, mostly women, were immediately evacuated from the scene of the incident.

The cause of the explosion was sketchy as of press time, but our reporter learnt that there was an altercation between youths of Rumuji community,

owners of the Igboekwu field, and APC officials over access to the field.

The youths were said to have prevented the party from holding the rally at the field located at the popular Mile One area of Port Harcourt.

The youths, our reporter learnt, had barricaded and shut the entrance gate of the

field, thereby denying the party access to the field.

A resident who pleaded anonymity said, "The explosion came with a loud bang and some persons were injured. The party officials had an altercation with the youths of the community over access to the venue of the rally before the explosion occurred."

Rivers State Publicity Secretary of APC, Darlington Nwauju, confirmed the incident to our reporter, saying a statement will be issued.

When contacted, Rivers State Police Command Public Relations Officer, SP Grace Iringe Koko, promised to get back to our reporter on the incident.



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# Nigeria doesn't deserve leader with bad character - Obasanjo

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has explained why he threw his weight behind the presidential candidate of the Labour Party (LP), Peter Obi, as his preferred candidate, saying Nigeria doesn't deserve a leader with bad character.

He spoke on Thursday in Abeokuta, Ogun State, while featuring on an interactive session organised by the Experiential Leadership in Africa (TEL-Africa) with the theme: "Executive Decisions, Indecisions and Leadership Development in Africa."

In his New Year message to Nigerians, entitled: "My appeal to all Nigerians particularly young Nigerians," Obasanjo had backed Obi's candidacy because "he has an edge" over other candidates.

Expectedly, Obasanjo's position ruffled the feathers of some leading candidates in the presidential race.

The All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate, Bola Tinubu described Obasanjo's backing of Obi as

"worthless", while his Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) counterpart, Atiku Abubakar, said it was Obasanjo's personal wish, which does not reflect the opinion or "position of the overwhelming majority of Nigerians across the country."

Speaking at the interactive session, Obasanjo said he did not use the word "endorsed" in the open letter, as he only expressed his opinion on the candidates.

He said, "Whether the

letter is open or not open, what I believe is that I will be punished by God if I know what is right and I did not put it where it should be.

"The word I used is that one particular candidate has an edge, taking everything together and I take character, I take track record, I take vision and I take what you see in this man as a child of God.

"I said they all claimed to be my mentees and of course I won't deny that, but if you

are my mentee, they must also admit that I know them a little bit and if I then know them a little bit, I must be right to say...

"I don't know why people are... I have done this in the past before for President Buhari. I said President Buhari does not really understand economy and that is true and you have seen it. I wasn't running him down, that is what he is and he himself will admit that.

"I said his (Buhari)

understanding of foreign affairs is also very little because when he was Military Head of State, he said his frontline does not go beyond the borders of Nigeria, that is a pity. But what then do you have? I wrote a letter almost six and a half pages and then only one sentence...

"Why should you as a Nigerian vote for somebody that the character, the reputation, the life of which you do not want your own children to be?

"It is either you are wicked, you are unpatriotic or you are really, really a bad citizen of this country and then if this is who you are, what do you want God to do with you and that is the way I see it.

"For the last three days, I have been talking to and they all told me that education, security and corruption are what they are concerned about, the question is who then can do it?"



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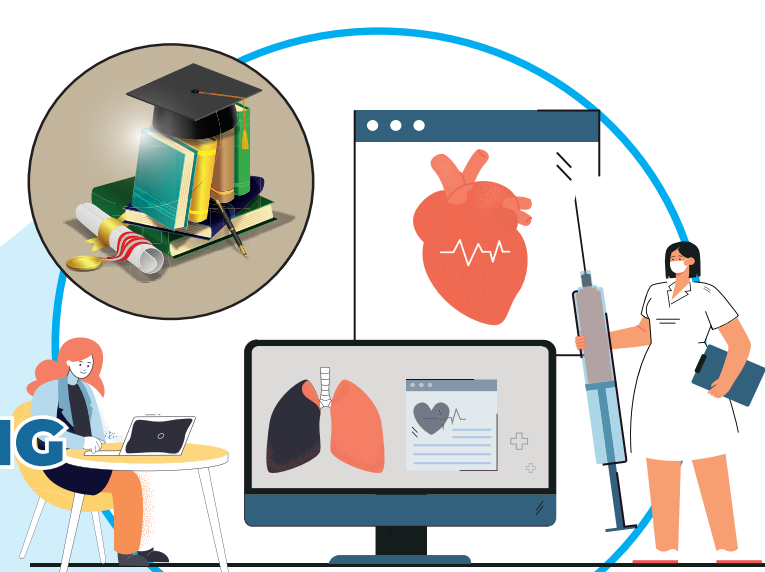
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## Lagos records 1,682 disasters in 2022

From Abdulateef Aliyu, Lagos

Lagos State recorded 1,682 disaster incidents including road crashes, building collapse, tanker accidents among others in the previous year 2022.

The figure showed a marginal decrease in last year's figure though the trend has persisted.

According to the figure released by the state Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), in the last four years, the agency attended to 1,029 incidents in Y2019, 1,043 incidents in Y2020 and 1,743 incidents in Y2021.

For the 2022 figure, out of the 1,682 incidents attended to, 165 incidents occurred in January, 155 incidents in February, 148 incidents in March, 107 incidents in April, 160 incidents in May, and 112 incidents in June, Y2022 during first half of the year.

Also, the figure revealed that road crashes had the highest number with 632 followed by tanker accidents/broken down tankers which were 627.

There were 175 fire disasters and 46 cases of building collapse.

Permanent Secretary of LASEMA, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu said increased economic activities have given rise to new and emerging forms of disaster.

## Official: B/Haram killing members to frustrate peace effort

From Olatunji Omirin, Maiduguri

Over 95 per cent of die-hard Boko Haram commanders have been killed either through military operations or infighting between the warring factions.

The Special Adviser to the Borno State government on Security Affairs, Brig. Gen. Ishaq Abdullahi (rtd) made the revelation in an exclusive interview with *Daily Trust* in Maiduguri yesterday.

*Daily Trust* had earlier reported how more than 90,000 Boko Haram fighters and their families surrendered to the Borno State government in the last 17 months after initiating peace dialogue with the fighters.

According to him, some unrepentant Amirs have eliminated over 300 insurgents and their families who were coming out of Sambisa Forest to frustrate the ongoing dialogue to bring a lasting peace process in the state. He said: "The advantage we have in this peace dialogue is the death of the late

Abubakar Shekau, the political will as well as the willingness of the people to forgive.

"We are so lucky that over 95 per cent of Boko Haram die-hard commanders are dead. It makes it easy for us to speak with them and persuade them to drop their weapons to embrace peace.

"I must say this infighting between Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) and Boko Haram fighters has helped us, but mostly importantly the death of commanders played a key role in our success."

He attributed the success to the fervent prayers of Borno people and the political will of the current administration in the state.

"I just have to say this, the people of Borno had prayed seriously, I hold the opinion that it is their prayers that God accepted in this way. In fact, most of these people, the moment they came out, they would say we did not know why we were fighting.

"It amazed me most of the time when I listened to them. It has gotten

to a certain time that when they see my call in Sambisa Forest, they would be confused.

"They warned that nobody should pick my calls or be eliminated in Sambisa. They actually eliminated more than 300 fighters and their families who were coming out. Just last week, they killed three commanders and their families who were about to escape. It is sad to hear that, but this is to tell you what we are doing.

"So, any surrender from Boko Haram you see in the camp now is a risk to their lives. In fact, there was one that was coming out and he said 'sir, pray for me, so, it is 50-50 for them. It is so bad that the commanders are killing the children, women and physically challenged people to instill fear in them.

"Last week, there was a video where they wore red clothes, they were Amirs that have accepted to come out, but unfortunately, they were eliminated to instill fear in those who are willing to surrender," Ishaq added.

## Niger to rebuild razed Catholic Church

From Abubakar Akote, Minna

The Niger State Government has pledged to build a new parish in Kafin-Koro in honour of late Rev. Father Isaac Achi, the Priest of St. Peters and Paul Catholic Church, who was burnt to death by bandits last Sunday.

The Secretary to the State Government, Ahmed Ibrahim Matane disclosed this when he led a government delegation to Most Rev. Martin Uzoukwu, the Catholic Bishop of Minna at the St. Michael's Catholic Cathedral, Minna during the wake keep mass to commiserate with the Christian community over the incident.

The SSG said the exit of Rev. Father Achi at this time was painful, saying that his legacy of selfless service to humanity

remained evergreen.

He described the late priest as an exceptional clergy who preached salvation and impacted positively to his followers everywhere he served.

Matane told Most Rev. Uzoukwu that the government would collaborate with the Catholic Diocese of Minna and other organisations to find a lasting solution to insecurity that had become a major threat to lives and property of the citizens in the state.

Earlier in his remarks, the Catholic Bishop of Minna, Most Rev. Uzoukwu applauded the government for sending the delegation to commiserate with them over the incident and described Rev. Achi as a gentle and peace-loving priest.

The late priest would be buried today, Friday in Minna, the state capital.

## Police arrest man with 29 PVCs in Kano as NNPP, APC trade words

From Clement A. Oloyede, Kano

The Kano State Police Command has arrested a 45-year-old man in possession of 29 Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) at Dawakin Tofa LGA of the state.

The spokesman of the police in the state, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, who confirmed this to *Daily Trust* via phone chat, said the suspect has been identified as Tasiu Abdullahi from Hayin Hago area of Dawakin Tofa LGA.

Kiyawa said the suspect has been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department of the command where investigation is currently ongoing after which the

suspect would be charged to court.

Meanwhile, the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) has alleged that the suspect arrested by the police is a member of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and was allegedly working on the orders of Abba Ganduje, the son of the state governor, Abdullahi Ganduje, who is contesting for the House of Representatives seat for Dawakin Tofa/Tofa/Rimin Gado federal constituency.

Sanusi Bature Dawakin Tofa, the NNPP Chief Campaign Spokesperson in a statement alleged that the suspect confessed that the younger Ganduje asked him to collect the PVCs so as to process empowerment of N10,000 for all the owners of the PVCs.

He said the party had directed its legal team led by the state legal adviser, Barr. Bashir Yusuf Tudunwazirchi to pursue the matter and ensure that the suspect is arraigned before a court of competent jurisdiction to face the full wrath of the law.

However, the deputy chairman of the APC in the state, Alhaji Shehu Maigari said while he is unaware of the development, the allegation by the NNPP was unfounded based on the new electoral system, which provides that no one can vote with more than one PVC.

He said it is campaign period and the opposition is holding onto whatever they can lay their hands on to "cry over their impending defeat".

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# Police foil IPOB's attack on Imo station, kill 3 militants

From Jude Aguguo  
Owuamanam, Owerri

Three members of the proscribed Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) were killed on Wednesday when they attempted to attack Agwa Police Station in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State.

The hoodlums had attacked the Agwa Central Vigilante Group office, setting it ablaze, and were proceeding to attack the police station before they were repelled.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, CSP Mike Abattam, in a statement said when the information filtered to the police, the command's tactical group immediately mobilised to the area.

The statement said, "Sequel to the command's determination to curb the menace of terrorism in the state, today 18/01/2023 at about 1130hrs, in response to a distress call that hoodlums suspected to be members of the proscribed Indigenous People

of Biafra (IPOB) and its armed affiliate Eastern Security Network (ESN) had attacked Agwa Central Vigilante Group, burning down their office and are proceeding to attack and set ablaze Agwa Police Station both in Oguta LGA of Imo State, the combatant Command's Tactical Teams swiftly mobilised to the area.

"Having been informed that the hoodlums had cordoned the station, the police operatives manoeuvred their way into the station, joined the operatives of

the division and professionally engaged the hoodlums in a fierce gun battle, and in the process, three of the hoodlums were of gunshot wounds, abandoning three of their operational vehicles.

"On combing the bush, the operatives recovered two pump action guns, two double barrel guns, 24 rounds of live ammunition, 12 expended cartridges, one Improvised Explosive Device, three operational vehicles - one green coloured Lexus 470 GL, one black

coloured Toyota Highlander and one Oxblood coloured mini bus, two motorcycles, one iron box, one travelling bag and assorted charms."

He said the investigation was in progress, while the corpses of the hoodlums had been evacuated and deposited in the mortuary.

"The police operative who sustained a minor bullet injury was rushed to the hospital for treatment and he is in a stable condition," the statement added.

# Sanwo-Olu approves work-free days for PVCs collection

From Yvonne  
Ugwuezuoha, Lagos

Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has approved work-free days for

public servants to collect their Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) before the January 29 deadline.

A circular signed by the state Head of Service, Hakeem

Muri-Okunola, declared work-free days for public servants according to their grade levels from January 24 to 27.

"To this end, Mr Governor

has graciously approved some work-free days to enable public servants to collect their Permanent Voters Cards from their respective local governments/local council

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## I'll restructure Nigeria, industrialise S/West – Atiku

● Competence will thrive above religion, ethnicity – Obi ● How I will tackle insecurity, improve economy – Tinubu

By Saawua Terzungwe, Baba Martins (Abuja) & Abubakar Akote (Minna)

The presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar has told the people of the South West that their agitations for restructuring will be a thing of the past if he is elected on February 25.

Recall that the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu is from the South West.

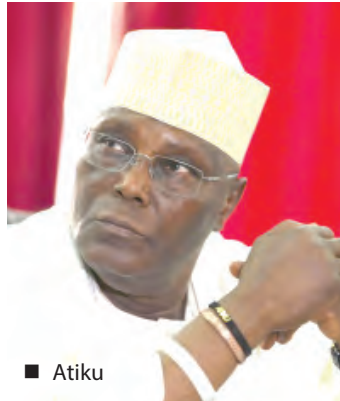
Addressing supporters and party chieftains of the PDP during his presidential rally in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital yesterday, Atiku said restructuring was one of the five pillars of his programme and promised that more money and power would be devolved to the regions.

In a statement he personally signed after the rally, Atiku said he was committed to working for the good of Nigerians and would not descend to personal attacks perpetrated by other presidential candidates.

Part of the statement reads, “The South West is known to be also a business centre. That is why in our economic programme, we



■ Tinubu



■ Atiku



■ Obi

are committed to making sure that the industrialisation of the South West is achieved in support of the federal government.”

### Competence will thrive above religion, ethnicity – Obi

But the presidential candidate of the Labour Party (LP), Peter Obi, has said the February 25 election will not be about religion, region or ethnicity but competence, stressing that he would ensure Nigeria utilises its abundant natural resources to grow its economy if elected.

Obi who spoke during his campaign rally in Minna, the Niger State capital, also promised to address the security challenges facing the country as well as complete the Baro Inland Port.

He said, “All I want you to do

is to vote for Labour Party. We are going to have an agrarian revolution and we cannot do that without cultivating the land in Niger State. And you are going to have jobs to do. We will fight insecurity to enable you to farm.

“Next election will not be about region or religion. Is there a place where you buy bread cheaper? Cost of living is high everywhere. So, there is no ethnicity. Don't be deceived,” he said.

He called on eligible voters to vote for competency rather than looking at the tribes, religion or regional affiliations of candidates.

Obi had a town hall meeting with women and youths at the Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi International Conference Centre and Vagosh Hotel, where he

assured that women would be given fair share in the governance of Nigeria if he becomes the next president.

### How I will tackle insecurity, improve economy – Tinubu

The presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, has said he will tackle insecurity and improve the nation's economy if elected.

Tinubu, a former governor of Lagos State, said he would confront the problem of insecurity from all angles, including introducing technology, recruiting more personnel into the army and police, and engaging in the training and retraining of personnel.

He said, “If there are

employment opportunities, good education and other opportunities for advancement, security will improve. I commit to realising the immense opportunities inherent in the Lekki Deep Sea Port, the first new seaport in decades, which is more than 90 per cent completed.”

A statement yesterday by Tinubu's media aide, Tunde Rahman, quoted the APC presidential candidate as saying he would build an even more prosperous economy and review the operations of railways in the country during his consultative session with FOCI held at the Wells Carlton Hotels in Abuja yesterday.

“This means additional investment in relevant infrastructure: roads, bridges, rail, airports, schools, power facilities, hospitals, and more. These will enhance efficiency, support industrial growth, spur trade and investment, and improve the ease of doing business.

“My commitment to increase annual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth will heavily depend on the quality of the infrastructure we shall build to facilitate and sustain growth in all facets of our national life.”

## Kaduna gov'ship: I'll involve traditional rulers in fighting insecurity – APC candidate

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

The Kaduna State governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Senator Uba Sani, has promised to involve traditional rulers in the fight against insecurity

in the state if elected.

The senator, who made the pledge in Kagarko yesterday during his campaign rally, said traditional rulers were closer to the people and can gather intelligence and share with security agents.

He further said his administration would continue to respect the traditional institutions, and promised to focus on skill acquisition for youths.

He added that his administration would construct the Jere-Kagarko road in the state.

## Insecurity: Stakeholders ask INEC to recruit locals as ad hoc staff

By Idowu Isamotu

Stakeholders yesterday tasked the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to recruit locals as ad hoc staff for this year's general elections instead of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members.

The Team Leader, EU-SDGN, Rudolf Elbling, who said this at the

European Union (EU) Support to Democratic Governance in Nigeria (EU-SDGN) Programme Publication Series 2 seminar in Abuja, insisted that corps members should not be deployed.

“INEC should recruit locals as ad hoc staff electoral officers instead of non-residents of the state. The usual norm of deploying National Youth

Service Corps members may portend more danger in the 2023 election.

“It is therefore recommended that INEC should recruit staff who will use local offices from the communities, for instance in Zamfara, Katsina, Kaduna, Niger and Sokoto, communities have been in dialogue with armed groups,” he said.

## Scores of PDP members defect to APC in Jigawa

From Ali Rabi Ali, Dutse

Scores of the People Democratic Party (PDP) members including some of its executive members in Kazaure Local Government Area of Jigawa State have

formally defected to the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Jigawa State.

Speaking during their reception, Chairman of the LGA who is also an APC candidate for Kazaure/Roni/Yankwashi/Gwiwa federal constituency, Arc.

Muhammad Mukhtar Zanna expressed his happiness for having them in his party.

Zanna noted that APC is a political party built upon national patriotism, love to humanity, justice, equality and selfless commitment.

## Reps move to strip lawmakers of 'honourable', 'distinguished' titles

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The House of Representatives yesterday passed for second reading, a bill seeking to remove the 'Honourable' and 'Distinguished' titles from members of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively.

Daily Trust reports that while members of the Green Chamber are identified with the appellation of 'Honourable', their counterparts at the Red Chamber answer 'Distinguished'.

The bill, which was jointly sponsored by the Speaker Femi Gbajabamila and the Chief Whip, Mohammed Tahir Monguno is titled, “A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017; and for Related Matters (HB.2149

Rep Monguno in his lead debate noted that the bill seeks to amend the Legislative Powers and Privileges Act to ensure Honorable members are referred to as 'Representatives' and not Honorables and Senators will be termed as 'Senators' and not Distinguished.

Contributing, Rep. Segun Odeunmi praised the spirit of the bill saying it will distinguish members from state councillors and others who are also termed honourables.

Deputy Speaker of the House, Ahmed Idris while supporting the bill warned that the application of the bill should not make members look down on any other arm of government as they are all working together for the benefit of Nigerians.

The bill was approved for second reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## Private sector sets policy priorities for presidential candidates

From Abiodun Alade, Lagos

The Organised Private Sector of Nigeria (OPSN) has proposed key policy options for the next president of Nigeria.

It said the next administration must introduce strategies that would reduce inflation rate to at least a single digit as well as tackle foreign exchange misalignment, commit to upscaling electricity generation by at least 10,000MW annually,

create a friendly enabling environment, improve human capital development while targeting increased productivity among others.

The sector comprises the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce among others.

In the policy document read by the Chairman of the OPSN and President, Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association (NECA), Taiwo Adeniyi, also called for structural reform of fiscal and

monetary policies for enterprise growth, deliberate promotion of economic growth, financing for development and elimination of multiplicity of taxes and levies/excise duties.

“With the recently released multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) survey by National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), which showed that over 63% of persons living within Nigeria are multidimensionally poor,” he said.



■ Board Member, Daily Trust Foundation, Malam Mannir Dan-Ali (seventh right), alongside participants in a group photograph during a One Day Workshop on: Safety of Journalists in Conflict Reporting, organized by Daily Trust Foundation in partnership with City University of London, held in Abuja yesterday

Photo: Onyekachukwu Obi

## London varsity, Daily Trust Foundation train conflict reporters on safety

By Idowu Isamotu

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Media Trust Group, Daily Trust Foundation, in collaboration with the City University of London, United Kingdom, on Thursday, trained conflict reporters across various media organisations in the country on their safety in the line of duty.

Speaking during the opening session of the training, the Chairman of Daily Trust Foundation, Alhaji Bilya Bala, emphasised the need for constant training of journalists with a view

to meeting up the current and emerging challenges in the country and within the media space.

Bala, who was represented by a former Editor-in-Chief of Daily Trust, Malam Mannir Dan-Ali, cautioned defence and security reporters covering conflicts in different zones to take safety as a priority before pursuing stories.

Dan-Ali said, "We have all passed through the universities or polytechnics; we've been trained. Of course, we have got some knowledge, but we read to pass exams; not necessarily to apply it. This refresher training is actually to remind

all of us that this is how it ought to be.

"You know Nigeria is full of conflicts, likewise many other societies of different nations. We are even lucky in Nigeria today that conflict reporting or general reporting does not consume as many lives as it does in many other nations."

On his part, the Director of the PhD Programme at the Department of Journalism, City University of London, Dr Tasiu Abdullahi, appealed to media organisations in Nigeria to consider protecting their journalists with the necessary equipment.

Abdullahi, while taking

the participants through the training topic: "Safety of Journalists in Conflict Reporting", listed some equipment that should be provided to photo-journalists, videographers and reporters covering protests and riots as stab vest (bullet-proof vest), helmet and gas mask.

In the same vein, the Programme Manager of the foundation and lead discussant, Dr Theophilus Abbah, urged the government to take the safety of Nigerian journalists as a priority so as to perform their functions diligently as enshrined in the constitution.

## Police releases N13.6bn to 6,184 killed, injured officers' families

By Idowu Isamotu

The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Baba, has issued cheques worth N13 billion to the families of 6,184 police officers who died or were injured in the line of duty between 2012 and 2020.

Speaking at a press conference where the cheques were presented at Force Headquarters, Abuja, on Thursday, Baba explained that paucity of funds had hampered the federal government from funding the Group Life Assurance Scheme meant for police officers.

He said when the government could not fund the scheme it created gaps and led to a backlog of unpaid insurance claims from 2012 to 2020.

Baba explained that, "It should be noted that the Group Life Assurance Scheme which was introduced as a result of the Pension Reform Act 2004 and amended in 2014,

and the Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme are welfare packages fully funded by the federal government for personnel of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF).

"However, due to paucity of funds, the federal government could not fund the schemes successfully and this created gaps that led to a backlog of unpaid insurance claims from 2012 to 2020.

"On my assumption of office in April, 2021, my attention was drawn to this development. Consequently, an urgent representation was made to Mr President, Muhammadu Buhari, requesting for the release of funds to enable us to pay all outstanding claims to the families of deceased police officers.

"It was with great relief that Mr President appreciated my representation and graciously approved the release of the sum of N13,628,535,580 to pay the backlog of a total of

6,184 personnel that had previously fallen under the uninsured/uncovered periods of Group Life Assurance and Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme, covering from the years 2012 to 2020."

The top cop, who sympathised with the families, urged them to judiciously utilise the funds in training their children, saying they should rest assured that the force under his leadership would continue to do more in advancing their welfare and that of serving personnel.

He added, "It is in furtherance to this that following my approval. The Nigeria Police Force has incorporated the Nigeria Police Insurance Company. As soon as the practice license is granted, the company will be solely responsible for all insurance related issues concerning the Force.

"It should be noted that the Nigeria Police institution is the single largest agency

in this country for purpose of insurance contributions, yet, we have not been maximizing this strength as it has been third party insurance companies that have been responsible for processing our claims.

"With this initiative we will be wholly responsible for our insurance needs and it is my conviction that this will ease the insurance processing of personnel.

"In praying for the continuous peaceful repose of the souls of our departed colleagues, and in wishing the injured a quick recovery, I wish to use this opportunity to once again, charge us all to rededicate ourselves to the service of the nation, granted that unlike in the past, the Federal Government and indeed, citizens of this great nation have shown much faith and committed so much resources to reform the Police, enhance our welfare and close operational gaps."

## FCCPC urges domestication of Patent's Bill of Rights

By Ojoma Akor

The Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) has called on health facilities across the country to domesticate the Patient's Bill of Rights (PBOR).

The Executive Vice Chairman of FCCPC, Babatunde Irukera, made the call yesterday while unveiling the PBOR at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Jabi, Abuja.

The PBOR is a federal government policy launched in 2018 to protect the rights of healthcare consumers, improve the quality of healthcare service delivery, as well as create patient-centered care.

Irukera said the domestication of PBOR was vital to protecting the rights of patients in the country and making health workers and facilities accountable.

He said while the issue of hospitals demanding police report before treating victims of gunshot injuries was still a problem, the trend

had reduced since 2018 because of the advocacy and accountability system.

The Medical Director of the FMC, Prof Saad Ahmed, said the PBOR aligned with the mission and vision of the hospital.

Dr Nkechi Mba, Coordinator PBOR at FCCPC, said some of the rights included the right to relevant information in a language and manner the patients understood, including diagnosis, treatment, other procedures and possible outcomes; and the right to receive urgent, immediate and sufficient intervention and care in the event of an emergency.

She listed others as right of timely access to detailed and accurate medical records and available services; right to privacy and confidentiality of medical records; and the right to be treated with respect regardless of gender, race, religion, ethnicity, allegations of crime, disability or economic circumstances.

## NJC condemns non-payment of retirement benefits of state judges

By John Chuks Azu

The National Judicial Council (NJC) has condemned some state governments' failure to pay retirement benefits to judges in the state.

A statement by the Director of Information of the NJC, Soji Oye, said the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Olukayode Ariwoola, made the pronouncement at the end of the 100th meeting of the council yesterday.

The council described the non-payment of severance pay, gratuities and pensions of retiring

judges by the affected states as "worrying" and "condemnable".

"After due consideration, council condemns in very strong terms this act, which is undermining the rule of law and Section 6 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999.

"It, therefore, calls on the offending states to ensure that all entitlement of retired judges are fully settled forthwith.

"Council further directed state chief judges to file reports on compliance, to reach the council not later than 1st April 2023," the statement said.

## LASG threatens to impound trucks on Blue Rail Line

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

The Lagos State government has warned truck drivers to avoid Blue Rail Line corridor, saying any truck impounded will be outrightly forfeited.

The state Ministry of Transportation issued the warning ahead of President Muhammad Buhari's four-day working visit to the state where he would inaugurate some projects in the commercial city, including the Blue Rail Line and Lekki Deep Seaport.

In a related message, the Association of Maritime Truck Owners (AMATO)

has advised its members to adhere to the directive of the government.

A statement signed by AMATO's National President, Mr Remi Ogungbemi, said in part, "Blue Rail Line would be running on electric tracks with Electric Motor Vehicle (EMV); hence, human activities, including parking of trucks around the Blue Rail Line corridor, is a threat to life and general safety. Hence the need to keep off the Blue Rail Corridor.

"That parking of trucks along the Blue Rail Corridor is a threat to the security of the rail infrastructure."



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## GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### Registration as Service Providers for year 2023 Procurement Activities

This General Procurement Notice relates to NIRSAL Plc's Procurement Policy requirements in alignment with Nigeria and global procurement standards and best practices.

The Nigerian Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL Plc) is a wholly owned corporation of the Central Bank of Nigeria incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act with the key mandate of de-risking agriculture and facilitating agribusiness.

In pursuit of its mandate, NIRSAL intends to procure services for its programs and projects across the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

#### 2: OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this publication is to request for registration from individuals, private sector companies, and other organisations desirous of rendering services to NIRSAL PLC and willing to be captured in NIRSAL's database of qualified service providers.

This will also include the updating of expired statutory documents by existing vendors with verified evidence of Vendor Registration Status Report issued in 2022.

#### 3: CATEGORIES OF SERVICES

The services generally fall into the underlisted categories:

- i. Goods
- ii. Works
- iii. Services
- iv. Agricultural Input Supplies

#### 4: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This General Procurement Notice/Registration requires basic information of the service providers and must include the underlisted registration documents with 2023 validity dates.

- i. Evidence of incorporation of the company by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- ii. Evidence of Registration with Relevant Professional Bodies
- iii. Evidence of Current Tax Clearance Certificate
- iv. Evidence of VAT Registration
- v. Company Audited Accounts for the last three years
- vi. Evidence of Compliance with the Provision of the Pension Reform Act 2004
- vii. Evidence of Compliance with Industrial Training Fund (ITF)
- viii. Evidence of Compliance with Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF)
- ix. Evidence of at least 3 Similar Jobs executed in the last 3 years from 2019, including letters of award and completion certificates for the selected services
- x. Detailed Resume for Individual Consultants
- xi. Evidence of Registration/Certification with Agriculture Business Regulators such as National Agricultural Seeds Council (NASC) for Seed Supply Companies, etc.

Please note that participation in NIRSAL Plc's procurement activities requires that consultants, suppliers, and contractors register with NIRSAL Plc.

#### 5: SELECTION PROCESS AND RESPONSE DEADLINE

All Registration documents must be in English, with attachments in PDF Format and submitted Online at:  
<https://vendor.nirsal.com>

Registration opens from 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 18, 2023, and will close by 4:00 PM, Friday, February 17, 2023.

Only shortlisted persons, firms or consortia shall be contacted to obtain "Invitation to Bid" or "Request for Proposal" Documents with a view to participating in the 2023 procurement exercise.

Subsequently, shortlisted persons, consultants, suppliers, and contractors should pay attention to specific procurement notices over the course of 2023.

Signed  
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## COMPANY CHANGE OF NAME ANNOUNCEMENT

The General Public is hereby informed that DOMINO DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED having passed the necessary Special Resolution in line with Section 30 (3) of the Company and Allied Matters Act, 2020 and obtained the approval from the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) has changed its name by Special Resolution dated 14th December, 2022 to **DOMINO PACKAGING LIMITED** with RC No 73085.

The general public is further informed that pursuant to Section 30 (5) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, the company has been issued a new Certificate of Incorporation by the Registrar General of the Commission evidencing the Change of Name.

Kindly note that all documents prior to this change of name remain valid.

Signed  
Management



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC DISPLAY OF APPLICATION DOSSIER FOR CONFINED FIELD TRIAL (CFT) FOR TRANSGENIC COWPEA RESISTANT TO POST-HARVEST INFESTATION BY BRUCHIDS

In accordance with the National Biosafety Management Agency Act 2015 (as amended), requiring public display of biosafety application, for permit for the release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs), for comments, the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA) hereby announces a twenty-one (21) day public notice on the display of an application dossier by Institute of Agricultural Research (IAR), Zaria, Kaduna State for the Confined Field Trial of genetically modified cowpea. The display, with effect from 20th January 2023 to 10th February 2023, is to enable the public to make comments that would facilitate informed decision on the application.

#### 2. Description of the Proposed CFT:

The confined field trial is to evaluate plant growth and agronomic performance of cowpea expressing the bean (*P. vulgaris*) alpha-amylase inhibitor-1 ( $\alpha$ -AI-1) in the seed as a means of controlling post-harvest seed damage due to bruchids (*Callosobruchus maculatus*).

#### 3. Display Centres are:

- \* Department of Biosafety Enforcement and Operations, National Biosafety Management Agency, Airport road, Abuja.
- \* Office of the Executive Director, Forest Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan, Oyo State
- \* Office of the Executive Director National Cereals Research Institute, Badeggi, Niger State
- \* National Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Abia State
- \* Website of the National Biosafety Management Agency; [www.nbma.gov.ng](http://www.nbma.gov.ng)

#### 4. Display duration:

**Date:** 20th January, 2023 to 10th February, 2023  
**Time:** 8:00am – 4:00pm daily

**ALL COMMENTS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL/CEO, NATIONAL BIOSAFETY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, Airport road, Abuja ON OR BEFORE 10th FEBRUARY 2023.**

E-mail: [nbma@nbma.gov.ng](mailto:nbma@nbma.gov.ng) [biosafetyng@gmail.com](mailto:biosafetyng@gmail.com)

Signed  
Director-General/Chief Executive Officer NBMA



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## Request for Proposal (RFP) Telecommunications- Based Research Innovation from Academics in Nigeria Tertiary Institutions

The Nigerian Communications Commission, the Regulator of the telecommunications industry in Nigeria, supports amongst other things, telecommunications-based innovations and research from tertiary institutions in the country that are practical, locally realizable and have clear potential of developing the telecommunications industry.

Pursuant to this objective the Commission invites proposals from academics in tertiary institutions to submit research proposal in any of the research topics stated below. It is envisaged that the initiative will help build capacity in the tertiary institutions and promote Nigeria's contribution to the pool of technologies in use in the communications industry.

### Areas of Research/Research Topics

1. Development of sensors for smart city applications such as traffic management systems, smart parking, smart grid, smart homes, smart institutions and smart network management.
2. Use of Telecommunication networks in Identity Management and Location Tracking via National Identity Numbering (NIN) and Artificial Intelligence.
3. Design and implementation of efficient solar mobile phone charger.
4. Research leading to commercial production of high capacity battery for telecommunications equipment.
5. Design and implementation of an Artificial Intelligence based predictive maintenance solutions for telecommunications infrastructure.
6. Development of Cybersecurity solutions to curb cyber-attacks.
7. Development of smart intrusion detection and alarm systems to curb theft vandalization of telecommunications infrastructure.

### Requirements

Interested researchers are required to submit their proposals which must:

- Come from teaching Academics in Nigeria's tertiary institutions; and
- Have a one-page executive summary of the research proposal to include understanding of the relevance of the research topics to the telecommunications industry, deliverables, novelty of concept, methodology, team

experience, project timeline and detailed cost schedule.

- Proof of Concept (Feasibility)
- Practicality (solution's ability to solve a problem short, medium or long term)
- Tangible output such as a prototype/software or working model which can be commercialised.

### Evaluation Criteria

The criteria for the evaluation of the research submissions include the following:

- The proposal must fall within the specified areas of research topics
- Adherence of proposal to stated requirements above
- Novelty of research proposal (comprehensive literature review to bring out clearly the novelty of the research).
- Clear statement and explanation of the problem.
- Proposed solution to the problem.
- Proposed approach and methodology
- Each project including prototype development must be concluded within 2 years.
- Terms of Reference (TOR's) should be developed clearly stating that the research topics must lead to production of commercially viable prototype and capable of contributing to the development of the telecommunications industry
- The project cost should not exceed a maximum of **Fifteen million naira (N15,000,000.00)** only. (the Commission reserves the right to review this maximum amount)
- Any academic with a yet to be completed research project awarded by the Commission **SHOULD NOT** apply.
- Total cost (including all costs) of the project must be clearly stated and broken down in details, for which there can be no variation.
- Proof of concept (feasibility of idea with diagram, algorithm etc.)
- Clear relevance to the telecommunications industry.
- Roadmap from innovative prototype to commercialisation of the prototype
- Cost reasonableness (cost of actualizing the

idea including hardware and software requirements. please note that the grant does not cover purchase of vehicles, Furniture, Internet data, foreign trips and allowances).

- Schedule of project organization
- Coherent presentation/packaging of concept. Integration of research with education (capacity building of students via the implementation of the project in the institution).
- Allowance for researchers should not exceed 20% of cost of actually doing the research.
- Evidence of competence of team in executing the project (include past work and CVs of team members).

### Submission of Proposal

Please note the following:

- You must review the detailed request for proposal (RFP) on the Commission's website [www.ncc.gov.ng](http://www.ncc.gov.ng) to be able to respond appropriately;
- Any proposal that is not aligned to the requirement in the detailed RFP or submitted after the deadline will be rejected
- Electronic copies of proposal should be sent to [researchgrant@ncc.gov.ng](mailto:researchgrant@ncc.gov.ng)
- Where the electronic and hard copies differ, the hard copy would be used as the original submission
- Researchers must submit two hard copies of proposal including an electronic copy in PDF saved on a thumb drive on or before 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Lead Researchers maybe invited to defence their submission.

Interested researchers are invited to submit ELECTRONIC and HARD copies of their research proposals on or before 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to the address below. Please note that any proposal submitted after the deadline will be rejected automatically.

### The Executive Vice Chairman/CEO Attention:

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## OPINION

Email: opinion@dailytrust.com  
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By Prof. Tunji Oloapa

In this piece, I further explore deeper issues relating to the lessons that political history of the world around us offer in focusing on the leadership challenges that Nigeria needs to urgently engage with, as we approach the change of leadership baton in 2023. There are several countries that have faced down the odds of progress and development to achieve transformative metamorphosis through the deployment of change management with unstinting focus and political will. These are the various lessons that I hope to bring to light in this piece. And I want to weave the narrative around America's vision of landing a man on the moon.

In 1962, at the Rice University Stadium, J. F. Kennedy gave the now famous "Moon Speech" that gave political will to what is now the series of Apollo Mission to the moon. In his attempting at persuading the American people to sign on to the Apollo programme and own it, JFK noted that it was "an hour of change and challenge," and in a "decade of hope and fear"; and yet he insisted that "We shall send to the moon 240,000 miles away, a giant rocket, more than 300 feet tall on an untried mission to an unknown celestial body, and then return it safely to Earth."

But beyond the attempt at pioneering what has been called the "greatest adventure in the history of mankind", there is the singular leadership frame that mapped the vision of space travels to national goals and objectives and capabilities. How could mining the space enable better service delivery for the American people? And JFK was committed to that leadership responsibility.

It was also the same leadership commitment that led to the stretch of visionary focus that transformed the UAE from a wasteland to an industrialised territory. The Al-Maktoum royal family saw clearly what needed to be done and they put together a change management framework, backstopped by a stringent political commitment, to push it through. And again, the question is similar to that which got the United States to the moon: what could be done to transform this desert and its entire crude oil resource into a fertile industrial and creative hub that will draw millions of people every year round?

It is this same leadership thrust that runs through the transformational experiences of Japan, the UK, New Zealand and the Asian Tigers. Thus, for example, the leadership dynamics of post-1945 Japan and the Asian Tigers—Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong and South Korea—latched onto the developmental state paradigm as the framework for national economic recovery and transformation. With the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Japan in 1945 forced itself into economic transformation by leveraging high-end multidisciplinary research-backed policy intelligence. And in the same sense, the Asian Tigers also crafted specific policies that undermined the limitations of neoliberal economic agenda and its dependency ideology.

Now I return to the powerful leadership lessons the Apollo missions in the United States can teach a postcolonial Nigerian state yearning for transformation. The first lesson is that, in leadership terms, visions and ideas matter as the fundamental conditions, in development planning, for undermining difficulties. The second

lesson is that leadership in the change space is concerted and collaborative. It is a function of a seamless synergy that ensures that members—government officials, functionaries, politicians, professionals, all work together efficiently even if they are not on speaking terms! The three fundamental astronauts that made the first Apollo mission successful—Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Edwin Aldrin—all had different personalities and temperament. And yet Apollo landed on the moon. In Nigeria, ethnic and religious affiliation need not constitute barriers to efficiency.

**The last lesson is the willingness to learn from mistakes. Apollo 11 was successful because of the lessons learnt from the failure of Apollo 1. We have approximately sixty-three years of trial and error to learn from in making post-2023 Nigeria an opportunity to eventually get it right.**

The third corollary lesson is straight forward: not everyone in the change space can be the leader but everyone matters. The truth about the change space is actually that everyone is a leader, even if not everyone makes the commanding decision. Michael Collins was just satisfied with orbiting the moon while waiting for Armstrong and Aldrin to return. Within Nigeria's dysfunctional political and developmental space, Collins would have rebelled against such a "demeaning" responsibility. Collins did not. The fourth lesson is enormous. The change space that made the Apollo project possible and successful was made up of over 300,000 people. This speaks to the inevitable element of partnership. Governance is no longer the sole preserve of the government in the twenty-first century. The public-private partnership model must become a fundamental template for making governance work, and the Nigerian state genuinely developmental. The fifth lesson is close to the fourth: the workforce strength of the Apollo mission did not just rely on motivation. That motivation was the incentivised competency-based people management praxis. Workforce culture change and professional satisfaction play a significant role in performance and productivity achievement. This is simply axiomatic.

The last lesson is the willingness to learn from mistakes. Apollo 11 was successful because of the lessons learnt from the failure of Apollo 1. We have approximately sixty-three years of trial and error to learn from in making post-2023 Nigeria an opportunity to eventually get it right. If we have to mine the sea-beds to get the materials that make the highways solid and motorable, then we have to do it. If we have to import foreigners to make our healthcare system super-efficient, that is the right way to go!

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## OPINION

**Apologies for slavery are commendable, but not nearly enough**

By Tafi Mhaka

On December 19, 2022, the Netherlands became the first Western nation to formally apologise for participating in and profiting from the transatlantic trade of enslaved people.

Speaking at the National Archives in The Hague, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte apologised on behalf of his government for the country's role in slavery, calling it "ugly, painful, and even downright shameful".

"For hundreds of years, people were made merchandise, exploited and abused in the name of the Dutch state," Rutte said. "For that, I offer the apologies of the Dutch government."

That the Dutch government finally found the courage to fully acknowledge and officially apologise for its role in "abetting, stimulating, preserving and profiting from centuries of slave trading" is highly commendable.

But the paths to reconciliation and healing suggested by the government are equally underwhelming.

In his apology, Rutte admitted that "centuries of oppression and exploitation still have an effect to this very day" and talked about "doing justice to the past and healing in the present".

To kick-start this healing process, the Dutch PM said, his government will work to "enhance knowledge of the history of slavery" and to "ensure more awareness, acknowledgement and understanding". To this end, he announced the creation of a 200-million-euro (\$216m) fund to help tackle the legacy of slavery and boost education.

Yet nowhere in his landmark apology Rutte expressed an intention to take the one action descendants of enslaved people repeatedly said would make the biggest difference in righting the wrongs of the past: pay reparations.

The Netherlands, like most Western nations, owes the immense economic prosperity it is experiencing today in part to the profits it made from slavery.

In 2019, a five-year research project funded by the Dutch Research Council titled "Slaves, commodities and logistics" concluded that "economic activities related to the slave trade between Europe, Africa and America made a significant contribution to Dutch prosperity in the second half of the eighteenth century".

According to the study, in the reference year 1770, some 5.2 per cent of the Dutch gross domestic product (GDP) was based on the transatlantic trade of enslaved people – a contribution almost equivalent to that of the entire port of Rotterdam today.

Rutte did not mention any of this in the carefully curated speech he delivered at the National Archives in December. The Dutch government, despite offering a historic official apology for slavery, clearly still has no intention to return to the descendants of enslaved people what it stole from them.

The Netherlands, regrettably, is not alone among countries that benefitted from slavery in refusing to pay. The governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, France and others are also staying mum in the face of increasingly louder calls for reparations.

To defend their governments' refusal to pay up, politicians and opinion leaders – and especially white conservatives who tend to view all efforts towards racial justice suspiciously – in these countries always

offer the same tired arguments. They claim that "no one alive today is directly benefiting or suffering from slavery", that it is "a thing of the past", and that "it would be impossible to determine who deserves to be paid".

These arguments, of course, do not stand even the most basic scrutiny.

For one thing, people are still clearly benefitting and suffering from slavery.

In the US, for instance, the Brookings Institution estimates that the average white family has approximately 10 times the amount of wealth as the average Black family. And white college graduates possess more than seven times more wealth than Black college graduates. In the UK too people from Black African backgrounds typically hold the least wealth, about one-tenth of the wealth held by white Britons.

Such inequalities, compounded by systemic racism in all areas of life – from health and housing to education and law enforcement – are direct, modern-day consequences of slavery affecting millions of people.

And slavery is hardly just a "thing of the past" in countries shaped by and built around it, such as Suriname, where direct descendants of people enslaved by the Dutch and brought there to work in plantations make up most of the population.

In Africa, too, the immense wealth lost to slavery cannot simply be ignored or forgotten, since its return would resolve most of the continent's fundamental problems almost overnight and make it into a leader of the global economy.

The question of who should receive reparations is not necessarily complicated either. After the abolishment of slavery, the Netherlands, the US, France, Denmark and the UK all moved to compensate former slavers for so-called "loss of property". The UK government only finished paying the debts it acquired to pay former slavers in 2015. But all this time, none of the former slave-holding countries paid a single penny to formerly enslaved people or their descendants.

It is therefore high time for compensation to be paid not to those who "made people into merchandise" but to those who continue to carry the pain and the scars of their ancestors.

The Caribbean Community, a grouping of 15 Caribbean countries whose populations are dominated by descendants of formerly enslaved people, created a 10-point plan for reparatory justice for the latter to offer, among others, a full formal apology, repatriation opportunities, debt cancellation, technology transfer, psychological rehabilitation, and African knowledge programmes.

This 10-point plan could be a great starting point for governments truly willing to confront the past with all its ugliness and start a healing process.

Any form of sociopolitical and economic redress cannot merely assuage the collective conscience of white people in the West: it must be unapologetically substantive and enduring, despite the high costs of financial restitution.

Some 160 years after the abolition of slavery in Europe and the US, Western countries, quite evidently, have an obligation not only to apologise, but also to reparations and embark on comprehensive social justice programmes.

Apologies are commendable, but descendants of enslaved people also need reparations and social change.

Source: Aljazeera

EDITORIAL

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Yes to ECOWAS Standby Force, but

During its December 19, 2022 meeting of the heads of the armed forces of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in Bissau, the capital of Guinea-Bissau, top on the agenda was the presentation of the modalities of action of the ECOWAS Alert Force.

The meeting was preceded by the meeting of ECOWAS Heads of Operations and Chiefs of Intelligence, held on December 17 and 18, 2022.

The Head of the Armed Forces of Guinea-Bissau, General Biague Na Ntan, who is also acting chairman of the ECOWAS Chiefs of Staff Committee, told journalists that the Alert Force would be used to combat terrorism and restore constitutional order in the region whenever and wherever it is threatened.

Earlier on December 4, 2022, the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS meeting in Abuja approved the establishment of the regional peacekeeping force to intervene in member states to help restore security and constitutional order.

The region's defence ministers are to meet this January to consider the force's structure. Omar Alieu Touray, President of the ECOWAS Commission, said the ministers are expected to flesh out a plan for the force in the second half of 2023, adding that the funding mechanism could not depend solely on voluntary contributions.

The establishment of this force is timely, as West Africa has witnessed several coups in the past two years, bringing back memories of its reputation as the "coup belt."

Aiming to shed the reputation, regional leaders said in a communique after their summit in Nigeria's capital, Abuja, that "the leaders of ECOWAS have decided to recalibrate our security architecture to ensure that we take care of our own security in the region."

"The leaders are determined to establish a regional force that will intervene in the event of need, whether this is in the area of security, terrorism (or to) ... restore constitutional order in member countries."

This is not the first time ECOWAS leaders would aim for a regional security force. Its first attempt in 1981 was under the protocol relating to Mutual Assistance of Defence (MAD).

The MAD promised military aid (material, technical and personnel) to any of the signatories aggressed by a third state, and considered any external attack on one member as an attack on the community.

But Mali, Cape Verde and Guinea Bissau declined to sign the protocol, fearing the influence of larger states, while others, like Togo and Senegal, perceived the deterrent role that Nigeria could play against an external aggressor and adopted it with other states that had already experienced border conflicts with their neighbours.

And with the Liberian crisis simmering, ECOWAS established its first operational security mechanism, the ECOWAS Monitoring Group (ECOMOG), in 1990 as a cease-fire and later peace enforcement force. It would later extend its mandate to Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau.

During the 2002 political crisis in Cote d'Ivoire, the regional body also deployed an ECOWAS Security Force (ESF), a military intervention that helped restore security and stability.

During the second Liberian civil war in 2003, ECOWAS, under pressure from the US, launched a mission similar to ECOMOG—the ECOMIL—to halt the occupation of the Liberian capital, Monrovia, by rebel forces. But it was quickly replaced by the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL).

Following the coup d'état in August 2020 in Mali, ECOWAS, as well as Nigeria, worked towards the activation and deployment of the ECOWAS Standby Force.

This force, based in Abuja, is involved in peace-support operations, including two currently in The Gambia and Guinea Bissau.

Therefore, the move to formally constitute the regional force is commendable. There is no doubt that, just like ECOMOG, it will help bring about peace in the countries where there are crises and prevent conflicts in the sub-region. It could even be a deterrent force. When they are deployed, they could work and support reforms of their host nation's defence and security forces.

But it must avoid the pitfalls of the early attempts, especially ECOMOG, and ensure the initiative is not crippled by financial and logistical problems.

Moreover, this standby force must be clear on its broad mandates, Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs), the force structure and deployment modules. There must be clarity on whether it would be a purely military force or a multidisciplinary approach with components of military, police and civilian contingents, in line with Chapter VIII of the UN Charter on regional peace and security arrangements.

How would this force relate with or affect rival influences especially the close colonial ties and pacts between francophone countries and France, or Britain with anglophone ECOWAS member-states?

In addition, would an ECOWAS intervening force be deployed on reactionary basis to solve humanitarian crisis or be a proactive force that could prevent crisis from escalating; a force of stability?

In any case, the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS, as the supreme institution of the regional community, should tackle the fundamental source of the crisis. It must commit to democratic principles and the implementation of good governance procedures. It must let democracy work in their countries in the true sense of the word.

It must say not to sit-tight leaders who have no respect for or manipulate their country's constitutions to remain in power. This would minimise any intervention by any force.

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Tinubu's revolutionary synergy of the public and private sectors (1)

The APC presidential candidate's superlative and candid showing with the Nigeria Economic Summit Group on the 13th of January 2023 has naturally endeared him further to millions of voters across the country.

A legion of former doubters including those who had based their opinions on skits put together by usually unserious minds who seek whatever they could twist in every speech, have now seen that they had been misguided.

The momentum will ramp up even as we move closer to election day, delivering what may turn out to be the cleanest landslide victory since Nigeria's return to democracy in 1999.

What struck me were the candidness of the conversation and the fearlessness of the speech. The economic thinking that attracted me to Bola Ahmed, a long time ago, and thus made it easy for me to pledge my unalloyed support in his quest this time, was there for all to see.

I had warned many of Tinubu's traducers that his delivery and carriage will only improve, and that he will seem to age backwards, like the fictional Benjamin Button. I hope they are seeing with their eyes now.

The ideas that he had espoused in his many colloquia, including his write-ups in Premium Times and other media, are truly etched in his mind. He comes to the table, not to be bamboozled around by the usual pretenders to intellectuality, but with his worldview, knowledge, drive, and dream for his nation.

Of recent, I realized that Bola Tinubu, just like the great Nnamdi Azikiwe, having studied extensively in a certain era in the United States, must have returned to Nigeria with a fervour to right the wrongs, and to prove that there was nothing wrong with the black man.

You cannot immerse yourself in the United States without forming a strong opinion, which propels you to want to give direction to your own people – except you forget where you are from and decide to share in the American dream, or you are incapacitated politically.

That Tinubu has been on this quest for decades, going by how long he has spotted his broken chains (which I prefer to call the infinity) traditional cap, is worth noting for the perceptive and attentive. This man is a gift to Nigeria and humanity.

It is evident that in Tinubu we have a fearless, tested, experienced, urbane, businesslike, well-rounded, visionary candidate. He felt very much at home with the business community, who themselves can see by now, that Tinubu is their best bet for further prosperity and for the business community in Nigeria to remain the linchpin of the country's development, and even play a larger role. But not only that.

The delegates of the organised private sector present at the parley, or watching from the comfort of their offices, would have whipped out their scientific calculators (I remember the HP calculators bankers used to love), and worked out rates of returns on potential investments under the guidance and auspices of a business-oriented and transformative government of Asiwaju Tinubu, who continues to avert their minds to the sheer

possibilities of our nation; a great nation waiting to soar, if only we could stay positive, attentive, cooperative, and connect our quest to a higher calling to lay a solid foundation for our children today, and those yet unborn.

Tinubu's vision is not only about Nigeria. From his trajectory, one can already see that he subscribes to that Chinese adage; 'If your vision is one year, cultivate flowers; if your vision is 10 years, cultivate trees; but if your vision is eternity, cultivate people.'

Hands down, his understanding of succession planning sets him apart. And his investment in raising leaders from among those he has identified over time, sometimes shames his peers, who seemed to have simply concentrated on themselves and their children alone over the years.

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The meat – and there are several actually – of Tinubu's discussion at the NESG parley could be itemised as follows:

1. A very candid discussion where reality is discussed, difficulties acknowledged, but without any fear to dream and envision a great Nigeria where the private sector will lead robust growth, powered and enabled by a refocused public sector.

2. An admission to the plurality and diversity of opinions necessary for national development. Asiwaju acknowledged upfront that he doesn't have all the ideas, and some may disagree with some of the ideas he proposes. And that is important for robust engagements and progress.

3. In acknowledging diversity and plurality of ideas, Asiwaju emphasised the importance of teamwork between the private and public sectors and his ability to put a committed and patriotic crack team together in the shortest possible time. His track record in Lagos comes in very handy and is unmatched by any other political leader in our time.

4. Unlike any other contender for the presidency in 2023, Bola Tinubu committed to a double-digit growth of the economy, in defiance to some of the tepid projections of multilateral agencies. This means that he is ready to drive new thinking and show that we can begin to define our destiny as a people. As we are coming from a position of negative real growth, but we have potential, this is a very laudable ambition because we have so much to do. A double-digit growth in GDP also means a surfeit of employment opportunities and profitability for private sector players.

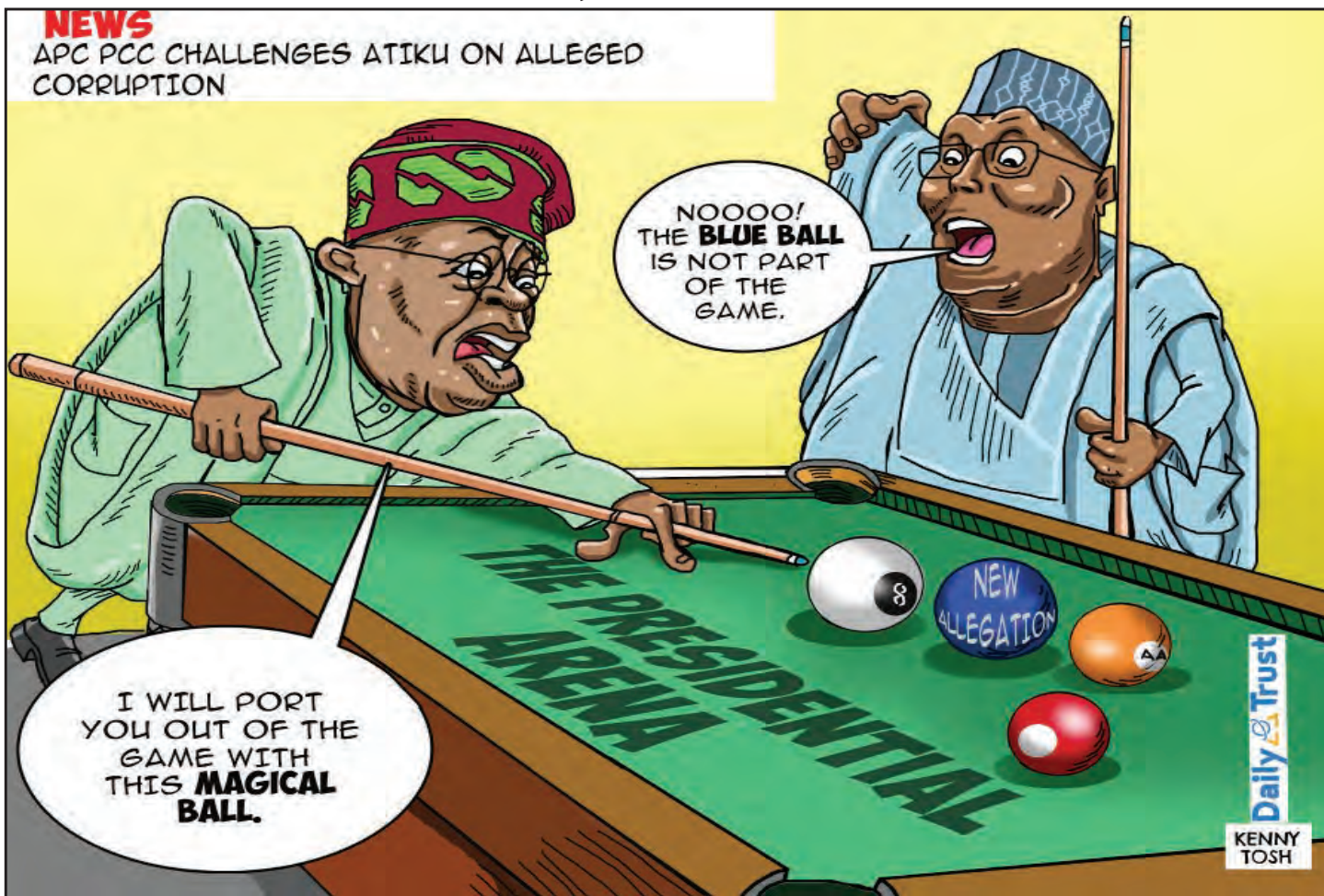
5. Asiwaju also indicated his readiness to bring together the monetary and fiscal wings of the economy such that they synergize under strong and focused leadership. His ideas on trade are skewed towards value addition, to consolidate some of the achievements of the Buhari administration.

6. Asiwaju, while speaking with the NESG, prioritised security, without which businesses cannot thrive. He intends to leverage the 'follow the money' strategy of the Buhari administration to smoke out kidnappers, bandits, and other criminals who are holding the nation back.

He also intends to consolidate the monetary reforms of this administration as they pertain to electronic transactions in the public service, guaranteed to improve value-for-money in government procurement and projects all over the country.

## LETTERS to the Editor

CARTOON by Kehinde O. Omotosho



abundance of natural resources. According to Nigeria's agriculture minister, the yearly cost of importing toothpicks from China and Germany is around \$15 million. Despite the potential for toothpicks to be produced domestically, a significant amount of money is still spent on importing them.

It is also a common occurrence for Nigerian citizens to spend money on importation courses, in order to import goods that could be manufactured in Nigeria if the necessary equipment were available.

To address this problem, the Nigerian government needs to take a proactive approach. One solution could be to support and encourage local industries by providing them with resources to compete with imported goods. This could be done through tax incentives, subsidies, and access to credit.

Another solution would be to implement stricter import regulations to prevent the influx of counterfeit and substandard goods. This could be achieved through stricter quality control measures and increased collaboration with other countries to combat the trade of counterfeit goods.

Lastly, Nigeria should aim to become more self-sufficient by investing in agriculture and other sectors of the economy that have the potential to create jobs and generate foreign exchange. This would reduce the country's dependence on imports and help create a more sustainable economy.

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## Time to address high importation culture

Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa, has been facing the negative consequences of its heavy reliance on imported goods. This has had a significant impact on the country's economy and society, and it's crucial that steps are taken to address this issue.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, in 2019, Nigeria imported goods worth over \$22 billion, with China

as its main trading partner. The majority of these imports were consumer goods such as electronics, clothing, and food, but the country also imports essential items like fuel and machinery.

The preference of Nigerians for foreign goods and services over locally produced ones, despite the lower quality of the imported goods, has had a negative impact on the country's economy.

One of the biggest issues with

importation is that it has led to a decline in the nation's external reserves and an increase in the number of unemployed youth as local industries struggle to compete with cheaper imports.

Importation has also hindered the growth and development of local industries. With the constant influx of cheaper imports, many local manufacturers have been forced to close their businesses, resulting in a decline in industrial

output.

The impact on society is also significant. The influx of counterfeit and substandard goods has raised concerns about health and safety among Nigerian citizens. Many of these goods do not meet the required standards and can be harmful to the citizens.

One of the frustrating aspects is that Nigeria imports goods that could easily be manufactured within the country, despite the

## Combating the hunger threat

Just yesterday, there was a report in the media quoting the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) warning that some 25 million Nigerians are at risk of severe hunger between June and August this year.

The FAO identified the main causes of hunger to include persistent conflicts, climate change, inflation, and rising food prices. In addition, currency depreciation has also been listed as a factor to the problem.

The FAO noted that access to food has been affected by unrelenting terrorism in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states, as well as banditry and abductions in Katsina, Sokoto, Kaduna, Benue and Niger states.

It also recalled that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) reported that last year's flooding claimed more than 676,000 hectares of farmland,

diminishing harvests and increasing food insecurity across Nigeria, thereby contributing to the risk of hunger. The FAO, a UN agency, further stated that more extreme weather patterns affecting starvation are anticipated in the future.

The report also highlighted the fact that children are the most vulnerable to food insecurity. It stated that approximately six million of the 17 million food insecure Nigerians today are children under the age of five, living in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe, Sokoto, Katsina and Zamfara states. There is a serious risk of mortality among children, attributed to acute malnutrition.

The FAO Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Nigeria, Matthias Schmale, pointed out that UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), working with government and partners such as MSF and ALIMA, is investing in

scaling up preventive nutrition interventions, while ensuring that vulnerable children have access to life-saving nutrition services.

What this means is that urgent and concrete measures have to be taken to at least reduce the impact.

There is an urgent need to revive and transform our agricultural and food systems to, among other things, deliver improved nutrition. All stakeholders need to redouble their efforts in order to boost food sufficiency and improve nutrition. It is not just about feeding people, it is also about providing the necessary nutrients for a healthy life.

Also, Nigeria has been grappling with security challenges, especially in the North East and Middle Belt areas of the country. This has also affected agriculture/farming in such areas, as many

people are being hindered from planting or harvesting crops. If all these security challenges are properly addressed, it can help to reduce the high risk of hunger or famine.

Climate change is another factor that contributes to famine and hunger. Climate change refers to the increase in temperatures of the atmosphere over a long period of time. How does climate change affect food supply? Floods and drought brought on by climate change make it harder to produce food. Erratic rainfall patterns can also severely disrupt local food production. As a result, the price of food increases and access becomes more and more limited, putting many at higher risk of hunger.

Unless factors causing climate change are reduced by substantial reductions of greenhouse gases, it will greatly increase hunger and famine,

especially in the poorest parts of the world.

It is also important to note that prevention of hunger and famine must begin in the rural areas where people coping with high levels of food insecurity live. The focus in such areas should be on growing food where it is needed the most, and keeping animals alive. This can help to stabilize and increase local food production, in order to prevent a breakout of famine.

In more isolated rural areas especially, the critical role of local and backyard food production in keeping families alive cannot be overemphasised. The importance of sustaining livestock can also not be overstated. Also, just one cup of milk a day can make the difference between life and death!

*Daniel Ighakpe wrote from  
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**UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI**  
(Office of the Registrar)

**INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT**

In accordance with the relevant provision of the University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Decree No 11 of 1993 and University (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Act 2012, the Governing Council of the University is inviting interested Candidates with requisite qualifications and experience to apply for the post of DIRECTOR OF WORKS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

The Director of Works, Physical Planning and Development will be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day to day management of buildings, equipment, coordination and Administration of the Physical Development of the Institution in consultation with the relevant organs for the smooth running of the University.

**CONDITION OF SERVICE**

The Director of Works, Physical Planning and Development shall hold office for a single tenure of five (5) years from the effective date of appointment. Salary and other benefits shall be as approved by the Federal Government and the Governing Council of the University of Maiduguri.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates for the post should not be above Sixty (60) years at the date of assumption of office and should be within the retirement age at the expiration of the tenure of five (5) years.

The Candidate for the position must have a considerable degree of competence, responsibility, integrity, the ability to provide effective and efficient leadership and supervision within the department.

**QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Candidates for the post of Director of Works, Physical Planning and Development should have a good Degree from a recognized University preferably in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Architecture and Quantity Surveying plus NYSC discharge Certificate or evidence of exemption with at least ten (10) years post qualification experience. He must be registered with Council of the relevant body in Nigeria. In addition, Candidates must be Computer literate and working experience in Institutions of Higher learning or similar Institutions will be an added advantage.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Candidates should submit twenty five (25) copies of typed applications, photocopies of credentials and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae containing personal details as listed below

- 1) Names in Full (Surname first)
- 2) Post applied for
- 3) Place and date of birth
- 4) Home address
- 5) Present postal address
- 6) Nationality/State of origin
- 7) Marital status
- 8) Number of Children and age
- 9) Educational Qualifications, Institutions attended with dates
- 10) Professional Qualifications obtained with dates
- 11) Statement of experience (Including full details of former and present post)
- 12) Membership of professional bodies
- 13) Names and addresses of three (3) referees, one of whom must be the Candidates present employer.

Candidates should request each of their referees to send a confidential report on them on separate cover to the Registrar.

Candidates must provide in clear terms a one page statement of mission and vision for the Works and Physical Planning Department with reference to physical infrastructure development and management.

All hard copy of documents along with soft copy of the CV and scanned credentials in PDF format on a CD or flash drive in sealed envelopes clearly marked 'APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR, WORKS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT' at the top left corner of the envelope should be sent to:

The Registrar  
University of Maiduguri  
P.M.B 1069  
Bama Road  
Maiduguri  
Borno State

All applications must reach the Registrar NOT later than Six (6) weeks from the date of this advertisement.

Signed:  
**Ahmad Alhaji Lawan**  
REGISTRAR



**NOTICE OF CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The Development Exchange Centre (DEC) is a women-focused Non-Governmental Organization established in 1987 and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) - IT/10826.

DEC, supported by Bread for the World-Germany (BfW), is implementing a project "Small-Scale Project Fund for Community Based Organizations (CBOs)". The project will support upcoming, existing formal and informal CBOs with an overall goal of enhancing local organizations' capacities for sustainable development. It will support CBOs focusing on women, Persons with Disability, adolescent girls, and other vulnerable groups to implement their self-determined projects. DEC hereby notifies **organized AND functional** women groups working at the grassroots level, non-governmental organizations/community-based organizations, and informal functional groups operating in Bauchi, Gombe, and Plateau states of this opportunity for partnership in the following thematic areas:

Sn	Thematic area	Focus
1	Education	a. Adult literacy b. Adolescent girls c. Girl-child education
2	Economic empowerment	a. Vocational/skills acquisition b. Sustainable agriculture c. Production
3	Environment	a. Water and sanitation b. Waste management c. Climate change
4	Peace building	a. Conflict resolution b. Trauma healing

Each proposed project will be for a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 months only. Much focus will be on **functional AND organized** women-groups working at the grassroots.

Interested organizations will be categorized as follows:

- a. Category A: groups without a formal registration from any government authority but recognized by and accepted by their communities. They have minimal management structure and are financially self-sustaining through contributions and levies for their activities ('informal groups'). This category of groups is eligible for projects with budgets between NGN(550,000-2,200,000).
- b. Category B: groups that have partial financial support and some form of legal recognition (such as members of trade unions, cooperatives, and associations), but may not have a structured constitution. Groups here have staff/volunteers, and their activities are financed by member's contributions and donations. ('Semi-formal'). This category of groups is eligible for projects with budgets between NGN(2,200,550-2,750,000).
- c. Category C: groups registered with government agencies such as the Corporate Affairs commission (CAC), with a

management and leadership structure consisting of staff, management, and directors. The activities are planned and carried out by employees and financed by donations and grants. ('Formal groups'). This category of groups is eligible for projects with budgets between NGN(2,750,550-3,850,000).

**Instructions for submission of concept notes:**

1. A form – "Expression of Interest"- for the response to this call can be accessed by sending a mail requesting the form to [smallscaleprojects@dexcentre.org](mailto:smallscaleprojects@dexcentre.org) AND [sspf.dec@gmail.com](mailto:sspf.dec@gmail.com).
2. All completed forms and applications should be placed in sealed A4-size envelope addressed to:  
**The Local Approval Committee**  
**DEC SSPF**  
Please indicate the category (e.g. "Category X") on the top right-hand corner of envelope.
3. The envelopes should be submitted at DEC head office at No. 5 Kaduna Road, Bauchi, Bauchi state. Submissions will be deposited in a collection box at the entrance of the DEC head office. A register to document submissions will be provided, please ensure to fill the register.
4. The deadline for submission is **4pm (Nigeria), Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. After this time, no submissions will be accepted.

All inquiry about this call should be made to [smallscaleprojects@dexcentre.org](mailto:smallscaleprojects@dexcentre.org) AND [sspf.dec@gmail.com](mailto:sspf.dec@gmail.com) with the subject- "SSPF INQUIRY" before **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2023** after which no further inquiries will be entertained.

DEC reserves the right to reconsider the geographic or sectoral distribution of projects based on the interests of its programming. DEC also reserves the right to discontinue all or part of this call.

DEC brings to the attention of the public that the application and submission process is free of charge. The forms are not for sale, and you are not to give any kind of gratification to access/submit the form. Any organization/group found to either attempt to pay or pay for or give any form of gratification or incentive will be disqualified and blacklisted. You are requested to report any person(s) demanding or requesting payment or gratification for either accessing, submitting, or processing the forms via [whistleblowing@dexcentre.org](mailto:whistleblowing@dexcentre.org).

Only organizations that qualify for the next stage of proceedings will be contacted by DEC.

Women-focused organizations, women groups and women-led organizations are encouraged to apply.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

**PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED URANIUM MINING PROJECT, MIKA VILLAGE, YORRO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, TARABA STATE BY CLARISVER SOLUTIONS LIMITED.**

In accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major developmental activities to carry out EIA for their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces a twenty-one (21) working days public display for the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report submitted by Clarisver Solutions Limited. The display is for the public to make inputs that shall enable the Ministry take appropriate decision on the EIA of the project.

**The Display Centers are:-**

- \* Headquarters, Yorro Local Government Council, Jalingo, Taraba State.
- \* Taraba State Ministry of Environment, State Secretariat, Jalingo.
- \* Federal Ministry of Environment, Federal Secretariat, Jalingo, Taraba State.
- \* Federal Ministry of Environment, Environmental Assessment Department (Environment House), Central Business District, Abuja, F.C.T.

**Brief Project Description:-**

The proposed project involves the exploration and mining of uranium within 130 Cadastral Units on a total landtake of approximately 26km<sup>2</sup> at Mika Community in Yorro Local Government Area, Taraba State.

**Duration of Display:-**

**Date:** 20th January - 17th February, 2023  
**Time:** 8:00am-4:00pm daily.

**ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT ON OR BEFORE 24TH FEBRUARY, 2023.**

Signed  
**PERMANENT SECRETARY**  
For: Honourable Minister.

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# CITY & CRIME

## Kano judge remands fellow judges, registrars, cashier over N500m inheritance

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A magistrates' court in Kano has ordered the remand of a cashier with the Kano State Sharia Court Division, Hussaina Imam and 14 others, including judges, registrars and financial registers, for diverting N500m meant for orphans to their personal use.

The defendants were accused of committing offences bordering on criminal conspiracy, joint act, criminal breach of trust, theft and forgery, contrary to Sections 97, 79, 315 and 289 of the Penal Code.

According to the First Information Report (FIR) tendered by the police, the defendants: Hussaina Imam, Bashir Ali Kurawa, Saadatu Umar, Tijjani Abdullahi, Maryam

Jibrin Garba, Shamsu Sani and others between 2020 and 2021 committed the offences in which Hussaina Imam used her official position as cashier in the Kano Sharia Court of Appeal to conspire with her co-accused and forged the letterhead and other papers of the court and stole money to the tune of N484,067,327.07 by authorising Stanbic IBTC to transfer the money to various

bank accounts.

Similarly, in another separate charge, the defendants were arraigned for criminal conspiracy, joint act, criminal breach of trust and theft contrary to Sections 97, 79, 315 and 289 of the Penal Code.

All the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges and their counsel prayed the court to admit them to bail.

The Magistrate, Mustapha Sa'ad Datti, ordered the remand of all the defendants in a correctional centre and adjourned the case to February 1.

## Court remands 2 over possession of guns, other weapons

An Ikeja Magistrates' Court, on Thursday, remanded two men in Kirikiri Correctional Centre for allegedly having in their possession two locally-made guns and other dangerous weapons.

The defendants, Faruk Lawal, (23) and Toheeb Oladele, (22), are both unemployed and reside at Orile-Iganmu, Lagos.

The defendants are standing trial for unlawful possession of firearms, conspiracy, terrorism and causing breach of peace.

The Magistrate, Mrs O.O. Fajana, who did not listen to the defendants' pleas, ordered their remand in Kirikiri Correctional Centre.

Fajana adjourned the case till Feb. 13 for advice from the Director of Public Prosecution.

Earlier, the Prosecutor, Insp Funmi Akinleye, told the court that the offences were committed on Nov. 9, 2022 at Awe Junction, Orile-Iganmu, Lagos.

Akinleye said that a distress call was put across to the police in that axis that some hoodlums were shooting sporadically and that they were fully armed.

He said that some police personnel were deployed to the scene and that when the hoodlums sighted them, they all ran away.

The prosecutor said that the defendants were arrested and that two locally-made guns, a battle axe and a cutlass were found in their bags.

The offences, according to the prosecutor, contravene Sections 27, 51, 298, 330 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. (NAN)

## Ekiti prosecutes pastor for building church illegally

From Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti

The Ekiti State Ministry of Housing and Urban Development has dragged Prophet Emmanuel Femi Arowolo of the Cherubim and Seraphim Church on Surulere Street in Ado-Ekiti before a magistrates' court for flagrant violation of physical development laws, rules and regulations.

The prosecutor told the court that the ministry, while on routine inspection on June 16, 2022, saw an illegal construction of a building suspected to be a church and therefore placed an enforcement notice on the property.

The Magistrate, Mrs Bunmi Bamidele, ruled that no further construction should be carried out on the premises until the suit was determined by the court.

She noted that the prophet's bail would be revoked if he disobeyed the order of the court.

## Man, 19, remanded for raping student in Kwara hostel

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

An Ilorin magistrates' court has ordered the remand of a 19-year-old man, Adam Mohammed, for raping students of the Kwara State University, Maleta.

The prosecutor, Moshood Adebayo, told the police that the victim reported that a man entered her hostel, threatened her with sharp objects and had sexual intercourse with her.

He told the court that after the suspect was arrested he confessed to be the one who raped the victim.

The Magistrate, A. S. Muhammed, ordered that Mohammed be kept in a correctional facility till February 24.

## Hubby arraigned for kicking wife

A housewife, Mrs Mwuese Mbalaha, on Thursday, dragged her husband, Moses Tyovenda, before a Makurdi area court in Benue State for kicking her on the chest.

The prosecutor, Insp Rachael Mchiave, told the court that the accused without any provocation went to his wife's shop in Wurukum Market and attacked her, tore her clothes and kicked her on the chest.

The Magistrate, Mrs Dooshima Ikpambese, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N50,000 and adjourned the case to February 22. (NAN)

## I sell stolen cars to officers – 'Naval rating'

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

A 50-year-old naval rating, Oyewole Femi, who is the head of a car snatching syndicate that operates in Lagos and its environs, has confessed to selling most of the stolen cars to senior naval officers.

The suspect, alongside three others, Joshua Adeleke (41), Kabiru Ismaila (38), and Ukpabi Bright Ikechukwu (39), was arrested by the police.

Oyewole, who claimed to be serving at the headquarters of the Western Naval Command, said, "I am a serving naval officer attached to the headquarters of the Western Naval Command, Naval Base, Harbour Road, Apapa. I am the leader of a car snatching gang. I have served in the Nigerian Navy for 22 years. I have been arrested for similar offences by the police. I have also received more than 15 units of vehicles from members of my gang."

"In 2016, I was handed over to the Western Naval Command when the police discovered that I am a serving

naval officer for necessary disciplinary action.

"I was subsequently arrested alongside Joshua Adeleke and Kabiru Ismaila for a similar offence by operatives of the defunct Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in 2019, where seven units of vehicles were recovered from me.

"I was handed over to naval authorities for necessary disciplinary action, while Joshua and Kabiru were prosecuted."

When asked why he was allowed to go, the suspect said, "No disciplinary action was taken against me because some of the receivers of the stolen vehicles are top officers in the Nigerian Navy."

On his part, Joshua Adeleke admitted snatching many vehicles along with Ismaila and that all the cars were handed over to Oyewole who sold them off.

He said, "Oyewole is our financier. It's based on his instructions that we go out to steal cars, after which we hand them over to him."

"We have sold over 25 vehicles to Oyewole Femi. He buys them for

ridiculous prices such as N100,000 and N150,000. He pays us the money in bits; at times N40,000 and at times N80,000. We sold the recent gold Toyota Camry 1999 model with registration number MUS 499 AM to him for N100,000."

The Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) in charge of Zone 2 (Lagos and Ogun states), Adeyinka Oyeleke, while parading the suspects, said he got intelligence information on December 20, 2022, that a gang of car snatchers robbed a victim of a gold Toyota Sierra and sold same to one of their buyers and that the zone swung into action and arrested the suspects.

Meanwhile, the spokesman of the Western Naval Command, Commander Edward Yeibo, told our correspondent on phone that the command was only aware that Oyewole was arrested as a receiver of stolen vehicles.

He said, "It's a lie from the pit of hell. No serving senior naval officer will buy a stolen vehicle because they know the implications."



■ Suspects, including a 50-year-old Naval rating arrested for car snatching in Lagos

## Kano wife laces hubby's food with rat poison – Police

From Zahraddeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

A magistrates' court in Kano, Kano State, has ordered the remand of a housewife, Hindatu Shafi'u, for trying to kill

her husband, Nasiru Idris, with rat poison in Zakirai village in Gabasawa LGA.

The police told the court that Hindatu laced her husband's food with rat poison over her forced

marriage to him because she didn't love him.

After pleading not guilty to the charge, the magistrate, Aminu Gabari, ordered her remand in a correctional facility and adjourned to February 2.

## Traders allege damage as developer remodels Abuja computer complex

By Adam Umar

Traders at the Abuja Computer Complex in Wuse Zone 3 have complained that their shops were on Wednesday destroyed to pave way for a new building.

One of the traders, Gbenga Udubayo, said that the developer who got approval from the FCTA for redesigning and developing the facility was the mastermind of the operation despite a court injunction against it.

He explained that the developer carried out a similar operation in January, last year, to erect a fence.

"But we rushed to an FCT High Court sitting at Maitama where we secured a temporary order stopping him from the operation.

"They disobeyed the order and they were sanctioned by the court. The order was, however, lifted in December, last year, but again we rushed to an appeal court where we sought for another order to stop him, and the matter was still pending with a letter of summons issued to them."

"So, we are surprised to see them coming again and to carry out this operation."

Udubayo, who is the chairman of the site's allottees' Board of Trustees, noted that their lawyer had swung into action.

Contacted, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Blizzard Nig Limited, Bashir Musa Hamza, said his firm was set to start the project of rebuilding the market following a court ruling that granted the approval.



■ The computer complex at Wuse Zone 3, Abuja

### QUICK READ

#### Fire razes Ogun commissioner's house

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The house of the Ogun State Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr Samson Odedina, was razed by fire on Thursday.

The house which is located at Kemta Idi-Abba Area of Abeokuta caught fire during the day and burnt down, but the cause of the fire could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report.

Dr Odedina who confirmed the incident, appreciated God that no life was lost in the incident.

He said he was at work when he was alerted of the fire and that before he arrived his neighbors and motorcyclists were able to evacuate his cars from the compound.

Director of the Ogun State Fire Service, Fatay Adefala, said the fire could be traced to the kitchen.

#### Lagos begins upgrade of 20 PHCs

The Lagos State Primary Health Care Board (LSPHCB) has launched upgrade of 20 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) in the five divisions of the state to enhance quality healthcare services.

The Permanent Secretary of LSPHCB, Dr Ibrahim Mustafa, said this in a statement issued by Filade Olumide, Deputy Director, Public Affairs, on Thursday in Lagos.

Mustafa stated that the move was to fulfill government's promise of infrastructure upgrade in the THEMES agenda which represents health and environment.

He added that the upgrade, which would start at Mende, Akoka and Abule-Nia Primary Healthcare Centres, would be done in partnership with the Lagos State Infrastructure Management Agency (LASIAMA) and the various local government areas. (NAN)

#### Monarch decries massive forest destruction in C'River

A traditional ruler in Cross River, Fredelime Amarda, on Thursday, decried what he called massive destruction of forest in his domain.

Amarda stated this when he and his clan heads received the governorship campaign team of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state, on Thursday in Boki.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Amarda is the paramount ruler of Boki Local Government Area in Cross River Central Senatorial District.

The traditional ruler said that aside the issue of climate change, many of the animals in the forest had become endangered species, while the ecosystem and ecotourism had been significantly affected. (NAN)

## TV series: 'Real Housewives of Abuja' starts Feb 17 on DSTV

A leading entertainment company, MultiChoice, has said that its new television series: "The Real Housewives of Abuja (RHOAbuja)", is set to premiere exclusively on Showmax on February 17, 2022, with new episodes every Friday.

MultiChoice Executive Head of Content and West Africa Channels, Dr Busola Tejumola, on Thursday, said that the series marked the eighth version of the hit format in Africa.

Tejumola said the new series was produced by Delmedia Productions and that RHOAbuja would be available in more than 40 African countries.

"We are excited to announce "The Real Housewives of Abuja (RHOAbuja)" to the power city of Abuja.

"Telling our local story is at the core of what we do, and we are glad to continue this partnership with NBCUniversal Formats to bring the franchise to a second city in Nigeria.

"The new series will follow the luxurious lives of six influential and successful women in Abuja.

"The women include Arafah, Comfort Booth, OJ Posharella, Princess Jecoco, Samantha Homossany and Tutupie, as they navigate their opulent lives, relationships, family and businesses within the powerful city of Abuja and beyond," she said.

Tejumola said, in a statement, that the women would give viewers an exclusive glimpse into their fabulous and luxurious lives.

She stated that the new series promised to entertain, showcasing the hottest and most intriguing social scenes across the city, providing exclusive access to the ultra-rich. (NAN)



■ A man with his mattress at Madalla in Niger State yesterday

Photo Onyekachukwu Obi

## Phone thief nabbed inside Kwara varsity mosque

From Mumini Abdulkareem Ilorin

A magistrates' court in Ilorin, Kwara State, has remanded one Abdulazeez Abdulkadir for phone theft.

The prosecutor, Gbenga Ayeni, told the court that the suspect was arrested by the security personnel of the University of Ilorin (Unilorin) after he trespassed

into the facility as he was neither a student nor a staff member of the institution.

The charge sheet presented by Ayeni reads in part: "You were met in the Faculty of Law's mosque pretending to be observing prayer in the course of which you forcefully opened a bag belonging to one Yusuf Toyeb Oklanrewaju, a law student, and stole a Redmi 9 phone valued at N80,000.

"In 2021, you were brought to the station for similar offences and you were warned and you promised to desist from repeating such an act.

"Preliminary investigation and your confession revealed that you are a habitual criminal in the act of phone theft."

The Magistrate, Gbadeyan Kamson, remanded the suspect and adjourned to February 14.

## Scouts to hold national parade, confer Buhari with peace award

By Dalhatu Liman

For the first time in more than 40 years, the Scout Association of Nigeria (TSAN) is set to host its national parade and awards in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

In a press conference, the Chief Scout Commissioner of Nigeria, who doubles as the Chief Executive Officer of TSAN, Mr Dave Padopads-Awunah, said the five-day event was kicking off on January 28.

He said the event was aiming to converge young scouts from across the country to socialise under a common scout arena and create awareness on the existence of scouting in Nigeria.

He explained that TSAN would award its "messenger of peace" and "ambassador of peace" awards to President Muhammadu Buhari who was the national patron of the association.

He further said that in two years TSAN intended to grow its active members to 10 million from its over three million members presently in the country.

Adding that, "The programme is geared towards having the Federal Government of Nigeria make a policy for compulsory scouting in all public primary and secondary schools in Nigeria.

"The programme will have our government of Nigeria reinstate the policy of monthly subventions and grants to the 26 state scout councils and the National Scout Organisation since it was stopped for almost three decades.

"Sadly, scouting has over the years diminished to the disadvantage of young people and the nation. The clear absence of the role of scouting in tailoring the minds of young people is clearly shown in the inexplicable crisis of youth mismanagement."



■ Mr. Dave Padopads-Awunah (centre) addressing journalists in Abuja on Thursday

## 2 fraudsters bag 6 years each in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

An Edo High Court sitting in Benin, Edo State, has sentenced two internet fraudsters, Osemudiamen Aganjile and Ekoh Godswill, to six years imprisonment each.

Justice Efe Ikponmwonba, however, gave the convicts an option of N200,000 fine each.

The two were arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for impersonation and intent to defraud people.

They pleaded guilty to the charges

and pleaded for mercy.

The prosecuting counsel, I. K. Agwa, prayed the court to sentence them accordingly while the defence counsel, S. A. Aichiende, pleaded with the court to temper justice with mercy.

While sentencing them, Justice Ikponmwonba also held that the convicts were to forfeit their mobile phones and the balance of N3,677,986, found in Aganjile's UBA and First Bank accounts and the sum of N767,677 in Godswill's Sterling Bank account, being proceeds of crime to the federal government.

## Hemp video: NDLEA summons Niger LG boss

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has invited a local government chairman in Niger State for allegedly encouraging young people to engage in drugs.

In a video trending online, the chairman is shown to be telling a group of young people to use the premises of the local government secretariat whenever they want to smoke Indian hemp.

Mr Haruna Kwetishe, the state's Commander of NDLEA, on Thursday, said, "We have written to the local government council chairman inviting him over a viral video clip trending on social media. "Purportedly made by him

advising the youths to use the local government secretariat as a smoking joint for cannabis sativa, popularly known as marijuana, if they so wish."

Kwetishe further said that the agency would not allow anyone to diminish the efforts of the command in combating illicit drugs and abuse.

He added that, "Therefore, the command wishes to issue a stern warning to the author of the purported video/statement that he should retract it."

"We want him to join hands with the Niger State command of the agency to fight this dangerous trend of drug abuse and illicit trafficking."



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF), RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK (RPF), LABOUR MANAGEMENT PLAN (LMP), ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP), STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP) AND INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN (IPMP) FOR NIGERIA FOR WOMEN PROGRAMME SCALE-UP (NFWP-SU) IN ABIA, AKWA-IBOM, KEBBI, NIGER, OGUN AND TARABA STATES.**

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces a twenty-one (21) working days Public disclosure for information and comments on Six (6) documents of draft Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) as follows; Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Labour Management Plan (LMP), Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP) in six implementing states of Abia, Akwa-Ibom, Kebbi, Niger, Ogun and Taraba States (Phase One) submitted by Federal Project Coordinating Unit, Nigeria for Women Project, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, Abuja.

## THE DISCLOSURE CENTERS ARE:

- Abia State Ministry of Environment, State Secretariat, Umuahia
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Umuahia Field Office, Umuahia, Abia State
- Akwa-Ibom State Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, State Secretariat, Uyo.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Uyo Field Office, Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State
- Kebbi State Ministry of Environment, Birnin-Kebbi
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Birnin-Kebbi Field Office, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi State
- Niger State Ministry of Environment and Forestry, State Secretariat, Minna.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Minna Field Office, Minna, Niger State
- Ogun State Ministry of Environment, State Secretariat, Abeokuta
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Abeokuta Field Office, Abeokuta, Ogun State.
- Taraba State Ministry of Environment, Jalingo
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Jalingo Field Office, Jalingo, Taraba State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business District, Abuja-FCT.
- Visit [www.ead.gov.ng](http://www.ead.gov.ng)

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed projects is aimed at improving women's well-being via the Government of Nigeria's commitment to supporting the social and economic empowerment of women and foster gender equality. The NFWP-SU is to institutionalize Women's Affinity Groups (WAGs) and other platforms for women's economic empowerment and enhance the economic opportunities of unbanked women. The program is structured around three components. The first focuses on building community institutions by creating WAGs at the community level and federating these at higher levels (village level and LGA level) to take advantages of economic of scale to build linkages to markets and access to finance. The second component supports improvement of livelihood opportunities for WAG members through Community Investment Fund (CIF) and livelihood collective (LC) grants to enable women to increase income and enhance livelihood opportunities. The third component covers project management, monitoring and evaluation and adaptive learning.

## DURATION OF DISCLOSURE:

**Date:** 19th January to 16th February, 2023. **Time:** 8:00am – 4:00pm Daily.

**ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HON. MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT MABUSHI, ABUJA ON OR BEFORE 23RD FEBRUARY, 2023.**

SIGNED  
PERMANENT SECRETARY  
FOR: HONOURABLE MINISTER.



USAID INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAM (IHP)

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**TITLE: KEBBI, SOKOTO AND EBONYI STATES FINANCIAL AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT SUBCONTRACT FOR OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CENTERS IN THE STATES (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)**

Subject RFPs #:	1.	TO4/217727/Consultancy/Sub-Contract- 2023-003- Kebbi
	2.	TO5/217727/Consultancy/Sub-Contract- 2023-003- Sokoto
	3.	TO6/217727/Consultancy/Sub-Contract- 2023-003- Ebonyi

The Integrated Health Program is a USAID funded 5-year project with the goal to contribute to reductions in child and maternal morbidity and mortality and to increase the capacity of health systems (public and private) to sustainably support quality primary health care (PHC) services for reproductive health/family planning, maternal, new-born, and child health, nutrition, and malaria (RMNCH+NM). With government, community, and private sector partners, IHP strives to achieve three objectives: (1) strengthen health systems supporting PHC services, (2) improve access to PHC services, and (3) increase quality of PHC services.

Palladium invites applications from suitably qualified Firms as subcontractors to provide technical support to Kebbi and Sokoto state governments through the State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHCDA) to roll out the capacity development trainings for the PHC management. Following on the work of TO2, with NPHCDA to develop a financial and facility management toolkit, IHP Task Orders 4, 5 and 6 (Kebbi, Sokoto and Ebonyi states) will roll out the facility management training for the public PHCs. Through a subcontract to a local management development organization, IHP intends to build capacity of Officers-in-Charge(OICs), Facility Management Committees (FMC) members, Account Officers, LGHA supervisors and WDC signatories in health management services (leadership, supervision, funds management, client flow, accountability and transparency) and optimization of the use of all sources of income, including the BHCPF, DRF, and user fees and other gateways, funds to improve the facility, bring in additional staff, renovate/maintain infrastructure, and provide funds for outreach services and follow up of clients (fuel, air time, data). Each LGHA workshop will have representation covering the following: OICs, Account Officer, LGHA Supervisors, Senior PHC Staff, WDC signatory, FMC, subcontractor and IHP. Note, LGA level workshop is 5-day workshop while the state TOT will be 3 days' workshop. This will include building leadership and management capacity of PHC Officers in Charge for efficiency of staff use, duty rosters, clinic management and organization.

## Objectives

- Conduct State TOT to further expand the pool of trainers and facilitate the LGA level training.
- Conduct LGA level training for OICs and WDC chairmen and other relevant stakeholders for all facilities supported by IHP.
- Conduct Post training mentoring to selected facilities across the state
- To strengthen the capacity of Primary Health Centers' (PHCs) OICs to effectively manage facility, finances, and operations and improve services delivery to the communities they serve.

Consequently, through a subcontract to a management training organization, IHP intends to:

- Equip the PHC OICs with the requisite skills to effectively respond to the planning and management tasks and roles of the OICs in the total management of the facilities of planning, organizing, controlling and leading in their facilities.
- Build capacity of the Officers in Charge (OICs), LGHA supervisors, and WDC signatories to including financial management of the multiple sources of income in an overall book of accounts, optimization of the use of all sources of income, including the BHCPF, DRF, and client fees and other gateways, to improve the facility, priority setting, recruitment of additional staff, renovate/maintain infrastructure, and provide funds for outreach services and follow up of clients (fuel, air time, data). This will include building leadership and management capacity of PHC OICs for efficiency of staff use, duty rosters, clinic management and organization.

This RFP is open to Nigeria-registered Health Management, training and Consulting Firms who are technically capable of handling these tasks. This will be a subcontract that pays for pre-defined milestones and deliverables.

## Instructions for submitting the Proposal:

- Submit a cover letter indicating interest in applying for a subcontract to provide the required services in Kebbi, Sokoto and Ebonyi states (Please state the state you are applying for)
- Submit proposal, detailing the management approach, technical approach, detailed work / implementation plan, key / non-key personnel among others.
- Submit detailed budget.
- Provide evidence of similar activities in support of Primary Health Care in Nigeria

Full application package can be downloaded from this link:

<https://bit.ly/3ZzJCM>

## Contracts Team Contact Details:

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Issuance of this RFP does not constitute a Contract commitment, nor does it commit Palladium to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission.  
**Closing date of Submission: February 10, 2023- 5.00pm (WAT)**

# BUSINESS

## CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	446.13	540.04	473.34	63.94	118.5	0.70
Central NGN	446.63	540.64	473.87	64.01	118.7	0.71
Selling NGN	447.13	541.25	473.40	65.08	118.8	0.72

## COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$82.15/bbl
GOLD	\$1,799.07/ounce
SILVER	\$19.39/ounce
NATURAL GAS	\$4.63/MMBtu

## BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N733	N745	N915
SELLING	N743	N760	N930

By Chris Agabi

**The Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) has said federal roads approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) for concession will generate over N11.54 trillion in the 25-year concession period for the projects.**

The projects would be delivered under the public private partnership model.

The construction and maintenance of nine road corridors are under the Highway Development and Management Initiative (HDMI) of the regulatory guidance of the ICRC.

The highway development project was initiated by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and originally targeted 12 road corridors, within which there are 13 routes. However, three corridors and one route had yet to reach the FEC approval stage.

A statement by ICRC signed by Manji Yarling, the Ag. Head, Media and Publicity, said the routes that were approved include: the Benin-Asaba (Route 1), a 125km road that has been granted a concession for a 25-year period and is expected to generate N1,588,774,183,303 (N1.58trn) within the period. The concessionaire is Africa Plus Consortium.

Route 2 is the 195km Abuja-Lokoja road which also has a 25-year concession period and is expected to generate N1,762,597,600,000 (N1.76trn). The concessionaire is Avia Infrastructure Services Limited

## 1,374km concessioned roads in 9 corridors to generate N11.54trn – ICRC



■ Fashola

(AISL).

The 161.2km Onitsha-Owerri-Aba route, which is the 4th, will generate N706,129,383,000 (N706bn) in the 25-year concession period with Eyimba Economic City Consortium as the private sector investor.

Route 5 is the Shagamu-Benin 258km road which also has a concession period of 25 years, with AFC/Mota Engil Consortium as the concessionaire, and expected to generate N2,049,036,914,300 (N2trn).

The Abuja-Keffi-Akwanga 175.9km road is Route 6 which has gotten approval for a 25-year concession with expected revenue of N540,568,857,116 (N540bn) within the period. The concessionaire is China Harbour

Engineering Company Ltd (CHEC).

The Kano-Shuuri 100km road is the first of two routes on the corridor and is tagged as Route 7A. The concession period for this route is however 27 Years and Dafac Consortium is the concessionaire while the expected revenue within the period is N813,463,452,806 (N813bn). The second Route (7B) on this corridor is still undergoing the PPP process.

Route 9 is the Enugu-Port Harcourt 200km road which has a 25-year concession term and an expected revenue of N1,154,416,153 (N1.15trn) with Enyimba Economic City Consortium as concessionaire.

Route 11 is the 80km Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta road,

which is expected to generate N1,575,841,857,561 (N1.57trn) in the 25-year concession period. The concessionaire is Africa Plus Consortium.

The 12th route approved by the Executive Council, is the Lagos-Badagry-Seme Border, a 79km route with a 25-year concession to AFC/Mota Engil Consortium and expected revenue of N1,352,993,335,000 (N1.35trn).

Negotiations on Route 3 which runs through Kano-Katsina and Route 7B, Kano-Maiduguri (Potiskum-Damaturu Axis) are still ongoing.

In the same vein, two other corridors: Route 8, Lokoja-Benin and Route 10, Illorin-Jebba, will be re-advertised in the second phase of the HDMI Project procurement process.

With the approvals, a total revenue generation of N11,543,821,736,086 is targeted.

Some other benefits of the project include job creation, bringing order on the routes, accountability and profitable entrepreneurship to the operations and overall better management and maintenance of federal highways.

The concessionaires will recoup their investment through the use of road tolls as well as other land value capture infrastructure, inclusive of, but not limited to rest areas, advertisement infrastructure and vehicle towing services.

## TCN deploys 8 new transformers for Bauchi substation, 3 others

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) has received eight new power transformers at the Apapa Port, Lagos and is set to deploy them to the Bauchi substation and three other states.

Daily Trust reports that the company imported over 40 transformers in 2022 which were deployed to various project sites for its power transmission expansion projects.

According to a statement on Thursday by the spokesperson of the company, Ndidi Mbah, the consignment comprised six units of 150/187.5MVA transformers operational for 330/132/33 kilovolts (kV) substations and two units of 100/125MVA operational in 132/33kV transmission substations.

TCN said the transformers are still at the ports as arrangements were being concluded to move them to project sites across four states.

A breakdown of the destinations shows that two of the 150MVA transformers would be delivered to substations in Bauchi; one 150MVA transformer to Mayo Belwa and another to Yola, all in Adamawa State.

Two units of 100MVA transformers would also be delivered to the Yola substations to operate on the 132/33kV section.

TCN will also deliver a 150MVA transformer to the Maiduguri substation in Borno State and another to the Damaturu substation in Yobe State.

According to the statement, the project for the eight transformers is funded by the World Bank and executed by the contractor – MBH.

“The transformers are part of the ongoing grid expansion projects under TCN’s Project Management Unit,” the company said.

## MMIA passengers pay customs N20.8bn duty in 2022

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) Command of the Nigeria Customs Service said yesterday that it collected N20.8bn duty from January to December 2022.

This showed an increase of

N1,849,747,265.85 from the N19,048,810,614.26) collected within the same period in 2021.

The command operates at the international terminal of the MMIA, the busiest airport in Nigeria, handling over six million passengers annually.

The Customs Area Controller, Comptroller Mohammed Malami Gidado,

also stated that during the December 2022 review, the command collected N1.7bn as against N1.6bn collected within the same period in 2021.

“This simply implies that the command had an increased sum of N393,303,360.75 only in 2022,” Gidado said in a performance report released by the command’s PRO,

Superintendent Juliana Destiny Tomo.

“The customs attributed the results to “an improved integrity of passengers in the declaration of goods and high level of compliance towards voluntary payment of (couriers parcels, passengers accompanied and unaccompanied baggage) duty.”

## Kwara rakes in N1bn from land administration

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The Kwara State government, on Thursday, said it generated about N1 billion from land sales and administration last year.

The Executive Chairman, Kwara State Geographic Information Service (KW-GIS), Malam Abdulmutalib Shittu, disclosed this during a briefing with selected journalists in Ilorin.

According to him, “About

N1bn was generated from land administration last year without allocation from the government which is the highest in the state.

“But for this year, the target is about N1.7bn subject to the ratification of our budget by the House of Assembly and we are confident we will be able to hit that target,” he noted.

The KW-GIS chairman said the automation and digitization of the service have helped to speed up service delivery and streamline

revenue generation for optimum service.

“We are trying to reduce the time for the processing of land documents to just 30 days and building permits to 15 working days. We are looking to have three more automated zonal functional service offices in the three senatorial districts in the state to decentralize our services,” he added.

Shittu, who said the service has received close to 1,000 land

applications, added that high-power computers have been procured to make its operations seamless and more efficient to serve the people of the state.

While listing their challenges, which included fear of the unknown, saboteurs within and outside, and delays because of the transition period and printing of digitalised documents during an election period, the executive chairman assured that the service would be stabilised.

## NEWS

# Ogun Customs intercepted N5bn goods in 2022

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Ogun Area One Command, said it intercepted smuggled items worth over N5 billion and generated a

revenue of N97,887,777.50 in 2022.

The Area Controller, Bamidele Makinde, disclosed this on Thursday while presenting the command's 2022 report to pressmen at his Idiroko office in Ipokia LGA.

He said the command

also realised N97,887,777.50 from auction sales of petroleum products and baggage assessment of items brought in from neighbouring countries.

He noted that the revenue generated in 2022 represented almost 300 per cent increase in

the year 2021, which was N36,655,401.50.

Speaking on the seizures made within the 12-month period, Makinde informed that 957 seizures were made, including 45,773 bags of foreign rice - equivalent to 76 trailer loads - and 130 units of vehicles.



■ From left: Angolan Ambassador to Nigeria, Dr Eustaquio Januario Quibato, in a handshake with Minister of State Petroleum Resources, Chief Timipre Sylva, during a courtesy call on the minister yesterday in Abuja

## FG inaugurates c'ttee to tackle youth unemployment

By Faruk Shuaibu

The federal government has inaugurated a Technical Working Group (TWG) to help tackle issues of youth unemployment and skill development in the country.

Speaking during the inauguration, yesterday in Abuja, the Minister of State, Budget and National Planning, Prince Clem Agba, said the committee is a collaborative project of the ministry and the World Bank to promote socio-economic development initiatives.

Agba stated that addressing youth unemployment is a major concern to the current administration, the reason

for several interventions in recent years with a number of proactive mechanisms put in place to reduce the rate in the country.

The minister pointed out that the present administration is "committed to providing an enabling environment for the creation of 21 million full-time jobs and lifting 35 million people out of poverty by the year 2025 as encapsulated in the NDP: 2021-2025".

He said the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee are: "Coordinate analysis, policy dialogue, and strategic planning for youth employment and skill development (YESD) in Nigeria: Relate with

development partners, private sectors and civil society organisations to support government programmes and policies on YESD at both the federal and state levels in Nigeria: Produce periodic reports on multi-sectoral interventions on YESD programmes in Nigeria, and undertake strategic actions as may be mandated by the Hon. Minister of State, Budget and National Planning among others."

Agba who assured the participants of the government's commitment to creating jobs for the teeming youths said urgent steps needed to be taken to constitute a technical working committee that

will serve as a think tank for solving and addressing youth employment in the country.

Membership of the TWG is drawn from the ministries of Labour and Employment, Education, Women Affairs, Agriculture and Rural Development, Trade and Industry, Youth and Sports Development, and Communication and Digital Economy.

Others are Agencies and Extra-Ministerial Departments, including, Small Medium Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDAN), Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Elumelu Foundation, Dangote Foundation, and Mastercard Foundation.

## GS4, Geely Coolray, Suzuki S-Presso eye 'car of the rear'

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

All eyes are on the 2022 auto industry coveted awards as the organisers, the Nigeria Auto Journalists Association (NAJA), have unveiled finalists for the awards scheduled for February 9.

The NAJA Auto Awards holding at Oriental Hotel, Lagos, is an annual event that celebrates auto brands across the entire auto value chain in Nigeria.

According to the awards committee, dozens of distinguished automotive journalists from different mediums selected the finalists based on their evaluation of each eligible vehicle as part of their professional work.

The topmost category

which is the Car-of-the-Year has prominent brands battling for the laurel. They include Suzuki S-Presso, GAC GS4 and Geely Coolray which will battle for the top prize to be presented on the night of the awards.

Finalists for the 2022 awards in other categories have also been announced.

In the Truck-of-the-Year category, Sino truck Dangote, Shacman - TSS and JAC from Lanre Shittu have been nominated.

Innoson, Mikano and GAC will slug it out for the Assembly Plant-of-the-Year category.

In the luxury car segment, Porsche, Mercedes and BMW models are the front runners.

Elizade Autoland (JAC), Stallion Hyundai and CFAO

will battle for the outstanding auto workshop honour.

In the SUV category (compact), Kia Seltos, Geely Coolray and GAC GS4 have been nominated.

For Large SUV, Toyota Land Cruiser will lock horns with GAC GS8, BMW X7 and Range Rover (Autobiography).

Toyota Hilux, Mitsubishi L200 and Ford Ranger will battle for the Pickup-Truck-of-the-Year award.

Lanre Shittu (JAC truck), TSS (Shacman) and Dangote Sinotruck will also battle again for the truck plant of the year award.

Giving insights into the nominees, Chairman of the 2022 Award Committee, Rasheed Bisiriyu, said all vehicles nominated in the various categories represent

exceptional value and designs.

He said, "We are using our respected, trusted platform to recognise and acknowledge best-performing brands in different segments and categories across the entire auto value chain."

According to him, the award event, which has now become a major industry show, celebrates and rewards automotive excellence.

He also revealed that the founder and CEO of ABC Transport, Frank Nneji, and Deputy Managing Director of CFAO Motors, Kunle Jaiyesimi, would be honoured with the Auto Personality of the Year in recognition of their immense contributions to the development of Nigeria's auto industry.

## AfCFTA: SON advocates promoting African products

By Philip Shimnom Clement

(ATM) at the continental level.

As the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) unfolds, the Director General of the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON), Mallam Farouk Salim, has called for the standardisation of traditional African medicinal products to boost their place in intra-African trade.

The DG made the call yesterday in Abuja at the 13th technical meeting of the National Mirror/Technical Committee on African Traditional Medicine (ATM) hosted by SON.

He said, "Standards are key in every product certification process, and the AfCFTA provides an avenue for Nigeria to benefit hugely in intra-African trade as the largest economy on the continent which is why the meeting has been convened again to discuss and articulate Nigeria's position in the conclusion of twenty-four (24) draft standards in African Traditional Medicine

"Some of the standards to be discussed today are part of the medicinal plants proposed by this esteemed committee at the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) TC82 meeting held at Kigali in May 2016, which has shown Nigeria's prowess to a large extent at Continental level as we were able to drive the standardization activities to this point."

He further said that the agency, in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health through the Department of Traditional and Complementary Medicine (TCAM), successfully marked the 2021 African Traditional Medicine Day with a view to reviewing and commenting on the draft standards to ensure its implementability in Nigeria when adopted.

He added that SON had all the technical support required to convey Nigeria's submissions to the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) as required.

## Brokers back NAICOM on new rate for motor insurance

By Seun Adeuyi

The Association of Practicing and Professional Insurance Brokers of Nigeria (APPBON) has commended the recent increase in third-party premium on motor insurance as announced by the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM).

In December, 2022, NAICOM issued a circular in which it announced a hike in the premium of compulsory Motor Vehicle Third Party Insurance cover for motorists from N5,000 to N15,000 with effect from January, 2023.

The announcement by the insurance regulatory body has continued to generate mixed feelings among stakeholders in the country.

But in a letter dated January 17, 2023, and addressed to the Commissioner for Insurance, the brokers said they were in total agreement on the increase in third-party premium and also on third-party property damage limit.

The letter jointly signed by its President, Samuel T. Nyagba, and Secretary, Abu Eboetse, APPBON

said, "It is clear to us that the commission has acted in line with the NAICOM Act and other extant laws that conferred absolute regulatory powers on NAICOM to fix premium rates in the industry; precisely Section 7 of the NAICOM Act 2003 is unambiguous in this provision."

It noted that the recent directive by NAICOM was even coming late "considering the present economic realities. Replacement/reinstatement cost has quadrupled over the years due to inflation and depreciation of the medium of exchange (naira).

"In comparison with other services like power whose tariff has been increased almost annually, the insurance cost cannot remain static. Consumers of other products like fuel energy will agree that prices have increased significantly over 100 per cent in years past. Therefore, from the economic point of view, an increase in the premium rate of motor and other insurance products is justified."

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## Pay more attention to fundamental issues rather than salary increase – Masari charges labour leaders

**K**atsina State governor, Aminu Bello Masari has called on the labour leaders in the country to pay more attention to fundamental issues that will add value to salaries earned by workers rather than wage increase.

The governor was speaking during his investiture as he received the prestigious award of the honorary Fellow of National Labour Institute (FNLS) held in Katsina on Thursday.

The state governor observed that salary increase only leads to escalating increase in the prices of goods and services which affects both salary earners and non-salary earners alike.

Aminu Masari said the current APC-led administration had succeeded in coming up with various programs intended at uplifting the standards of living for the common man.

These, he said, included social security programmes that allowed for direct cash transfer to most vulnerable families, school feeding; trader moni and market money, among many others.

He said in Katsina state alone over

700,000 vulnerable people were selected to enjoy free medical care under the state healthcare insurance scheme.

The presentation of the award was performed by the Director General of the Michael Imoudu National Institute of labour studies, Chief Issa Aremu.

Chief Aremu said Governor Masari had been selected among the three labour-friendly personalities in the country to be given the fellowship award of the institute in 2023.

The two other awardees he said are the Minister of labour Dr Chris Ngige and the Minister of state for Labour, Festus Keyamo.

He appreciated the governor for being the first to implement N30,000 minimum wage to workers and prompt payment of pensions and gratuity to retirees.

Earlier the special adviser to the state governor on labour and productivity, Comrade Tanimu Lawal Saulawa, said the Director General of the Institute was in Katsina for the award presentation to the governor in realization of his commitment in prioritizing the welfare of workers and their capacity building.



■ Masari receives honorary fellow award from the National Labour Institute

## Gov Masari expresses satisfaction over pace, quality of works at Katsina underpasses, flyover

Katsina State governor Alh Aminu Bello Masari has expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of works at the ongoing two underpass bridges at Kofar Kaura and Kofar Kwaya alongside with the flyover at GRA roundabout all in the metropolis.

While inspecting the projects on Thursday, the governor said he was impressed by the commitment of the two reputable companies handling the projects in ensuring quality work as agreed upon.

The visit was to ascertain what was left toward their completion.

It was observed that at Kofar Kaura, the underpass project is currently at the finishing touches as the fixing of ceramics tiles on the retaining walls was about to be completed.

While at both the Kofar Kwaya underpass and the GRA flyover projects, most of the civil works had been completed as asphaltting was currently in progress at Kofar Kwaya as of yesterday.

Katsina metropolis, being the State Capital, is recording influx of people from all walks of life thereby making traffic along the metropolitan roads more congested and difficult to easily reach destinations, thus the three mega projects serving as means of decongestion in the metropolis as well as giving the state capital a befitting look it so deserved.

In his address during the ground breaking ceremony at Kofar Kaura, Governor Masari said the contractor had no excuse in not completing the work at the stipulated time as 70 per cent of the money has already been paid.



■ Works at different levels at Kofar Kaura, Kofar Kwaya underpasses and GRA flyover in Katsina

“This is not a kind of project that could be delayed considering the kind of hardship that it can cause. The contractor has therefore no excuse whatsoever not to complete the project in time,” he said.



■ Governor Masari (R) takes a look at one of the pillow design showcased in Katsina during the expo

## Katsina interior and furniture expo: Gov. Masari tasks furniture makers on creativity

Governor Aminu Bello Masari of Katsina State has tasked carpenters in the state and across the country to be more creative in their production to improve their business and attract more customers from within and outside the country.

The governor, who tasked the carpenters during the Katsina interior and furniture expo held in the state, said by being more creative, it would make their products unique and more profitable.

“Most people nowadays like unique products, therefore, by creating more furniture designs, it will generate more customers for them and the business will keep moving.”

“This event was aimed at giving the carpenters the opportunity to showcase their products for the world to know that they can do better.”

“I want people to understand that this exhibition was done to withdraw the government’s involvement in this kind of thing,” he said.

According to him, the government has done its best by providing the necessary support to assist and encourage them to be more self-reliant.

# FG revokes 3,402 mining titles, nets N14.59bn in 5yrs

By Muideen Olaniyi

**T**he Director-General of the Nigeria Mining Cadastre Office (NMCO), Mr Obadih Nkom, has said the agency revoked 3,402 mining titles between September 2021 and September 2022.

He disclosed this on Thursday at the State House briefing organised by the Presidential Communications team at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

Nkom, who said the agency now has about 6,000 registered miners nationwide, unveiled plans to raise more revenue by revoking more unutilised titles in 2023.

He said the agency considered the implementation of the 'use it or lose it' principle because some people holding titles were not using them.

He added that miners who lost their titles defaulted on paying the mandatory annual service fees.

The DG added that NMCO recently published a list of defaulters numbering 3,032.

He said: "And, we are very transparent; if you need the certified true copy of any document, an application belonging to anybody or



■ Obadih

any licence or whatever, the law permits us to give it to you.

"Because anything we are doing can be a subject of litigation.

"And, we equally have people that have grants; they have been communicated, but when you cancel it, you see lawyers writing us about following the provisions.

"We have gazetted them; that is what the law says; We have gazetted 495 for people who have grants because we are going to cancel them when the time elapses."

Nkom, who said there were also people who were issued licences but refused

to collect them, added that the law provided that such defaulters be gazetted before action would be taken.

"You send letters to the applicant's address; and if after 30 days, he does not remedy the defect, you revoke or you gazette.

"As much as we appreciate communication, some people will look for windows for excuses to give at the court, but once it is on the gazette, we ensure we put it on our website so that you don't have any excuses."

"The gazette is final; we now have those ones to arm ourselves so that at the end of the day, we know what it

is to lose a case," he said.

Nkom said the office generated N14.59bn from 2018 to 2022, adding that the agency ensured that only the rightful people were given licences.

In 2018, 2019 and 2020, the agency generated N1.55bn, N2.38bn and N2.57bn respectively.

However, between 2021 and 2022, its revenue fell from N4.3bn to N3.79bn.

He attributed the revenue drop to changes in its internal operating system that temporarily affected revenue inflow.

According to him, 100 per cent of the office's revenues are sent to the Treasury Single Account of the federal government.

Nkom said the bulk of the revenue came from applications, processing and annual service fees, representing 50 per cent of the annual revenue generated by the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development.

He said the introduction of electronic mining cadastre was aimed at repositioning the agency, stressing that it would have a huge increase in revenue generation.

He also said Nigerian coal was sought after all over the world.

## Exploring gum Arabic will help Nigeria increase revenue – Reps

By Balarabe Alkassim

The House of Representatives is making moves to maximise the utilisation and economic potential of gum arabic to increase revenue generation for the country.

The House passed a bill for second reading on Thursday, sponsored by Mohammed Tahir Monguno, titled "A Bill for an Act to Establish Gum Arabic Research Institute; and for Related Matters".

Monguno said gum arabic is a high source of revenue, as could be seen in other countries such as Sudan.

He added that it is important for Nigeria to develop the gum Arabic value chain, especially considering the need for revenue from the export of profitable commodities.

The lawmaker noted that the establishment of

the institute will ensure the coordination of the exploitation, development and exportation of gum arabic products.

Monguno said, "It is used as an emulsifier and a thickening agent in icing, filling, chewing gum and other confectionery treats.

"The importance of harnessing the potential of gum Arabic cannot be over-emphasised as gum Arabic is harnessed in my state, which is from Yobe State, down to Sokoto State and therefore has a large coverage.

"Gum arabic is a natural gum originally constituting of the hardened sap of two species of acacia tree. It is also an edible, dried gummy exudate from the tree of Acacia Seyal".

The bill was voted on, approved for second reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## Kano moves to improve hide, skin business

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

The Kano State government has said the state, through the Department of Veterinary Services of the state Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, is set to revive the hide and skin business.

It said this is toward ensuring good production practices to boost the state's internally generated revenue (IGR) as well as to increase the operators' per capita income.

This was disclosed by the Special Assistant to the state governor on Domestic Products, Malam Isma'ila Ahmed, at a one-day interactive workshop on the improvement of hide and skin business in the state through good production processes.

According to him,

the government finds it important to educate operators of the business on best practices in modern hide and skin business development in the state and the country in general.

In his address, the state deputy governor, Dr Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, who was represented by the state commissioner of Budget and Planning, Ibrahim Danazumi Gwarzo, said with government's commitment to the hide and skin sector, a lot can be achieved, adding that the state will do its best to assist the sector's development processes.

He explained that the interactive workshop will allow for inclusive contributions from the sector's stakeholders on ways to effectively conduct the development strategies for better results.

## Wema Bank's Season Two 5for5 promo for grand finale draws

By Faruk Shuaibu

The second edition of the ALAT 5for5 promo, a six-month-long mega reward programme, is set to witness an all-action finale this month that will see both new and existing customers in attendance in Lagos.

The promo, which commenced on June 1, 2022 is set to come to a fitting conclusion on Friday, January 20, 2023 - the day of the live draws, after an exciting season marked by monthly rewards, account activation events, incentives for app downloads, and other deals for new and existing account holders across all the

bank's branches.

This remarkable event will excite customers, stakeholders, and interested parties in Lagos, as it ushers in the last group of millionaires during the final month of the promo.

Abuja customers were the first to receive the 5for5 goodies in July 2022, when the first two millionaires, in the second season, were created.

Speaking about the grand finale that is set to take place in Lagos, the Divisional Head, Retail Business, at Wema Bank, Dotun Ifebogun, said, "We introduced the first season of this promo in 2021 to

reward our loyal customers, foster healthy customer relationships, and help them develop a better savings culture.

"And we have been able to achieve these and much more. The feedback from customers and businesses has been impactful, and we're pleased to know that we are positively impacting lives.

"We promised to reward over 500 customers during the beginning of this second season to help make a difference in the lives of our customers financially.

"So far, we have made this dream a reality, and we hope to continue making

a difference in the lives of Nigerians."

Wema Bank, a leading and innovative financial institution, is keeping its promise to make this final promotional month as exciting as possible for its clients.

Speaking about the activities lined up for the grand finale, Ms Temitope Ogundeji, Head, Liability Products, Wema Bank, said, "We have various exciting events and offers for customers during the grand finale of the 5for5 promo, so we urge them to come to witness the promo draw live or follow the event on Instagram live."

## Industrialists seek cluster areas to boost production

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Nigerian Association of Small Scale Industrialists (NASSI) has urged the federal government to build business clusters for the sector to thrive.

Speaking at the 34th National Convention yesterday in Abuja, the National President of NASSI, Solomon Vongfa, said clusters are

important to generate sales and help reduce the burden of rent on small industries.

Vongfa stated that the lack of necessary infrastructures is impeding the growth of the sector together with the harsh business environment they need to work in.

"The major challenge for small scale industries is lack of a suitable

enabling environment because if you give me money and I can't operate effectively, the economy is harsh, taxes are there and there have been increases on taxes with the new law, so it is going to be tight for entrepreneurs.

He stressed that Infrastructure is key for them because the majority of members rent apartments to run their business,"

he said.

The Minister of State for Industry, Ambassador Mariam Yalwaji Katagum, said the ministry has been collaborating with the association to support the growth and development of small-scale industries.

She noted that the sector's use of the local resources to produce goods and services is adding

values to products.

"This will in turn increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country. Also, create employment opportunities, income for the people, create wealth, thereby accounting for an increase in the per capita income of Nigeria; in other words, an increase in the supply of goods and services."



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Talent is cheap; dedication is expensive. It will cost you your life. - Irving Stone

## My dream is to own a fertiliser blending company—Matazu

Zaharadeen Hussaini Matazu is the CEO, Areef & Adhil Ventures, an agro-allied products distributor in Zaria, Kaduna State, who graduated from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria a few years ago. The Katsina State indigene talks to Daily Trust YOUTHVILLE about his vision and his hope to inspire the next generation into the fertiliser blending business.

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

**What motivated you to go into this business?**

A friend of mine, an agro-dealer, introduced me to the business. And after my youth service, I decided to give it a try, and it turned out to be very profitable for me.

**You have been in this business for some years now, what are the challenges?**

The major challenge I am facing is a lack of access to soft loans and government grants.

**What are your plans for the business in the next few years?**

In the next five years, I am hoping to expand the business by getting a license to set up a fertiliser blending company, especially NPK to produce various categories, among them the 20.10.10, 15.15.15 and 20.10.5.

**How can the government support young people like you**



**in this business?**

The government can support young people through funding, be it soft loans, with at least a five-year tenure, paid in installments, or grants. This will support the businesses' growth as it will boost capacity.

**What advice do you have for anyone planning to venture**

**into this business?**

My advice is that they don't need much capital to start the business. With the little you have, you can start, because I know many people who came into the business as labourers with no capital, but they are now among the top players in the business.

## YouthHubAfrica guides youth on 2023 goals

By Linda Ifeachor

The YouthHubAfrica, pro-youth firm in Nigeria, has urged youths to find a way to work on setting goals and attaining results this year.

In its year-end outlook, the firm said, "It is okay not to have any new goals for the year, especially if you did not take action on the ones you set for 2022."

"You do not have to abandon what you are building in 2022 just because of the New Year. For those who already have goals for 2023, that's perfect."

The hub said: "We would love to hear what you hope to accomplish in 2023. Because our focus is centred on young people and how to position them to take centre stage for Africa's sustainable development, we are consistently looking out for ways to empower them."

"For this year, the hub has outlined the programmes that youths should expect to take part in. They are:

1. Media internship



programme - This will train 15 young people in 21st-century media skills. On completion of the programme, trainees are placed on a 6-month internship in host organizations, after which over 50 per cent of interns are absorbed as staff in the organization.

2. Knowledge management series - The Knowledge Management Series (KMS)

focuses on capacity building, knowledge empowerment, and mentorship sessions with internationally renowned individuals).

3. Peer educator training - Training young people to educate others on their sexual and reproductive health.

4. Summer boot camp for young people on digital skills, and many others.

## Corps member donates 20 laptops to Abuja school

By Seun Adeuyi

A member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Richardson Ojeka, serving in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), yesterday, donated 20 laptops to students of the Junior Secondary School, Alugu-Lungu, Gwarinpa II, Abuja.

Daily Trust reports that the donation was part of his Community Development Service (CDS) toward reducing technological illiteracy.

A project tagged 'Students' Innovation Hub' was also launched to help equip the students with computer skills.

Ojeka, who is the founder of the Africado Foundation, said, "It's obvious that the world is navigating very fast towards information technology, and we must match the world's strength and be acquainted with ICT and computer-based information, hence the need for the project."

The National Project

Officer, International Labour Organisation (ILO), Segun Tekun, said, "We want to make sure that we deliver the right skill for the right people so that we, as Nigerians and people of Africa at large, can be able to benefit from this transfusion to digital development."

A NYSC local government inspector in Kubwa, Mrs Ola-Olaronke Omobolanle, said CDS is part of the duties expected of corps members in their areas of assignment.

While commending Ojeka for his selfless service, she charged other corps members to emulate him.

The principal and management of the school expressed appreciation to the corps member, for his contributions to the school and the community, ranging from the Alugu-Lungu women empowerment seminar, national debate championship and scholarship offers to some students of the school.

They urged that such initiative be sustained.

## Bridge Nigeria pupils get sponsorship in Lagos

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The eighth cohort of the Modular Executive MBA programme of Lagos Business School (LBS), also known as MEMBA 8, will fund the education of 10 pupils at Bridge International Academies in Alagbado, Lagos State, for two years.

The gesture represents MEMBA 8's social investment project - a part of their MBA programme at the prestigious LBS.

Class President and Managing Director of Meristem Trustees Limited, Damilola Hassan, said, "We believe that investing in education is one of the most important things we can do to create a positive impact in our society, and as a team, we have decided to commit to this."

"Our sponsorship will go a long way in bringing cheer to both the pupils and the parents. The scholarship covers tuition, school uniforms, notebooks, textbooks, and any special education support required by 10 children for a two-year period, enabling these beneficiaries to enrol and/or

remain in school.

"This is to support them and their parents or guardians as they pursue their academic goals, assisting them to realise their potential," she added.

The MD of Bridge Nigeria, Foyinsola Akinjayeju, said the gesture "aligns with our goal of ensuring that every child has access to quality education regardless of their social or economic background."

"MEMBA 8's sponsorship will make a huge difference in the lives of these children and their families. Quality education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty, and this support will give these children the opportunity to achieve their dreams and make a positive impact on their communities," she said.

Bridge Nigeria opened its first school in 2015 to provide millions of children with quality education.

Foyinsola added that "Bridge believes that a child's potential should not be limited by their family's income, which is why we work with partners to support pupils from struggling families trying to fulfil their academic dreams for their children."

# 1,826 Days ...

*In my Heart .*

It's been 1,826 days. It's been hard to take. Very hard! It's been difficult to accept. Very difficult! The feeling of loss is not getting any easier by the day. I have come to accept it never will ! I miss you every day!

Inna lillahi wa inna illaihin rajiiun. From Allah we all came. To Him we shall all return. May Allah give you His rahama and Aljannat Firdaus. Amin.

**Mallam Ibrahim Aliyu**  
Sardaunan Minna



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**Aliyu**



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You will always remain in our thoughts.

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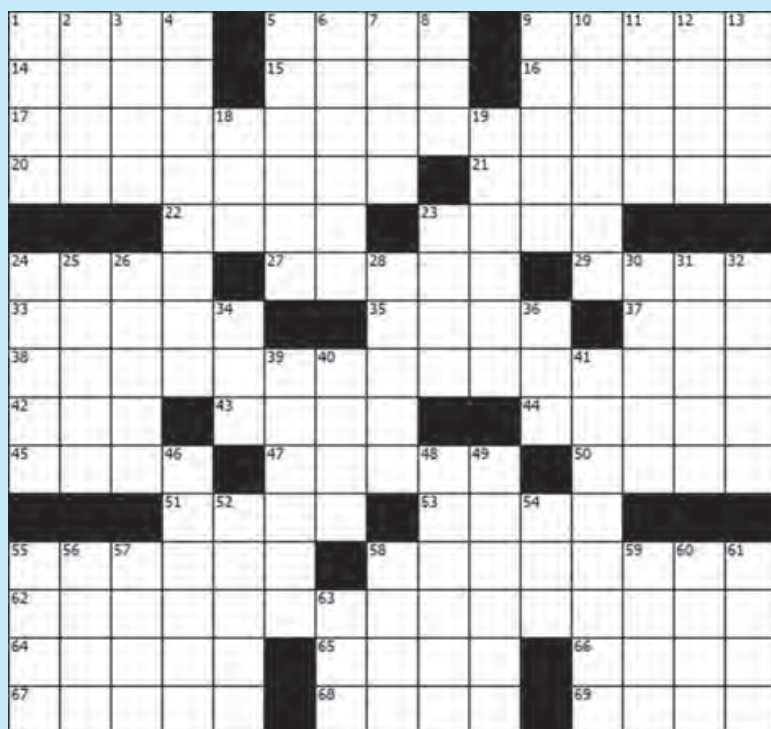
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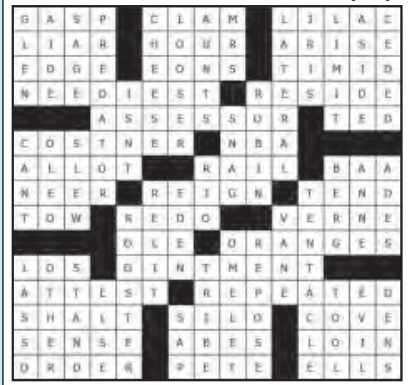
**Across**

- 1. Place for a pat
- 5. It can hold its wine
- 9. Lamp complement
- 14. A malarial fever
- 15. Lotion base, perhaps
- 16. Runs sweetly
- 17. Scene under the big top
- 20. Frogs-to-be
- 21. "C'mon, move it!"
- 22. "Help \_\_\_ the way!"
- 23. Survey
- 24. Upper chamber
- 27. Former Russian sovereigns
- 29. Send off, as broadcast waves
- 33. For everyone to hear
- 35. Prepares for planting
- 37. "Right you \_\_\_!"
- 38. You may bring it to a picnic
- 42. Procrastinator's shopping day, perhaps
- 43. More than a handful
- 44. Semiconductor giant
- 45. State of inactivity
- 47. Clowns around
- 50. "Voilà!"
- 51. "... pretty maids all in \_\_\_"
- 53. "Nope"
- 55. Type of tea
- 58. Voodoo deity
- 62. Small orchestra
- 64. Flap-door shelter
- 65. Micronesian island

**Down**

- 1. Sheet of matted cotton
- 2. Turkish general (Var.)
- 3. Edible flower head, as of cauliflower
- 4. Parent's words of warning or encouragement
- 5. Where lemons are picked?
- 6. Extraterrestrials
- 7. Mama's boys
- 8. It can hold its beer
- 9. Pitchman's delivery
- 10. Speed madly along
- 11. Circle pieces
- 12. Word with miracle or group (Var.)
- 13. Old gas brand
- 18. Dawn goddess
- 19. One side of a store sign
- 23. Faculty title (Abbr.)
- 24. Holography tool
- 25. Kind of oil or branch
- 26. Some carnivores
- 28. Shouts on a deck
- 30. Sea ray
- 31. Vexed
- 32. Inventor Nikola
- 34. It can hold its water
- 36. \_\_\_ Lanka
- 39. Urge with sweet talk
- 40. Was privy to
- 41. Like a done deal
- 46. Put on the back burner
- 48. Gap plugs, etc.
- 49. Small, crude dwellings
- 52. Rants go-with
- 54. Tiny Tim's prop, briefly
- 55. Start of millions of addresses
- 56. Washstand pitcher
- 57. Vehicle at an auction, perhaps
- 58. Some military addresses
- 59. "Tootsie" actress
- 60. Draft-eligible
- 61. June 6th of 1944
- 63. Harper Valley grp.

**SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (43)**



**SUDOKU >>**

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

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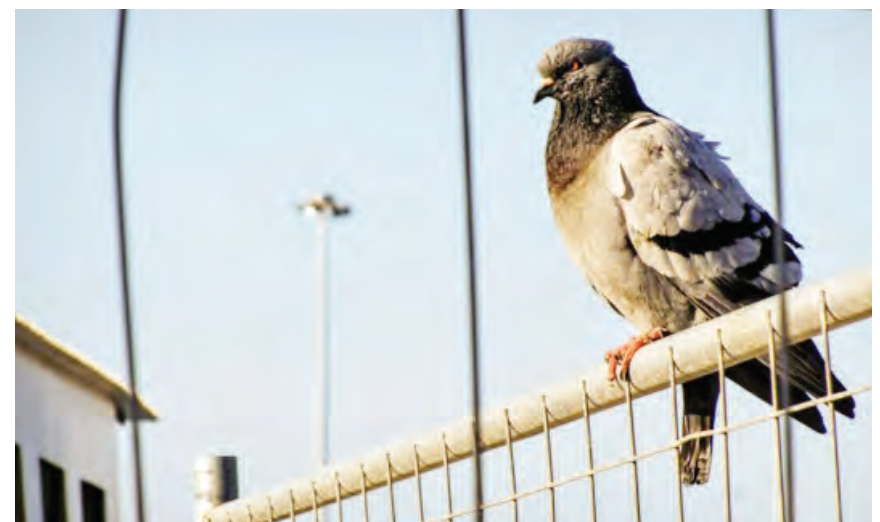
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**SNAPSHOT >>**

**Pigeon arrested for trying to smuggle drugs into prison (VIDEO)**



A pigeon was detained last month in a Canadian jail after it was discovered to be carrying a backpack that contained crystal meth, the *Globe and Mail* reported. The bird was found and later captured at the Pacific Institution correctional facility near Vancouver after officers noticed the high-flying fowl and its cargo. "My initial reaction was shock because of all the advancements in technology and the number of drones we've seen," said John Randle, Pacific regional president of the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers. "The fact that it's tied to a pigeon is abnormal." According to Randle, the bird was apprehended on the penitentiary wall after the staff set a trap for it. "It was spotted by correctional officers, I believe, and security intelligence officers when the officers were doing their standard patrols around and throughout the unit and institution," Randle told *Global News*. "That's when they initially spotted the bird with the package on it." Randle — who has never seen winged traffickers in his 13 years as a corrections officer — stated that the smugglers would have had an easier time getting the drugs to land in a specific location if they had used a drone instead of a live creature. The official also noted that smugglers have recently had to go "old school" with their methods, as law enforcement has increased their awareness of drug-smuggling drones — something which, Randle said, the facility contends with daily. Though the drug pigeon incident is currently under investigation, Randle said that the creativity of smugglers should be a "massive concern to everybody."

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# TRUST ISLAMIC FORUM

## Jury announced for Int'l Qur'an recitation, adhan contest

...Registration closes Monday

**The international Qur'an recitation and adhan (call to prayer) competition has announced the names of jury members for its final qualifiers to be aired on the "Otr Elkalam" TV show in Saudi Arabia.**

A jury of five members specialised in the Qur'an, maqams and vocal pitches will evaluate contestants and help with their performances during the competition, which is the largest of its kind in the world.

The jury consists of Sheikh Ahmed Nahas, the muezzin of the Grand Mosque in Makkah; Sheikh Mishari bin Rashed Al-Afasy, a well-known reciter and imam of the Grand Mosque in Kuwait; Abdul Rahim Nabulsi, secretary-general of Reciters and Teaching Recitation in Morocco; Bahloul Saeed Abu Arqoub, an expert in maqamat and a judge in international

Qur'anic competitions from Libya; and Sheikh Ahmed Mansour, leading reciter of the Al-Azhar Mosque in Egypt.

The competition, which combines adhan and recitation in one platform, has looked to diversify its evaluation committee to improve transparency and impartiality.

The competition, which is being supervised by the Saudi General Entertainment Authority, will be broadcast during the month of Ramadan on the MBC TV channel and the Shahid digital platform, with prizes amounting to more than SR12 million (\$3.2 million).

The Chairman of the Saudi General Entertainment Authority, Turki Al-Sheikh, had on January 4 announced the opening of registration for the contest. Registration will close Monday, January 23.

The participation process begins with applicants registering via the competition website and uploading an audio clip for evaluation by a jury, which in turn nominates candidates over another three stages of qualification before finalists are selected.

First presented in Ramadan last year, the contest introduces the world to the tolerance of Islam, the rich diversity of the cultures of the Islamic world, and the vocal methods of reciting the Qur'an and raising the call to prayer.

It also aims to support, empower, and celebrate creative and talented people.

The Saudi government encourages contestants from all over the world to participate, and last year more than 40,000 people from 80 countries applied to take part. (*Arab News*)



## First flight for 2023 Hajj begins May 21

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has said that the first international pilgrims for this year's holy pilgrimage would arrive the country May 21.

A memo released by Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) on Thursday stated that its airport would open for the first flight carrying 2023 hajj pilgrims on Sunday, May 21 and closed for arrivals of hajj flights on Thursday, June 22.

According to the memo, departure flights would begin on Sunday, July 2 and will end on Wednesday August 2, 2023.

The memo also advised all hajj participating countries to submit operating requirements before the end of the working day of

Monday, February 20, 2023.

The kingdom had announced that the 2023 hajj would operate in full capacity with 2.5 million persons to participate in the annual pilgrimage.

This followed the removal of all COVID-19 restrictions that led to persons above 60 years of age not participating in the 2022 hajj.

After the onset of the pandemic in 2020, the Kingdom's authorities allowed only 1,000 domestic pilgrims to participate in an effort to curb the spread of the disease.

The following year, the Kingdom upped the total to 60,000 fully vaccinated Saudi residents.

In 2022, Saudi Arabia increased hajj pilgrimage capacity to one million, allowing

both foreign and domestic pilgrims to participate in the exercise.

Meanwhile the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) has assured Nigerian pilgrims of a hitch-free hajj operations.

The commission gave the commitment during its visit to GACA's office in Jeddah yesterday.

A statement by the commission's Assistant Director of Press, Musa Ubandoma, said NAHCON was "ready to organise excellent and successful hajj. We are indeed committed to achieve that.

"Now that we have ample time and opportunities to plan and diligently screened the airlines, there won't be room for complaint and excuses."

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## 2023 And the mad men in our cities (III)

But the voluntarily mad man would be happy counting his wealth as they accumulate. He would not take heed of all admonitions. O mankind, thus goes the admonition. You have been distracted by the rivalry of piling up worldly gains against one another. You will never be satisfied until you get into the grave. Nevertheless, soon you shall come to know. Again, nevertheless, soon you shall come to know. Nay! Would that you knew through the real knowledge provided to you in this Qur'an and care about your life in the Hereafter. Because on the Day of Judgment when you shall see the hell, and see it with the certainty of your own eyes; - you shall believe it, but that belief is going to do you no good because - on that Day, you shall be questioned about the blessings (faculties and resources that you were given in the worldly life - as to how you used them? (Q 102:1-8) In a more direct revelation, the Almighty says: And those who hoard  $\text{Kanz}$  gold and silver and spend them not in the way of Allah, announce unto them a painful torment (Q 9: 34)

Heedless of these divine advise, the madman in the village continues to live life as if the curtain would not fall. He buys estates all around the world. He derives pleasure in the ephemeral, in the transient. He builds his hopes on the sand. His 'madness' would manifest once you attempt to take away one of the needless from him. He would charge violently at you once you tell him that what he gathers from the world is like collecting water from the ocean with the bare palm.

But aside from the wealthy guy in the neighbourhood, there are other madmen all around the city. They now have a club. They now have a Forum: Nigeria' Madmen's Forum. It is a forum for the powerful men of today who nonetheless desire more power. It is a forum for the Mr "Nobodies" of yesterday who, by virtue of your votes, have become "Mr Somebodies" of today. What else other than fit of madness could explain the inability of thirty-five "men of wisdom" to conduct an election that would be free of rancor. What else other than the ascension of anomie could validate the impunity of those men who throw away decorum and dignity based on political expediency and convenience. Suddenly, all that mattered was who became the chairman of the Madmen forum not the dilapidated primary and post-primary institutions in their respective states. Suddenly all that mattered was who became the Chair of the Forum not the recent increases in the prices of food materials in the market. To these group of individuals, the pursuit of the comfort of ordinary Nigerians can wait and indeed suffer until their political fancies and that of their principals are satisfied. I contemplated the posture of that village-head who stood in front of the camera to protest the 'rigging' that took place during the election. Then I remembered the following verse of the Quran: "Do not look at what these people of luxury and their likes and peers have of nice comforts. For verily, it is only short-lived splendor and a feeble bounty, which we are using to test them with. And very few of My servants are truly thankful".

Thus, dear brethren, if you were to ask one of the powerful 'madmen' of today: why this excessive pursuit of power? He would probably tell you it is all based on the desire to gain the best of this world, to enjoy life. But the above verse of the Quran speaks to the reality of this life: that human life is short and trifle. All human enjoyments be it food, drinks, sleeping and sexual intercourse for which these mad men are threatening to burn this village are ephemeral. In fact, the pleasure we derive in these activities inheres in their ephemerality, in the necessity to return to them again and again. Brethren can you imagine the possibility of a sexual intercourse that would last eternity!

I once contemplated the balloon which was used in beautifying a hall for a particular public function. From a distance, the beauty conferred on the hall by the balloons was simply infectious. But after a while, the balloon began to explode one by one. It felt as if they were programmed to implode, to self-destruct. The beauty and ambience they wrought in the hall consequently disappeared. Then I began to wonder: could this not be the similitude for the enjoyments and the earthly pursuits for which these mad men desire to kill and maim? Are these balloons not ideal metaphors for the world, for dunya? The Almighty has revealed the secret of the world to humanity in many verses of the Qur'an. On the day of resurrection, a man would be asked: How many years did you spend in life? He would respond: "We tarried there only for a day or part of a day. Ask those able to count!".

Face to face with the reality that only very few among men can make sense of these facts, the words of the mad man in the psychiatry hospital came to my mind once again: I wonder how many sane men remain out there? (*Concluded*)

## Elite can make great difference in Nigeria — Osinbajo

By Muideen Olaniyi

**V**ice President Yemi Osinbajo has said the Nigerian elites must come together to make a great difference for the country.

The vice president said this yesterday when he met with the new Methodist Archbishop of Abuja, the Most Revd. Michael Akinwale, at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

He said the elite in this country had the same hopes and aspirations.

“But it is to this elite that the future of this country has been entrusted.

“It is what this elite does that will make a difference in the lives of the rest of the nation.

“Once the religious elite accept that people can do whatever they like, enrich themselves in whatever way they wish, then it becomes

the culture of society and everybody accepts it as such,” the vice president said.

Osinbajo, in a statement issued by his spokesman, Laolu Akande, thanked the Methodist Church for its prayers for peaceful coexistence in Nigeria.

Earlier in his remarks, Akinwale commended Osinbajo for the solidarity which he had always shown with the Christian community.

Also, the vice president met the leadership of the Northern Reawakening Forum led by Mohammed Kumalia.

In the meeting, Osinbajo affirmed his belief that the development of Northern Nigeria was central to the development of the country.

On his part, Kumalia said that the visit was to strengthen the relationship between the group and the vice president.

## FG lifts ban on wood, charcoal exportation

By Seun Adeuyi

The federal government on Thursday lifted the ban on wood and charcoal exportation.

Minister of Environment, Mohammed H. Abdullahi, said this in Abuja during a stakeholders’ consultative meeting on the review of ban on charcoal and suspension of the export of processed wood and other allied products.

Abdullahi said many businesses had been affected by the ban.

He said the decision was taken by the

government to enable the private sector and individuals to massively invest in plantations.

“The ministry has observed that many businesses have been unintentionally affected, especially those converting waste to wealth for export by the ban.

“As a responsible government, we would not be rigid in our policies, and will always listen to citizens on how these policies affect them. Thus, we will be flexible in our decisions.

“The disposition decision taken by the government today is

an opportunity for the private sector and individuals to massively invest in plantation establishments for their own use in future.

“I implore all associations and individuals in this business to adhere to the Nigeria Timber Legality Standards and Guideline for Wood and Charcoal Export launched here today to avoid prosecution as the decision to lift the ban can be revisited at any time if there is no compliance with the laid down rules and regulations,” the minister said.

## We’ll deploy all strategies to tackle insecurity — Tinubu

By Faruk Shuaibu & Abbas Jimoh

The presidential Candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmad Tinubu, has said that his administration will use technology and invest in the training of security personnel to sustain the momentum of eradicating security challenges in the country.

Tinubu spoke during an interactive session with members of the Federation of Construction Industry (FOCI) yesterday in Abuja.

“Every inch of our

territory is important to all of us, so we will take the issue of security as our number one priority. We will bring people to train our security personnel and we will employ all measures for security to be restored in the country,” he said.

The former Lagos State governor pointed out that security would improve in the country when opportunities are created for all, warning that the neglect of the children of the poor by elites will lead to a threat to their investments since there is inequality in the distribution.

While stating that his administration would separate fiscal and monetary policies, he said his background in the financial sector gave him leverage to turn around Nigeria’s economic fortune, assuring that diligent attention would be given to corruption in stamping it out entirely from all sectors in the economy.

When asked if he would consider the establishment of a construction bank to aid construction firms in accessing single digit loans, he said the use of bonds with a long term tenor would be considered to develop

critical infrastructures in the country.

Earlier, the minister of Works and Housing, Raji Fashola, said the present administration had been able to develop infrastructure by raising the budget of the ministry from N18.1bn in 2015 to over N200bn.

Fashola said this had enabled the government to stimulate the economy while creating jobs. He added that the government was able to clear the debt left by the previous administration.

On his part, the president

of FOCI, Vincent Barrah, called for the reduction of taxes levied on the sector while considering duty waivers on heavy-duty equipment imported into the country.

Meanwhile, the Tinubu Shettima Network (TSN) has said Tinubu and his running mate, Senator Kashim Shettima, will get Nigeria back on track for re-invention and development if voted into office.

Speaking at a press conference on Thursday at the Unity Fountain Abuja

after a procession around parts of the FCT, the National Chairman of TSN, Dr Kailani Muhammad, said the walk was to send a strong redemption message to Nigerians.

He said Nigerians deserved a better future for generations yet unborn and that the only way to guarantee such was to ensure the general template for the entire socio-economic and political development of the nation, which the Tinubu/Shettima presidency would provide.

## NatureNews publisher calls for biennial COP on climate change

Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of NatureNews, environment newspaper, Aliu Akoshile, has advocated a biennial, as against the annual, Conference of Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

He made the call on Thursday at a public lecture to mark the second anniversary of NatureNews and presentation of the Hero of Environment Actions for Development (HEAD) awards in Abuja.

The Editor-in-Chief said the COP of the UNFCCC had been held annually since 1995 and that despite the nearly three decades of the global climate summit, far-reaching decisions were not only few but their implementations had left much to be desired.

He noted that climate activists and sundry stakeholders are beginning “to question the rationale for the annual ritual of climate summit that has become a mere talk-shop”.

He said it was therefore imperative that the United Nations takes a critical review of the frequency of the global climate summit.

“The COP should be held biennially, instead of

annually as it has been held since the first summit in Berlin, Germany, in 1995,” he said.

Akoshile, who spoke at the gathering attended by Nigeria’s Minister of Environment, Mohammed H. Abdullahi, highlighted the benefits of holding the climate summit biennially.

“If adopted”, Akoshile said, “the biennial COP of UNFCCC will afford countries and regional blocs the ample time to digest resolutions of a previous summit, develop action plans and implementation strategies, and present a harmonized shopping list at the next meeting to reduce frictions and save the precious time often spent on negotiation”.

The Publisher noted that NatureNews was Africa’s first, and perhaps only, newspaper that was devoted entirely to reporting issues of the environment and climate change in the continent.

He reiterated that NatureNews was not unmindful of its historic role in the global campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and atmospheric warming below the 1.5 cu threshold.

He said the newspaper’s


mission was constant, and it was to report independently and factually on the environment and also help to amplify creative solutions for sustainable living.

The publisher said as part of the newspaper’s brand value extension, NatureNews has incubated a non-governmental organisation named Climate Africa Media Initiative and Centre (CAMIC).

Akoshile explained that CAMIC is a think-tank that is actively involved in environmental justice advocacy, climate research, public awareness, and capacity building for journalists covering critical issues pertaining to climate change and sustainable environment in Africa.

He said the NatureNews HEAD award was based on a solid foundation of integrity and credibility, adding that winners for year 2022 were selected by an independent committee of scholars and professionals headed by Professor Abiodun Adeniyi of Baze University, Abuja.

Akoshile expressed the hope that the recognition would inspire the winners and others to show more commitments to issues of the environment.



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**ADDENDUM & DATE EXTENSION**

The Federal Neuro Psychiatric Hospital Uselu Benin City wishes to draw the attention of the general public to advertisements published in the Federal Tenders Journal of December 26th 2022, The Daily Trust Newspaper of December 26th 2022, and New Telegraph of December 27th 2022.

**COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS** earlier scheduled to close on the 23rd January 2023 has been extended.

Prospective Bidders are to submit Bid for any of the Lots only in two (2) hard copies each of the technical and financial bids packaged separately in sealed envelopes and clearly marked as “Technical Bid” or “Financial Bid”, Thereafter, put in two sealed envelopes together in a bigger sealed envelope and addressed to: The Medical Director, Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Benin City, Edo State Nigeria and clearly marked with (the name of the project and the Lot number E.g. Lot 1( Construction of Medical Centre at New site) Furthermore, the reverse of each sealed envelope should bear the name and address of the bidder and drop in the designated Tender Box in the Office of the Medical Director, Federal Neuro-psychiatric Hospital, Benin City, not later than 12:00 noon on **Monday, 13th February 2023.**

Only the Technical bids shall be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00noon Monday 13th February 2023** in the Hospital Conference room, while the financial bids will be kept un-opened. Please, ensure you sign the Bid submission Register in the Office of the Medical Director.

All other conditions remain as earlier published.  
Any inconveniences caused by this extension is regretted.

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Photo: **Ikechukwu Ibe**

## I will pay only N50,000 dowry to him, Ganduje's daughter tells court

From Lubabatu I. Garba, Kano

**A**siya Balaraba Ganduje told an Upper Shari'a Court sitting in Filing Hockey in Kano State that she will pay back her husband his N50,000 dowry not any other thing.

It could be recalled that the daughter of Kano State governor had filed a suit before the court seeking to dissolve her 16-year-old marriage with her husband, Inuwa Uba

Ms Ganduje presented her claim through Islamic Khuli principles, due to her being "fed up with the marriage".

She also claimed that she is ready to return his N50,000 dowry to him as it is prescribed by Islamic jurisprudence that a woman had to pay the husband his dowry before the marriage to be dissolved.

In contrast, Mr Uba insisted that he still loves his wife and pleaded with his wife to come back to him.

When the matter came up yesterday, the counsel to Gandujes in law, Uba led by Barrister Umar I. Umar said that the issue is not only for her to pay back the dowry but there is a condition, which she has to abide by before the marriage will be dissolved.

"The issue is not only for her to pay back the dowry of N50,000. There are a lot of his belongings with her, which includes his credentials, certificates of his properties and his cars. Above all, we want her to relinquish her right of possession in a joint venture of one rice milling company."

But the counsel to the plaintiff led by Barrister Ibrahim Aliyu Nassarawa insisted that they will pay only N50,000 dowry advising the defendant to file another suit before another court for his claims.

"We want him to understand that the khuli is based on the actual

subject matter of the marriage which is dowry. His dowry was N50,000 and we say we are giving him N50,000. But we are not going to abide by his conditions. All these issues are the subject matter of this suit. If he wants these claims, he should file another suit before another court. And we are saying that she is not willing to relinquish her right in the rice milling company. We are giving him what he gave us as dowry but we are not giving him what is not his own."

The judge Khadi Abdullahi Halliru adjourned the case to 2nd February, 2023 for judgement.

## Israel ready to offer free heart surgery for Nigerian children

From Hamisu Kabir Matazu, Tel Aviv

Save a Child's Heart, a charity organisation in Israel, says it is open to partnership with Nigeria to offer free medical surgery for Nigerian children suffering from various heart diseases.

The Deputy Executive Director of the organisation, Tamar Shapira, said this during a tour to the Legacy Heritage Children's Home of "Safe the Child's Heart" in Tel Aviv.

She said within the 26 years of the charity organisation, it had treated over 6,000 children that suffered various forms of heart diseases from 66 countries, out of which, 169 were from Nigeria.

Of the 6,000 children,

Shapira said that 50 per cent of the children treated were Palestinian children, 45 per cent from different African countries and the rest from different part of the world.

She said the children stayed in the centre between two and three months for operations and eventual discharge after being certified fit.

Shapira said the organisation also focused on bringing medical teams for training in Israel on different fields of paediatric-cardiac care to make them ready to treat children in their countries.

She said 12 medical doctors from Africa and Palestine among whom a Nigerian were currently in Israel for a training programme on

Anaesthesia.

Asked if they were open to partnership from Nigeria, she said, "We are always open and we are open to help children with heart disease in need.

"We are looking for a new partnership with countries around the world at any given time together for the benefit of children with heart disease from any country in Africa."

She, however, said, "The main challenge is the need of raising fund all the time to cover the costs of all the children coming here, to cover the cost of treatment of the medical doctors and medical machines.

"So, there is the need of fund raising and extending the support from around the world to back up the humanitarian activity

## Unemployment could worsen Africa's political fragility – AfDB President

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The President of African Development Bank (AfDB), Dr. Akinwunmi Adesina has warned that unemployment could worsen Africa's social and political fragility if the leaders of different countries in the continent fail to improve access to quality education by adequately funding the sector to reduce youth unemployment in the continent.

Adesina gave the warning in a lecture delivered at a Colloquium on "The Role Education in 21st Century Nigeria Development: BBHS Adventure" as part of activities marking the 100 years anniversary of Baptist Boys High School (BBHS), Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The event, which was attended by the former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dimeji Bankole and other alumni of the school was organised by the Old Boys Association

of the school.

Adesina while delivering his lecture virtually said, for the United Nations (UN) goal for inclusive and quality education for all to be achieved, the global spending on education must rise from \$1.2 trillion to \$3 trillion per year by 2030.

He said, Nigeria as a nation with rapidly growing population must do more to ensure that the younger generation receive access to the education they deserve.

He said the AfDB would soon establish a Youth Enterprise Investment Bank in Africa to address the high unemployment rate in the continent.

In his address, the National President of the Old Boys Association of BBHS, Prof. Kayode Oyesiku said there was a need for Nigeria to de-emphasis certification and focus more on technical and vocational education.

## Kogi: Road crashes claim 324 lives in 2022 – FRSC

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has said that a total of 324 persons were killed and 1,706 others sustained various degrees of injuries in various road accidents in Kogi State in 2022.

The state FRSC Commander, Stephen Dawulung, disclosed this to newsmen on Thursday in Lokoja.

He described the auto crashes in 2022 as "very unfortunate" and "saddening", considering the number of innocent lives that were involved.

Dawulung added that from January to December

2022, the command recorded a total number of 458 road crashes in the state.

"Out of the total cases of 458 auto crashes, 5,161 people were involved leaving 324 persons dead and 1,706 injured."

He blamed the high rate of accidents in the state on the recklessness of the motorists, who continually refused to adhere to traffic rules and regulations for safety.

The sector commander, therefore, called on motorists to always ensure that their vehicles were roadworthy before embarking on a journey; even as he urged them to drive with care along the highways.

## 4 abducted Kwara truck drivers regain freedom

From Mumini Abdulkareem, Ilorin

The four tipper lorry drivers abducted by gunmen in Kwara State have regained freedom.

The spokesman for the state police command, Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed their release to our correspondent during a telephone chat on Thursday.

According to him, "Yes, they have been released but I cannot give you further details now except I get to the office because I am on transit coming from Patigi Local Government Area and the network is poor"

"But we are yet to make additional arrests from the two we already made and they are still under investigation", he noted.

A family member who preferred anonymity had confirmed their release and the payment of an undisclosed sum of ransom.

It was gathered that their trucks developed battery issues on the site where they had gone to excavate sand in the outskirts of Ilorin and the drivers had gone to town to get a replacement when they were ambushed and kidnapped while returning to the site.

# There can be no development without peace - Buhari

By Muideen Olaniyi

**President Muhammadu Buhari has said that there can be no development without peace as the two are complementary to each other.**

The president spoke Thursday at State House, Abuja, while granting audience to the Director General of the Arab Bank for Economic Development, Dr Sid Ould Tah.

Buhari said the work of the Arab Bank for Economic Development "is very critical, and, indeed, a major catalyst and tool for achieving our

overall objective as leaders on the continent."

The president while commending the bank for its investment in Nigeria pointed at strides in the agricultural sector regarding food security systems, capacity building, and integrated infrastructure projects.

He said the key focus of the current administration had been Security, Economy, and Anti-Corruption (SEA), adding the three were critical "towards achieving our overall development objective not just as a country, but more importantly as a continent."

The president, in a statement issued by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, said the issues that affected one nation also affected others.

"This has been clearly demonstrated in our fight against the tyranny of terrorists that have spread across the entire West African sub-region, and beginning to emerge in our sister countries in some parts of East and Central Africa," he said.

The president, who said the focus on agriculture and infrastructure allowed Nigeria to be resilient during the last

two global economic and public health crises, urged the Arab Bank for Economic Development to review the amount of capital it can inject into various economies, "as this would lead to greater impact as we stare at the various issues that would confront our economies."

Borno State Governor, Prof Babagana Umara Zulum, who had interfaced with the Bank at its headquarters, thanked the president for ensuring the improvement of security in the North East, "as we now get grants for livestock farming, gum Arabic

production, infrastructure, and I believe Nigeria will still have more opportunities from the Arab Bank for Economic Development."

Ould Tah congratulated President Buhari for his award on peace strengthening, saying it was a testimony to his efforts in promoting amity in Nigeria and Africa.

He said the Bank has a strong relationship with Nigeria and would love to do more in the areas of wheat cultivation, gum Arabic, veterinary support services, and women and youth development, among others.



■ Kano state Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje (right) presenting appointment letters of members to the chairman of the organizing committee on "National Conference on Livestock Reform and mitigation of the Associated Conflicts in Nigeria", Prof. Attahiru Jega (left), during their inauguration, in Abuja, yesterday

Photo: Ikechukwu Ibe

## Farmer/herder clashes: Ganduje appoints Jega, 26 others to organise reform conference

By Saawua Terzungwe

Kano State governor, Dr Umar Abdullahi Ganduje, has inaugurated a high-powered committee to organise a conference that will examine the contentious issues around the herders/farmers clashes and provide recommendations that will bring about peace.

The conference committee headed by a former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Attahiru Jega, has 26 other top members, including the Pro-Chancellor, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Prof. Jibrila Dahiru Amin; and former SSG, Niger State and Professor of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan; Prof. Muhammad Yahaya Kuta among others.

Inaugurating the committee on Thursday in Abuja, Ganduje said their term of reference was to plan and organise a befitting national conference on farmers/herders conflicts in Nigeria

and submit a report with observations for appropriate action.

He said the committee's job was also to examine the ECOWAS Protocol concerning the movement of cattle across member countries, of the sub-region.

The governor explained that the decision by the Kano State government to host a national conference on "Livestock Reforms and Mitigation of Associated Conflicts in Nigeria" was in recognition of the fact that the primary business of government is to ensure law and order.

Responding, Jega said the herder-farmer clash was a very serious issue of national concern.

"Politics seems to create misunderstanding which affects rational deliberations on how to address such important national issue. But a conversation on this devoid of politics would help drive reforms on this very important issue," he said.

## FG gives automatic employment to families of slain NSCDC personnel

By Joshua Odeyemi

The federal government has announced automatic employment for a family member of each of the seven slain personnel of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

The Minister of Interior, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola, announced this on Thursday during a condolence visit to the families of the deceased personnel.

Personnel of the corps were ambushed by bandits in Birnin Gwari, Kaduna State, earlier in January during which seven of them lost their lives.

They have since been given a state burial at a ceremony in Kaduna.

A statement by the spokesman of the NSCDC, Olusola Odumosu, said the minister's message was delivered to the families of the deceased personnel by the Commandant General of NSCDC, Dr Ahmed Abubakar Audi.

"The minister has approved one slot each for you to replace your husbands.

"I have also directed the Kaduna State Commandant, Idris Yahaya, to liaise with you on getting your details across to us in Abuja," he said.

The corps helmsman hinted that he had initiated the process of payment of death benefits and other entitlements to the affected officers through the office of the Minister of Interior to ameliorate the pains of those they left

behind.

He later presented cheques of an undisclosed amount of money to the next of kins of the seven fallen heroes as a token of support pending the payment of their accrued benefits.

The CG also announced the elevation of SCA Thomas Hassan, the only survivor of the attack, to the rank of Inspector of Corps and immediately decorated him with his new rank.

In his vote of thanks, a representative of the deceased families, Malam Baba Ladan, thanked the minister, CG, ACG Zone B, the Kaduna State Commandant and all officers and men nationwide for their prayers and for standing by the families during their period of grief.

## 2023 elections: Journalists tasked on fairness, professionalism

By Chris Agabi

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Control Television and Radio, Gimba Umar, has implored journalists to ensure balanced and fair reporting of the forthcoming general elections in the country.

He spoke at a press conference

tagged: "Leveraging on the ethics of reporting ahead of the 2023 general elections", where he also advised journalists to uphold professionalism while covering the elections.

He also tasked journalists to shun fake news and ensure fair representation and publicity of all political parties.

He said, "For Instance, the candidate of the APC must be given equal media reportage as given to the candidate of other parties: PDP, Labour Party, NNPP and others. This is a critical backend influence of the outcomes of elections which the Broadcasting Organisation of Nigeria (BON) frowns at."

## 2023: INEC urged to extend PVC collection deadline

By Abbas Jimoh

Yiaga Africa has urged the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to consider the extension of the January 29, deadline for the collection of the Permanent Voter's Card (PVC).

The Executive Director of Yiaga Africa, Samson Itodo, made the call yesterday in Abuja at the "Yiaga Africa Watching the Vote" media roundtable on the 2023 general elections.

Itodo said, "Sufficient PVCs have not been collected. INEC should consider further extension of the PVC collection to enable people to collect their PVC because Nigerians are determined to vote in the next elections.

"And we at Yiaga Africa; what we are doing is providing information, public education and ensuring that people have the information that is required

to participate in elections.

"We also want to limit election manipulation through trade analysis, protect the integrity of the 2023 elections to data-driven election observation and provide technical support to marginalised groups which are on the ballot for the 2023 elections, especially women, youths and persons with disability."

In his goodwill message, the President of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Chris Isiguzo, urged the media to avoid propelling fake news from social media and other unverifiable sources.

He said, "If we are going to look at the key stakeholders that would facilitate this credible elections beyond the management body and security, the media remain highly strategic and that is why we should continue to discourage the dissemination of fake news."

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**HAUWA: I** formerly known as **HAUWA KABIR UMAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA SADIQ MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HAJARA: I** formerly known as **HAJARA BASIRU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJARA BASIRU ISYAKU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FALMATA: I** formerly known as **FALMATA ABBA AJI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FALMATA IBRAHIM MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALEX: I**, formerly known as **OWATIMILEHIN ABIODUN ALEX**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OWATI ABIODUN ALEX**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MSCD: I**, formerly known as **MORNING STAR CLUB OF DAGBALA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MSCD ENTERPRISE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADENIKE: I**, formerly known as **MISS ADEJUMBI ADENIKE OLUWATOSIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. ADEJUMBI-OJEH ADENIKE OLUWATOSIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **NONGEN MARTIN'S**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **NONGEN MARTIN'S AONDOLUMUN**. All former documents remain valid. Stanbic IBTC and the general public should take note.

**I**, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **SADIYA AWAISU**, NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS **SADIYA AWAISU ISMAIL**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**NAIMAT: I**, formerly known as **ABDULGANIYU NAIMAT APALANDO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULGANIYU-IYANIWURA NAIMAT APALANDO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I was formerly Called and addressed as **USMAN BALA ALHAJI** Now wish to be Called and addressed as **MAIWAZU BALA**, My Date of Birth Was Mistakenly Written as **21 February 1977**. Instead of **6 May 1978**. My corrected date of Birth is **6 May 1978**. All my relevant documents remain valid.

**BUBA: I** formerly known as **HASSAN BUBA YABU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN BUBA YAHBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SULE: I** formerly known as **HASSAN SULE TAMI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN SULE UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**RADIYA: I** formerly known as **RADIYA MOHAMMED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RADIYA MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MOSES: I**, formerly known as **MOSES LOT MAMTET**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MOSES LOT NANMIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

**UMAR: I**, formerly known as **UMAR RAKIYA**, now wish to be called and addressed as **UMAR RAKIYA MSHELIA**. All former documents remain valid. NYSAC Authorities concerned should please take note.

**I** formerly known and called as **ABDULSALAM RAHAMA**. Now wish to be known and called as **HURUNA RAHAMA**. Former documents remain valid. NYSAC Authorities concerned and General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known and called as **FASHE KEHINDE ITOPA**. Now wish to be known and called as **FASHE KEHINDE DAVID ITOPA**. All former documents remain valid. NYSAC Authorities concerned and General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **SALAHUDEEN HAMZA UMAR**, **SALAHUDEEN HAMZAH UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAHUDEEN HAMZA KAROFI**. All former documents remain valid. National Information Technology Development Agency and the General public should please take note.

**YUNUSA: I**, formerly known as **YUNUSA ABDULMALIK** now wish to be known and address as **YUNUSA ABDULMALIK JIBRIL**. DOB **01/08/1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **MISS BILHAH SALASI YUSUF** now wish to be known as **MRS BILHAH SALASI CORNELIUS YANGS**. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**ANGELA: I** formerly known as **NOMIGO ANGELA NGOHILE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NELSON DANIEL ANGELA NGOHILE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

**I** formerly known as **MUSTAPHA LAWALI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA NAHANTSI** and my date of birth is **26/01/1976** not **01/01/1980**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **BILKISU USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS BILKISU USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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**I** formerly known as **MISS AMINA AHMED USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AMINA ADAM MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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**BILKISU: I** formerly known as **SULAIMAN BILKISU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BILKISU SULEIMAN SALISU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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**I**, formerly known and called **OLUGBAMIYE MOROUNMUBO TEMITOPE**, now wish to be known and called **YUSUF MOROUNMUBO TEMITOPE**. All former documents remain valid. GTB and the general public to note.

**I** formerly known as **RUKAYYA ADAMU KPAUTAGI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **RUKAYYA ADAMU KPAUTAGI (MRS) AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **AKANDE OLALEKAN JOY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLALEKAN-AKANDE JOY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **RAMATU SALISU** but now wish to be known and addresses as **RAHAMA BISHIRI** all my former documents to remain valid general public financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **IBRAHIM ABDULRAHAM** but now wish to be known and addresses as **IBRAHIM ABDULRAHMAN** and that my correct date of birth is **13/8/1980** all my former documents to remain valid general public financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **HAMISU LAWAL** but now wish to be known and addresses as **KHAMISU AMINU** and that my correct date of birth is **1ST JANUARY, 2000** not **15th AUGUST, 1998**. all my former documents to remain valid general public financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **JAFARU AMADU** but now wish to be known and addresses as **JAFAR AHMAD**. All my former documents to remain valid general public financial institution and all authorities concern should please take note.

**I**, formerly known **OLUWAYEMISI TAMILORE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIKOYE OLUWAYEMISI AYOMIKUN** on my INT'L passport to correspond with my **NIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.

**I**, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **SADIYA AWAISU**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS **SADIYA AWAISU ISMAIL**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**CORRECTION OF NAME:** This is to inform the general public that, my name was wrongly captured as **ELEJO JOHN** instead of **JOHN ELEJO ELIZABETH**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned to take note.

**SUMAYYA: I**, formerly known as **SUMAYYA M SHEHU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SUMAYYA MUHAMMAD**. All documents remain valid. Authority concerned to take note.

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**I** formerly known and addressed as **ABDULNASIR ABDULMUMINI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULNASIR ABUBAKAR ABDULMUMINI**. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

**SURAJO:** My name was wrongly captured on my BVN as **SURAJO SALE**, with date of birth **01/01/1992**. Whereas my correct name is **SURAJO SALIHU** and date of birth **02/02/2003**. All former documents remain valid. Union Bank, general public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **ADAMA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADAMA DAHIRU**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **JUMA YAHAYA BARDE** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS JUMA YAHAYA BARDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MATTHEW IKO-OJO DORCAS** now wish to be known and addressed as **AKWUTE DORCAS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **OZIOKO JOY CHINYERE** now wish to be known and addressed as **EMMANUEL JOY CHINYERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **ADEJUMO SEKINAT KEMISOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SEKINAT KEMISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **HAUWA SADIQ MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA AMINU SADIQ**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **ZUBERU AISHAT** now wish to be known and addressed as **MIKAILU AISHAT**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**IYONSE: I** formerly known and addressed as **STEPHEN RACHEAL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADUROJAIYE AGULU BUORO RACHEAL IYONSE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**ARUNA: I** formerly known, called and addressed as **SEDI ARUNA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **EZENHELE ARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**I** formerly known and addressed as **SUNWANG ANUWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUNWANG ZAKARIYA** with my phone no. **09150393095** not **09051612344** and my date of birth **29/9/1999** not **29/9/1998**. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

**MUSA: I** formerly known and addressed as **MUSA OMOARBU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Musa Mohammed**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**ODIA: I** formerly known and addressed as **VICTOR IKPONMOWOSA ODIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SAMSON IKPONMOWOSA ODIA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**ANTHONIA: I** formerly known and addressed as **MISS EGWOUBA ANTHONIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ANTHONIA UGOCHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**MONDAY: I** formerly known and addressed as **MONDAY EHALEUDU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MONDAY EHALEUDU UANGBAOJE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**GBADAMOSI: I** formerly known and addressed as **ODIONHIN ZAINAB**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **GBADAMOSI ZAINAB**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**GBADAMOSI: I** formerly known and addressed as **ODIONHIN MERIAM**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **GBADAMOSI MERIAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**SULE:** This is to notified the general public to that **SUMAILA ILYASU** and **SUMAILA ILYAS SULE**. Belong to me and same person. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SUMAILA ILYAS SULE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**RACHAEL: I** formerly and addressed as **MISS OKONKWOR RACHAEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS CHEKWUBE RACHAEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

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**OMOEKPE: I** formerly known and addressed as **ALEUMHE JOY** now wish to be known and addressed as **IZUAGHIE JOY OMOEKPE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**I** formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED LAWAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMADU LAWAN**. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.

**SUNDAY: I** formerly known and addressed as **MUTAIRU FAVOUR EMMANUEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **SUNDAY FAVOUR EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**FELIX:** This is to notified the general public that **INANLA FELIX, INALIA FELIX** and **INANIA FELIX**. Belong to me and same person now wish to be known and addressed as **INANIA FELIX**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**KADIRI: I** formerly known and addressed as **MISS AGABI ANNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS KADIRI ANNA ILAMOSI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**OSARENKHOE: I** formerly known and addressed as **OSARENKHOE OSAGHIE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OSAGIE OSARENKHOE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**ESHORAMHE: I** formerly known and addressed as **IKHAZUAGBE LUCKY ESHORAMHE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IKHAZUAGBE LUCKY ESHORAMHE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ISSA IBRAHIM MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAH MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **AISHA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD AISHA SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **MARYAM KAUNA JOHN** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM D. JOHN**. All former documents still valid. Premium Pension Limited, all authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

**CHANGE OF NAME:** I am formerly known and addressed as **PRAISE PAUL**. That I have been a convert to ISLAM for the past three years. That now wish to be called and addressed with my **ISLAMIC NAME** as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI**. That I want the Nigerian Airforce and all authorities concern to please take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME:** I formerly known and addressed as **MURUDEEN ADAMU** but now wish to add **MUHAMMAD**. to my existing name to be known and addressed as **NURU ADAMU MUHAMMAD** All former documents should remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**UMAR: I** formerly known as **UMAR SA'ADATU HARUNA**, now wish to be known as **UMAR SA'ADATU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

Change of Names: **I** formally known as **ABDULSALAM KUDIRAT OCHUWA**, now wish to be known and Address as **ABDULAZEEZ KUDIRAT OCHUWA** due to my Marriage to **MR ABDULAZEEZ OSENI**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned, NYSAC, Banks and general public please take note.

**CORRECT NAMES/ DATE OF BIRTH: TERSEER: I**, formerly addressed as **TERSEER MIMIBEE** and **TERSEER MIMIBEE** now to be known as **TERSEER MIMIBEE REJOICE** and my correct date of birth is **12/6/1998**. All former documents remain valid. First bank plc, NIMC, all authorities and public to note.

**I** formally known as **HAULATU ABUBAKAR ISMAIL**. I now wish to be known and addressed as **HAULATU ABUBAKAR**. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.

**NJOKU: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS UKAEGBU STELLA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **NJOKU STELLA**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

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**INGBAN: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS INGBIAN TERHEMBA REUBEN** BUT NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **INGBAN TERHEMBA REUBEN**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**MANSIR: I** formerly known as **MANSUR KABIR** now wish to be known as **MANSIR KABIR**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

**IYOGUN: I** formerly known as **MISS IDONGESIT OKON UBOM**, now wish to be known as **MRS IYOGUN IDONGESIT OKON**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

**PAUL: I** formerly known and addressed as **PAUL ALEX OGWURUMBA** but now wish to be known and addressed as **PAL OGWURUMBA ALEX AND D.O.B 12/12/1990** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**TENIMU: I** formerly known as **ABDUL RAZAK** now wish to be known and addressed as **TENIMU RAZAK ABDUL**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

**SADIYA: I** formerly known and addressed as **SADIYA MUHAMMED KASIMU** but now wish to be known and addressed as **SADIYA SALE KASIM** And **D.O.B 05/07/1984**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

**MOHAMMED: I** formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM LAWAN** but now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

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AHURA: I formerly known as AONDOAKAA ELIZABETH TORKWASE. now wish to be known as AHURA QUEEN TORKWASE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.

CHINELO: I formerly known as Miss. Amakom Maria Chinelo, but now wishes to be known and addressed as Mrs. Isiah Maria Chinelo. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AUWAL\*: I formerly known as \*TUKUR USMAN\* now wish to be known and addressed as \*AUWAL USMAN\* All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ADAM ZAKIRU now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU HARUNA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as AISHA MUKHTAR KAFUR now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AISHA MUKHTAR UMAR all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formally been known and addressed as HAUWA HARUNA MUHAMMAD, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAW HARUNA ABUBAKAR all former documents remain valid. The general public and all relevant authorities should take note.

I formerly known and called as JOY CHUKWUDI. Now wish to be known and called as JOY ORI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and General public should please take note

SEMIRATU: I, formerly known and addressed as Yakubu Semiratu Baby, now wish to be known and addressed as GABRIEL SEMIRATU BABY. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

ISA\*: I formerly known as \*ISA AHMED\* now wish to be known and addressed as \*ISA AHMED KAIGAMA\* All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MISS SALAHUDEEN TAOFEEOAT OPEYEMI now wish to be called and addressed as MRS ILYAS TAOFEEOAT OPEYEMI. All former documents remain valid NYSC, Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as ADAMU ALIYU now wish to be known and addressed as SULAIMAN IBRAHIM all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

UMMKULTHUM, I formerly known as UMMKULTHUM AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as UMMKULTHUM YUSUF BELLO MAITAMA SULE. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MARYAM BALA MUHAMMAD Now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM MUHAMMAD BALA All my documents remain Valid. Authority concerned and general public Should take note.

AMINAT: I, formerly known and addressed as Alabi Abeni Aminat, now wish to be known and addressed as YAKUBU ABENI AMINAT. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

ANNIKA: I formerly known as FRANCIS JULIA ANNIK now wish to be known as AMEH ANNIKA POLOSKEI. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

I formerly known as ALIYU GARBA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as ALIYU GARBA MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as SULEIMAN MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as. AHMAD SANI 1/1/1991/. now wish to be known as AHMAD SANI ABUBAKAR 24/4/1995 All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as ABDUL BAS MUHAMMAD, now wish to be called ABDULBASID MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

DAKITAKWAS: I formerly known as AISHA HAJIYA now wish to be known and addressed as HAJIYA MASKI DAKITAKWAS. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as JAMILA TIJJANI now wish to be called and addresses and JAMILA TIJJANI ANAS all former document remain valid authority concern and general public should take to note

I, formerly known as HABIBA ABDURRAHMAN now wish to be known and addressed as MRS HABIBA ABDURRAHMAN UMAR all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I, formerly known as AMINA MUHAMMAD TASIU now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AMINA MUHAMMAD SHAMSUDEEN all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ABUH REGINA ASABE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS EDEGHAGBA REGINA ASABE ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CON(.....)

I formerly known as BALKISU UMAR ABDULLAHI, now wish to be called BALKISU ABUBAKAR UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NASIBA: I formerly known and addressed as RILWAN NASIBA DANTORO but now wish to be known and addressed as RILWAN NASIBA MAHMUD. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.

I formerly known as ADAMU SHEHU now wish to be known as. ADAMU SABO SHEHU All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I, formerly known as HAUWA USMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAW LAWAL. All former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as IBRAHIM ALHAJI BURA now wish to be known as IBRAHIM A BURA All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS AMINA MUHAMMAD KNOWN WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS AMINA ABUBAKAR SANI ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID AUTHORITY CONCERNED(.....)

ANDE: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS ANDE EUNICE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ANDE MWUESE EUNICE WITH CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH AS 30 DEC, 1963. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formally know HAUWA'U BABA AHMED, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWA'U AHMED BABAYO, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

ASHIRU, I formerly known as ASHIRU HALADU ISMAIL now wish to be called and addressed as ASHIRU HALADU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MUHAMMAD MOHD INDABAWA, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD DAHIRU INDABAWA. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as IBRAHIM ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM now wish to be known as IBRAHIM ABDULWAHAB IBRAHIM All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as WALIDA ABUBAKAR now wish to be known as WALIDA ABUBAKAR BALA All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMED YENUSA now wish to be called and addressed as AUWALI YANUSA. All former documents remain valid UBA BANK Plc, and the general public should please take note.

I formally know AISHATU ADAMU, now wish to be known and addressed as AISHATU ADAMU ABBAS, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

NURA, I formerly known as NURA BASHIR now wish to be called and addressed as NURA SALUHU BASHIR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATUMA ISHAKU, now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA ISYAKU GARBA. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as BALKISU. HASSAN now wish to be known as BALKISU HASSAN MUBARAK All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as IKLIMA UMAR now wish to be known as IKLIMA UMAR IBRAHIM All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

I formerly known as UMMI KHULTHUM OMETERE MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as UMMI KHULTHUM MUHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as USAMA MUHAMMED, D.O.B 14/04/2003, now wish to be known and addressed as USAMA MOHAMMED, D.O.B 04/03/2003. All former documents remain valid . Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SANI, I formerly known as SANI USMAN and OLD 1/1/1900 now wish to be called and addressed as SANI USMAN MUHAMMAD and 2822002. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as USMAN SABIU SABIU now wish to be called and addressed as USMAN SABIU. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AISHATU HABIB BELLO now wish to be known as AISHATU HABIB SALISU All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

CLEMENT. I formerly known as CLEMENT OHIOJOE OKHIRAN, now wish to be known and addressed as CLEMENT OHIOJOE OKHIRAN. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I am Formerly Known as MISS FAIZA ALIYU now wish to be known as FAIZA ALIYU MRS ABDULKADIR MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. The National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Authorities concern public, and any other authorities concerned to please take note

ALHASSAN : I formerly known as MARYAM UWA SULEIMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ALHASSAN. All former documents remain valid . Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

SUMAYYA, I formerly known as SUMAYYA HAMZA ADAM now wish to be called and addressed as SUMAYYA HAMZA USMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AMINA DAHIRU, now wish to be called and addressed as AMINA MAKIYU ABUBAKAR,. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ZAINAB IDRIS now wish to be known as ZAINAB IDRIS USMAN All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

FATIMA, I formerly known as FATIMA ABDULLAHI UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as ABULLAHI FATIMA BULAMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

FATIMA: I formerly known as FATIMA BASHIR, now wish to be known and addressed as OGBONYOMI FATIMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ELIZABETH: I formerly known as MARKUS ELIZABETH ROSEMARY, now wish to be known and addressed as MARCUS ELIZABETH. All former documents remain valid . Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formally known as MISS RUMAIISA MUHAMMAD LAWAL now wish to be known and address as MRS RUMAIISA YAKUBU MUHAMMAD all former documents remain valid NYSC authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as ZAINAB JAMILU now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB JAMILU AHMED. All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as USMAN HARUNA now wish to be known as UMAR SANI All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note

GASHISAT, I formerly known as GASHISAT GARBA GYARA now wish to be called and addressed as GASHISAT ISHAKU KELO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ADENIKE ODUNOLA AJAYI now wish to be known and address as ADENIKE ODUNOLA OLORUNNIHI. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note

AMINU\*: I formerly known as \*AMINU A SHEHU\* now wish to be known and addressed as \*AMINU SHEHU\* All my former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ADAMA SULAIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMA MUSA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I formerly known as FATIMA MUSA JABO now wish to be called and addressed as FATIMA JABO SALEH . All former documents remain valid. The Authority concern and the general public should please take note.

OKPARA: I, formerly known as LINUS BLESSING CHIOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as OKPARA BLESSING CHIOMA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

SHU'AIBU, I formerly known as SHUAIBU MUAZU KABIRU now wish to be called and addressed as SHU'AIBU MA'AZU AMIRU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as NANA UMAR, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as MURJANATU ABUBAKAR and my correct and proper date of birth is 15-10-2007, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as RICHARD LINUS PAM now wish to be known as RICHARD PAM JAH. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI DABO 01/01/1997 now wish to be called and addressed as JAMILU DABO 02/05/2002. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as MUSA UMAR now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA UMAR JIBRIN all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

ANTHONY, I formerly known as JAMES DORATY now wish to be known and addressed as ANTHONY DORATHY. All former documents remain valid . NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

MUSTAPHA, I formerly known as SULAIMAN MUSTAPHA now wish to be called and addressed as MUSTAPHA ABUBAKAR SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MAIGARI SANUSI DANMUSA , now wish to be known, Called and addressed as DANMUSA SANUSI MAIGARI, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

I formally known as Mahmud Zainab Dan'anacha now wish to be known as Tanimu Zainab Dan'anacha . All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known as SHAMSU MUHAMMAD SANI now wish to be called and addressed as SHAMSU MUHAMMAD SANI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as BINTA ALIYU now wish to be known and addressed as BINTA YARO all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

RUTH: I formerly known as MARY ELVIS now wish to be known and addressed as RUTH DENHAM. All former documents remain valid . NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

LOHKUM, I formerly known as LOHKUM MERCY DINCHI now wish to be called and addressed as LOHKUM MERCY . All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as ZAINAB SANUSI MUHAMMAD , now wish to be known, Called and addressed as MRS ZAINAB AMINU LAWAL, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

: I formally known as GBOGBO TAYE ANANI, now wish to be known as address as GBOGBO DAFE ATSUFU. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR , now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 1-7-1975 NOT 1-1-1992 all former documents remain valid, general public to take note

I, formerly known as SANI USMAN SANI now wish to be known and addressed as SANI USMAN all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as MUSTAPHA ABDULHAMEED with DOB 02/03/1997 now wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA ABDULHAMID. All former documents remain valid with DOB 21/03/1997. General public should please take note.

I formerly known as. KHADDABI MUHAMMED now wish to be known as GADDAFI MUHAMMED All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

RABIATU: I, was formerly known and addressed as , RABIYA ISAH MOHAMMAD, RABIATU ISAH MOHAMMAD That I now wish to be known and addressed as RABIATU ISAH MOHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid and the General public to please take note and all documents to Remain valid.

I formerly known as JAH CHRISTIANA VWANDE now wish to be addressed as JAH CHRISTIANA NERAT all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ABDULLAHI AMADU now wish to be called and addressed as AHMED ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as MUSTAPHA RABIU now wish to be known and addressed as LAMINU ABDULLAHI all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as ALHAJI MUHAMMAD ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 26/08/1960 General Public Should please take note.

I formerly known as ALHAJI IBRAHIM now wish to be known as LAWAN IBRAHIM All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS USMAN SA'ADU NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS USMAN ABDULLAHI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known as NASIBA HAMZA now wish to be addressed as AUWAL NASIBA HAMZA and my date of birth is 27-07-1992 not 26-06-1992 all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MUSTAPHA MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as MUSTAPHA MANDANJUMA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as SANI MASAUDU now wish to be known and addressed as MASUD SANI all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

ABRAHAM: I formerly known as ABRAHAM THANKGOD now wish to be known and addressed as ABRAHAM THANKGOD MUSA. All former documents remain valid . NIMC And General Public Should please take note.

I formerly known as Adamu Shuaibu now wish to be known as Shuaibu ABDULLAHI Jibrin new DOB 24 08 1981 all former documents remain valid and general public should please take note

I formerly known as HAUWAW MUHAMMAD RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWAW FAROUQ SALISU. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as SYLVESTER FEARCHRIST now wish to be addressed as LONGWAP FEARCHRIST SYLVANUS all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AHMAD ABDULLAHI 13/09/1980 now wish to be called and addressed as AHMED ABDULLAHI. DOB: 13/09/1979. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public to note

I, formerly known as YUNUSA YAHUZA now wish to be known and addressed as YUNUSA YAHUZA DABO all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

SALAMA: I formerly known as SALAMA HARUNA now wish to be known and addressed as SALAMA LUKA. All former documents remain valid . NIMC, NYSC, GTBANK And General Public Should please take note.

I formerly known as IBRAHIM YAKUBU DUNKURMI now wish to be known as IBRAHIM YAKUBU all former documents remain valid and general public should please take note,

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I, formerly known as MISS ZAINAB MUHAMMAD IDRIS now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ZAINAB MUHAMMAD IDRIS all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

SALOME: I formerly known as Miss SALOME ILIYASU now wish to be called as Mrs SALOME JOHN KAZASHI BITRUS all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

CONFIRMATION OF NAME My account name with Polaris Bank is Abosede Oluwaseunayo and my BVN name is Abosede Oluwaseun, now wish to be known and addressed as ABOSEDE OLUWASEUN. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

LUCY: I formerly known as LUCY IFEYINWA OKAFOR now wish to be known and addressed as LUCY IFEANYI IFEYINWA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General public should please take note.

SALEH: I formerly known as SALEH ADAMU ALANZAMA, now wish to be known and addressed as SALEH ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

I formally know as MISS SHEMA'U SALE now wish to be known as MRS SHEMA'U LAWAL MOHAMMED All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

BASHIR, I formerly known as BASHEER SHEHU SALUHU and date of birth 25/3/1985 now wish to be called and addressed as BASHIR SHEHU SALIHU and date of birth 15/6/1985. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

DANLADI: I formerly known as ANDREW GODSTIME now wish to be called and address as DANLADI DAUDA, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note.

BELLO: I, formerly known as MISS ODEBUNMI BLESSING OLAJUMOKE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. BELLO BLESSING OLAJUMOKE. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

JAMILA: I formerly known as JAMILA MADU MAIDALA now wish to be known and addressed as JAMILA ABDULLAH MAIDALA. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General public should please take note.

GONI: I formerly known as MUHAMMAD WUDA UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as GONI UKTAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

HAUWA I, formerly known as HAUWA SADIQ now wish to be known and called HAUWA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

SHAMSUDDIEN, I formerly known as GADDAFI ALTO now wish to be called and addressed as SHAMSUDDIEN MUSA ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

EMMANUEL: I, formerly known and addressed as WUNMI OLANIYAN. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as EMMANUEL ESTHER OLAWUMI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

OLOWO: I, formerly known as MISS OLORUNFEMI KEMISOLA CHRISTIANAH, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. OLOWO KEMISOLA CHRISTIANAH. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly known as AYUKA MONDAY now wish to be known and addressed as GYANI MONDAY All former document remain valid General public and any authority concern should please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as MUSTAPHA ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM, now wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

SANI: I, formerly known as SANI ALHAJI DATTI now wish to be known and addressed as SANI ALHAJI ABUBAKAR. All former documents remains valid. General public should take note.

YAHAYA, I formerly known as YAHAYA DAUDA HAMISU now wish to be called and addressed as YAHAYA DAUDA KOYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

OLOJEDE: I, formerly known and addressed as ONIFADE ROFIA. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as OLOJEDE ROFIA MORENIKEJI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

EDOZIEM: I, formerly known as MISS FALAYI OMOWUMI DEBORAH, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. EDOZIEM OMOWUMI DEBORAH. All former documents remain valid. The Federal Polytechnic, Ado-Ekiti and general public take note.

I, AISHA SAIDU ABDULLAH do solemnly declare that: the names AISHA SAIDU ABDULLAH and AISHA SAIDU ABDULLAH are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called AISHA SAIDU ABDULLAH with 11/09/1998 as D.O.B. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

BALKISU: I Formally Known and Address as BALKISU YARI now wish to be called an address As BALKISU HAMZA All former decrement remain valid, Authority Concerned and General Public Should take note.

KABIRU: I, formerly known as DANMUDDU KABIRU now wish to be known and addressed as KABIRU DANMORO. All former documents remain valid. And my correct date of birth is 01-01-1968. General public should take note.

I was formerly known as GARZALI YAKUBU now wish to be known and called as AHMED GARZALI YAKUBU . All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

UMANA: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OGUH EUNICE KASARACHI. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. UMANA EUNICE KASARACHI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

CHANGE OF NAME ON BANK ACCOUNT AND BVN I Formerly known and addressed as Elijah Kikelomo Mariam, now wish to be known and addressed as Abiodun Kikelomo Mariam Mimi. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

ADO: I formerly known as AMOS MOHAMMED, now wish to be known as ADO MOHAMMED. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

IBRAHIM: I Formally Known and Address as IBRAHIM AHMAD, now wish to be called an address As MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM USMAN. All former document remain valid, Access Bank plc and Authority Concerned and General Public Should take note.

HABIBA I formerly known and addressed as MISS HABIBA HUSSAINI now wish to be known and addressed as MRS HABIBA ABDULLAH All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

COMFORT: I, formerly known as COMFORT KUWOT MALACHY now wish to be known and addressed as COMFORT MALACHY MUSA all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as GODWIN ONYEMACHI ISAIHAH. Now wish to be known and addressed as ONYEMAECHI EBKPO GODWIN. All former documents remain valid, General public and Authority concerned please take note

ODIACHI: I, formerly known and addressed as OMOGBALE EMEKA ISRAEL, now wish to be known and addressed as ODIACHI EMEKA ISRAEL. That I am changing my surname from my family's name to my father's name. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

MAIMUNA: I formerly known as MAIMUNA SULEIMAN, now wish to be known and addressed as MAIMUNA AHMED. All former documents remain valid. NAYSC and General public should please take note.

I, ABUBAKAR MUSA HUSSAINI do solemnly declare that: the names ABUBAKAR MUSA HUSSAINI and ABUBAKAR MUSA are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called ABUBAKAR MUSA HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

LUMO I formerly known and addressed as JAMILA ABDULLAH now wish to be known and addressed as LUMO JAMILA ABDULLAH All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SAMAILA: I, formerly known as ISAMAILA ABDULLAH, now wish to be known and called SAMAILA ABDULLAH. All former documents remain valid. GTB, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OGUNSEKAN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ADEKUNLE OLUWADAMILOLA TITILAYO. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. OGUNSEKAN OLUWADAMILOLA TITILAYO. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

MISS AKINYOMBO: I, formerly known and addressed as MRS. MONAYO TOYIN MARYANNE, now wish to be known and addressed as MISS AKINYOMBO TOYIN MARYANNE, due to divorce. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

AMARA: I formally known as AMARA YOHANNA. Now wish to be known and addressed as AMARA OKPALA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED I formally known as MOHAMMED MUSA BWALA now wish to be know and addressed as MOHAMMED MUSA All former document remain valid General public should please take note.

MARYAM I formerly known and addressed as MARYAM MOHAMMED TATAMA now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM MOHAMMED ISAH All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

HABIBA: I FORMERLY JUWAIRIYYA BASHIR, NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS HABIBA TILJANI, FORMER DOCUNTS VALID, UBA AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE

BANKOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss SALAMI ILASHE MIRABEL. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs BANKOLE ILASHE MIRABEL. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ADEWALE: I, formerly known and addressed as ADEJUMO OPEYEMI OLAMIDE. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as ADEWALE OPEYEMI OLAMIDE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

BABA: I formerly known as ALHAJI BABA GANA BUKAR now wish to be known as BABA GANA ALHAJI BUKAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, BABAYO IBRAHIM ANTUNAN do solemnly declare that: the names BABAYO IBRAHIM ANTUNAN and BABAYO IBRAHIM are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called BABAYO IBRAHIM ANTUNAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

AMINA I formerly known and addressed as AMINA MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as AMINA MUHAMMAD BABA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SALISU: I formerly known as MUHAMED INUWA IBRAHIM now wish to be called as SALISU GARBA all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

CONFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE/ CHANGE OF NAME MUSTAPHA-BROWN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss KEYEDE OLABIPE MARIAM. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. MUSTAPHA-BROWN, OLABIPE MARIAM. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME That I am VICTOR IDRIS. That my account opening with Zenith Bank, my name was registered as EMMANUEL BAURE. That during my BVN enrollment, my name was registered in this order: STEPHEN SARKI AJITA. That henceforth, my correct name is VICTOR IDRIS. That the reason for the correction is due to personal reason. All former documents bearing the former name remain valid. General public/authorities concerned take note.

IYABO I formerly known and addressed as JOHN IYABO ADEGERIGA now wish to be known and addressed as IYABO ADE JOHN All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ZARA: I formerly known as ZARA LAWAN DALORIMA, now wish to be known and addressed as ZARA MAIRAM LAWAN, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note.

MARYAM I formerly known and addressed as MARYAM YAKUBU DAKASKU now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ABDULKADIR YUSUF All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

TIMOTHY: I formerly known as TERNA MRUMUN VICTORIA now wish to be called as TIMOTHY VICTORIA all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

EJIKA: I, formerly known and addressed as CHINASA CELESTINA OMEKARA. That henceforth, I now wish to be known, called and addressed as EJIKA CHINASA MICHAEL. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

AYENI: That I was formerly known and addressed as ADEYEMI BLESSING OLADAYO. That henceforth, my correct name is AYENI BLESSING OLADAYO, due to marriage. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

ZANNA: I was formerly known and addressed as MOHAMMED ZANNA ZANNA Now wish to be known and addressed as ZANNA MOHAMMED former documents remain Valid authority concern and General public should please take note.

KWAKSA: I formerly known as NAOIMI KWAKSA CHINENYE, now wish to be known and addressed as KWAKSA IBRAHIM, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note

UMMI I formerly known and addressed as UMMI IDRIS now wish to be known and addressed as MRS UMMI IDRIS IBRAHIM All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

NANA: I, formerly known as NANA ASMA'U ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as NANA ASMA'U ADAMU NASIRU all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

EJIKA: I, formerly known and addressed as UDOBI CHUKS MICHAEL. That henceforth, I now wish to be known, called and addressed as EJIKA CHUKWUDI MICHAEL. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

CHUKWUSAH: I, formerly known and addressed as CHUKWUSAH OTUNAYA PETER. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as CHUKWUSAH PETER OTUNUYA. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known as MASABUKU A. ALIYU now wish to be known and addressed as MASARUKU A. ALIYU. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should take note.

MODU: I formerly known as MODU GONI ALI KURA, now wish to be known and addressed as MODU GONI KURA, All former documents remain valid. With correct DOB: 01/01/1972 NOT 08/03/1972, General public should please take note

LOUISA I formerly known and addressed as LOUISA CHIZOMA ANIEKWE now wish to be known and addressed as LOUISA CHIZOMA OSUJI All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ONYENWE: I, formerly known as EKEMEZE JOEL, now wish to be known and called ONYENWE JOEL. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

CORRECTION AND ADDITION OF NAME NWONU: I, formerly known and addressed as ROSELINE OLUCHUKWU. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as NWONU ROSELINE OLUCHI. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME I, NWABUWA AUGUSTINE OKEIBUNOR. That in my bank account, my name was wrongly written as NWABUWA AUGUSTINE OKEI. That my correct name is NWABUWA AUGUSTINE OKEIBUNOR. All former documents remain valid, General public take note.

ALI: I formerly known as SALEH ANASS ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as SALEH ALI. All former documents remain valid. With correct DOB 16/09/1995 NOT 05/09/1998. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

HAUWA: I formerly known as HAUWA MOHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWA MOHAMMED, All former document remain valid. General public should please take note

MARYAM I formerly known and addressed as MARYAM YAU now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM ABDULRAHMAN All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

OKOLI: I Formerly known as OKOLI UCHE JOHN Now wish to be called and addressed as OKOLI JOHN RICHARD UCHE All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

RASHEEDAT: I, formerly known and addressed as SAKA RASHEEDAT TITILAYO. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as RASHEEDAT TITILAYO (SAKA) GANIKALE. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

That I was formerly known and addressed as BALQUEEZ OYINDAMOLA OLOLADE. That I wish to be called and addressed as MUFTAU BALIKIS OYINDAMOLA. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

ZAINAB I formerly known and addressed as MRS ZAINAB MUHAMMAD ALI now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ZAINAB MUHAMMAD HASSAN All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

GIDADO: I formally know ABUBAKAR SHEHU. now wish to be known and addressed as USMAN ADAMU GIDADO. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

KABU: I formerly known as AISHATU KABU now wish to be known as KABU AISHATU ALHAJI. All former document remain valid. General public should take note

ALIYU: I, formerly known as ALIYU ABDULLAH KATSINA, now wish to be known and called ALIYU ABDULLAH. Old DOB: 06-05-1951. New DOB: 02-07-1951. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I, formerly known and addressed as ABDULRAZAK OLAYIWOLA AHMED. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULRAZAK BELLO. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

UZOMAH: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss DONATUS ESTHER NKECHI. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs UZOMAH NKECHI ESTHER by virtue of marriage. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

HAUWA I formally known as HAUWA MUSA SAMDI now wish to be know and addressed as HAUWA MUSA D.O.B 05 / 02/1996 All former document remain valid General public should please take note

ANEME: I formally know DANIEL ANENE. now wish to be known and addressed as DANIEL ELUEMUNO ANENE All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HAUWA I formerly known and addressed as HAUWA MADU GURUS now wish to be known and addressed as HAUWA IBRAHIM IDRIS All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

NANA: I, formerly known as AISHA NANA UMMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as NANA AISHA UMAR. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

That I was formerly called, known and addressed as AJAWASUDE REBECCA SURUNIPO. That I now wish to be called, known and addressed as OCHEDIKE REBECCA SURUNIPO due to marriage. That all my former documents remain valid. General public take note.

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as NWACHUKWU BLESSING. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as CROWTHER BLESSING. That the reason of this change of name is due to marriage. That all documents bearing my former names above remain valid, general public should take note.

HAUWA I, formerly known as HAUWA MUHAMMAD ABBA now wish to be known and called HAUWA MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR (MRS.) All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

JIBRIL: I formally know AUWALU JIBRIN. now wish to be known and addressed as MUSTAPHA JIBRIL. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HUSSAINI I formerly known and addressed as HUSSAINI IBRAHIM A AND HUSSAINI IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINI IBRAHIM ALHAJI All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

LUCAS: I formerly known as LUCAS SINI BITRUS now wish to be called as LUCAS KASHAWA BITRUS all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as ORIADE OMOTAYO KAZEEM. That now I wish to be known, called and addressed as ORIADE OMOGBOLAHAN MICHAEL. That all the documents bearing my former name remain valid, General public should please take note

UMENNE: I, formerly known and addressed as OGBA NDIIDAMAKA MARY. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as UMENNE NDIIDAMAKA MARY. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and general public take note.

KOLO: I formerly known as IBRAHIM SHETTIMA, now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED KOLO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

SIDI I formally known as ALHAJI SIDI now wish to be known and addressed as KACHALLA SIDI ALHAJI All former document remain valid General public should please take note

ABDULLAH I formerly known and addressed as ABDULLAH IBRAHIM M.K AND ABDULLAH IBRAHIM MUSA KALA now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAH IBRAHIM MAINA KAINA All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

SALISU: I, formerly known as SHUAIBU YUSHAU, now wish to be known and called SALISU USMAN. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

AFOLAYAN: I, formerly known and addressed as ADELEKE RUTH ODUNAYO. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as AFOLAYAN RUTH ODUNAYO. All former documents remain valid, Bank and general public take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS GBADEBO OLUWAKEMI. HENCEFORTH WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS ISHOLA KABIRAT ADEPEJU. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND AUTHORITY CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

HAJJA: I formerly known as HAJJA KAKA UMAR, now wish to be known and addressed as HAJJA KAKA BURA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

AISHA: I formerly known as AISHA ALI SHEHU now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA HASSAN SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General public should please take note.

HADIZA I formerly known and addressed as MISS HADIZA AHMED IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as MRS HADIZA AHMED BUKAR All former documents remain valid NYSC All concern and authority General public should please take note.

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**ALIYU: I** Formerly known as **ALIYU ABUBAKAR** Now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM ALIYU DOB 01/01/1981 NOT 20/05/1983** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**\*ONYENEMERIBE\*** I, formerly known as **\*MISS. ONYEOZIRI MARGRET MARY\***. Now wish to be known and addressed as **\*ONYENEMERIBE MARY\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS OGUCHUKWU UJUNWA CHIMEZIE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS UZO UJUNWA CHIMEZIE**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**MRS. BARIDILO-JOSHUA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS. WEBILOR REJOICE CHIOMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. BARIDILO-JOSHUA REJOICE CHIOMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI JABO**. All former documents remain valid. Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto, Zenith Bank, general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD ABBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**UMAR: I** Formerly known as First name: **UMAR SURNAME: AUWAL** NOW wish to be known and addressed as **FIRST NAME: UMAR MIDDLE NAME: UMAR SURNAME AUWAL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MRS ASOGWA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS ABONYI CONSTANCE CHINENYE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ASOGWA CONSTANCE CHINENYE**. All documents bearing my former name(s) remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **IGBOKWE IRENE CHIEYENWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **YANKEY IRENE CHIEYENWA**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**MRS OGUNDIPE = I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS TOMORI RITA TEMITOPEOLUWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OGUNDIPE RITA TEMITOPEOLUWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ALIYU UMAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU UMAR WASAGU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MANSUR UMARU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MANSUR UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**YAKUB: I** formerly known as **ZARA UMAR YAKUBU** now wish to be known as **YAKUB ZARA UMAR**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

**I**, Formerly Known And Addressed As **OSUJI COMFORT CHIMEZIE**, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **INWREGBU COMFORT CHIMEZIE**. All Documents Bearing my former name still Remain Valid, General Public please Take Note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS AHUZI ANGELICA CHIKEREMMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ONUOHA ANGELICA CHIKEREMMA**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**HART: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS ALOZIEUWA REBECCA O.**, now wish to be known and addressed as **REBECCA JONATHAN HART**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **AISHA SUDAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA SARKIN SUDAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **GANIYAT ABDULRASHEED** now wish to be known and addressed as **GANIYAT SARAFADEN OPEYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I** formally known as **BUHARI ALHAJI IDRISA**, that **I** now wish to be call and address as **BUHARI ALHAJI IDRIS**. Henceforth, all my former documents remain valid. I want all authorities concern to take note.

**I**, Formerly Known And Addressed As **MISS EZE MARTHA NNEKA**, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **MRS NWAEGBE MAETHA NNEKA**. All Documents Bearing my former name still Remain Valid, General Public please Take Note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **CHRISTOPHER UGOMMA PEACE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **DIMKPA UGOMMA PEACE**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**SOFIA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **VIRTUOUS INDUBISI OMENKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **VIRTUOUS NDUBISI SOFIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **AWALU MAMMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **AUWALU TUKUR**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **MUSA BIRMA HUSSAINI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**HAUWA: I** formerly known as **HAUWA MOHAMMED ALKALI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HAUWA MOHAMMED NYAKO**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General public should please take note.

This is to inform the general public that **I**, Mrs **GLADYS NKECHI MADU** and Mr **CYRIL CHIGOZIE MADU** adopted **MISS CHIJOKE DIVINE CHIMAMANDA** from the orphanage home. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS NWANKWO CHIZOBAM ROSELINE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS UKEJE CHIZOBAM ROSELINE**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**ISAAC: I**, formerly known and addressed as **OKOCHI JOSEPH MADUABUCHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ISAAC JOSEPH MADUABUCHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **KAFAYAT UMAR FAROUQ** now wish to be known and addressed as **KAFAYAT ADAMS**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**FATIMA: I** formerly known as **FATIMA LAWAN DUNOMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA ADAMU DUNOMA**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC And General public should please take note.

**I**, Formerly Known And Addressed As **ISHIGUZO ODINAKA**, Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **ISHIGUZO ODINAKA HANNAH**. All Documents Bearing my former name still Remain Valid, General Public please Take Note.

Correction of name and date of birth: my name was wrongly written as **BONIFACE LOVELYNE CHINYERE**, instead of **OPURUM LOVELYNE CHINENYENWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **OPURUM LOVELYNE CHINENYENWA**, and my correct date of birth is **17 Feb 1990** and not **14 Feb 1990**. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**MARY: I**, formerly was known and addressed as **MUNACHI VERA OGECHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUNACHI MARY OGECHI**. All documents bearing my former name remains valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **BASHIR USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **BASHAR USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ALIYU MANU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**MRS KAREEM = I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS LAJUWOMI MARY BLESSING** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS KAREEM MARY BLESSING**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**REMOVAL OF NAME =** That my correct name is **OSEGHALE IZHENLEN** as in my **NIN**. That **OSEGHALE IZHENLEN** and **OSEGHALE IZHENLEN KELVIN** refer to one and same person. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**I**, Formerly Known And Addressed As **IFUNANYA ASSUMPTA NWOSU**, Wish To Be Known And Addressed As **NWOSU IFUNANYA ASSUMPTA**. All Documents Bearing my former name still Remain Valid, General Public please Take Note.

**VICTOR: I**, formerly known, called and addressed as **VICTOR EFFIOM OKON**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **VICTOR GABRIEL OMOLU**. Documents bearing both names are valid. Banks, schools, general public note.

**I**, formerly known as **MARYAM AMFANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. CBN, General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **ISIAKUNU MAISALLA DAURAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **ISIAKUNU MAISALLADAURAN** with **D.O.B 05-08-1959**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**FRANKLIN = I**, formerly known as **OKORIE FRANKLIN**. Now wish to be known as **FRANKLIN EGBUNAM**. All former documents remain valid. The general public take note.

**I**, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS. NWOSU CHIDINMA HILDA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ONYEBUEKE CHIDINMA HILDA**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**SHACHI: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MSON MSON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SHACHI SAMUEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**MRS. MORERINAYO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS JOY CHIGOMENUM OKONU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. JOY CHIGOMENUM MORERINAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**I**, formerly known as **UMAR AMINU** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMARU AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**I**, formerly known as **BABATUNDE KEHINDE DUNAMIS** now wish to be known and addressed as **JOSEPH DUNAMIS KEHINDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the loss of certificate of occupancy KD 9632 registered at No 228 page 228 volume 157 and registered Deed of Assignment between Alh. Yakubu Baban-Kumbo & Habiba A. Balarabe. All efforts made to trace prove abortive. Note: The concern authority should take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original receipt of Plot. No. 621 on BOSA/159 main by one Murtala Musa (M) of London Chiki Gwozari Mafa, Borno State bearing the name of Modu Wakilbe 'M' got missing sometimes in 2018. That all efforts made to trace it prove abortive. If found please return to the nearest Police Station and all authorities concerned should take note of this.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Letter of Grant Plot No. 850 File No. RES/2019/3948, Situated at Rimin Zakara Ungogo Local Government TP/KNUPDA/215F. Bearing the name of DAHIRU ADA'U of Rimin Zakara Quarters, Kano. All efforts made to trace the original Letter of Grant proved abortive. Members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

**LEGAL NOTICE: IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, JIGAWA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column. AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of 'Letters of Administration' of the personal properties of the said deceased. NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, 'UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Jigawa State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice.

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**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Certificate of Occupancy file no KN14894, situated at bompai miller road in, Nassarawa Local Government Area Kano state belonging to Alh Gote & Sons. All efforts made to trace same proved abortive. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**  
This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Certificate of Occupancy File No. TP/KNUPDA/256C, Situated at Challawa Panshekara Kumbotso, Kano State. Bearing the name of ALHAJI SHU`AIBU SAIDU KAYI. All efforts made to trace the original document proved abortive. Anybody that found it should please contact nearest police station.

**LEGAL NOTICE: IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, JIGAWA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column. AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of 'Letters of Administration' of the personal properties of the said deceased. NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, 'UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Jigawa State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice.

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**IMAM AHMAD BN HAMBAL, MASALLACIN JUMA'A DAN ASIBITI SABON GARI, DAURA**  
The General public is hereby notified that, the above named Associations has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for registration.  
**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. Kasimu Ibrahim  
2. Muhammed Awwal  
3. Mutari Mohammed Musa  
**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**  
1. To Assist Orphans on Education.  
2. To Assist Orphans on Clothing  
3. To Assist Orphan on Feeding.  
4. To Assist Orphans on Medication.  
Any objection to this registration will be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot No. 420 Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Abuja within 21 days of this publication.  
Signed Secretary

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# SPORT



■ Rivers United striker, Nyima Nwagwa (R) shields the ball from Lobi Stars defender, Sunday Chinedu, during their week One match at the Adokiye Amaesimaka stadium Port-Harcourt

## Djokovic barrels into third round as seeds fall

Novak Djokovic scrapped his way into the Australian Open third round on Thursday to ramp up his bid for a 22nd Grand Slam crown, but several men's seeds crashed out.

Second seed Casper Ruud, Taylor Fritz, Alexander Zverev and Diego Schwartzman were all sent packing on day four at Melbourne Park.

With the shock exit on Wednesday of hobbling defending champion Rafael Nadal, the top two seeds are both now gone.

With top-ranked Carlos Alcaraz also absent through injury, it presents a huge opportunity for Djokovic, who even before that was hot favourite to win a 10th Melbourne crown.

The 35-year-old Serb required a medical timeout and had heavy strapping on his left thigh against 191st-ranked qualifier Enzo Couacaud.

He was also bothered by some rowdy fans and at one point during the match demanded that a drunken fan be thrown out.

But Djokovic recovered his poise and fitness to beat the Frenchman 6-1, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 6-0 and faces 27th seed Grigor Dimitrov in round three.

"There was a lot happening tonight in the match," Djokovic, who has been struggling with a hamstring injury, told Rod Laver Arena.

His on-court interview was momentarily paused when a spectator shouted out.

"I love you too, thank you," said Djokovic, who has enjoyed a warm return to Melbourne Park following his deportation a year ago because of his stance on Covid vaccines.

"I love playing night sessions and let's keep it going," he added.

# Remo, Tornadoes remain unbeaten as Insurance stun Plateau United

By Jide Olusola

**Remo Stars have maintained their perfect start to the 2022/23 abridged Nigeria Professional Football League by defeating Gombe United 1-0 yesterday at the Pantami stadium Gombe while Niger Tornadoes edged newly promoted Doma FC 1-0 in Kaduna to go joint tops with Aba Warriors in Group B.**

Munir Idris' early goal kept Tornadoes' unbeaten streak alive in the MatchDay 2 midweek games played yesterday, moving the Minna team into second position

behind the Abia Warriors, who have a better goal differential.

Defending champions, Rivers United were unable to get past Sunshine Stars as both sides settled for a 1-1 draw at the Akure Township Stadium, giving the hosts their first point of the season.

Rivers United took the lead in the 24th minute and were poised to keep its perfect start to the new campaign until Ejike Uzoenyi, a former member of the Super Eagles, scored Sunshine's equalizer late in the 86th minute.

After defeating Gombe United 1-0, Remo Stars in Group A

improved to 2-0 on the year. A winner by Andy Okpe in stoppage time at the Pantami Stadium decided a very close game.

As a result, Bendel Insurance and Remo Stars are now tied for first place in Group A.

El Kanemi Warriors defeated Nasarawa United 2-1 in another hotly contested game in group A. Alpha Igbedu's goal in the 13th minute and Zayyad Musa's goal in the 74th minute gave the Warriors a two-goal advantage. Onuche Ogbelu's goal in the 90th minute gave Nasarawa United a last-ditch comeback attempt, but was not

enough to get a point.

At the Samuel Ogbemudia Stadium in Benin, Bendel Insurance scored the game-winning goal in stoppage time to keep their perfect record in Group A intact.

After a goalless first half, Ismail Sarki gave Insurance the lead in the 66th minute.

However, Plateau United equalized in the 90th minute through Mustapha Abdulahi and looked like it had snatched a valuable point until Imade Osehenkhoa stunned them with the winner in the 93rd minute.

## We fought enemies of NPFL to achieve results — Elegbeleye

By Jide Olusola

The chairman, Interim Management Company (IMC), Gbenga Elegbeleye, has said his committee had to fight courageously against all enemies in a bid to rescue and reposition the country's elite league, the Nigeria Premier Football League (NPFL).

In a chat with sports journalists in Abuja yesterday, the former Director-General of the defunct National Sports Commission (NSC) said he faced stiff opposition from beneficiaries of the old system who didn't want their corrupt structures dismantled.

"When we started the reforms, those that benefited



from the old system didn't allow us to rest and we had to fight to finish. We had to tell our colleagues at the IMC that we needed to become warriors to fight them to their knees because we mean well for Nigerian football," he said.

He further commended Nigerian referees whom he said have done credibly well

since the league kicked off.

Elegbeleye also urged them to sustain the momentum especially now that their welfare is a thing of priority to the IMC.

"I am very happy that we had four away wins in Match Day 1 and 1 away win and 3 away draws in week 2 which shows the level of officiating and it shows how the crowd of the home teams now behave themselves.

"I commend our referees. We have ensured that all their indemnities are paid a day before they officiate so there won't be any excuses. Our partners pay them directly and they have no reason not to do well," he noted.

## Ronaldo, Messi roll back the years in nine-goal thriller

Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi transported fans back in time to the heyday of their storied rivalry, as both forwards got on the scoresheet in an exhibition match on Thursday before Hugo Ekitike earned 10-man PSG a 5-4 win over the Riyadh Season Team.

While the match may not have much lasting significance for the teams involved, soccer fans around the world got plenty of bang for their buck as a story that has dominated the sport for over a decade appeared to come to an end in a memorable goalfest.

In an action-packed first half at the King Fahd Stadium in Riyadh, goals from Messi and Marquinhos were cancelled out by a Ronaldo brace, while PSG's Juan Bernat was sent off for a lunging tackle on Saudi international Salem Al-Dawsari.

The game resumed at a frenetic pace after



the break, with goals coming thick and fast as Sergio Ramos turned in a Kylian Mbappe cross for PSG before South Korean Jang Hyun-soo replied with a near-post header from a corner to make it 3-3.

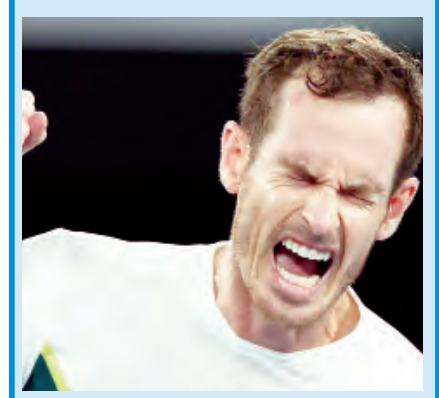
A handball by Ali Al-Bulaihi gave the visitors a penalty, which was expertly dispatched by Mbappe on the hour, before Hugo Ekitike extended the lead to 5-3 with a thumping finish following a lung-busting run from the halfway line.

Anderson Talisca scored late for the Saudis in added time, but Ekitike's strike proved to be enough on the night.

Though he was unable to get his newest chapter in Saudi Arabia off to a winning start, 37-year-old Ronaldo will take heart from his performance as he prepares to make his first competitive appearance for Al Nassr when they host Al Ettifaq on Sunday.

## SPORT REPORT

### Murray grinds down Kokkinakis in late-night epic



■ Andy Murray

Former world No 1 Andy Murray produced one of his greatest ever comebacks to sink home hope Thanasi Kokkinakis in a titanic second-round thriller at the Australian Open in the early hours of Friday morning.

The 35-year-old Scot looked down and out against an inspired Kokkinakis as he trailed by two sets and 2-5 but displayed his trademark warrior spirit to somehow claw out a 4-6 6-7(4) 7-6(5) 6-3 7-5 victory after five hours and 45 minutes.

When Murray finally got the job done in what was his 250th Grand Slam match, the clock was just past 4.05am local time but a sizeable and vociferous crowd had remained glued to their seats inside the Margaret Court Arena.

### Swiatek to renew hunt for maiden Melbourne title



■ Iga Swiatek

Top seed Iga Swiatek resumes her quest for her maiden Australian Open title on Friday when she takes on Spanish qualifier Cristina Bucsa in the third round at Melbourne Park.

Swiatek, a semifinalist last year, is the strong favourite for the women's title after winning two of the four majors last season and came through her first two matches in Melbourne without dropping a set.

She acknowledged after her second match against Camila Osorio that she was under extra pressure as the world No 1, but added that she had arrived at the year's first Grand Slam ready to fight.

## DEEPENING DEMOCRACY

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### Mudslinging intensifies as the elections approach

Finally, the campaign is getting intense and exciting. Surprisingly, the current round is taking place in faraway Chatham House in London as key candidates and the INEC chairman conduct political pilgrimages to a British Government policy centre in London to talk to Nigerians at home. Many Nigerians have correctly asked the question whether there is no policy think tank in Nigeria to receive politicians to air their campaign issues. The National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies has been mentioned by many as being the leading public think tank to handle such a task. I absolutely agree that the National Institute could play that role creditably. Unfortunately, it would not succeed because of the character of our political class that has disdain for our institutions. In fact, for the past decade, the National Institute has established a whole department for training and engagement with political parties where I have often participated as a resource person. In most of the meetings there I have participated in; the leadership of the so-called big political parties have either sent low level officials to represent them or sent no one in many cases. They suffer from colonial mentality and believe that Nigerian institutions are of no consequence and are therefore not deserving of their time. When they seek publicity, they pay tens of millions of Naira to key television stations to carry their programmes live.

There are also private policy centres that could host such events. To be modest, the Centre for Democracy and Development where I am a senior fellow is also very capable of hosting such a platform but once again some of the so-called big politicians will not come. They will be wondering whether the people that matter, the neo-colonial authorities in London and Washington DC would be watching events organised by "local" actors. Of course, they would, but the level of sophistication of many of our politicians is not high enough for them to be conscious of this reality. When you ask them why, many will tell you that you cannot trust the neutrality of local actors. Even those who have been making public declarations that the British are not equally neutral towards all sections of the country would still prefer to attend their events than attend local ones. The British and Americans know one of the most serious threats Nigerian politicians take seriously is refusal of visa to the US and UK.

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campaign has brought to the fore is the unwillingness of some of the old and maybe sick and exhausted candidates to debate among themselves. The Centre for Democracy and Development partnered with ARISE-TV to get the top candidates to debate and it did not work well. Some of them have simply lost the capacity to be clear and articulate and are unable to respond when confronted with facts. For this reason, they refuse to participate. It is ironic the way in which Chatham House exposed the incapacity of one of the candidates to respond to questions asked and he had to call on members of his delegation to respond for him. This is a frightening revelation because the issue is, if he wins, who would rule as he has already lost the capacity to understand and respond to challenges posed. I have watched some of the campaign videos from campaign rallies and I am myself terrified at the level of incoherence of some of the candidates. I hope Nigerians are watching and are aware of their civic responsibility not to vote in a leader whose incapacity to rule is manifest.

Some of the top candidates who are refusing to debate amongst themselves have focused their attention on insulting their rivals and accusing them of having a terrible history of corruption. I don't like the vile language being used but the accusations are useful pointers to their histories and apparently, they know themselves better than some of us know them. I have heard detailed allegations of how the other, I would say they, looted the treasury when they were in office. There are exposes on some of the mechanisms that were used such as Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV), which are used to fleece government resources in a way in which the theft cannot be easily traced to the looters. As each accuses the other, we

ordinary citizens would be free to think that sophisticated cover-up looting mechanisms are skill-sets all of them have. Our hope and prayers are that they all go to court as they have threatened, to prove that the other is a criminal. The courts might reveal more information on how many of our leaders are, as they call themselves - thieves, drug barons and criminals. I am glad that they are the ones telling Nigerians that on the grounds of ethics and good governance, they should be in jail not in power.

This situation presents a great challenge to voters. Is any one of them clean and if so which one? For the 2023 elections, all of us voters need to be skilled investigators. We should listen to, watch and read all the allegations coming out carefully. We should work hard to seek verification for them and base our choices on the results of our findings. This is important for national survival because if criminals take over the governance of the country, our survival as a nation could be in jeopardy. Part of our task is to look carefully at not only the leading candidates but all of them. Are some of those who are not in the frontline better? Let's find out and take appropriate decisions.

Finally, the question of Nigeria's drift into gerontocracy has to be addressed. As an old man myself, I have great respect for the capacity of elders to continue to play positive roles in society. The problem is that at some point, both mental and physical capacities begin to decline dramatically. Governing a large and complex country such as Nigeria is very hard work and clearly some of the candidates have reached the point of no return. If they have lost the wisdom and respect for citizens to decide that they have passed their prime, then citizens need to tell them as follows through the ballot box. We love you, we wish you a longer life, but please devote your future to useful endeavours such as playing with your grandchildren and telling them memorable stories of the things you have done - bad ones that they should not copy and good ones that they should emulate. According to INEC, 70,473,990 voters, 75.4% are between 18 and 49 years old and should be able to tell and act against those who are too old to govern.

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