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● Take final stand on zoning July 22

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

AN invitation extended to governors of the 19 Northern states by former Peoples Democratic Party [PDP] national chairman Chief Solomon Daushep Lar to attend a Political Summit being organised in Abuja by a group campaigning to drop the zoning principle was rejected yesterday in what a source said was a pointer to where the wind was blowing on the contentious issue of zoning and power rotation.

Chief Lar had led a delegation to make a case at the meeting in Kaduna for the Northern Governors' Forum to support the discarding of PDP's power rotation formula in order to enable President Goodluck Jonathan to contest the 2011 elections on the party's platform.

Lar's delegation included former Information Minister Professor Jerry Gana as well as Senator Jonathan Zwingina. After

arguing against zoning, Lar announced that his group was organising a summit in Abuja at which a common position on zoning will be adopted.

He then invited the governors to participate in it. But a source at the meeting said the governors overwhelmingly voted to reject the invitation because they feared that the "summit" will recommend the discarding of zoning.

Before Lar's submission, a delegation of the Northern Political Leaders' Forum led by retired Police Inspector General Muhammadu Dikko [M.D.] Yusuf had made a submission, in which it passionately urged the governors to support the maintaining of the zoning principle. In Yusuf's delegation were retired Army Chief Lt. General Muhammadu Inuwa Wushishi, retired Major General David Jemibewon, Alhaji Bello Kirfi, Wazirin Bauchi, Dr. **Continued on page 5**

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GOVERNOR of Gombe State Muhammadu Danjuma Goje (left) with Benue State Governor Gabriel Suswan at the Northern Governors' meeting in Kaduna, yesterday.

Survey report:

Courts, biggest bribe takers

By Boco Edet & Aisha Umar Agaje

NIGERIAN courts of law

receive the biggest bribes from citizens among all the institutions in which corruption is rampant,

according to the report of a survey on crime and corruption conducted by the Economic and Finan-

cial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and National Bureau of Statistics, with the support of the United

Nations Office on Drugs & Crimes (UNODC).

According to the report, citizens who responded to

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Police investigate re-emergence of Boko Haram leader

By Misbahu Bashir (Abuja), Sharafa Dauda & Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

THE police force headquarters in Abuja said they have launched an investigation into the re-emergence of the deputy leader of the Boko Haram sect, Imam Abubakar Shekau, who was assumed to have been killed in last year's crisis in Maiduguri.

A video footage obtained by journalists showed Shekau claiming that he had assumed command of the group and would continue to propagate anti-Western education ideology.

Police force public relations officer Emmanuel Ojukwu told *Daily Trust* yesterday in Abuja, "The police is looking into the claim of the re-emergence of the

sect, and will do all that is necessary and within the ambit of the law to secure lives and property in the country."

He said policemen had been dispatched to hunt for suspected followers of the sect and their leaders.

Borno State Police commissioner Ibrahim Abdu dismissed the videotape, but said security officials would take precautions as the anniversary of last year's violence draws near.

"Our officers and men are not taking chances," Abdu said, according to AP news agency.

He added, "Different security measures had already been put in, so that there is no breach of peace in any part of the state."

The Borno State government

also said it was not taking chances.

Alhaji Shehu Mustapha Liberty, the Special Adviser to the Borno State Governor on Information and Media told our correspondent in Maiduguri yesterday that the state government had put adequate measures in place on the development. "The police and other security agencies are ready to take drastic measures against anybody who tries to breach the peace enjoyed in the state because government would not abdicate its responsibility of protecting the lives and property of the people," he said.

Liberty said the police and the SSS had been mandated by the bill assented to by the state government banning any person or group of persons from belonging to the sect. "The case of Shekau is special

because he is responsible for the killing of many people, including police officers and destroying property worth millions of naira. If he and his members are caught, he would be prosecuted according to the law," he said. He added that since security is the collective responsibility of all, government expects the general public to report any suspicious character or persons suspected to be involved with the sect.

Maiduguri and environs appear calm as people were seen going about their normal activities. Ibrahim Talaka, a business man, said though he does not believe Shekau is alive. The information may be false. But if he is alive and they are allowed to stage a comeback with the anniversary, we should expect

more mayhem and it is innocent people that would suffer," he said, warning that with the summary execution of their leader, they had attracted sympathy from others outside the state and these categories of persons could be invited to come and join in their new cause.

At the destroyed enclave of the sect, a police vehicle was parked and five mobile policemen guarding the remains of the sect's headquarters took shelter under trees. But a man who resides around the area said they had heard about the purported anniversary but does not think it would take place because most members around had been killed during the crisis. On their planned retaliation and the emergence of Shekau, he said, "People in the area regard it as rumour."

Anambra pays N7.4bn to pensioners

From Beatrice Onuchukwu, Awka

ANAMBRA State Governor Mr Peter Obi has said that it is a crime and sin for those in authority to owe pensioners.

Obi said this yesterday in Awka while giving cheques for payments

totaling N7.4 billion to local government pensioners.

Apologizing on behalf of pensioners in Anambra State for the way they had been treated in the past, Obi said his government would continue to pay pensioners first before workers or contractors.

He also said the society was duty-bound to take care of those that contributed to its building, especially in their old age when they had fewer opportunities.

The governor who promised that other categories of pensioners were receiving attention, said his gov-

ernment had equally paid a total of N1.7 billion owed state pensioners and that he was currently paying the arrears remitted by the Federal Government that was not accounted for.

Earlier, the state Commissioner for Local Government and Chief-tancy Matters Mr. Dubem Obaze

in his remarks said, the government had since inception in 2006 paid over N7.4 billion in arrears of pensions owed local government retirees since 1996. He said the amount did not include the arrears owed other categories of pensioners in the State.

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ZAMFARA LEAD POISONING: THE CHINESE CONNECTION



We trace the Chinese connection in the illegal gold mining in Zamfara and reveal how the gold

is sold and how government looks the other way while the trade thrives.



Adamawa State in cholera's chokehold

In picturesque Demsa and Yola South local government, every family seems to be touched by fevers, chronic diarrhoea, unbearable headaches and coughs. We bring you the inside story of Adamawa's battle with a merciless outbreak of Cholera.



New Nigerian workers to down tools again

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

WORKERS of New Nigerian Newspapers will again begin a work-to-rule strike to protest the non-payment of their salaries, salary increase and other items in the conditions of service as from July 6 when the 21 day ultimatum it had earlier issued to the Northern Governors' Forum (NGF) expires.

In a letter addressed to the Niger State Governor Dr Mua'zu Babangida Aliyu who is the chairman of the NGE, the Joint Workers' Union Consultative Committee decried what it referred to as the insensitiv-

ity of some northern governors towards their plight by not honouring a series of pledges.

According to the workers, only nine states, including Katsina, Kaduna, Kogi, Kano, Kwara, Nasarawa, Sokoto, Bauchi and Niger have fully redeemed the pledge of N4.7 million each on July 2005, adding that Kebbi and Zamfara made only part payments.

"In the same vein, only eight states of Kaduna, Nasarawa, Sokoto, Bauchi, Kogi, Kano, Niger and Katsina fully redeemed the pledge of N2.5 million each on March 13, 2007."

Northern governors met in Kaduna yesterday and the privatisation of the NNN and the repositioning of the New Nigerian Development Company (NNDCC) topped the agenda. The forum will be holding a valedictory session for Vice President Namadi Sambo today.

The *New Nigerian* workers also said only two states, Katsina and Sokoto, redeemed the N15 million pledge made by the northern governors which necessitated calling off of their strike action of December 2009. Kaduna State has made a part payment of N10 million as at June 28, 2010.

Yobe Assembly rejects minimum qualification

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

THE Yobe State House of Assembly Wednesday unanimously rejected the proposal by the National Assembly to amend Section 65 of the Nigerian Constitution which borders on minimum educational qualification required for election into national and state assemblies.

The House said making diploma certificate as the minimum qualification for

election into the legislature was unnecessary and not suitable for an emerging democracy like Nigeria.

The members also rejected the amendment of sections 68, 131, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227 and 318 of the Constitution.

Speaker Usman Adamu said amendment of the constitution was not the only solution to the problems associated with elections in Nigeria.

...As Jigawa Assembly rejects independent candidature

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

THE Jigawa State House of Assembly yesterday rejected amendment of Sections 106, 131, 177 and 318 of the constitution

which allow for independent candidates for the seats of president, governor, national and state Houses of Assembly. The House yesterday also kicked against alteration of Sec-

tions 65 and 75 to increase the educational qualification for the National Assembly candidates and allow dates for election to be guided by the Electoral Act in force.

2011: NBA, Elaigwu, warn Jonathan against contesting

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and Professor Jonah Isawa Elaigwu have urged President Goodluck Jonathan not to contest in the 2011 elections.

NBA President Oluwarotimi Akeredolu (SAN) and Professor Elaigwu spoke yesterday in Lagos at the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered) distinguished management lecture on Nigeria's electoral processes.

Elaigwu, a professor Emeritus of political science University of Jos and President, Institute of

Governance and Social Research (IGSR), said for Nigeria to experience free and credible elections next year Jonathan, as an empire in the process, must steer clear from contesting the polls.

He said Jonathan should emulate Gen Abdulsalami Abubakar who handed over power to civilian rule in 1999 without hesitation. "That act has made him a statesman today. Jonathan can also enjoy same privileges if he leaves no.

"I don't care about zoning; let PDP worry about zoning. But PDP is not Nigeria. However, my

advice to President Jonathan is that, while it's his constitutional right to seek election, he must first give Nigerians uninterrupted power supply," he said.

He also warned the president not to jeopardise the success of the anticorruption crusade with his actions and inactions.

Akeredolu also said if President Jonathan's name appears on the ballot, his party may rig for him to remain in power.

"This country needs just one more credible election to prosper and the time is now. Age is on his (Jonathan's) side, if he leaves

now, he would come back later and Nigerians would vote massively for him. But if he insists, he even risks losing the primaries," the NBA president noted adding that 2011 is an opportunity for Jonathan to right his name in gold.

Akeredolu also said that the prevailing massive allowances been enjoyed by lawmakers will not continue unchallenged by the NBA.

"We have a duty at the NBA to challenge those allowances they enjoy. We will not let it go; we will challenge it in court. We will bring members of the National Assem-

blies to justice. And if we fail, we will take justice to them through civil demonstrations," he said.

US ambassador to Nigeria Robin Renee Sanders advised Nigeria to adopt quick count system during elections as a requisite to credible elections.

She said the quick count system allows parallel tabulation of election results as they are being collected to test the validity of the overall results when announced.

Sanders said Ghana, Kenya and other countries adopted it and it worked for them, thus Nigeria should also consider it.

Iran leader to visit Nigeria as it takes UN post

IRANIAN President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will visit Nigeria this weekend as the country assumes the rotating presidency of the United Nations' Security Council, an Iranian diplomat said yesterday.

Ahmadinejad's visit to Nigeria comes after the leader made similar visits to Uganda and Zimbabwe in April, as the Middle Eastern nation tries to build alliances against stronger U.N. sanctions over its nuclear programme.

Iran's ambassador to Nigeria Khosrow Rezazadeh confirmed Ahmadinejad's planned visit, but declined to offer further details. Nigeria's foreign ministry also declined to tell reporters about Ahmadinejad's plans, though his arrival comes as Nigeria's capital, Abuja, is scheduled to host a conference for a group of developing countries known as the D-8.

Nigeria took over the presidency of the U.N. Security Council on Thursday. As president, Nigeria's U.N. Ambassador Joy Ogwu will serve as the ceremonial head of the 15-member body.

She also will be able to set the council's schedule and lead mediation on any crisis during Nigeria's month-long tenure.

Nigeria last served on the Security Council in 1994-95.

The U.N. put new sanctions in place against Iran in June over its nuclear programme.

Ahmadinejad responded by vowing retaliation if Iran's ships are searched over suspicions that the cargo may violate the new sanctions. (AP)



PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan (middle), Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cape Verde, Mr. Jose Brito (left), Nigerian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Aliyu Idu Hong (second right) and Nigerian Ambassador to Cape Verde, Mr. Godwin Agamah at the Cape Verde international Airport during the President's arrival for the ECOWAS and ECOWAS-Brazil Summit, yesterday.

Reps restore benefits for ex-heads of state

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives has restored remuneration for former military heads of state, about three months after the Senate had stripped them of retirement benefits.

The Senate had in March this year removed the names of all former military heads of state - Generals Yakubu Gowon, Muhammadu Buhari, Ibrahim Babangida and Abubakar Abdulsalami - from the beneficiaries of the remunerations, arguing that the removal was necessary because rewarding them would amount to encouraging future coup detats.

But debating on the Bill on the Remuneration for former Presidents, Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation and Ancillary Matters, the House allowed former military heads of state to benefit.

The House adopted a recommendation by the chairman of its Committee on Rules and Business Ita Enang (PDP, Akwa Ibom), who argued that it will be unconstitutional to deny the former rulers their remuneration because the constitution recognises them as former heads of states and members of the National Council of

State.

When the bill was presented for third reading and passage, the lawmakers overwhelmingly approved that there was nothing wrong in including former military heads of state in the list of beneficiaries in the remuneration package.

Other beneficiaries are former Vice Presidents, former Senate Presidents, former Speakers and former Chief Justices of the Federation.

Rep. Cyril Maduagbon (PDP, Anambra) had raised a constitutional point of order citing section 361 subsection 2 of the 1999 constitution in which argued that the

constitution had already allowed the former rulers to benefit from the largesse.

The bill stipulates that "The members of the families of deceased former Presidents and Vice Presidents shall be entitled to annual payments as shall be recommended by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and approved by the National Assembly

The bill is among the backlog from the last Senate and transmitted to former President Olusegun Obasanjo for assent. But he could not assent on them before the expiration of his tenure in 2007.

...reject proposed budget cut

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives committee on Finance yesterday opposed the proposal by President Goodluck Jonathan to review downward the 2010 Appropriation Act by 40 per cent.

The committee which met with Finance Minister Dr. Olusegun Aganga at the National Assembly

yesterday also frowned at the variance over the need for the downward revision of the benchmark and crude oil production estimate as approved in the 2010 budget.

Aganga said there was the need for the government to be realistic in the projection of the budget which was why the downward review of the benchmark from \$67 per barrel to \$60 per barrel

and the oil projection from 2.35 million barrels per day to 2.25 million barrels per day was proposed.

Committee chairman Rep. John Enoch (PDP, Cross Rivers) said there was no basis for the downward review as the states and local governments would suffer most since they have limited or no other sources of revenue

generation.

"The federal government may have some other sources to do what they have to do. What implications does this have even for the functions of the states and local governments have the market price of crude sell for about \$76 or \$77 per barrel and that we have reduced it in the budget to \$60 per barrel," Enoch said.

Senators reject Jonathan's N10bn budget for Nigeria @ 50

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

SENATORS yesterday expressed stiff opposition against President Goodluck Jonathan's proposal in the 2010 Supplementary budget for expenditure of N10 billion to celebrate Nigeria's 50th anniversary.

Contributing during debate on the general principles of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2010, majority of senators described the provision for N10

billion as expenditure on the anniversary celebration as outrageous.

Senator Andrew Abidemi Babalola (PDP, Oyo) said "We should remove the N10 billion meant for 50 years celebration and provide the money for creation of job opportunities for our teeming unemployed youths that are roaming about the streets."

He said "Every year we pass budgets that fail to make impact on the people. To me we are only passing the budgets for the boys to

siphon."

Senator Osita Izunaso (PDP, Imo) said "Nigerians are hungry, there are people born 50 years ago that are still unemployed and we are talking about spending such huge sum on celebration."

He berated government's decision to increase workers salaries saying "I don't believe that money should be used for salary increase, we should rather use the money to create job opportunities for those that don't have any work to do."

Senator Nimi Barigha Amange (PDP, Bayelsa) cautioned his colleagues on the call for cancellation of the anniversary celebrations, asking "Can anyone of us here say that he did not celebrate his or her 50 years birthday? We have to celebrate, I don't believe in outright cancellation. If the money is too much we can reduce but not to cancel the celebration."

After the debate, the supplementary budget was read the second time and sent to the Commit-

tee on Appropriation for further legislative action within one week.

Meanwhile, the Senate also read for the second time a bill seeking for review of the 2010 budget as requested by President Jonathan.

Senate Leader Teslim Folarin said the president's request was necessitated by dwindling oil revenues as a result of falling price.

The bill was also read the second time and committed to the Appropriation Committee for further action within a week.

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Minister vows to end power outage in airports

By Turaki A. Hassan

MINISTER of Aviation Mrs Fidelia Njeze has assured Nigerians that power outage in all Nigerian airports would be a thing of the past as Independent Power Plant (IPP) are being planned for the nation's airports.

Speaking when she appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Aviation yesterday at the National Assembly, the minister expressed worry about incessant power failure in the nation's airport.

"We are working round the clock to ensure that all the nation's airports were installed with IPP for lasting solution to the power problems and generates 24 hours uninterrupted power supply," she said.

She also disclosed that the ministry will soon introduce e-payment in order to boost its revenue base, just as she lamented the "huge revenue loss" in the aviation sector due to manual collection of revenue and obsolete cash transaction.

The minister also announced that the ministry would install modern navigation aide geared towards monitoring and ensuring safety in the aviation sector in the next two or three months.

She said the world class transformation of South African terminal airports was done by a Nigerian, who had agreed to design and remodel all the country's terminal for free.

Chairman of the committee Rep. Bethel Amadi (PDP, Imo) said the committee was not happy with decadence in the aviation sector as previous appropriations were not judiciously utilised to better the lots of travelling Nigerians.

"We as a committee are ashamed any time we travel in or out of the country seeing the decadence in our infrastructural facilities in spite of parliament previous appropriations to the sector," he said.



APPLICANTS waiting to be screened for recruitment as constable into the Nigerian Police Force in Asaba, Delta State, yesterday.

Jonathan chairs ECOWAS summit in Cape Verde

By Aisha Umar Agaie, in Sal Island

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan will chair the meeting of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government that will adopt the West African Industrial Policy during their 38th ordinary summit today in Sal Island, Cape Verde.

The policy and action plan aim at significantly improving the living standard of the citizens of the region by 2030.

Also, a special summit of ECOWAS-Brazil will be held tomorrow July 3, 2010 to enhance trade relationship between West African and Brazil as well as how to tackle flow of drugs from Europe and America to the

region.

The mid-year summit in Cape Verde is the first to be hosted by a Portuguese-speaking Member State and summit will also consider the 2010 interim report of the President of the ECOWAS Commission.

The ECOWAS leaders will consider the report of the 28th meeting of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council, which met at the ministerial level on 7th and 8th June 2010 in Abuja.

New President of the ECOWAS Commission Ambassador James Victor Gbeho, who took over from Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas in March 2010, will also be sworn in during the summit.

Nwodo: PDP zoning will be reviewed

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

PEOPLES Democratic Party (PDP) will review its zoning arrangement, National Chairman of the party Dr. Okwesilize Nwodo has said.

The zoning arrangement of the ruling party has been generating serious debate within and outside the party.

Speaking on a BBC Hausa service in London monitored in Abuja yesterday, Nwodo said the party previously had zoning agreement where it decided to zone the presidency to zone, adding that it

is still possible to respect the arrangement.

He said they will review the arrangement and the PDP will make public its stand before the party choose its presidential candidate for 2011 general elections.

On the purported ambition of President Goodluck Jonathan, the PDP chairman said he (Jonathan) hasn't declared his intention.

He however said the constitution allows Jonathan to contest because he has met the age and educational requirements.

Female senators ask Bankole to reinstate Doris Uboh

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

EIGHT women senators have asked Speaker Dimeji Bankole to reverse the indefinite suspension placed on Rep Doris Uboh, saying she was not a member of the 'Progressives' in the House of Representatives.

Speaking during a press briefing yesterday, the female senators

condemned the manhandling of Rep Uboh during a fracas that ensued recently in the House saying it is against international conventions on the rights of women in politics.

In a statement read on behalf of the senators, Senator Chris Anyanwu (PDP, Imo) said "The whole world over, people watched with disgust as this woman was

dragged by one man, aided by a woman. She had earlier been pushed and she fell on the stairs of the Chambers."

The women in the Senate said the action has further threatened the actualisation of full participation of women in politics.

"The assault on Uboh and her humiliation is a set back on the drive for women's advancement.

It is an affront on all Nigerian women and especially women parliamentarians," the female senators said.

While calling on their female colleagues to abide by rules of the parliament, the women senators called on leaders of legislatures in the country to treat women lawmakers with decorum and restraint.



PHOTO: NAN

LAGOS State Taskforce members arresting an offender who did not go on the pedestrian bridge at Ojota in the state, yesterday.

Correction for the Record

In the Sunday Trust of June 27th 2010, the middle name of the Governor of Sokoto State Alhaji Aliyu Magatakarda Wammako was spelt "Magartakada." We regret the error.

Also in the Sunday Trust of June 20th 2010 in the caption to the cover picture, the title of the new Lamidon Adamawa Dr. Muhammed Barkindo Musdafa was written as Lamidon Adama. We apologise for the error.

Police install security cameras in Abuja

By Misbahu Bashir

THE police in Abuja said enough Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras are being installed in Abuja to prevent crimes.

A total of 25 cameras were installed in 2006 in a few places in Abuja but have not been utilised due to maintenance problem. The cameras were monitored at the police force headquarters.

Abuja Police Commissioner Haruna John said work on the installation of the cameras is being handled by Telemobile Nigeria Limited and policemen have been trained on how to maintain the gadgets after installation.

"Adequate cameras will be installed in Abuja to monitor the activities of people," he said.

He said CCTV experts and policemen have been going round the city centre to identify locations including private residences where the cameras will be installed.

"People whose houses are located in strategic places should allow the police to install the cameras on them. The cameras will not be focused into the houses of individuals to guarantee privacy. The CCTV footages will be used to detect crimes rather than relying on hearsay in probing cases," he said.

Northern govts reject pro-Jonathan summit

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Iorchia Ayu and Prof. Ango Abdullahi.

The governors' meeting, which lasted until 6pm, decided that every governor should go back to his state and hold a round of consultations, after which the Northern Governors' Forum will meet again in Kaduna on July 22, 2010 "to take a final decision of whether or not to support zoning and power rotation."

Daily Trust learnt that prior to yesterday's meeting, the governors had met the previous night and majority of them argued that the North should insist on upholding the PDP's "gentleman's agreement" that ceded the presidential ticket to the region until 2015.

Speaking to reporters at the venue, Dr. Ayu said the Northern Political Leaders' Forum, of which he is the spokesman, expressed their views on certain national political developments which affect the North, especially the presidency of the country.

Ayu, who is a former Senate President and former Education Minister, said their position on the need to respect the zoning principle will bring stability to the country. He said, "It is only fair that after President Olusegun Obasanjo's two terms in office which was facilitated by the North, the rest of the country should not be denied its chance just because our son, President Umaru Yar'adua died."

According to Ayu, they are not against a southern president per

se but that "rotation will serve our southern counterparts better." He advised presidential aspirants from the South to wait till 2015 when the North will support them. "It is a democracy and we cannot compel anybody. We made it clear to the governors that our position is to pursue the unity and stability of Nigeria."

Professor Jerry Gana, who was the spokesman for Chief Lar's delegation, also said that their visit to canvass the governors' support "is normal in a democracy." He said the same kind of negotiations played out in 1998 when there was agitation for power shift. Gana also said his forum will organise a summit "in order to come out with a consensus on rotation."

Speaking at the meeting's opening, Chairman of the Northern Governors Forum, Governor Babangida Aliyu of Niger State had pledged the North's total support to the Jonathan administration. He said they would "assist the government individually and collectively through good governance and embarking on ways and means of moving the country

forward." He also said the forum appreciated President Goodluck Jonathan for appointing former Kaduna State governor Mohamed Namadi Sambo as the Vice President.

Aliyu said that the events that preceded Malam Umaru Yar'adua's death and even after posed threats to the polity but that they have been overcome.

Courts, biggest bribe takers

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\$87 (N13,050) per transaction.

A summary report of the survey formally presented yesterday suggested that though bribery in the judiciary was less frequent than in many other agencies, it required the biggest transactions.

The survey was conducted in 2007 on a sample of 2775 enterprises randomly selected to represent businesses active in Nigeria, and a response rate of 79.4 percent representing 2203 interviews was recorded.

"Somewhat smaller amounts were indicated for Customs clearance, clearance of environment/health regulations, residence and work permits, registrations and police investigations (median bribe around 80 USD).

Smaller bribes were given for traffic offences (median around 40 USD)," the survey reported.

Most respondents said they could not avoid paying bribes and that they did so to speed up the procedure or receive better treatment. "Among public officials, police personnel were most frequently alleged by respondents (58%) to request the payment of bribes followed by employees of PHCN and the Water Board (39%), Revenue officials (26%) as well as Customs (25%)."

In the survey, Nigerians also rate the Police, political parties, Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) and Nigerian Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) low on their efficiency and performance.

It also emerged that crime and

insecurity, corruption, inflation and political instability are very strong obstacles to doing business in Nigeria.

The report said on average, more than 50% of Nigerian businesses become victims of crime at least once a year and that more than a third of business seems to be forced to pay bribes when coming into contact with the public sector. In particular, police and customs appear to be affected.

"The survey reveals that for more than 70% of Nigerian businesses crime and corruption constitutes the most serious obstacles to conducting business in Nigeria."

The survey covered over 2,200 businesses across all Nigerian states and sectors of the economy and aimed was at gathering the perception and experiences

of businesses with regard to corruption and crime, as well as their opinions regarding the efforts of the Nigerian Government to prevent and fight these phenomena.

The event, which was attended by large group of stakeholders, including representatives of anti-corruption agencies, public sector institutions, academia, civil society as well as the private sector and media, discussed the findings of the survey and "reaffirmed the key importance of the data for the purpose of policy development as well as benchmarking the performance of government initiatives and institutions in the fight against crime and corruption."

Former Attorney General of the Federation Chief Bayo Ojo, SAN however dismissed the survey's findings as "ridiculous."

Orubebe declines builder's award

By Sunday Williams

NIGER Delta Affairs Minister Elder Godsdan Peter Orubebe has declined a proposed award by the Nigerian Institute of Building (NIOB). Orubebe said until the vision of the president for the Niger Delta region is achieved he will not be pleased to accept any award.

Speaking in Abuja during a meeting with the Executive Board Members of NIOB led by its leader, Bldr. Dacholom Jambol, the minister said his vision for the region which is in line with that of President Goodluck Jonathan is yet to be achieved. He calls for synergy between the ministry and professional bodies in the country in order to add value to the ministry's efforts at developing the region.

Police confirm one dead, four injured in Lagos fracas

From Benjamin Auta, Lagos

THE Lagos State Police Command has confirmed the death of one person in a fracas between rival Hausa and Yoruba groups in Lagos on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Frank Mba said the corpse was deposited at the Naval Hospital in Satellite Town while four others were being treated for injuries in the hospital. He did not give the names of the victims.

The police added that four male suspects were arrested and machetes were recovered from them and they are presently in detention at the State CID on the orders of the Commissioner of Police Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo for investigation. Crisis erupted Wednesday when some transporters in Ijora motor fought over passengers which later became a Hausa/Yoruba crisis. Witnesses said yesterday that more than 40 people were injured, some critically.

When Daily Trust visited the scene of the crisis at about 1:00pm yesterday, some mobile policemen were seen around the area while people who refused to be named stated that people were arrested by the police.

A bus conductor said when an Hausa bus driver was to load passengers, he was ignored in favour of another driver, a Yoruba man.

Some of the people said some Yoruba youths tried to burn the New Nigerian Newspapers building but the police intervened on time to stop them. The police however, through their spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, a Superintendent of Police, said investigations had commenced in earnest as directed by the Commissioner.

The police denied that the fight had any political, ethnic or religious connotation saying it was a fight between Area Boys.

Tailor kills colleague with scissors

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

A 23 year-old tailor Wednesday stabbed his colleague to death with a pair of scissors at Gadun Albasa in Kano metropolis.

The incident occurred during a scuffle between the two. Nura Abdullahi told our reporter that the deceased, Abba, attempted to strangle him by squeezing his neck during a disagreement over an instruction by their boss, maintaining that he resorted to the object and pierced the deceased's chest. Abdullahi, now in custody of the police at Kwalli Division, said his action was in a desperate bid to save his neck. Our correspondent gathered that late Abba's corpse was released to his family by the police on the day the day of the incident and has been buried according to Islamic rites. When contacted, the Kano Police Command Public Relations Officer SP Baba Mohammed told Daily Trust that the suspect would be charged to court when investigation is completed.

Oshiomhole urges clean up of INEC

From Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

FOR the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Professor Attahiru Jega to conduct a credible election in 2011, a cleanup exercise is necessary to weed the commission of corrupt electoral officers that conducted disputed elections in the past, Governor Adams Oshimole of Edo State has said.

Oshiomhole was speaking to newsmen in Katsina Wednesday when he led members of his executive council on a condolence visit to the government and people of the state over the death of former President Umaru Musa Yar'adua.

Oshiomhole who sees the appointment of

Jega as the beginning of the changes required for the conduct of credible elections in the country pointed out, "If you put a new head on top of a rotten body, it may not make all the differences you may desire".

He said all INEC officials that presided over elections that were nullified by courts of law are not supposed to be allowed to remain in the business, saying there must be a complete clean up of the old order.

He said allowing them to remain in the system would create problems for Professor Jega.

"I know Jega has all the qualities required of an umpire in the Nigerian set up but he cannot do it alone because on election day Jega is going to be in one location and you are going to have all these other people in different loca-

tions", he said. He added that what would make a difference is the attitude of security agencies, particularly the police who have a great role to play in ensuring free and fair elections, noting that what is most important is for everyone to recognize that this country cannot afford another disputed election.

On state electoral commissions, Governor Oshiomhole said the Justice Uwais recommendation offered the best platform to reorder the electoral system and it is not right for state governors to appoint the heads of those electoral bodies. He described late Yar'adua as a great leader whose legacies would continue to be in the minds of Nigerians, particularly his courage in tackling the Niger Delta crisis and the insistence on the rule of law among others.

PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE



CROSS section of Obas from Oyo State during their visit to the House of Representatives for the proposed creation of New Oyo State at the National Assembly in Abuja, yesterday.

NIPOST, EFCC raise alarm on mail frauds

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

THE Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST) yesterday said it intercepted 1,708 scam letters containing fake foreign cheques and other negotiable financial instruments worth about \$18m, over 7million Euros and above One million Pound Sterling between October 2009 and March 2010.

NIPOST disclosed this at a stakeholders' forum/lecture held in Lagos yesterday.

The Assistant Inspector General (AIG) of Police Zone 11 Onikan Lagos Azubuko Udah who was the chairman of the occasion, while expressing concern over the increase in mail frauds recalled how he was duped by a stockbroker, saying, "I am a victim of the fraudsters because they sold 47,000 of my 50,000 shares in one of the old generation banks".

According to the NIPOST chief executive, Mori Baba, who spoke on the theme of the lecture, "The Nigerian Capital Market, Mail-The Crime, The Criminal and The Law", there has been an increase in the number of mail frauds in the country. He said postal

administration in the country faces numerous challenges in the bid to achieve maximum efficiency and high quality of service, adding that NIPOST had observed the challenge that mail pilferers and thieves posed to the agency's attempts to give high quality service.

On its part, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) argued that the interception figure quoted by NIPOST was a child's play compared to the true picture of the level of interception the commission had made in the past few years.

EFCC Chairman Mrs. Farida Waziri who was represented at the event by the Head of Advance Fee Fraud, Olaolu Adegbite, explained that the EFCC had been prosecuting various fraudsters who specialize in pilfering and outright stealing of share dividend warrants and promissory notes from the Nigerian Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Adegbite said all those that had been prosecuted for mail fraud were being tried under the Miscellaneous Offences Act 1983, triable at the Federal High Court. He said the commission had tonnes of blank financial

instruments received from Nigerian fraudsters and their foreign companions in countries like Spain, United-Kingdom, South Africa, the West Africa sub-region and the Middle East.

"Since the EFCC was created in 2003, the commission has been experiencing high level mail frauds, stealing of share certificates, dividend warrants and government cheques like that of Federal Inland Revenue Service, Corporate Affairs Commission and so many others that end in private accounts and pockets," he said.

He said the syndicate behind pilfering of NIPOST envelopes, stealing of shares certificates and dividend warrants were Lagos based, adding that members of the syndicate cannot change from their act because they had chosen crime as career.

The EFCC representative however said the way forward to reduce the fraud is for law enforcement agents to determine the scope of the frauds, embark on long term strategic planning and public education on the issue while calling on banks to look inward and expose fraudulent staff and audit suspicious accounts.

PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE



MEMBER, British House of Lords, Baroness Caroline (right) with President, Women Advancement for Economic and Leadership Empowerment in Africa, Basirat Nahibi, during the African women emancipation conference in Abuja, yesterday.

Gowon urges women empowerment to develop Africa

By Akor Ojoma

FORMER Head of State Gen. Yakubu Gowon says the full mobilisation and empowerment of women holds the key to sustainable development in Africa.

He stated this in Abuja yesterday at the continental conference for African Women Emancipation organized by Women Advancement for Economic and Leadership Empowerment in Africa.

Gowon said the popular adage that when you educate a woman you educate the nation is very appropri-

ate, adding that the rate of economic growth is faster in African countries that have prioritised the empowerment of their women population.

Zimbabwean Vice President Joice Teurai Ropa Mujuru said emancipating the African woman politically, socially and economically is a revolution that has to be fought and won.

Baroness Caroline Cox, member of British House of Lords and founder, Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART), in her key note address, said the involvement of women in leadership and peace processes among oth-

ers will help out in their emancipation.

Women Affairs and Social Development Minister Iyom Josephine Anenih urged African women to swap their beautiful words and flowing dresses for action and agitation until the status quo is turned upside down.

President and founder of WAELE Otunba Basirat Nahibi said the coming together of women from about 46 African countries for the conference is an indication of another milestone reached by women in Africa in addressing the challenges confronting them.

Forged FG papers: Lebanese get bail

By John Chuks Azu

JUSTICE Sadiq Umar of the FCT High Court in Maitama yesterday granted bail to two Lebanese arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) for conspiracy and forgery.

The bail was granted on the conditions of N5 million bonds by each of

the accused persons; that the accused persons must produce two sureties in the sum of N2.5 million each; that the International Passports of the accused persons must be deposited at the court; and that the sureties who must be resident in the FCT must be recommended by the accused persons.

He ordered the accused persons be remanded in Kuje Prisons if they fail

to fulfil the bail conditions.

Jihad Mohammed Ghraizi, 57 and his son Mohammed Jihad Ghraizi, 27 were arraigned on June 30th, 2010 over allegations of fraudulently making forged copies of documents, including federal government papers.

As at press time the accused persons were still trying to meet the bail conditions.

Reps flay NCC over N6bn SIM registration

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives yesterday flayed the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) over its proposal to spend N6.4 billion on the registration of SIM cards.

The House said that there was the need to amend the NCC Act because the commission had been given too much power which allows it to generate and expend fund without recourse

to the National Assembly.

Debating on the 2010 budget of the NCC and the Universal Service Fund, the lawmakers chided the commission for involving itself in SIM card registration as a regulator.

Lawmakers also criticised the commission for presenting its proposals in the middle of the year when other agencies and commissions had long presented theirs.

The lawmakers also criticised Dave

Salako (PDP, Ogun), chairman House Committee on Communications, for not calling the NCC to order on their refusal to remit their Internally Generated revenue to the government.

However, Rep. Salako defended the NCC saying that it has been remitting funds to the government.

The lawmakers read the bill for a second time and referred to the committee on communications for further action.

EFCC enforces anti-money laundering law

By Boco Edet

NON-FINANCIAL Institutions (NFIs) are to report transactions above N500, 000 by individuals and N5m by corporate organisations to the Special Control Unit against Money Laundering (SCUML) set up by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

SCUML Director of T. Akinbo who disclosed this yesterday said a special team to check compliance to the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act 2004 has embarked on a sensitisation and inspection visit of NFIs.

Akinbo said NFIs are also obliged to report suspicious transactions and send weekly statements to the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) as defaulters would attract a daily fine of N25, 000.

He said they should also display Money Laundering notice to the general public in a conspicuous position in their establishments.

Police arrest man for faking his abduction

By Misbahu Bashir

IN a separate development, the police have arrested one Abee Nathaniel Olawale for allegedly arranging his fake abduction.

"Olawale telephoned the Fist Mutual Micro Finance Bank in Abuja where he works and informed his colleagues that he was abducted. Later some people in the pretext of kidnapers called the Bank and requested for N10 million ransom which was reduced to N5 million. The bank informed the police and as investigation was going on the suspect emerged from hiding claiming that he was released. But before the false kidnap, one of the Bank's customer had given him the sum of N200, 000 to save," he said.

The police also arrested one Chris Mugu who specialised in stealing cars using exceptional ignition keys. Over a hundred car keys were recovered from him. The police said 24 vehicles recovered from him and his colleagues are in their custody.

NAFDAC offers N.3m to informants

By Ruby Leo

THE National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has reviewed the cash reward for any informant that provides information that leads to the arrest of a drug baron from N.2m to N.3m.

Director General of the agency Dr Paul Orhii said this while presenting a paper titled, 'Combating drug counterfeiting; strategies and challenges,' at the golden jubilee business summit held in London.

A press statement signed by the agency's public relations officer Mr Abubakar Jimoh, yesterday, said the agency is also sponsoring a draft bill to ensure that drug counterfeiting offence become non-bailable offence in Nigeria.

Nafada receives UNIJOS leadership award

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE Faculty of Law of the University of Jos has awarded the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Usman Bayero Nafada with an award of excellence in public service. The award was conferred on him along with other recipients on Wednesday by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Jos, Professor Sonni Tyoden during the fund raising for the construction of International Centre for Law and Diplomacy and the public presentation of the University of Jos Law Journal.

A lecture on the issues in the harmonized constitution amendment document being considered by the state assemblies was delivered by Benue State governor Gabriel Suswam.

Nigeria @ 50: Organisers defend London summit

From Ibrahim Chonoko, London

THE Nigerian Golden Jubilee Business Summit in London was meant to raise Nigeria's global profile and provide an opportunity for President Goodluck Jonathan to promote trade and investment in Nigeria, organisers of the event, BusinessInAfrica Events (BIAE), said.

The summit came under heavy criticisms from the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and some opposition political parties who described it as a "national disgrace" and a "waste of public funds."

But BIAE chief executive Christian Udechukwu said the summit was not financed by the Nigerian government. "(It) was completely funded by some of the finest organisations at the forefront

of promoting Nigeria's economic growth and development."

"It is traditional for countries to use special commemorative anniversary events to strength their bilateral relations and it is therefore in keeping with these convention that BIAE planned its Business Summit to coincide with the proposed official visit of Mr. President Goodluck Jonathan to the United Kingdom," Udechukwu said in a statement.

South-South speakers urge quick action on electoral reform

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

SPEAKERS in the South-West yesterday urged President Goodluck Jonathan to expedite action on electoral reforms. At the conference of South-West Speakers in Akure, Speaker of the Ogun State Assembly Adejare Bello said the 2011 election will be worse than the previous ones if a mechanism that would ensure that every vote counts is not put in place. According to him, credible elections

cannot not be addressed on the pages of newspapers and words of mouths alone, but through concerted efforts. He said the new Independent National Electoral Commission Chairman Attahiru Jega has a herculean task ahead if there is no change in the attitude of Nigerians.

"I pity Attahiru Jega because he is in for a task that might rubbish his image. No doubt he is a successful educationist, who has done well in his calling but, conducting an election is a different thing entirely.

While he was being sworn in on Wednesday by President Goodluck Jonathan, I noticed that the president was looking at him with pity, that is because he knows that he can never satisfy Nigerians. The problem with our election is you and I, we need to brace up and make sure that peoples votes count," he added.

Earlier, the Speaker of the Ondo House of Assembly called on all the Assemblies to work harmoniously towards giving the country a befitting constitution.

Culture, taboos mar healthcare delivery -Mrs Amaechi

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

CULTURAL beliefs and religious taboos have been identified as factors militating against effective health care delivery. Wife of Rivers State Governor, Dame Judith Amaechi, said this while receiving the management of Chi Pharmaceutical Limited yesterday. Mrs Amaechi said, "It is very unfortunate that despite all efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality, our women and children are still vulnerable and sent to early graves due to ignorance and obnoxious beliefs. It is very sad."

She quoted a report which said that over 8,000 women die of cervical cancer annually and charged medical personnel to initiate programmes in local dialects to educate people in the rural areas.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation, Mr Bukola Johnson, said the organization was partnering with the ESI on health related matters to complement the state government efforts in its fight against preventable diseases.



QUEUE for kerosene at the NNPC fuel station at Amuwo Odofin in Lagos State, yesterday.

PIC: NAN

Kogi to partner NGOs on swine flu

From Isiaka Wakili, Lokoja

THE Kogi State government says it will partner with Non-Governmental Organizations to prevent the outbreak of swine flu in the state. The state Commissioner for Health Dorcass Onumiya, who spoke at the opening ceremony of a two-day sensitization and capacity development programme on swine flu organized for the National Orientation Agency and NGOs from 21 local government areas of the state yesterday, said it was part of the government's efforts at safeguarding people from deadly diseases.

The commissioner, represented by a director in the ministry, Dr Francis Akpan, said the government could not do it alone, calling on NGOs in all the local government areas of the state to participate in the sensitization and advocacy programmes in rural areas.

The Director of the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Kogi State Directorate, Ibikunle Medubi, said the programme would build the capacity of the participants.

Association wants Oronsaye removed

From John Kennedy Uzoma, Owerri

THE Nigeria Association of Technologist in Engineering (NATE) has called on President Goodluck Jonathan to remove the Head of Service of the Federation Mr. Stephen Oronsaye from office. The National President of the association, Chief Leo Okereke, at a news conference in Owerri yesterday, said the call was due to a statement

credited to him, where he said, "HND is not equivalent to university degree".

Okereke, who described the statement as unfortunate, said it was aimed at promoting the lingering disparity between HND and Degree holders in the country.

The NATE president, who accused the Head of Service of bias, advised the Federal Government to sack him.

Gov's wife harps on love

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

WIFE of the Rivers State Governor, Dame Judith Amaechi, has attributed the involvement of Niger Delta youths in insurgency to lack of love, calling on the people to love each other irrespective of backgrounds.

Mrs Amaechi, who spoke at a fund raising event for the Rivers State Community Foundation in Port Harcourt, a Non-Governmental Organization, said many youths took to militancy because of neglect and deprivation by the

rich.

She lamented that most people do not see the need to care for others.

"We must learn to give, giving is a worthwhile investment with multipliable dividends to the investors. If we give and show love, there will be no room for militancy," she added.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prof Nimi Briggs, said the NGO was established in partnership with the World Bank to harness available resources to maintain the permanent endowment fund.

Group to hold peace rally in Jos

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

A group, the Young Ambassadors for Community Peace is to hold a rally in support of the peace building efforts in Plateau State, according to a statement by the Executive Director of the group, Yakubu Pam.

Pam, who spoke in Jos yesterday, said at the rally, 40,000 youths in the state are expected to denounce violence.

He added that the rally, which would be held later this month, would be preceded with a tour to some areas in the state capital.

Nasarawa State Governor Aliyu Akwe Doma, Senate President David Mark, Andrew Young, Wife of the President, Dame Patience Goodluck Jonathan and Governor Jonah Jang are expected to attend the rally.

Nigerian Army to help rebuild Liberia, Sierra Leone

From Benjamin Auta, Lagos

THE Nigerian Army Engineers Corps will participate in the reconstruction of roads, bridges and other infrastructure in Liberia and Sierra Leone, the Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Abdulrahman Bello Danbazau said in Lagos yesterday. He said this while commissioning the new Central Medical Stores

Complex of the Nigerian Army in Yaba. Danbazau added that the Army resorted to direct labour to salvage and improve existing facilities due to dwindling resources.

He said the 44 Reference Hospital, Kaduna and the Yaba Military Hospital would soon be upgraded to level four UN hospitals. He called on the officers and men to be committed to their duties.

IBB is healthy, son says

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

CONTRARY to a rumor making the rounds that former military President General Ibrahim Babangida is suffering from stroke, his son Mohammed Babangida yesterday said nothing was wrong with his father. He added that the former president was in 'the best shape medically'. Mohammed said his father's detractors were behind the rumor.

"I stand for the General Babangida family to state that the rumor that my father is down with stroke has no iota of truth in it. In fact, he has been travelling by road to major

parts of the North lately. I was with my father yesterday and he was in a healthy form when I left him. The text messages going round had in it details, that suggest that, they are being sent by our detractors. I know that this is the time for politics and those opposed to his presidential ambition are doing their best to weaken his supporters, who are determined to go all out to make sure that he returns as a civilian president", he said.

On whether his father would withdraw from the race if President Goodluck Jonathan declares his intention to contest, Mohammed said nothing would deter the former president.

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Oyedepo links poor education standard to greed

From Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

THE Chancellor of the Covenant University, Otta, Bishop David Oyedepo, has called on the Federal Government to redefine education in the country. Speaking at a news conference ahead of the 5th convocation ceremony of the institution, he said, "There is avoidable poverty in the

nation because of greed and the inability of our past leaders to efficiently engage our human resources for the purpose of developing our great national potentials."

He said Japan reengineered its educational policy from paper certification to a knowledge based system, saying that was what made the country what it is today, one of the Asian tigers in development.

"Knowledge is the new currency of the world. I will advise those in authority to redefine the purpose of education as the Japanese did in the past. The curriculum should be reviewed to meet changing needs. We must do away with too much emphasis on paper qualification and focus on real education of the mind. That will advance the course of the country," he said.

AC urges Jang to respect rule of law on Wase impasse

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

THE Action Congress (AC) Plateau State chapter, has called on Governor Jonah Jang to respect the verdict of the appeal tribunal and swear in Muhammed Zakari of the Action Congress (AC) as the Chairman of Wase Local Government Area. The party in a statement by its chairman, Chief Emos Gizo, said the

refusal to swear in Zakari violates rule of law and democratic principles. The tribunal had on June 3, 2010, upheld the decision of the lower tribunal, which sacked the present chairman of the local government council, Alhaji Abubakar Muhammed Badu of the Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP), but till date, the governor is yet to swear in Zakari as the chairman.

Gombe denies deaths after use of mosquito nets

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

THE Gombe State Malaria Control Booster Project has denied rumors that some people died after using the Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) distributed in the state. The project described the story as unfounded.

In a statement signed by the Project Manager of the programme, Dr. Arnold Abel, the project said the nets met the requirements of the World Health Organization Pesticide Evaluation Scheme in terms of standard and human safety.

The project challenged anyone with proof as regards the purported deaths to come

forward and substantiate the claim. It added that the Mai of Kaltungo also investigated the rumors and found them to be unfounded.

The project said the same nets were distributed in 13 states of the federation and there has been no reported case of death, asking why that of Gombe would be different.

IBB's son blames critics for underdevelopment

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

THE son of former military President Ibrahim Babangida, Mohammed Babangida, has blamed critics for the country's economic and political problems, saying they have only contributed to destroying the country with no efforts to salvage it. He lamented that all they do is to criticize people oriented programmes.

Babangida, who said this yesterday in Minna at a one day capacity building work-

shop organized by the Niger State Development Company, lamented that the critics were not only at the federal level, but that they had also recruited agents in various states to cause confusion in the country. Niger State Governor Babangida Aliyu, who was represented by the Chief Executive Officer of the company, Alhaji Mohammed Aliyu, said the country could not experience sustainable development without proper planning and budgeting.

Yuguda urges leaders on peace, security

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

BAUCHI State Governor Isa Yuguda has called on leaders in the country to ensure peace and security in their states, saying there were necessary for economic growth. Yuguda, who spoke yesterday at the fund raising ceremony for the construction of an international centre for law and diplomacy

organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Jos, said, "Peace and security are very critical because it is only when you have them that you can woo investors. If peace and security are not comprised, a nation will surely develop. Fifteen years ago, China was not better than Nigeria, but because of the peace and security there, China now has the largest foreign reserve," he said.

Man charged with killing teenager through poison

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

MUSA Ibrahim of Jidari polo in Maiduguri, Borno State, was yesterday arraigned before a Maiduguri High Court for allegedly poisoning a teenager. According to the charge sheet, which was read to the accused yesterday, one Simeon Amos, brother to the deceased told the police that the boy started vomiting shortly after eating a piece of meat, allegedly

given to him by the accused.

It added that the boy was confirmed dead at a nursing home in Maiduguri. The accused person, who was said to have committed the offence in November, 2009, is charged with culpable homicide. When the charge was read to Ibrahim, he pleaded not guilty. The presiding judge, Justice Alkali Gana Wakil adjourned the case till August 12 and remanded the accused in prison custody.

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Judge calls for amendment of abortion law

By Adelanwa Bamgboye & Ruby Leo

JUSTICE Ishaq Bello of FCT High Court has called for the amendment of abortion law in Nigeria, saying that laws should be pragmatic enough to reflect current realities.

He stated this yesterday in Abuja while speaking at the inauguration of the FCT Chapter of the Network of the Bar, Bench and Police (NBB&P) on Reproductive Health (RH).

Justice Bello however said that such reform should include "very stringent safeguards" to ensure that such reform would not encourage immorality.

Justice Bello said that abortion law as it is represented an ideal situation of pregnancy on grounds that it believes that all women would be impregnated by their husbands or

by men they reached an agreement with for such purpose.

He further said that pregnancies that were results of rape and incest were not envisaged by the abortion law an inherited 1861 of Britain which the colonial masters had reformed more than three times.

He observed that the law did not permit qualified medical doctors to terminate a pregnancy, except when it threatened the life of the women. He said that the law could not stand as it is because of the number of women that died from complications of unsafe abortion which stood at 34,000 every year.

In his remarks, the President of National Industrial Court, Justice Babatunde Adejumo said that issues of reproductive health should be brought to the fore.

Mining ministry to collaborate with states

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

MINISTER of Mines and Steel Development Arch. Musa Muhammad Sada says his ministry is ready to collaborate with states for the utilisation of mineral resource.

Sada made the comment when Katsina State commit-

tee on alternative energy visited the ministry in Abuja.

The minister said presently Federal Government through the ministry is working on the coal for power project as an alternative source of energy for the country.

He said the ministry is therefore ready to collaborate with states and asked them to

come up with workable proposals, which would be in line with the laws governing the mining sector and which at the same time would bring dividends of democracy to the Nigerian citizens.

The Minister, who was the former Chairman of the Committee, pledged his support towards the achievement

of the desired result.

Chairman of Katsina State Committee on Alternative Energy Engr. Musa Nashuni said Katsina State is threatened by the problem of deforestation. He said the use of briquettes instead of firewood would go a long way at solving the ecological problem.

NULGE wades into leadership dispute

By Francis Okeke

THE Caretaker Committee of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) yesterday waded into the lingering leadership crisis that has gripped the union since last year in order to bring lasting peace and conduct elections for members.

Chairman of the committee Comrade Bashir Olanrewaju told reporters after a National Executive Meeting (NEC) in the union's national headquarters in Abuja that the committee would employ alternative dispute resolution methods to end the crisis.

Speaking on the outcome of the meeting, he said "We advised that all parties should withdraw their cases in court. We say we want to serve and if indeed we want to serve, let us go to the polls and have a credible election and that is our aim."

He added that the 7-Man Caretaker Committee has also invited the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) with a view to fast tracking the resolution of the crisis so as to conduct elections "as soon as possible."

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Agency creates 1,900 jobs in two years

By Zakariyya Adaramola

THE National Board for Technology Incubation (NBTI) said it has created about 1,871 direct jobs and hundreds of indirect ones in two years.

This is even as the Federal government lamented that the high level of unemployment in the country is disturbing.

Director General of NBTI Prof. Gambo Laraba Abdullahi said this while speaking at a one-day workshop jointly organised by the National Universities Commission

(NUC) and NBTI in Abuja.

She said the agency through its Technology Incubation Programme (TIP) had developed thousands of technology-based enterprises in about 25 centres across the country.

Prof. Laraba Abdullahi said each of the entrepreneurs trained at the centres generates average revenue of N4.8 million yearly.

She said the agency had been developing necessary infrastructure for nurturing technology start-ups and promoting Nigeria's indigenous potentials through

value-added and technology-related activities.

The scope of TIP, she said, is to nurture the development and commercialisation of low and medium technologies in the country.

Meanwhile, the Federal Government yesterday bemoaned the high level of unemployment situation in the country.

Education Minister Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i said at the workshop that the unemployment situation is caused mainly by the lack of synergy between the universities and industries.

Scheme urges effective health sector funding

By Ruby Leo

THE Federal Government has been urged to allocate adequate fund to the health sector to improve the worsening health indices and give Nigerians access to effective health care.

General Manager, Contributions Management, National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), Mr. Umar


Namadi made this assertion in Dutse, Jigawa State during a sensitization workshop for healthcare providers under the NHIS/MDGs Maternal and Child Health Project.

He said the Project, currently funded by the office of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is aimed at addressing the critical issues of financial and physical access to health-

care for pregnant women and children below the age of five.

This was contained in a press statement signed by the head, media and public relations, Mr Ayo Osinlu.

Earlier, Alhaji Hamza Kakuch, representing the state governor Sule Lamido, reiterated government's unflinching support for the MCH project.

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Our ideal candidate should possess:

- A first degree in a relevant discipline.
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- Performs any other duties assigned by the Director, Marketing Segments and Strategy.

Our ideal candidate should possess:

- A first degree in a relevant discipline.
- Industry certification(s) and/or post-graduate/professional qualification(s) in a related field (an added advantage)
- Expert knowledge of competitive environment, consumer trends and trade practices in the industry
- Eight (8) to twelve (12) years relevant work experience, with at least three (3) years in a managerial role

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- Performs any other duties as may be assigned by the Head, Churn and Retention.

Our ideal candidate should possess:

- A first degree in a relevant discipline.
- Industry certification(s) and/or post-graduate/professional qualification(s) in a related field (an added advantage)
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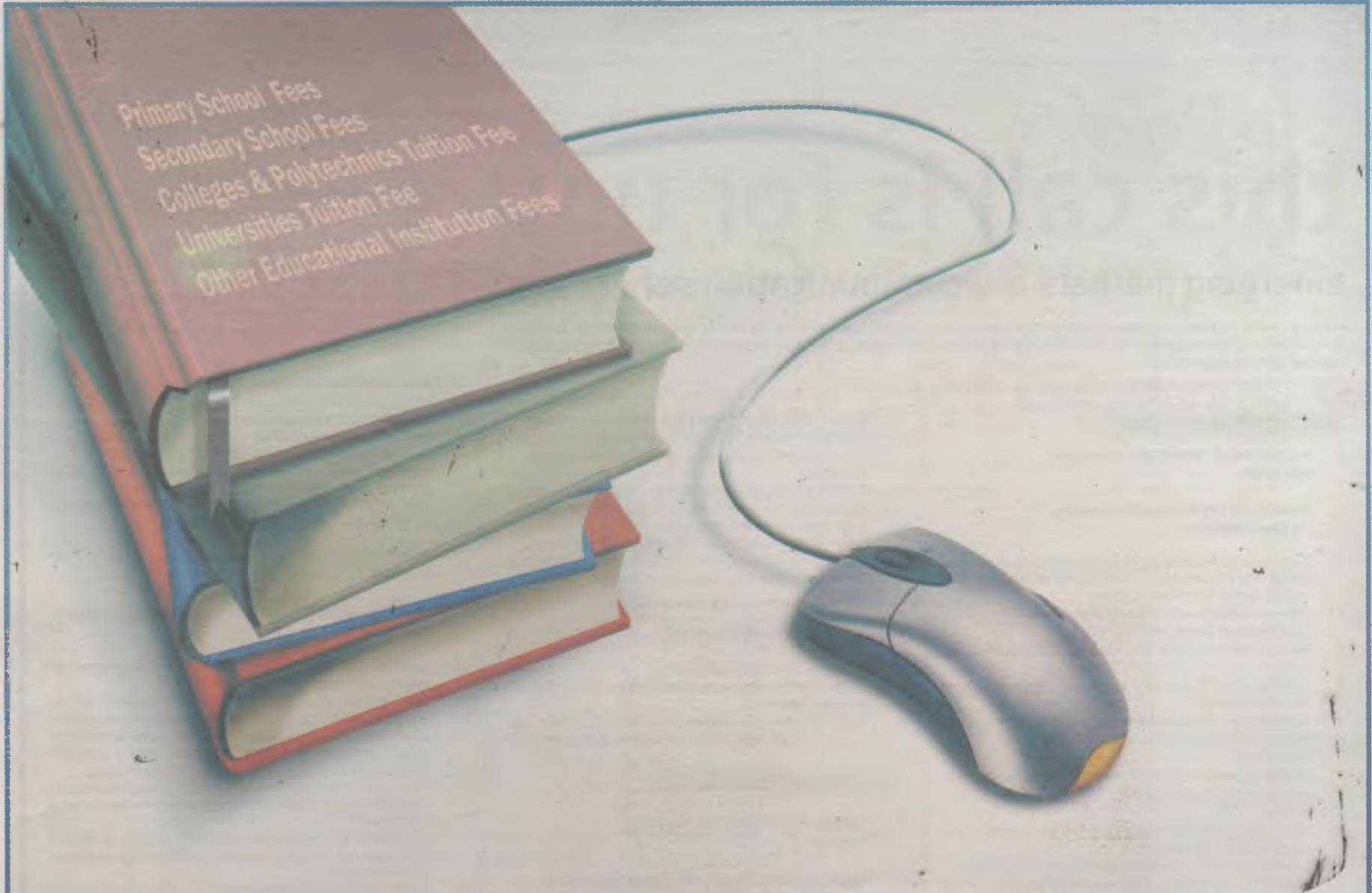
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Inside Politics

We'll contain Gov Lamido if... — Kano PDP chair

BARRISTER Farouq Iya is the chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Kano State. In this interview with *Daily Trust*, he speaks on the ongoing squabble between the state executive committee of the PDP in Kano and Governor Sule Lamido of Jigawa State. Excerpts:

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Dutse

The PDP in Kano State has been exchanging words with Jigawa State governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido in recent times. Why this unhealthy development few months to election?

Of course there is misunderstanding between us and the Jigawa State Governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido. He claimed to be helping us to win elections in Kano but we understand that he was going down the line to fuel the little misunderstanding within the party by using some antagonists who do not agree with our leadership style. Why would he say that we should stop using coinages like Kwankwasiyya and Garkuwa in Kano? But I told him categorically that Kano PDP will not tolerate anything that will destabilise our party. And obviously one of the things that have the potential to destabilise us his attempt to dictate to us what we should call ourselves and what we should not. I told him that whatever we call ourselves is not his business. He is the governor of Jigawa State; we are the officials of Kano PDP and we know how to run the affairs of PDP in our domain.

No such organisation exists in Jigawa because he is in total control of his party over there. Indeed, he does a lot of things which we cannot do here in Kano. In Kano we cannot tell PDP faithful not to contest against themselves because our political awareness in Kano has gone so high that no one will listen to you when you confine their choice to a particu-



FAROUQ Iya

lar candidate. We understand that there was only one candidate in each local government during the last council election in Jigawa. We cannot do that in Kano.

Kwankwasiyya and others have been established for long and Lamido cannot stop them. This is our business in Kano and if he won't allow us do things our own way, let him leave us alone.

Again, we were to celebrate our Democracy Day but Governor Lamido invited our boys to Dutse to attend the Democracy Day celebration there. We assume

that those boys were paid to do certain things. Perhaps some people believe that they could come to Kano with money and destabilise us but I am sorry to say that this is not achievable. So after realising the dangers associated with the purported help from the Jigawa State governor, we told him that we don't want his assistance anymore.

We know how to win election and we will win InshaAllah. However, if he still wants to help us, he is welcome but he should come through the party and give

us whatever he wants and then we will take care of the situation in Kano. Let him not seek to divide us because we will resist any such attempt.

Do you imply that Lamido has interest in any of the factions you have within the Kano PDP?

You see, we don't see Kwankwasiyya and others as factions within PDP, but associations that help the growth and development of the party in the state. For you to have a faction, there has to be a divided leadership, with one group disagreeing with certain issues and feel they want change them. If they feel that way and establish another leadership, a faction would be said to have emerged. So looking at what's happening in Kano, we actually don't have factions. In Kano everybody recognises that we are the leaders of the party. In Kano everybody recognises that there is a leadership structure, and on our part, we do give the Kwankwasiyya and Garkuwa their privileges as Nigerian associations to go and develop our party. So we see them as partners in progress, rather than factions.

If Governor Lamido chooses one of these affiliates that we recognise and use it to develop our party, we will welcome him. Unfortunately, he is backing a faction which they call Gyara-Kayanka. This group is a faction because it doesn't recognise our leadership and that of other groups in Jigawa state. So based on this I can call this group a faction and we will fight it to the end.

Do you mean you are going to penetrate into Jigawa PDP and fight the Governor?

Even if we don't do that, we will expose graphic details of what he has been doing to destabilise the PDP in Kano. And even if it means going to Jigawa to tell people his mission, we will do that. And if he still continues, we will also move into Jigawa and establish a strong opposition within the PDP there to engage him. There is nothing wrong in doing tit for tat.

Don't you think Lamido, as founding father of the party, is simply interfering to help you put your house in order?

But we have other founding fathers that are not doing what Lamido is doing to us here in Kano. Many of them exist in Katsina, our neighbours, but they never interfere with our affairs? We see Lamido as a senior partner in progress, not someone to decide our destiny.

Late Muhammad Abubakar Rimi was in Kano and alive when the affiliates started, but he had never interfere into the affair of the party executives with a view to stopping us from entertaining any of the groups. Why Sule Lamido from Jigawa state? Lamido held the position of Minister and now he is the Governor of Jigawa state and we are respecting him for that, but that is the only limit he has and if he goes beyond his limit, we will fight him because he is not helping us at all.

Group appeals to Goje over Senator Wada's replacement

By Abbas Jimoh

SHEK-MU Tangale Development Association has urged Governor Muhammed Danjuma Goje to support Dr. Danlami Arabs Rukujei to fill the vacancy of the Gombe South senatorial district created by the demise of late Senator Tawar Umbi Wada, who died on April 1, 2010 in Abuja.

The group made the appeal in a letter addressed to Governor Goje and signed by its secretary Mr. Jarusa Samutar on behalf of the 40-member executive committee of the group.

"We would like to appeal that a member from the Tangale community be nominated to fill the vacuum and finish the tenure of the deceased, which expires in 2011," the letter read.

The letter observed that the contribution of Dr. Rukujei to the PDP as well as his agreeing to withdraw for late Wada to go for the second term was highly appreciated by the entire Tangale community.

"It is our candid view and firm believe that such a consideration would no doubt please the minds of our people," the letter said.

Constitution amendment: Imo Assembly rejects 2 sections

From Johnkennedy Uzoma, Owerri

IMO State House of Assembly has rejected two sections from the first harmonized 2010 constitutional amendment bill sent to it by the National Assembly for approval.

Some of the areas rejected include sections 65 and 131 which border on the educational qualification for those contesting for national assembly seats, office of the governor and president.

At the special seating on the bill for an act to alter the provision of the of 1999 constitution of Nigeria in Owerri yesterday, the lawmakers also rejected sec-

tion 177 which provides for independent candidate in an election.

In a press statement made available to Daily Trust by the Chief Press secretary to the speaker Imo State House of Assembly Mr. Kelechi Mejuobi said that other alterations made in the amendment were approved.

The speaker, Chief Goodluck Opiah, noted that history was being made where the people were called upon to make input into the Nigerian constitution.

He expressed happiness with the attitude of the state legislators whom he said had been steadfast and resolute in their constitutional duties.

Inside Politics

Plateau to hold council polls in Jan

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

PLATEAU State Government has said it is determined to conduct free, fair and peaceful local government election in January 2011.

Plateau State Commissioner of Information Mr Gregory Yenlong stated this yesterday while speaking to newsmen in Jos.

"After the expiration of the tenure of the present 17 local government councils in December, government will conduct free and fair council elections. From the court rulings, the Plateau electoral body [PLASIEC] has learnt its mistakes and there will be a lot of improve-

ment in the 2011 election. It will be better than the previous polls," the spokesman said.

The Jos crisis of November 2008 was largely caused by the controversial local government elections that were held on 27 November 2008. Several hundreds of people lost their lives in the civil disturbance that followed on November 28.

On the 2011 gubernatorial elections, Mr Yenlong said no politician on the Plateau can match Governor Jonah Jang because of the level of development and dividends of democracy he delivered to the people.

'Zoning will ruin Nigeria's democracy'

By Abbas Jimoh

THE proponents of zoning in the 2011 presidential election are bent on ruining the nation's nascent democracy, speakers at a one-day national forum on 'Demerits of Zoning in Politics in Nigeria' said yesterday in Abuja.

The forum organised by the National Political Summit Group (NPSG) warned Nigerians to be weary of a repeat of what happened in Lebanon, Cyprus, Sudan and Yugoslavia among other countries that adopt power sharing as a system of governance.

In his keynote address, Professor Bernard Onuegbu of the Rivers state University of Science and Technology, said that zoning is being clamoured for by few selfish individuals who want to hold the country to ran-

som, blocking the way for the visionary leaders that Nigeria deserves.

"The most pervasive is that the purported zoning in the country is ethnic-based in disguised in which case only the majority groups have the chance of producing the president in a particular zone. The minority ethnic groups or those affiliated to a minority religious group in a particular zone are prevented from aspiring to the office of the president or do not have the courage to do so though they may be the best in the zone," Onuegbu said.

The Special Adviser on political affairs to President Goodluck Jonathan, Alhaji Ahmed Aliyu Gulak, also said that calling for zoning is to engender mediocrity and deny Nigerians the opportunity of having competent people as their leaders.

ALGON to hold election August

By Abdulmurtallib A. Abubakar

CARETAKER committee of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) has resolved to elect its national officers on August 7, 2010.

The association said in a communiqué at the end of its National Executive Council (NEC) meeting in Abuja yesterday that the date for the poll was unanimously agreed by NEC members in compliance with ALGON's constitution.

National publicity secretary of the association, Mr. Felix Akhagbue, said the tenure of the out-gone

national officers terminated on June 7 but it constituted a caretaker led by the former national chairman Alhaji Ibrahim Jalo which has been overseeing the affairs of the body.

According to Akhagbue, the electoral committee is to be chaired by Hon. Musa Yusuf Ahijo from Taraba State while, Hon. Avaan Augustine is to serve as the secretary of the committee.

Other members of the committee are Honorable Wole Ogun Semi, Kemi Nicholas, Mohd I. Sanusi, Sam Osuji and Nse Ntuen from Osun, Plateau, Zamfara, Imo and Akwa Ibom States respectively.



FROM left, Deputy National coordinator; Youth Ask for Goodlock (YAG), Abubakar Umar Gorofi; YAG National Coordinator, Chiejina John and National Secretary, Comrade Hassan J. Uaibu at a press conference in Abuja yesterday.

IBB's son, Mohammed, confident that Jega will be fair

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

GENERAL Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida's son, Mohammed, has expressed confidence that the new helms man of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Professor Attahiru Jega will be fair to all contestants in the coming election.

In an interview with *Daily Trust* in Minna yesterday, Mohammed said he believed Jega is a man of integrity who will discharge his duties as INEC chairman without sentiments.

Professor Jega was the president of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) when General Babangida was military president, a period which witnessed bitter struggle between the then military government and university lecturers.

Contrary to widespread speculations that Jega may go against his father, Mohammed said what happened between in the past was not personal

but a matter that had to do with the offices of the two men.

"The problem with Professor Jega and my father was not personal but between the two different institutions both of them represented. We believe in his integrity to conduct a free and fare elections. We have no fear in his judgement as we have confidence that he will do his best to make sure that he protects the integrity he stands for, which has in the first place brought him to recognition," Mohammed said.

Mohammed urged Nigerians to disabuse their minds from general speculations that President Goodluck Jonathan was going to contest the presidential election. He said President had only promised Nigerians that he would do his best to make the elections fraud free.

IBB's son said no human factor will stop his father's ambition, adding that even if Jonathan finally made up his mind to stand for the election, the general will still contest.

Constitutional amendment is mere palliative, says Imoke

By Muideen Olaniji

GOVERNOR Liyel Imoke of Cross River State yesterday described the ongoing constitutional amendment process as mere, palliative modifications, that cannot fully address the fundamental issues facing Nigeria's federalism.

The governor was speaking during 3rd Memorial Lecture and 10th Memorial celebration for late former Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and former Governor of Old Cross River State Dr Clement Nyong Isong.

"These amendments are merely palliative modifications designed more to smoothen over the cracks of the current

Nigerian political system rather than address the fundamental issues of Nigerian federalism," Imoke said at the lecture organized by The Clement Isong Foundation (TCIF).

Delivering a lecture on 'The Imperatives of True Federalism in Nigeria and the Challenges of Development of Sub-National', Imoke said the whole system of fiscal federalism in Nigeria needs to be reviewed such that each tier of government has financial resources to fulfil its constitutional responsibilities.

The governor stated that the exclusive and concurrent legislative lists need to be amended to give room for a more equitable distribution of functions between the fed-

eral government and the states and the local governments.

Earlier, the chairman of the occasion and former Head of Interim National Government Chief Ernest Shonekan described late Isong as a man of honour and integrity, recalling his positive contribution as a member of Budget Monitoring Committee (BMC) and Vision 2010.

The occasion where the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of The Clement Isong Foundation (TCIF) Dr Matthias Offoboche spoke on the activities of the Foundation had Obong Victor Attah, Uffot Ekaette, Joseph Wayas and Victor Ndoma-Egba among others in attendance.

BUSINESS

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Sanusi: Four foreign banks bid for Nigerian banks

By Idris Ahmed with agency report

FOUR foreign banks have expressed interest in Nigeria's troubled banks, Central Bank Governor Sanusi Lamido Sanusi has said. He did not name the banks. He spoke to reporters in London.

The central bank is seeking investors to recapitalise the banks it bailed out last year, Reuters reports.

"We expect (the bids) by the end of July from local banks, foreign banks and private equity firms," Sanusi said.

"The bulk of them are local, there are four international banks." He said the results of the bids would be released by September or October.

But the head of the Nigeria's apex bank had told *Daily Trust* in an interview when he marked his one year in office last month that foreign investors were not interested in Nigerian banks.

He had said: "They have come, they have looked at some of the banks, they have looked at the books and they have walked away. What does that tell you? It tells you how bad those banks are. People came, they were excited. We had four, five and six different banks that came and some of them have shown interest in one or two. Most of them looked at these banks and say they could not imagine that anybody was running the affairs of these banks. They are not interested. They want to come to Nigeria. Meanwhile, you have people who are still expressing doubt on the condition of the banks. They did initial due diligence of the banks and they say they can't imagine the level of rots in these banks."

The rescued banks that got the central bank N620billion bailout fund are: Oceanic, Intercontinental, Afribank, Union Bank, FinBank, Skyebank, BankPHB and Equitorial Trust Bank.

He also expects the interest rate to remain at six per cent.

Nigeria's benchmark interest rate has been on hold at 6 percent for a year despite double-digit inflation as the central bank strives to stimulate growth in the wake of last year's banking crisis.

"We see no compelling reason to raise rates," Sanusi told reporters on the sidelines of a conference in London.

The country's monetary policy committee meets next Monday and Tuesday. It warned in May that an expansionary



budget and the soaking up of bad bank loans could pose an inflationary risk later in the year.

Sanusi described headline inflation which is around 11 percent in May as "relatively stable".

Meanwhile, one of the world's best rating agency Standard & Poor's had said Tuesday that the Nigerian banks continue to look extremely risky, despite a bail-out of the sector last year.

"The Nigerian banking system is very high risk. The ratings we have for the banks are in the single B category, it's a very very low level compared to most banks in the world," John Gibling, managing director for financial institutions at

S&P, told a Nigeria conference.

"We continue to see the Nigerian banking system as very high risk. In regulatory reform there is still a long way to go."

Standard & Poor's said the Central Bank of Nigeria may need to guarantee the acquisition of the rescued banks to be able to win the confidence of investors.

But the country's central bank expects the planned Asset Management Company (AMCON) to soak up bad loans from troubled banks.

Nigerian law allows foreigners to own majority stake in local banks. The country has three foreign banks currently in operation. They are: Standard Chartered Bank, StanbicIBTC and Citibank.

BRIEF

ETI to shed 10% equity from Ecobank Nigeria

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

ECOBANK Transnational Incorporated (ETI) will soon shed 10 per cent equities out of the existing holding of 85 per cent in the Ecobank Nigeria to the Nigeria public in line with the Nigeria Stock Exchange (NSE)'s regulation.

The bank is currently holding 85 per cent equities in the Nigerian bank as a result of deposit of N46 billion for shares in 2008.

But the chairman of Ecobank Nigeria Plc, Dr. Sonny Kuku at the bank's annual general meeting in Lagos on Wednesday said ETI would by year 2011 divest the 10 per cent to limit the bank stake at 75 per cent, a maximum holding by one shareholder as stipulated by NSE.

"The special placing resulted in ETI now holding 85 per cent of the equity of the bank. In line with its commitment to shareholders at the last annual general meeting, the board applied to the NSE for a waiver/deferral of the rule which stipulates that a listed company must make available to the general public shares representing at least 25 per cent of its issued capital.

STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Thursday, July 1, 2010
Index:	25,554.35
Deals:	5,685
Volume:	411,910,143
Value:	N 2,905,589,703.22
Cap.:	N6,215,817,806,989.55

TRUST INDEX

Inflation	11%
GDP	7.23%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$38bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.2bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$75 a barrel
Power Supply	3,759.9MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N10,959,238.2m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,065,975.8m
Inter-Bank Rate	4.3700%
Treasury Bills	1.65%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

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NOTICE OF 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 4th Annual General Meeting of Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc will hold at Tahir Guest Palace, Kano, Kano State, on Tuesday 27th July, 2010 at 12 noon to transact the following business:-

ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2009 together with the report of the Directors, Auditors and Audit Committee thereon.
2. To declare a dividend
3. To re-elect Directors
4. To approve the remuneration of the Directors
5. To authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors
6. To elect members of the Audit Committee

PROXY

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A proxy for an organization may vote on a show of hands and on a poll. For the appointment to be valid, a completed proxy form must be deposited at the registered office of the Company or with the Registrars – Zenith Registrars Limited, Plot 89A, Ajose Adeogun Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

In accordance with section 395(5) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990, a nomination (in writing) by any member or shareholder for appointment to the Audit Committee should reach the Company Secretary at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Dated this 25th day of June 2010

MRS. CHIOMA MADUBUKO

Company Secretary
Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc
42/44 Warehouse Road
Apapa, Lagos

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The Board of Directors of Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc is pleased to announce the following results for the year ended 31 December 2009 with the results of the corresponding period in 2008.

AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	31 Dec. 2009 N'000	31 Dec. 2008 N'000
Turnover	82,395,712	80,671,383
Profit before taxation	19,586,932	30,151,378
Taxation	(6,401,333)	(8,280,331)
Profit after taxation	13,185,599	21,871,047

DIVIDEND AND DIVIDEND WARRANTS

If the dividend recommended by the Directors is approved by members at the Annual General Meeting, the dividend warrants will be posted by 30th July, 2010 to members, whose names appear in the Company's Register of members at the close of business on Tuesday 13th July, 2010.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS

The Register of members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th July, 2010, (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of payment of Dividend.

By order of the Board

Dated this 25th day of June 2010

Chioma Madubuko (Mrs)

Company Secretary
Dangote Sugar Refinery plc
42/44 Warehouse Road
Apapa - Lagos



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THREE MONTHS RESULTS

UNAUDITED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH, 2010

The Board of Directors and Management announce the following results for the period ended 31st March 2010, with the results of the corresponding period in 2009.

	March 2010 N'000	March 2009 N'000
Turnover	22,787,433	19,107,901
Profit Before Taxation	5,839,797	5,591,881
Estimated Taxation	(1,868,735)	(1,397,970)
Profit After Taxation	3,971,062	4,193,911

The Board of Directors is mindful of the current global economic situation and its impact on the current business year; however, barring these circumstances the Board is hopeful for a better performance in the coming quarters.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2010

By order of the Board

Chioma Madubuko (Mrs)
 Company Secretary
 Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc
 42/44 Warehouse Road, Apapa - Lagos

Business/Telecoms

Recharge cards business: Of gains and losses



RECHARGE card is said to be the second fastest selling product in Nigeria, second only to pure water business, as people keep asking for cards.

By Bunmi Omolehin

THE advent of the mobile phone has brought changes to the life of Nigerians. Most significantly, it has changed the business environment. This can be illustrated

with many people selling vouchers and also make money using pay phones.

In the past, selling of mobile phone vouchers was a business reserved exclusively for the big distributors.

But now, all that have changed. It's all about who is interested. Recharge cards consumption in the country is expected to hit over N50 million a month, and this would make anyone who may never have been interested in the

recharge card business to consider given it a second look.

The recharge card market was so lucrative that banks jostled for market share. According to a survey conducted in 2004, recharge cards are the second fastest selling

products in Nigeria, second only to pure water business. Imagine how lucrative investing the business could be with an insatiable demand for more and more cards.

While the numbers of those selling recharge cards have increased, the profit margin is however diminishing.

Our reporter spoke to some people who sell recharge card in Abuja and they talked about the uncertainty of gain in the business. Most of them explained that when you start with small amount, your profit will be small and that at the end of the day you either make little or no gain at all.

According to Sweet Mama, a recharge card seller in Utako, she made more gain in 2003 when she started the business than what she gains now.

"The recharge card business has done a lot for me. In the past, if you invested about N500,000, you can make a lot of profits, depends on the number of outlets you have and the number of people selling for you" Sweet Mama said.

She said if you can sell up to N50,000 per day, you are sure of making N25,000 profits and this could translate into N150,000 a month, sometimes.

A big time recharge card dealer, Mr. Samson explained that he had to pay N1 million to MTN to become a dealer and was also made to follow stringent conditions.

The reason for this, he said was because the business has come to stay with capacity to generate millions of naira.

Also, the MTN gives the dealer that register with them free access to printing vouchers card of N100 from the system. This helps them to improve in the business.

Dealers are also entitled to one percent of whatever amount they buy from MTN.

Samson said profits involved in selling recharge cards run into billions of naira.

He however said that many people complain of low profit in the business because they are not well trained.

He advocated for special training for those that engage in the business of selling recharge cards.

BlackBerry tariff is now N25 per minute – Glo

By Zakariya Adaramola

GLOBACOM says it has introduced BlackBerry U, a new package that offers the lowest and uniform tariff structure for Prepaid BlackBerry users on the network.

"With the new package, On-net and Off-net calls for users of BlackBerry U now come at a uni-

form rate of N25 per minute for calls as against the current Classic Plus On-net rate of N28.8 per minute and Off-net rate of N42 per minute", Glo says in a statement.

It said the new package is targeted at high net-worth individuals who are already using BlackBerry from Glo and individuals who wish to enjoy the huge ben-

efits of the package, especially as it gives them considerable savings. All a subscriber needs to do is text 'U' to short code 7070 and the device will be automatically upgraded to BlackBerry U.

"Apart from BlackBerry devices, smart phone devices and high-end phones like I mate, 1 Mode, Nokia E71, E63, Com-

municator, etc, can also be configured to access niche packages which BlackBerry devices provide. This includes connection to push email and access to social sites like Facebook and Twitter", he said.

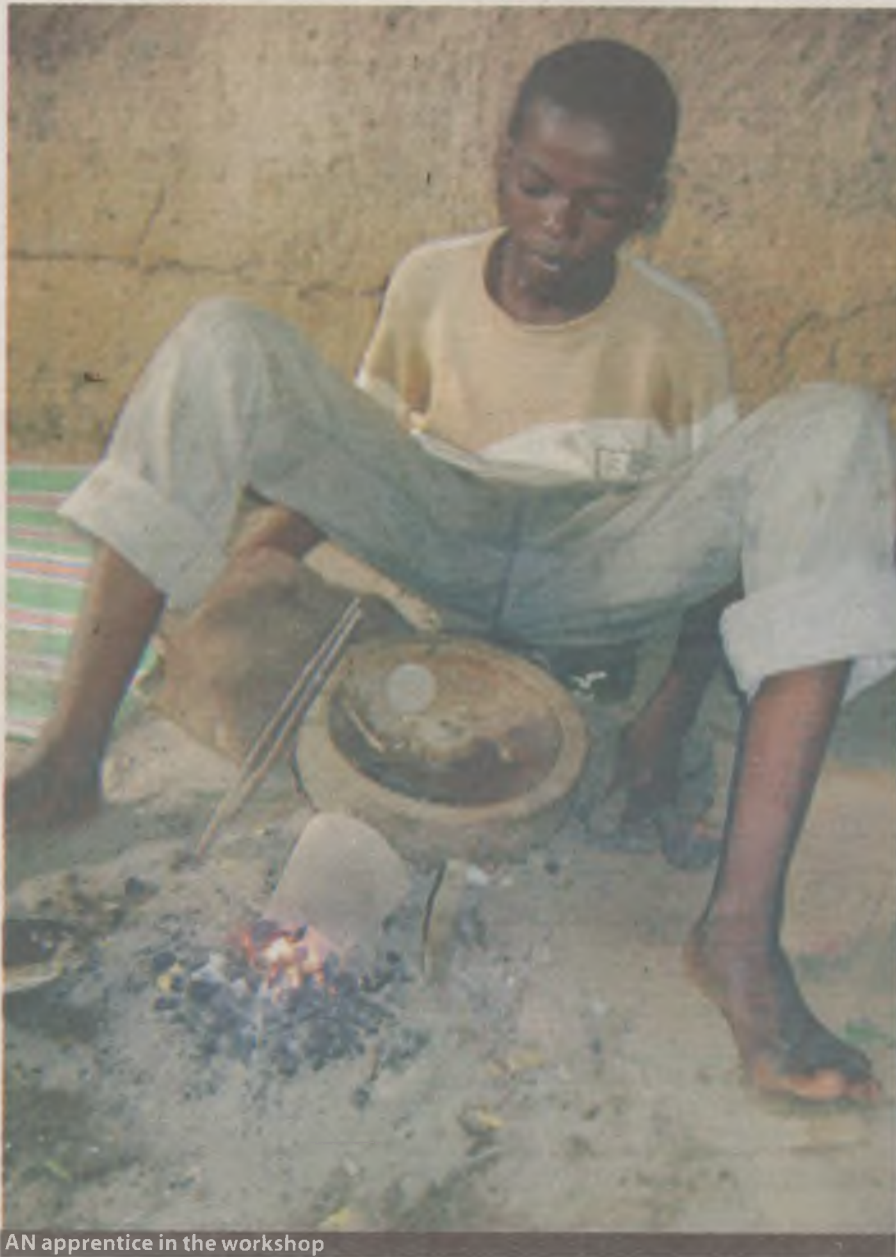
Globacom's Head of Valued Added Services, Mr. Samson Isa, disclosed that existing customers

who activate BIS Month (monthly prepaid BlackBerry service) and BIS Week (weekly prepaid BlackBerry service) would be migrated to the new lower prepaid tariff from their existing tariff plan.

"Old and new subscribers are going to enjoy this tariff as long as they remain on Glo BlackBerry," he added.

Northern Business

In Gombe, blacksmiths manufacture silver rings



AN apprentice in the workshop

From Aliyu M. Hamagam,
Gombe

THERE is a group of blacksmiths in Gombe town that specializes in manufacturing silver rings. Popularly known as *Makeran Farfaru*, these local Blacksmiths proudly boast that they possess the kind of craftsmanship that only requires some financial support and patronage to compete favourably with the producers of similar foreign products in the international market.

A visit to their workshop located in the heart of Gombe Township shows a beehive of activities as these Blacksmiths busied themselves at work.

Yakubu Sama'ila Bala, one of the Blacksmiths at *Makeran Farfaru* told this Reporter that he had been in the business of manufacturing silver rings for over 30 years, saying that he inherited the skill of the craft from his father.

Yakubu said he could produce varieties of silver rings that bear different appealing designs compared to the expensive rings produced abroad. A cursory survey of the workshop shows samples different shapes and sizes of silver rings from which customers make their choice for design on request.

"In spite of these samples we display in our workshop, most of our customers came along with their designs and samples. Our ability to produce based on the desired design of our customers increases the level of their patronage", Yakubu said.

Taking this Reporter through the process of silver ring making, Yakubu said the raw materials for the making of these products are locally sourced, adding that *Liyari* and *Shunku* are the two types silver that are mainly used in the production of the silver rings.

He listed other sources of the material to include brass and aluminium, pointing out that most customers prefers rings made from silver than any other types. According to him, they get the supply of *Liyari* from the kingdom of Saudi Arabia but that it is difficult to get a new *Shunku* except from those who kept it in their homes either as an assets or a kind of a monument.

Yakubu said he makes an average of N 2000 daily from his ring making business explains that *Liyari* is in form of a circle, coin-like shape whereas *Shunku* is bigger and considered the best material for making a ring.

He said while a piece of

Liyari costs between N 1400 to N 1600, the *Shunku mai Yammata*, considered to be of the best quality costs N 1700. He said a piece of either *Liyari* or *Shunku* could produce three to six rings depending on customers' requirement and specifications.

Yakubu said Women, who are their major customers at *Makeran Farfaru*, prefer the round, thin ring, saying with this type of specification about six silver rings could be produced from a single *Shunku*.

"The production of a single ring cost a customer between N 200 to N 800 depending on the requirement of the customer, the round rings that do not require extra modelling and designs cost no more than N200 but those with design and extra beautification cost as much as N 800", he explained.

Yakubu said he could produce as much as 20 rings that do not require design while only three to six of those with design could be produced in a day.

"Our finished products are mainly supplied to Adamawa and Taraba states", Yakubu said, adding that the two neighbouring states in the north-east do not have blacksmiths that specialize in the production of silver rings.



YAKUBU and colleague in their workshop



SILVER rings

Business



FROM left: Managing Director/CEO Consolidated Discounts Limited Mr S.O. Akinretayo, the Chairman of the Company Mrs Funke Osibudu and Executive Director AfriBank Mr. Nnamdi Anamnah at the 14th Annual General Meeting of Consolidated Discounts Limited Held in Lagos recently.

Consolidated Discount grosses N8.7 billion

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

CONSOLIDATED Discount Limited (CDL) in 2009 financial year grossed N8.7 billion for the group and N7.2 billion for the company.

Presenting the company financials at the 14th annual general meeting for the fiscal year ended 31st December, 2009 held in Lagos, CDL Chairman Funke Osibudu said the reporting period covered seven months but the company closed the year at remarkable note.

She said gross earnings as at year ended 31st December 2009 stood at N8.7bn and N7.2 billion for the group and the company respectively.

Thus, profit before tax stood at N2.10 billion and N2.05 billion for the group and company respectively while profit after tax for the

same period stood at N1.99 billion for the group and N1.95 for the company.

Mrs. Osibudu also explained, "With these results shareholders funds for the group have grown to N14.6bn from N10.96bn as at May 2009 and N14.3 billion from N10.8 billion as at May 2009 for the company."

The chairman also noted that a dividend of 10 kobo per N1.00 share is paid to shareholders representing some N350 million and a bonus issue of 500 million shares of N1.00 each to be distributed in the proportion of one new ordinary share for every seven ordinary shares held and fully paid in the register of members as at 31st December, 2009.

Bayelsa floats N50bn bond

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

BAYELSA State government on Wednesday floated a N50 billion bond on the Nigeria Stock exchange. The bond is at 13.75 per cent fixed rate for seven years.

The bond was formally issued Wednesday in the presence of the NSE council led by its chairman, Alhaji Aliko Dangote, its director general, Ndi Nyiuke-Okereke and the state governor of Bayelsa state, Timipre Sylva with his state cabinet.

The bond issued is 50,000,000 units at N1,000 per unit under the N50 billion of 13.75 per cent fixed rate.

The state commissioner for finance, Silva Opuala-Charles said the aim of the bond is to raise finance to continue the developmental initiatives of governor of Bayelsa State infrastructural developmental initiatives, adding, state bond issues were rated BB- and A- respectively by Augusto & Co Ltd on May, 2010

Opuala-Charles said Fitch Ratings, an international ratings agency had on June 24, 2010 affirmed the state's long term national rating at A-(nga) adding that Fitch also assigned stable outlooks to the long term ratings

Kwara approves N1.8 billion for Shonga irrigation

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

KWARA State government has approved the execution of irrigation expansion project valued at N1.838bn in the Shonga town, the com-

munity that hosts the white farmers from Zimbabwe.

The government made the approval at the state Executive Council Meeting presided over by the governor, Dr. Abubakar Bukola Saraki.

The Commissioner for

Information and Communications, Ben Duntoye who briefed newsmen the outcome of the meeting said the project is expected to be funded jointly by both the state and the federal governments.

Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Plc



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- 1.0 Introduction**
The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) in its bid to address the transportation challenges being experienced nationwide, has established a Public Mass Transit Revolving Fund with the objective of increasing the availability of vehicles to the public through eligible transport operators across the country. The following are the guidelines relating to accessing the Fund.
- 2.0 Objective of the Fund**
The primary objective of the Fund is to increase the availability of vehicles for Public transportation through the provision of buses to identified transport operators/groups at a concessionary interest rate, which shall be used for the Public Mass Transit Scheme.
- 3.0 Fund Manager**
The Urban Development Bank of Nigeria Plc (UDBN) has been appointed as the Fund Manager with the responsibility of rolling out the Fund by on-lending to eligible operators, with a mid-term plan to grow the Fund and make it self-sustaining.
- 4.0 Utilization**
The proceeds of the Fund shall be lent to identified target groups/partners consisting of the Labour Unions' Mass Transit arms and affiliates, States and Local Governments Mass Transit arms, and Private Sector operators.
- 5.0 Eligibility Criteria for Beneficiaries of the Fund**
The eligibility criteria for prospective beneficiaries of the Fund shall be one of the following:
- Membership of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) or Trade Union Congress (TUC) and affiliated agencies; OR
 - Membership of Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGN); OR
 - State Governments and affiliated Road Mass Transit Agencies; OR
 - Private Sector road mass transit operators and members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).
- 6.0 Modalities of the Fund**
- Interest Rate**
The Fund shall be administered at an interest rate of 5 percent per annum calculated on outstanding principal payable on a monthly basis in arrears.
 - Other Fees/charges**
Standard fees covering preparation, legal, administrative, documentation, supervision and incidental expenses associated with the loan would not exceed 0.75% per annum over the life of the loan.
 - Tenor**
Loans under the Fund shall have a maximum tenor of five (5) years.
 - Repayment**
 - Repayment of loans under the Fund shall be on monthly basis for both principal and interest payments.
 - Prepayment at the instance of the beneficiary of the loan shall be acceptable without penalties.
 - Security**
Security for the loan under the Fund shall be one and/or a combination of the following:
 - Corporate Guarantee from acceptable trade unions, agencies and institutions; OR
 - Bank Guarantee from a reputable commercial bank acceptable to UDBN covering the facility amount; OR
 - Credit Insurance Bond from a reputable insurance company acceptable to UDBN covering the facility amount; OR
 - Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO) from respective Government (for Government beneficiaries and affiliated agencies) covering the facility amount.
 - Insurance**
 - Vehicles acquired through the Fund must have full comprehensive insurance cover from a reputable insurance company acceptable to UDBN.
 - UDBN shall be the first loss payee to the insurance companies on the insured vehicles till liquidation of the facility amount.
 - Other guidelines**
 - The vehicles provided to beneficiaries of the Fund shall be through UDBN accredited/approved vehicle providers only. The vehicles provided would have standard safety features including but not limited to Automatic Brake System (ABS); 2 airbags (front seats), driver and passenger seat belts; and so on.
 - Vehicles would be provided to eligible operators/beneficiaries on a first come, first served basis.
- 7.0 Mechanism for administration of the Fund**
- Following this public notice, interested eligible applicants are expected to purchase a scratch card at any Unity Bank Branch nationwide at the cost of N10,000.
 - Applicants shall then visit the following websites: www.udbn.com and www.unitybankplc.com to complete an application form on-line. Other instructions for the completion and submission of the application form shall be outlined at the back of the electronic card, as well as on a flyer that would accompany the scratch card. Application forms shall be available at the aforementioned websites from 06/07/2010.
 - Each application must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:
 - Feasibility Study/Business Plan;
 - Certificate of Incorporation evidencing the incorporation of the company with the Corporate Affairs Commission Nigeria and Memorandum and Articles of Association;
 - Valid operating permit or license (where applicable) and/or evidence of association with a National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW);
 - Corporate Profile of the Customer including experience and track record in mass transit operations;
 - Audited Accounts for the last 3 years (where applicable);
 - Management Account for the year under review;
 - Any other form of documentation that would assist the appraisal process as may be required by UDBN.
- 8.0 Notices**
- In line with FGN's objective, directives and mandate of the Fund, immediate presence of branded vehicles will herald the success of the scheme;
 - All further enquiries should be directed to:

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Business/Finance

Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)

Thursday, July 1, 2010

COMPANY Name	No of Deals	Quot. (N)	Quantity Traded	Value of Shares (N)				
2ND-TIER SECURITIES								
CAPITAL OIL PLC	5	0.50	100,000	50,000.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	5		100,000	50,000.00				
AGRICULTURE								
FTN COCOA PROCES. PLC	11	0.67	763,300	513,686.00				
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	2	0.73	12,800	8,960.00				
OKOMU OIL PALM COY PLC	5	14.28	15,000	203,550.00				
PRESCO PLC	11	5.77	167,777	962,873.29				
SECTOR TOTALS	29		958,877	1,689,069.29				
AIR SERVICES								
AIRL/SERV.& LOGIST. PLC	1	2.85	500	1,355.00				
NIG. AV. HAND. COY PLC	59	10.95	247,884	2,670,004.70				
SECTOR TOTALS	60		248,384	2,671,359.70				
AUTOMOBILE & TYRE								
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	2	0.50	20,564	10,282.00				
R. T. BRISCOE (NIGERIA) PLC	36	4.15	217,634	923,013.56				
SECTOR TOTALS	38		238,198	933,295.56				
BANKING								
ACCESS BANK PLC	151	8.04	7,180,638	57,938,756.07				
AFRIBANK NIGERIA PLC	63	1.87	1,531,841	2,980,653.89				
DIAMOND BANK PLC	91	7.60	10,131,841	78,590,222.26				
ECOBANK NIGERIA PLC	45	4.47	578,836	2,613,342.38				
FIRST CITY MON. BANK PLC	85	8.00	6,010,698	48,787,319.30				
FIDELITY BANK PLC	120	2.60	6,355,165	16,527,340.92				
FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC	598	12.90	23,213,382	300,855,149.25				
FINBANK PLC	77	0.50	13,860,651	7,027,696.62				
GTBANK PLC	421	16.82	6,741,371	112,825,128.50				
STANBIC IBTC BANK PLC	66	10.00	1,200,011	11,998,843.86				
INTERCONT. BANK PLC	46	1.53	597,848	905,008.48				
OCEANIC BANK INTERN. PLC	104	1.61	3,313,645	5,333,912.19				
BANK PHB PLC	40	1.34	10,900,210	14,424,359.59				
SKYE BANK PLC	232	7.90	10,029,726	79,884,156.53				
SPRING BANK PLC	14	0.63	81,724	53,442.73				
STERLING BANK PLC	43	1.92	4,786,012	9,021,654.04				
UNT BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	282	10.42	8,435,103	88,472,814.23				
UNION BANK OF NIG. PLC	140	4.90	2,058,351	10,182,225.51				
UNITYBANK PLC	19	1.11	3,971,145	4,407,970.95				
WEMA BANK PLC	40	0.95	2,919,021	2,877,678.51				
ZENITH BANK PLC	332	13.40	9,608,831	130,610,080.87				
SECTOR TOTALS	3,009		133,506,050	986,317,756.64				
BUILDING MATERIALS								
ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	55	19.50	433,216	8,376,293.85				
BENUCEMENT COY PLC	27	62.00	410,935	25,388,393.34				
CEMENT CO. OF N/NIG. PLC	33	17.50	314,344	5,575,865.06				
LAFARGE WAPCO PLC	20	39.00	48,834	1,909,658.75				
SECTOR TOTALS	135		1,207,329	41,250,211.00				
CHEMICAL & PAINTS								
BERGER PAINTS NIGERIA PLC	27	6.00	137,113	818,071.77				
CHEM & ALLIED PROD. PLC	11	30.00	11,042	331,497.50				
DN MEYER PLC	1	4.98	980	4,645.20				
I. P. W. A. PLC	5	1.09	50,000	52,000.00				
NIG-GERMAN CHEM. PLC	1	14.29	500	6,790.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	45		199,635	1,213,004.47				
CONGLOMERATES								
A. G. LEVENTIS (NIG.) PLC	1	3.98	2,000	7,580.00				
JOHN HOLT PLC	7	9.28	1,068	9,419.76				
PZ CUSSONS NIGERIA PLC	53	30.00	482,482	14,474,218.19				
TRANS. CORP. OF NIG. PLC	16	0.50	730,978	365,489.00				
UAC OF NIGERIA PLC	56	41.50	353,965	14,724,027.80				
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	103	23.01	589,671	13,670,112.85				
SECTOR TOTALS	236		2,160,164	43,250,847.54				
CONSTRUCTION								
COSTAIN (WA) PLC	48	7.21	869,688	6,436,144.12				
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	11	55.00	37,088	1,967,354.15				
MULTIVERSE RES. PLC	3	0.50	11,385	5,692.50				
SECTOR TOTALS	62		918,161	8,409,190.77				
ENGIN. TECHNOLOGY								
CUTIX PLC	5	3.61	15,009	51,480.87				
NIG. WIRE AND CABLE PLC	4	0.76	14,100	10,293.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	9		29,109	61,773.87				
FOOD/BEVERAGES & TOB.								
7-UP BOTTLING CO. PLC	5	47.00	6,498	292,410.00				
BIG TREAT PLC	13	0.73	789,963	576,672.99				
CADBURY NIGERIA PLC	72	27.01	502,931	13,656,232.05				
DANGOTE FLOUR MILLS PLC	191	20.72	1,624,853	33,669,179.41				
DANGOTE SUGAR REF. PLC	124	19.95	4,542,349	90,818,180.50				
FLOUR MILLS NIGERIA PLC	43	68.00	455,140	31,245,772.12				
HON/WELL FLOUR MILL PLC	21	7.65	91,621	703,382.75				
NAT. SALT COY NIG. PLC	36	7.50	803,451	6,036,526.80				
NIG. BOTTLING COY RLC	22	30.00	34,809	1,001,029.19				
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	43	355.00	131,085	46,290,892.78				
N/NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS PLC	2	33.58	4,794	152,976.54				
TANTALIZERS PLC	34	0.90	3,047,000	2,622,634.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	606		12,034,494	227,065,889.13				
HEALTHCARE								
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	1	1.60	8,000	12,160.00				
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	23	2.96	450,717	1,349,215.85				
GLAXOS. CONS. NIG. PLC	18	28.00	488,061	13,679,777.51				
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	29	6.00	2,436,450	14,618,864.00				
NEIMETH INT. PHARM. PLC	4	2.53	20,500	49,405.00				
UN/DIAG. & CLIN. SERV. PLC	13	0.67	1,235,800	814,838.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	88		4,639,528	30,524,260.36				
HOTEL & TOURISM								
IKEJA HOTEL PLC	13	1.65	164,510	272,971.20				
SECTOR TOTALS	13		164,510	272,971.20				
IND/DOMESTIC PROD.								
ALUMINIUM EXTR. IND. PLC	1	12.39	200	2,356.00				
B. O. C. GASES NIGERIA PLC	13	10.18	345,000	3,581,714.00				
FIRST ALUMINIUM NIG. PLC	1	0.50	40,000	20,000.00				
VITAFOAM NIGERIA PLC	26	6.60	223,902	1,464,131.26				
VONO PRODUCTS PLC	8	0.50	145,411	72,705.50				
SECTOR TOTALS	49		754,513	5,140,906.76				
INFOM. & COMM. TECH.								
CHAMS PLC	32	0.55	2,161,882	1,206,751.66				
STARCOMMS PLC	27	2.17	1,846,573	4,119,071.56				
SECTOR TOTALS	59		4,008,455	5,325,823.22				
INSURANCE								
AFR. ALLIANCE INS. PLC	7	0.50	1,504,500	752,250.00				
AIICO INSURANCE PLC	84	1.32	3,174,895	4,043,474.79				
CONTINENTAL REINSUR. PLC	12	1.10	537,117	592,045.50				
CORNERSTONE INS. CO. PLC	1	0.63	1,000,000	630,000.00				
CUST. AND ALLIED INS. PLC	16	3.50	855,200	2,991,532.00				
EQUITY ASSURANCE PLC	1	0.50	100,000	50,000.00				
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UNIV. INSUR. COY PLC	3	0.50	153,000	76,500.00				
INTERCONT. WAPIC INS. PLC	21	0.82	342,304	274,075.44				
SECTOR TOTALS	325		22,653,349	20,018,864.62				
MEDIA								
AFROMEDIA PLC	9	0.64	381,951	241,129.13				
DAAR COMMUNIC. PLC	12	0.79	134,000	101,840.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	21		515,951	342,969.13				
MORTGAGE COMPANIES								
ASO SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	6	0.50	273,826	136,913.00				
RESORT SAV. & LOANS PLC	7	0.50	1,920,000	960,000.00				
UN/HOMES SAV&LOANS PLC	29	0.62	880,500	543,135.00				
SECTOR TOTALS	42		3,074,326	1,640,048.00				

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Jonathan disbands Super Eagles



SUPER Eagles player after the loss.

WE now have a president who has the interest of Nigeria and their feelings at heart. The decision to disband the Super Eagles is the right step in the right direction. Majority of the players have no business there because their tactics, talent and stamina have all gone. Probing the NFF is the best thing to happen ever in our soccer circle. Let anyone found wanting be prosecuted.

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WHAT is wrong with Nigeria and Nigerians? Who are the PTF to recommend the disbandment of the National team? Are they now the NFF? It does not take a genius to know that FIFA would hammer Nigeria for this action.

This is clearly a stupid move. Our leaders are clearly not forward thinking or visionary.

Hamza Aliyu
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WHAT is the meaning of this madness? What will they do during the 2 years then? Prepare?

Jega to FG: Guarantee our neutrality

I have no doubt that Professor Jega will make the difference in conducting the much awaited free, fair and credible election in the country. We, your students and admirers will continue to pray earnestly for you to succeed and prove all cynics wrong. We shall at the same time give our possible best in whatever way we can to ensure that you deliver. May the God of Mercy see you through and ensure that you have a successful tenure with you becoming the first ever best INEC Chairman Nigeria produces.

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WELL said, this is one of the best, if not the best and most inspiring speeches heard since the inception of President Jonathan's administration. I pray all the corrections and advise will be taken into consideration.

Abubkr Badru Jkamshi
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I and other Nigerians believe

They are not serious at all. I think Jonathan should go further to ban all Nigerians from watching, supporting or even playing football for the 2 years. Whether you ban them for 50 years or not, if you don't get the right players, you'll not even qualify for the World Cup, talk less of exiting in the first round. They are just talking as if Nigeria is anything to write home about as far as football is concerned. USA '94 and Atlanta '96 remain our best squads ever.

Hafizu Murtala
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I think I will commend Mr. President for this decision. It is as good as being the best decision ever in the history of football in Nigeria, and I have the belief that this could help us build a formidable team for future competitions because the present squad is due for retirement.

Abubkr Badru Jkamshi
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THANK you Mr President for what you have done for the Super

Eagles.

Usman Yusuf
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HOW would you react in a situation where your son comes back from school with a statement that he has failed his exams? Would you ask him to stay away from school for two years? The decision by the FGN to ban the [Super] Eagles for their failure in the ongoing World Cup competition obviously reflects such a decision. It is an unintelligent move!

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MY joy could not be defined after I heard that the President had banned the Super Eagle for two years. Really this shows that our president is someone who has Nigeria and Nigerians in mind. The officials of the NFF also need to be shown the way out because their meddling in the selection of players is quite apparent. Mr. President, thank you for a wonderful job but remember one thing: please don't spend that 10

billion naira on the 50th anniversary. No Nigerian will benefit from the said amount.

Kabir Ibrahim Gusau
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THE President's decision to withdraw the Super Eagles from international tournaments is a clear sign of commitment and concern. This will surely salvage Nigerian football from shame and the negative image it has acquired in the soccer world. Whoever is against this decision doesn't not have the interest of Nigerian football at heart.

This is the only way to reorganize the team and bring all those involved in financial mismanagement to book.

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I want to know who, between FIFA and the Nigerian government, is funding our sporting activities. Or else how foolishly and irresponsibly shall we continue to waste resources that could change thousands of lives in Nigeria just because we want FIFA to say we meet their standards? I think Goodluck made the right decision.

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THIS is not a good omen for our democracy. We all knew that we didn't have a World Cup team right from the African Cup of Nations. This is definitely not the solution and not in the president's power. We should learn to follow due process in exercising powers. This is not a military regime.

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Lebanese charged with forging FG papers

HOW many Nigerians will go and do this Lebanon? This is after the likes of Chagouri have done harm to our economy.

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THESE types of people should be punished. How did he get all those documents? Jail him. That is what they do to us Nigerians when we are found guilty in their country. FG documents? How? Why? He should remain in EFCC custody.

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HOW did they (Lebanese) get the document they forged? EFCC should try to get their cohorts whom I think must be Nigerians.

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BOKO Haram leader
Abubakar Shekau

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

THE "Boko Haram" sect is un-Islamic and out to tarnish the image of the divine religion, Islam, owing to the fact that they are not acting in accordance with Islamic injunctions. A thorough search should be embarked upon so as to bring Shekau to face the law before it is too late.

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DON'T take this guy for granted. He is the most feared member of the sect and was sitting alongside a leader of Al Shabab in a picture taken sometime last year in Somalia.

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THE police said they have killed him and now he has re-emerged in a new video clip. This shows that our security agents are not telling us the truth. Late President Yar'adua has set up a committee but to my surprise nothing has been heard till now. May Allah save us all

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Labour leaders attack radio station, seize presenter

AS a listener to the whole event, I am highly disappointed with the behavior of the Labor officials. The program has a free-for-all air time and the Labour officials, after rejecting an invitation for a free air time to present their own side of the story, decide to storm and seize the station and abduct the workers.

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IT serves that so-called presenter right. This programme has been on air for a long time and is used to settle political scores. Objective journalism should not be like this.

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INEC Chairman Prof. Jega

that my able Prof. Jega will take us to greater heights. I therefore expect Professor Jega and his able team to meet the high standards that Nigerians and the rest of the world expect of them. Meanwhile, we the Students Prof. Jega need to pray for his success in his new appointment. May Allah give him the strength to lead INEC to greater heights. By the special

grace of Allah, Prof. Jega will leave up to expectations.

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PROFESSOR Jega is a man I hold in high esteem. I am writing from Ghana. I remember Jega for the marathon speech he gave at UDUS sometime in the late '90s. Nigeria has got somebody who is not only radical but very principled. I know he will be the greatest INEC chairman Nigeria has ever had. Good luck Prof!

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THESE speeches by the President and Prof. Jega bestow us some hope that the free and fair election being witnessed by some countries will be witnessed in Nigeria come 2011. We pray for success in your office affairs as INEC boss and pray for those that want to stall free and fair elections in Nigeria to fall short.

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Excuse me, your manners please!

When I went shopping last Saturday, I remembered the children needed slippers, so I walked over to a box full of them. As I picked their sizes, a young girl hurried over and quickly rummaged through the box till she found a pair, the only purple ones in the box which she had apparently hidden down below all others in the box. 'Thank God no one has bought them!' She exclaimed with a sigh of relief. I looked up and said 'yes they are beautiful I most probably would have picked them if I had seen them too'. I could not believe my ears when she yelled 'dauki man, dauki ki ga bala'i!' (Take them and see trouble!). This hell raiser carried on with more expletives even as the shop owners tried to calm her. I walked out of the store, for if I had stayed a moment longer I would have slapped this ill-mannered brat. My restraint could only be for the very conservative upbringing, the public glare and the thought that 'ba tsara ta ce ba' (she's not my mate) and so wasn't worth my time.

I simply could not understand what could have triggered such behavior from the young girl. If it was for lack of home training, then mothers should all be ashamed. What sort of children are we bring-

One wonders what has been impacted on this child at home. Would it be possible she had seen her mother behave this way?

ing up? This one apparently hasn't learned it's unladylike to fight in public, it's better to be seen than to be heard. At about sixteen, seventeen years of age, she is capable of having a child herself and if she's yet to learn self control, yet to know it is wrong morally, culturally and religiously to rain abuses on someone old enough to be her mother, and one who wasn't even responding, then it is very unfortunate.

One wonders what has been impacted on this child at home. Would it be possible she had seen her mother behave this way? Has she done same and gotten away with it right in front of the mother? Or is this a case of 'dan kuka mai jawa uwa tai jifa?' (Situations where a mother gets blamed for a child's bad habits)

Have we made our children such domestic gods? Our purpose in life, so much that for fear of hurting their feelings we let them do whatever they want to. We are the parents and should guide them, deter them from doing wrong and encourage them to do right, as enshrined in the holy books, e.g. the Holy Qur'an, where it said "you are the best of communities, for you enjoin what is good and deter what is bad/evil".

Your manners determine how you are treated as you interact with

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people in your day to day activities. A smile, when you meet someone triggers a pleasant response and vice-versa, for 'shimfidar fuska tafi ta tabarma' (there's no better welcome than a smile). A 'hello', 'how are you' and a relationship starts and develops. Courtesy demands that you give me your full attention when I greet you, look at me as we shake hands and make short that phone call for the waiting visitor(s) there out of respect.

Don't cheat and call it 'fastness'. It's selfishness that makes you jump the line. When you conceal the truth it is not being wise, you lied. Spare a kind word and it may just make someone's day. I can't stand the 'curses' especially to the young ones who absorb it like sponge to water. You don't have to be 'settled' for doing your job, do away with 'bribes', 'egunje', 'chin hanci'. For your integrity, stay away from what is not yours - don't even try it with your pen! Stand up for the truth, stand by the truth, with courage and should not be a 'two faced' individual.

'Share', for God loves the cheerful giver, it's what you give that's actually yours. Do not be envious, for it will eat your soul, remember 'hassada ga mai rabo taki' (envy is like fertilizer to he who is blessed). 'Backbiting' is not just 'gist' it's sheer gossip as you waste man hours or your credit per minute!

Excuse me, how about controlling those bodily functions. Why spit left and right without any care, the snort, the loud belch, burp, the fart and you lose respect through and through.

It's not enough to provide the young ones with all the material things of life. We owe them lessons and examples in manners to make them better individuals. What's there to gain in rudeness to elders who maintain their dignity and respect, or your mates, looking down on them or snubbing them entirely?

Do not cut me short when I speak, I have a right of speech. Your word must be your bond, keep to your promises. Offer your help when it's needed and you are sure to receive some when you are in need. 'Well done' is praise for a good job. Have the courtesy to say 'sorry' when you offend, apologize when you err. Say 'please' when you ask for a favour and 'thank you' when you receive.

Say your 'goodbyes' when you leave, inculcate good manners into your life, it shows who you are, the better the more credit to your parents, an indication that you are well brought up. Good manners make the world a better place to live. As I was signing off, Hajo called to bid me farewell for her trip to Saudi for the *umrah* and wished to ask, apart from praying for me and my family, what else would I need. Oh, how nice of you, Hajo! I wish you safe and successful trip and *umrah mabrur!* Good mannered Hajo, I concluded.



By Abba Kachallah

Borno 2011: The case for Dibal

As the nation inches towards the 2011 general elections, the time has come to take stock of how the last eight years have been in terms of performance by governments at all levels. State governors in particular will be scrutinised against the backdrop of evaluation reports that some of them have performed dismally. The story is remarkably different in Borno. Reactions would obviously vary, but the consensus is that Governor Ali Modu Sheriff is undeniably the architect of modern Borno.

If the assessment is predicated on provision of infrastructure and economic empowerment, then not even the most trenchant political opponent would question the Sheriff's scorecard. While inflow of cash into the state from the federation account has improved tremendously compared with what obtained in the '80's and '90's, challenges of development, influx of millions of people from all walks of life, overstretching of utilities and security complications have given more governance challenges now than in the past.

The last seven-and-half years or so have been very eventful and memorable to the average Borno citizen who has watched as Ali Modu Sheriff took development to the doorsteps of the people. In all facets of development,

Though a Kanuri, Ali Sheriff broke the jinx by coming from Dikwa Emirate to win election

no part of the state has been unaffected. Maiduguri, adjudged as one of the fastest-growing cities in Africa, is home to Nigerians from all walks of life, and foreigners who flock to it in droves to take advantage of economic and social opportunities made possible by the administration's development-oriented policies.

The rapid expansion of the city will have brought about some social and economic challenges if effort was not geared towards provision of amenities to take in those challenges. It is in the light of the potentiality of the consequences of dithering that the context of the Ali Sheriff efforts must be located.

I am Kanuri but I am ready to concede the position of governor to outside the Kanuri speaking areas so as to ensure integration and justice and to also be part of a world that is moving towards unity. We should begin to emphasise competence and desirability. The achievements of the Ali Sheriff years should be continued by those who are closest to them.

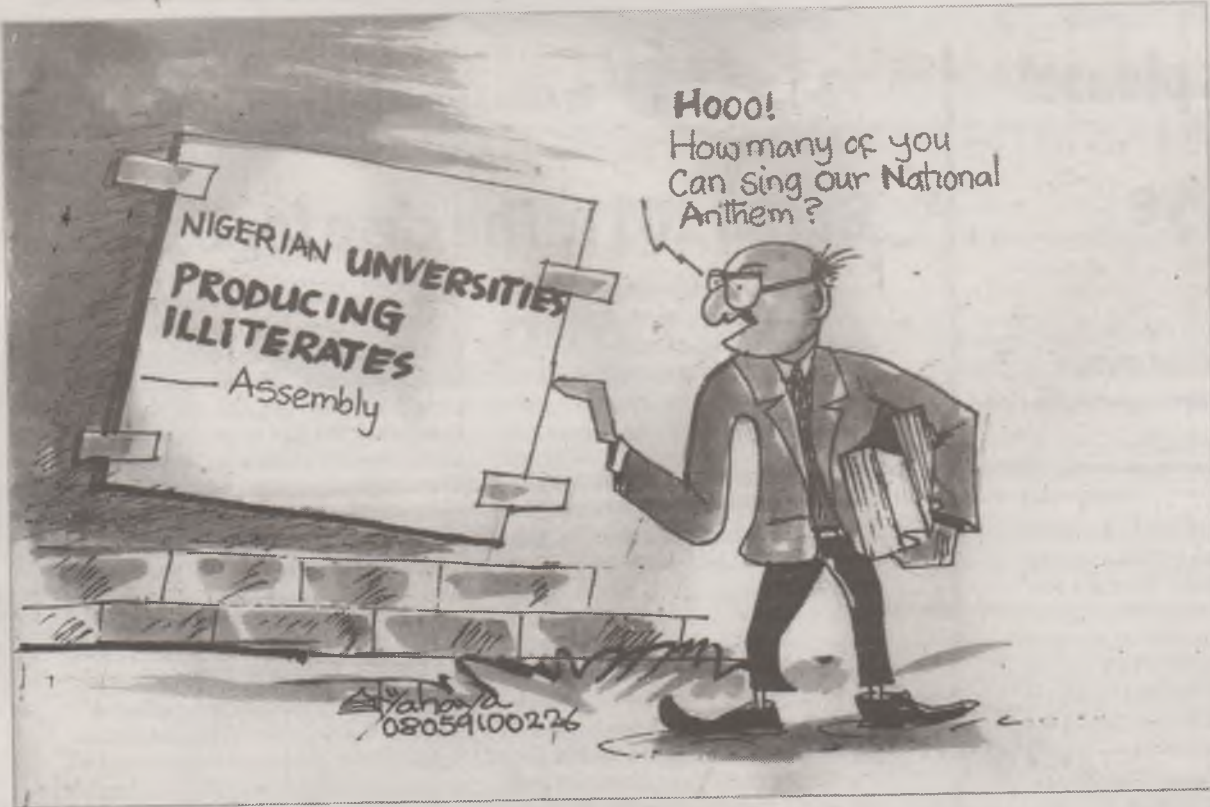
Now that it is accepted by majority of the people of Borno state that the ANPP government in Borno state has brought about much-needed develop-

ment, who among the litany of those in contention to succeed the governor is best suited or placed to continue with the good work? I am talking about the need for Borno state to, for the first time break the jinx of power monopoly of one part of the state, in the spirit of unity, peace, integration and development. The first time this happened was in 2003 when for the first time; a governor emerged out of the traditional Borno emirate enclave where it has resided ever since. Though a Kanuri, Ali Sheriff broke the first jinx by coming from Dikwa Emirate to win election. This singular achievement by the governor signposted the beginning of representative democracy in the real sense of the word and this gave the state the break it needed to enhance dynamic transformation that took place under Ali Sheriff. The support and loyalty that the people of Borno state exhibited towards the regime found its roots from the realisation that the state is indeed for all parts of the state.

More importantly there is no better manifestation of the inherent unity discernible in the state than the unconditional and unflinching loyalty which the deputy governor of the state Alhaji Adamu Yuguda Dibal has demonstrated all these years. His commitment and love for Borno state has never been in doubt as can be seen in the seriousness and passion he has handled assignments given to him by his boss. The energy, the zeal and the time he has devoted to his work right from the first term can only be imagined. To him, the Bono project is an article of faith that cannot be compromised.

He deputised for the governor in the belief that the common objective or essence of governance was to use power to impact on the lives of the people under the leadership of the governor who enunciated the policy direction as the chief executive and in whose image the quantum of governance rest. In other words, Adamu Yuguda Dibal has never been found wanting in the discharge of his duties or found to have deviated from the common objective of repositioning the state to achieve its full potentials. He is fully aware that his responsibilities are anchored on the desire to be above board and to be respectful to constituted authority which was why he gave his absolute loyalty to Ali Sheriff who is the custodian of the people's mandate. It is therefore going to be more fitting, wise and visionary for Ali Sheriff to ensure the continuity and protection of his programmes in a government to be run by his deputy who has seen it all and who is not likely to rock the boat for any reason. Borno needs to break away from the politics of exclusivity and embrace a world view that has allowed Barak Obama, from a position of weakness to become the president of the most powerful nation in the world. There will be a lot of sense in this line of thinking.

Kachalla, a civil servant, wrote from Budum area of the Maiduguri.



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Mohammed Haruna on ETF

I wish to react to Mohammed Haruna's recent article on Education Tax Fund (ETF). I totally agree with you that education is the key to development. In hindsight, I doubt whether our strategy for promoting education through the establishment of ETF is the right one. I recall that the universities called for the imposition of 2 percent tax on the annual profit of companies for supporting research and development because they lacked the funds for research as was and still the case in the developed countries. You will recall that most of the multinational companies in Nigeria then never established a symbiotic relationship with our universities and could not be bothered to support research with local content. Rather, they were inclined to rely on universities in the metropolis for research. Thus, the Fund was created to support research in our universities.

Paradoxically, the Fund's enabling decree was subsequently amended and the so-called Fund for research and development in our universities is now being used to fund all sorts of programmes, - primary school building, secondary school libraries, procurement of books, and construction of laboratories. As you can see, the objectives that informed the creation of the Fund have been completely displaced as is often the case in Nigeria where good ideas are hijacked by others that often do not care about the principal reasons for them.

By and large, the ETF has created the precedence for others to call for special taxes in order to retool or strengthen all our ailing sub-sectors. For example, the Vision 2020 report on health recommends a special tax for health institutions just as the Panel on the Police, headed by Mr MD Yusuf. I won't be surprised if other panels have also recommended special taxes for various subsectors.

I am totally against special taxes for our subsectors, judging

from the ETF example. Governments at all levels should budget for their programmes and faithfully implement them. The creation of special taxes is not only untidy as you also admitted in your piece, special taxes will deter investors. They also lead to the multiplication of institutions and bureaucracies that become the avenues for the enrichment of the officials that manage them.

Frankly, I cannot understand why the local, state and federal governments should, for example, donate equipment and vehicles to the police. This is unthinkable in developed democracies. Let us put an end to special taxes or the programmes by interest groups or and creation of layers of corrupt bureaucracies and institutions. Let us make our ministries and very few other agencies function as in other parts of the world. Special taxes are Nigerian strategy for establishing multiple layers of corrupt and non-performing bureaucracies.

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Freedom begets responsibility

THE new INEC seeks guarantees of neutrality from the government. It is only logical that should government guarantee the neutrality, the electoral umpire must also assure us that it would be impartial when the crunch comes during elections.
08032952827.

On Super Eagles' disbandment

THIS decision by the president shows that he is a great visionary leader; and because of that, we'll vote him, come 2011, if he decides to run. It is better for us to stay 10 years without international football and get it right than all the international disgrace and the high blood pressure we get from watch-

ing the disbanded Super Chickens.
JACOB Hamidu, Abuja,
08036385766.

Thank you Mr President

... For disbanding this Super Eagles team. At least, our blood pressure will not rise at the next coming Nations' Cup.
BASHIR Gwale, 08035946576.

2-year ban too short

DISBAND and ban them as well as all other football organs and their finances probed to ascertain whether due process was followed. It should also ascertain all forms of maladministration, sectionalism, nepotism and favouritism in selecting the players.
USMAN Yerima, Fufore, Adamawa State, 08069786667.

HND is equivalent of BSc

THE Federal Executive Council under OBJ asserted that fact, but the anti-polytechnic people who do not understand always think otherwise. The way to develop is to right the wrongs of yesterday.
08032268267.

Return of FCT minister to PDP

IT'S very unfortunate to hear this from the people we highly respect and honour that they flip-flop from one political party to another, just to get the chance to contest election notwithstanding the interests and feelings of their people that deserve more.
DH, 08095188266.



By Nazir Ashiru Galadanchi

Time to return to radical student unionism (II)

Cont'd. from Monday.

An offshoot to this degeneration is the fractionalisation of the association. Many have owed the historic death of NANS to the 1994 convention which paved way for the beginning of factions in the association. And the source of it contention was not ideas or principles, but access to privileges. Today, there are as many factions of NANS as there are fishes in the ocean. This once militant and progressive organisation has been turned into an appendage of the ruling party. Students will readily serve as party thugs than oppose, in any form, the system that oppresses and dehumanises them. None of them has the will to follow in the footsteps of NANS' past heroes. However, to be fair with these leaderships, their predecessors had laid a solid foundation for this "historic" sell out. One could vividly recall the reactionary, pro-state positions of recent NANS officials who sold out to the corrupt ruling class of today, just to satisfy their pecuniary interests while Nigerian students are being daily attacked through the commercialization and privatization of education policies among other anti-poor policies of the Obasanjo government and it clones in states. Consequently, conventions that are organized were characterised by fraudulent means through the use of violence, thugs, corruption, deceit and lies. The big mockery of this factional leadership is the traditional UNITY CONVENTION, which contradicts itself and always gives birth to more factions always greater than the previous. One can only justify the inappropriateness of these menaces to the attestation that NANS has lost its focus and essence. Currently, factional attack and counter attack on national dailies, national threats and propaganda, and abuse of self-integrity is what constitute this organization. It is evidence that we all lack the requisite intellectual wherewithal to lead genuine and successful student struggle, less talk of addressing national issues and taking on oppress strata of the society.

It is not a thing of pride that I belong to this generation of student leaders- more so an officer, surely, history shall judge us as leaders in all facets of society, at the university, the national protectors of students rights (NANS, WASU), the custodians of Nigeria (Federal Government, National Assembly, parents and labour unions), not on what we have done, but that we failed to do.

A clarion call is made to the genuine activists remaining on campuses must stand up and build a new pan-Nigerian students' movement that will not only defend the rights of Nigerian youth to free, well-funded and qualitative education with democratic impute of the workers' and students' unions in the running of the education sector but also link its struggle with that of other sections of the oppressed layers -workers, artisans, professionals, etc. and defend people's rights to better socio-economic system that will defend people's welfare. The present NANS is not sacrosanct; it was also an offshoot of other students' organizations - WASU and NUNS. The present NANS has played its historic roles and it is now serving as fetter to the struggles of the Nigerian students and people.

Building a new national students' movement requires organizing a national campaign against government plan to commercialize education and hike fees. This campaign will link genuine activists in unions and organizations. The fact that virtually most students' unions in the country have condemned the present madness going on in NANS is a reflection of the degeneracy that has eaten deep into students' movement. Therefore, building a new pan-Nigerian students' movement mean building a genuine students' structures in each campus. Furthermore, an ideological rebirth is necessary for a genuine students' movement. The current situation where the market neo-liberalism has become the idea of governments, which has meant privatization, commercialization and cut in social spending, need to be resisted by a radical socialist oriented perspective of Nigerian students which will defend free, functional, publicly funded education system, healthcare, job for all and adequate wages and pension for all coupled with nationalization of the economy under the democratic management by the working people themselves.

This is the time when Nigerian students ought to be asking why Nigeria will be wallowing in unimaginable wealth (over \$46 billion in foreign reserve) and yet the capitalist government cannot not provide free, qualitative education to its citizens, as a result of which only ten percent of Nigerian youth are in school.

To be concluded.

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The right step

President Goodluck Jonathan on Wednesday announced the dissolution of Nigeria Football Federation, disbandment of the Super Eagles national team and imposition of a two-year ban on participation in all FIFA-organized competitions.

The action has attracted mixed reviews. One group feels that the team's dismal performance at the World Cup tournament in South Africa made such action inevitable. The many cases of corruption and embezzlement of funds in the administration of football also justified the government's hammer on the NFF, according to this group.

Others oppose the decision on the grounds that it is against international football rules and could result in FIFA sanction against Nigeria that may prove detrimental to Nigerian.

However, we see the president's action as a response to the huge concerns that many Nigerians have on the administration of football, the games that evokes the strongest nationalist passion in the country. The performance of the national team therefore is of serious concerns to Nigerians. While tremendous national resources are poured into football administration, officials and players alike, the result has not been commensurate. Graft is rife. Only recently over \$200,000 'disappeared' from NFF coffers; a ministerial panel was appointed to probe the scandal. So far, nothing has been heard of the outcome.

Just before the 2010 tournament kicked off, over N900 million was released for the football authorities and Nigerians expected would smooth take off of the competition by the Nigerian team. Prominent and well-to-do Nigerians, as well as government officials and agencies also pledged cash splashes and bonanzas to the team. All we got in return was the ignominious ouster during the opening matches. The lackadaisical attitude with which the players handled their national assignment was nothing short of disgraceful. At the end of the first round of the competition it became clear that for the Nigerian team to bounce back to international reckoning, radical measures need to be taken.

It is against this backdrop that we welcome the president's pronouncement as necessary and timely. Regardless of views to the contrary, we do not believe that FIFA has the political capacity to address the rot in Nigeria's football management, given the current reality that it is government that still largely funds football and its administration. Perhaps the appropriate thing to do to change this position is for government to consider involving the private sector in the promotion and management of sports generally.

Unless and until the national football federation can sustain itself, it will be difficult to eliminate corrupt practices in the industry and expect government to abide by the expectations of FIFA in what it considers interference in football matters.

We call on the government to initiate stringent measures that will rid the nation's football of not just of financial crimes but other frauds such as cheating on age as well. There must be efficient and transparent modalities of building the national teams. We believe that Nigerians will be happier having teams that they can have confidence in participating in international competitions as against a shambolic parade of unserious, sometimes unfit, individuals that subvert our hopes.

As this column suggested only last Wednesday, a national talent hunt should be instituted to nurture players for a more result-oriented team. That is the strategy that great football nations in Africa like Egypt, Ghana, Algeria and Camerouns deploy in building their national teams. We can do the same here.

With disbandment of the Super Eagles, it is important to emphasise our counsel that less emphasis should be placed on the engagement of foreign coaches for the national teams. We believe that they are overrated and do not usually produce tangible results to justify the expenses incurred in procuring them. Those who will eventually be charged with grooming a new national team must approach the assignment with all sense of commitment and fairness.

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Plateau: Pastoralists in peril

Ever since the recent ethno-religious eruptions on the Plateau, thousands of Nigerians have been seriously affected by the conflict. However, the pastoral Fulbe have, individually and collectively, suffered disproportionately from an unfortunate crisis that seems to have gone out of control. Like some malignant social ailment, the crisis has refused to die, and has only moved from an open and spontaneous bloody phase to a silent, but more vengeful phase.

This silent but invidious phase of the conflict has been witnessing, among others, the selective killing of individuals on both sides of the divide as well as the poisoning of livestock belonging to the pastoral Fulbe. Consider, for example, the recent alleged poisoning of over 70 cattle in Heipang, in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the state. The heinous crime which was not the first of its type since the conflict started was confirmed by the spokesperson of the Special Task Force (STF), Lt. Colonel Kingsley Umoh (*Daily Trust*, June 17, 2010).

Now, we may ask, why have the pastoral Fulbe and their livestock become easy targets on the Plateau? One likely explanation could be the despicable and cowardly attacks on Dogo Nahauwa and two other villages in March 2010 by some armed men, alleged to be some nomadic Fulani. The attacks, which led to the death of several men, women and children, appeared to have been launched as a form of revenge for the huge human and livestock losses incurred by the pastoralists when the conflict erupted in January, as well as in previous conflicts.

Yet, as despicable as both the January and March incidents were, they do not warrant the vicious cycle of violence that has come to characterize the Plateau. Most certainly, two wrongs do not make a right. Somehow, the people of the Plateau must garner the moral courage to forgive, and have the will to live together in peace by breaking this vicious cycle of violence that does nobody any good.

As far as the fate of the pastoral Fulbe is concerned, everybody, including Governor David Jonah Jang, has made the cogent point that the Fulbe have historically been part and parcel of the Plateau and cannot simply be wished away. Many scholars of pastoralism in northern Nigeria such as Roger Blench have observed that the pastoral Fulbe were attracted to the Jos Plateau as far back as the 19th century when its human population was relatively sparse. In dry land ecology such as ours, the verdant vegetation of the Plateau will no doubt continue to attract both nomadic and semi-nomadic pastoralists who depend on the opportunistic use of patchy resources. In dry land ecologies, mobility is part

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and parcel of pastoral land use systems.

In a study of Fulani Pastoralism in the Jos area, Awogbade (1983) documented that though the relationship between farmers and Fulani pastoralists was coming under increasing pressure due to 'fierce competition for resources', Fulbe herds were still welcomed by Jos farmers. Many of the traditional exchanges still took place including exchange of labour. Herders were keeping

'stray into grazing resources and cattle routes'. In fairness to the people and government of Plateau state, therefore, pastoralists are in peril almost everywhere in Nigeria. For example, in 2009, both Wase Local Government in Plateau state and Damboa Local Government in Borno state expelled hundreds of nomadic pastoralists from their domains.

However, in my considered view, pastoralists are particularly endangered specie on the Plateau as a result of the manner in which they have been profiled and besieged, thus making them the frontline victims of the current conflict. Conflict between crop cultivators and pastoralists has

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animals for the village farmers who considered livestock, particularly cattle, as a form of investment; milk, cattle and manure were traded for agricultural produce and social links between the sedentary populations and the herders were evident in ceremonial exchanges. All these seem to have given way to the current unhealthy climate of distrust and violence between the pastoral Fulbe and other groups particularly the Biroms.

Over the years, the relationship between crop cultivators and pastoralists, including the pastoral Fulbe, has transformed from a complementary one to conflict not only on the Plateau but almost everywhere.

Indeed, the conflict between pastoralists and crop cultivators is as old as man. Thus, the secular struggle of peasant and nomad on the frontiers of the desert and the sown, which have shifted back and forth with climatic changes, with the rise and decay of strongly organised states, and with changes in the technology of war and peace have been so spectacular that some notable social historians such as Ibn Khaldun saw in it a main key to the course of human history.

In Nigeria, especially in the two major livestock corridors of the North-East and North-West, this conflict has become particularly endemic in recent times. While pastoralists are often accused of encroaching into farm lands, it is also pertinent to note that the political economy of Nigeria's land use system is inherently biased against pastoralism as a resource use system. Livestock owned by pastoralists (and sedentary cultivators) no doubt often 'stray into farmlands' but so do farmlands

become particularly ubiquitous on the Plateau due to the way in which religion, politics and ethnicity have all become intertwined with existing patterns of fierce competition for resources.

Most conflicts such as the Plateau conflict, in the final analysis, are about resources; but in complex societies such as ours, the contours of resource conflicts are often drawn along ethnic and religious lines, which make them more volatile and difficult to resolve. To compound matters, in the case of the Plateau, the pastoralists are drawn into what is essentially an urban-based conflict over the spoils of political office and other sundry matters. Under normal circumstances, pastoralists are complete outsiders to such conflicts. The current conflict in the Plateau is not a conventional farmer-pastoralist conflict.

The conflict in the Plateau has, exerted huge physical and psychological toll on everybody in the state and beyond and the sooner it is resolved the better for the nation. In particular, the targeting of pastoralists and their livestock must not be allowed to continue unchecked and unpunished. Pastoral livelihoods are fundamental elements of rural economies and societies and must be recognised as such. Generally, pastoralists contribute significantly to the protein needs of the nation. Plateau state, a proud and worthy home to the prestigious National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI), Vom, established as far back as 1924 to save animal lives, cannot at the same time serve as a safe haven for some criminals who are deliberately poisoning and killing animals, thereby turning back the NVRI's laudable clock of achievements some 100 years back.



**BORNO STATE CONCERNED CITIZEN'S
RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR
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SENATOR (DR.) ALI MODU SHERIFF
AS THE GOVERNOR OF BORNO STATE COME
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Being by the current socio-economic and political development in Borno State, we the Concerned Citizens of the state wish to commend His Excellency Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff for his wonderful efforts in roads and housing, constructions as well as Hospitals, Schools, Motor Parks and the distribution of Motor Cycles and other relief materials, aimed at reducing the suffering and poverty level of the good citizens of the state.

We are equally marveled at Your Excellency's political prowess to the extent that not only those of us in the ANPP but also these "Lions" in the opposition Parties tremble at SAS's approach in the political arena. Your Excellency Sir, this is the main reason why we remain headed to your storn warning not to vvy for the Governorship position, when you noticed some of us had shown interest to succeed you come 2011, during our Stake holders meeting, at the Borno State Hotel, Maiduguri, in 2009. At that meeting, Your Excellency rightly pointed out.

Your Excellency Sir, you specifically said at the Stakeholders meetings at the State Hotel, Maiduguri and the Multi-purpose Hall at the Government House, Maiduguri that "we should continue to pray and when it is time, I will make a wider consultation including you the stakeholders and then come-up with a candidate that will be acceptable by all the people of Borno State" Your Excellency Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff concluded by saying, "after that, I will be the only person to take my brief case and leave come 2011 In-sha-Allah",

Your Excellency may wish to recall that when you came to power in 2003, you said at the then Shehu of Dikwa's Palace at Bama and we quote "the jinx that if you do not belong to Borno Emirate you will never be a Governor has been broken, because by the Grace of God, here I am now as a Governor, though a Kanuri but from Dikwa Emirate, By the time I am done at the end of my second term tenure, the next Governor will In-Sha-Allah come from the next emirate, because Borno State belongs to all of us" end of quote. You have repeatedly said this at Biu, Shani and several other foras too numerous to mention. The "next Emirate" is no doubt Southern Borno, because it is the only "Emirate" that is yet to have any of its sons to occupy that office as the Governor of Borno State if that "jinx" is to be truly and honestly considered "broken" and to warrant us accompany you to the Senate In-Sha-Allah come 2011 with your "brief case" in your hand. It is precisely because of this unequivocal statement that we hold you so dearly to it and humbly state that there is no better time to actualize it but now.

Your Excellency Sir, we are very much aware that Borno State is blessed with many seasoned personalities that can succeed you. However, we are of the strong view that His Excellency, the Deputy Governor Alhaji Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal, the Sardana of Biu who is from Southern Borno is very much qualified to carry the ANPP flag to greater heights in unity and progress. In fact, the loyalty and support he has so far exuked to you and the ANPP as a

party is a rare quality you can find among his equals.

Our choice of His Excellency the Deputy Governor Alhaji Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal the Sardana of Biu to be your natural successor is informed by his high level of humility, compassion, low level headedness and trust worthiness dictated by his evowed Islamic tenet as a Muslim per excellence and in line with year earlier pledge that the next Governor will In-sha-Allah come from the next Emirate and the next Emirate is Southern Borno. We feel that it is precisely because of these Stirling qualities of Alhaji Adamu Yuguda Dibal, the Sardana of Biu that you chose him to be your Deputy seven years ago. If you can pick him as your Deputy Governor then, you can also pick him to be your successor now to win the 2011 election In-Sha-Allah as the Executive Governor of Borno State.

We are also calling His Excellency the Deputy Governor Alhaji Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal the Sardana of Biu, to please come out and contest for the Governorship position come the 2011 election and we shall In-sha-Allah rain our votes for you. Yours Excellency Sir, this is a call to duty and we believe that with you at the helm of affairs, your good leadership qualities and sound policies will unchain our good people from poverty, hunger, squalor, disease and illiteracy that will usher in the much needed, peace, unity, equity, fair play and justice reminiscent with a progressive Government in a civilized society like Borno State.

Your Excellency Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff Sir, just look around, and you will notice that your Deputy's charisma as a pious individual, commands mounting popularity to occupy that oval office, cutting across party line. This makes him to possess the political horse power needed to succeed you for good governance in Borno State.

Your Excellency Sir, we the Concerned Citizens want the ANPP as a party to continue to wax stronger than ever before and the key to that is Alhaji Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal, the Sardana of Biu. While we look forward to heralding your return to the Senate for the Forth (4) time come 2011, we will also still be in control of Borno State under the able leadership of Alhaji Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal, the Sardana of Biu as the Executive Governor of Borno State, to continue with the good work you wished our people in the state. In-Sha-Allah.

We therefore implore you to take our recommendation very, very seriously in the best interest of our great party and teaming supporters in the state. We therefore await Your Excellency's pronouncements in no distant future.

Long Live His Excellency Senator (Dr.) Ali Modu Sheriff on his way back to the Senate come 2011 In-Sha-Allah

Long Live His Excellency Alhaji Adamu Shettima Yuguda Dibal, the Sardana of Biu on his way to Government House as the Executive Governor of Borno State come 2011 In-Sha-Allah.

**Long Live Borno State ANPP
Long Live the Good people of Borno State.
Long Live Federal Republic of Nigeria**

**SIGNED:
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AFRICA REPORT

Sudan frees opposition leader Hassan al-Turabi

SUDAN has released Islamist opposition leader Hassan al-Turabi. Mr Turabi has spent a month and a half in detention after authorities arrested him in May and closed his party's newspaper. His wife alleged he had been



ISLAMIST Sudanese opposition leader Hassan al-Turabi, pictured in April 2010, who was arrested in a crackdown by authorities last month, has been released from jail.

apprehended after he repeated an allegation that the country's elections had been rigged.

President Omar al-Bashir was re-elected in April. Critics say the elections - the first multi-party polls since 1986 - were marred by fraud and irregularities.

After his release, Mr Turabi said he would continue to oppose the government. "We have to fight for democracy and the rule of law," he told the BBC's Network Africa programme.

Mr Turabi, a former ally of the president, has been detained on numerous occasions since he set up his Popular Congress Party. He has been accused of links to rebels in Darfur - charges he denies.

He was detained for two months last year after calling on President Bashir to give himself up to The Hague, where he is facing war crimes charges over the conflict in Darfur.

Mr Bashir denies arming pro-government militias accused of ethnic cleansing against black African communities seen as sympathetic to the rebels.

Some 300,000 people have died in Darfur - most from disease - since the conflict began in 2003, according to the UN, although the government says these figures have been exaggerated.

Some 2.5 million have been forced from their homes.

Kenyan MPs join world's best paid lawmakers

MPS in Kenya yesterday voted to boost their own salaries, making them among the world's best paid politicians. Under the new legislation, the Kenyan prime minister will take home over a third more than his British counterpart.

He will also earn almost 10% more than the US president. The vote has provoked anger from the general public and the media, correspondents say. The parliamentarians have voted to be paid a basic \$44,000 a year. But extra allowances can bring the salary up to up to \$126,000 after tax - a rise of 18%.

The allowances include \$370 a day for turning up in parliament. If approved, the legislation would take effect during the next parliament, expected in two years' time.

A BBC's East Africa correspondent said the MPs' debate on their salaries was extraordinarily quick. The Kenyan Daily Nation

newspaper reported that one MP described the pay-increase as "a move towards restoring honour to the profession of politics".

One politician was quoted as saying that the amount of money paid to MPs could not compensate "for the heavy responsibility they shoulder in the economic, political and social development of the country".

It also quoted an assistant minister as trying to dismiss criticism of the vote by saying: "If you feel MPs are being paid heftily, join Parliament. [And if you are in Parliament] if you feel you have enough, give a chance to your colleagues."

An editorial in the Standard newspaper argued that Kenyans might be able to stomach the huge numbers involved if it meant the selfless delivery of services and an end to corruption.

Algeria insurgents kill 11 in military convoy ambush

SUSPECTED Islamic militants have killed 11 Algerian paramilitary police in an ambush in the Sahara desert, a security source said on Wednesday. The assault took place at dawn during a military vehicle patrol in the town of Tinzaouatine, near the border with Mali, local media reported.

The attackers also stole weapons and communication devices, and set the vehicles alight, the source said. It is the most deadly attack so far this year in Algeria.

Armed Islamic groups in Algeria have linked themselves to al-Qaida to stage bombings and other attacks. Algeria was riven with violence after the 1992 general election, won by an Islamist party, was annulled.

More than 150,000 people died, but an amnesty in 1999 led many rebels to lay down their arms.

Somali president leads troops in anniversary battle

SOMALIA'S President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed yesterday appeared on the front line, as fierce battles rage on the day the country marked 50 years of independence.

Witnesses told the BBC that the president was dressed in military fatigues atop an African Union tank. The president warned before the anniversary that Somalia was in danger of perishing as a nation. Government troops, backed by African peacekeepers, are battling Islamist militants who control most of Somalia.

A moderate Islamist, President Ahmed was elected by MPs to head Somalia's fragile transitional government 18 months ago. The country has been riven by conflict since President Siad Barre was overthrown in 1991.

It was the first time the president has gone to the front line to lead an attack. The government offensive follows two days of battles as fighters from the hardline Islamist al-Shabab group and their allies tried to regain recently lost ground in the north of the city. The government forces began shelling the Islamist stronghold of Karan, a residential area, on Wednesday evening.

Hospital officials say so far eight people have been killed and 82 injured in yesterday's fighting. As the battles raged on Wednesday, an Islamist Hizbul-Islam group allied to al-Shabab in Mogadishu, ordered radio stations not to broadcast programmes to mark the 50th anniversary. In April, it also banned them from playing music as it said songs were un-Islamic. Our reporter says that most stations have complied with the anniversary ban, except a government station and privately owned Radio Shabelle, which has recently moved to a government-controlled area of the city.



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Middle East

Turkey, Israel in first talks since flotilla raid

ISRAEL and Turkey have held their first high-level meeting since the row over the killing of Turkish activists on an aid ship bound for Gaza, officials say.

Israeli Trade Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer held secret talks with Turkey's Foreign Minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, reportedly in Brussels on Wednesday.

Turkey later confirmed the meeting but said nothing substantial was agreed.

Ankara curtailed diplomatic relations with Israel in May, after the naval raid in which nine Turks were killed.

The country, which had been Israel's most important Muslim ally, has demanded an apology and compensation for the victims' families.

Israel has refused, saying its commandos acted in self-defence after being attacked by a group of passengers on the ship, which was part of a flotilla trying to break its blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, the ship's cargo has begun to arrive in Gaza via land, starting with second-hand mobility scooters for the handicapped.

The aid was impounded by the Israeli authorities after the raid.

News of the secret meeting between representatives of the former allies was broken on Wednesday evening by Israeli Channel

2 TV.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office subsequently confirmed the reports, saying: "Minister Ben-Eliezer informed the prime minister of an offer by a Turkish figure to hold an unofficial meeting."

"The prime minister saw nothing to prevent such a meeting, as in recent weeks there have been various initiatives for contacts with Turkey."

A senior Israeli source told the Haaretz newspaper that the White House had pushed for a meeting and co-ordinated its details with both parties.

President Barack Obama met Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan at the recent G20 summit in Toronto, and will hold talks with Mr Netanyahu in Washington on Tuesday.

Turkish officials said nothing substantial was agreed during the meeting and that their demand for an apology from Israel, compensation for the victims of the raid and an international inquiry were not met.

But they said Turkey's goal was still to rebuild relations with Israel.

There were conflicting reports about who requested Wednesday's meeting. An Israeli spokesman told the BBC that Turkey had initiated contact, while Turkish officials told the AFP news agency Israel had.

Iran arms Syria with radar, US report says

IRAN has given Syria an advanced radar system that could threaten Israel's air supremacy in the region, a US newspaper has reported.

The *Wall Street Journal* said Israel's ability to overfly Syria and hit Iran's nuclear facilities could be hampered.

The system would also boost Syria's defences and could benefit Lebanese militant group Hezbollah if Syria shared information, the report said. Syria and Iran have denied that the radar transfer took place.

An unnamed Israeli military official has told the *Reuters* news agency

that Syria, Israel's northern neighbour, has received a radar system from Iran, but declined to give further details.

A spokesman for the Syrian Embassy in Washington said the claims were "classic Israeli PR stunts aimed at diverting the world's attention from the atrocities they are committing in Gaza and other occupied territories".

And a spokesman for Iran's mission to the UN dismissed the report as "absolutely not true". Four unnamed US and Israeli officials told the *Wall Street Journal* that the radar system had been transferred to Syria in mid-2009.

Lebanon arrests 'Israeli spy'

LEBANON has arrested a man accused of spying for Israel for more than 15 years, the country's Telecommunications Minister Charbel Nahhas has said.

Mr Nahhas said the man was a technician with one of the country's two main mobile networks, and could have had access to sensitive information.

Lebanon, which fought a war with Israel in 2006, has made a series of similar arrests in the last year, as part of an operation to dismantle spy networks.

Israel has not commented on the arrest. Mr Nahhas told the *BBC* the arrest took place a few days ago. He denied local media reports that the man was a senior official at the mobile network operator, but said he could have had access to sensitive information.

Lebanon and Israel remain in an official state of war. Since last year, the Lebanese authorities have arrested dozens of people who are accused of collaborating with Israel, most suspected of leaking information about the militant group, Hezbollah.

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Signed,
Ben Oluke, Publicity Secretary

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The NYSC 2010 Batch 'B' Orientation Course is scheduled to commence in all the NYSC Orientation Camps nationwide as follows:

- (a) Commencement of Registration - Tuesday, July 6, 2010
- (b) Cut-off-date for Registration - 12.00 midnight, Wednesday, July 7, 2010
- (c) Swearing-in Ceremony - Thursday, July 8, 2010
- (d) Official Closing Ceremony - Tuesday, July 27, 2010

All Prospective corps members slated for the 2010 Batch 'B' orientation course are advised to proceed to their respective institutions to collect their call-up letters. Foreign-Trained graduates are to collect their call-up letters at the NYSC NDHQ, Abuja with their travelling Passport for identification.

For some logistic reasons, Cross-River State will not host this orientation programme. However, corps members deployed to the state will have their orientation course in the following states namely; ABIA, AKWAIBOM AND DELTA. This has been reflected in their call-up letters. So also a few corps members deployed to Lagos and FCT are to undergo the orientation course in other states.

Corps members deployed to these three (3) states are therefore advised to carefully note the camp venues as reflected on their call-up letters to avoid any confusion.

In the event of any loss of call-up letter the corps member is advised to obtain Police report and Sworn Affidavit and thereafter report to the Institution of graduation for further necessary action.

Prospective corps members with authentic call-up letters will be registered in camp regardless of on-line registration.

REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION:

- (a) Original Call-up Letter
- (b) Statement of result endorsed by authorised officer with authentic signature
- (c) School Identity Card, including travelling Passport for foreign-trained graduates.
- (d) Medical Doctors, Pharmacists and Optometrists are to produce evidence of completion of housemanship/internship as well as evidence of registration with their Professional Bodies.

The NYSC Director-General, Brigadier-General MI Tsiga, wishes all prospective corps members safe-trip to their respective camps and memorable Orientation course.

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LOCATION AND ADDRESSES OF ORIENTATION CAMPS NATIONWIDE

S/NO	STATE	CAMPS ADDRESS
1.	ABIA	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Umuna, Bende Local Government Area, Abia State.
2.	ADAMAWA	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Old Gongola Brewery, Damare Village Along Lapondo Road, Girel LGA
3.	AKWAIBOM	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camps Nsit Atai Local Government Area.
4.	ANAMBRA	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Progressive Senior Secondary School, Umunya, Oyi Local Government Area, Anambra State.
5.	BAUCHI	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Wailo in Ganjuwa Local Government Council, Bauchi.
6.	BAYELSA	Kaiama Grammar School, Kaiama
7.	BENUE	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Wanune, Tarka LGA Kilometer 35 Makurdi Gboko Road
8.	BORNO	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Biu Road, Maiduguru.
9.	CROSS RIVER	CORPS MEMBERS TO CHECK CAMP VENUES ON THEIR CALL-UP LETTERS FOR ORIENTATION COURSE ONLY
10.	DELTA	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Former Martins TTC, Issle-Uku Aniocha North LGA
11.	EBONYI	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Macgregor College, Afikpo
12.	EDO	Okada Grammar School, Okada, Ovia North-East Local Government Area, Edo State.
13.	EKITI	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Ise-orun/Emure Ekiti State.
14.	ENUGU	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Awgu Local Government Area, Enugu State
15.	FCT	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Kubwa, Abuja
16.	GOMBE	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Kilometer 27, Mallam Sidi, Gombe State.
17.	IMO	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Umudi, Nkwere Local Government Area.
18.	JIGAWA	NYSC Temporary Camp, Government Secondary School, Gumel
19.	KADUNA	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Kaduna-Abuja Road, Kaduna.
20.	KANO	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Kusala Dam, Karaye, Karaye Local Government, Kano State
21.	KATSINA	Youth Multi-purpose/NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Mani Road, Katsina.
22.	KEBBI	Haliru Abdul Arabic Secondary School, Jega, Kebbi State.
23.	KOGI	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Asaya, Kabba.
24.	KWARA	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Yikpata, Edu LGA, Kwara State.
25.	LAGOS	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Iyana Ipaja, Agege, Lagos
26.	NASARAWA	Magaji Dan-Yamusa Permanent Orientation Camp Keffi.
27.	NIGER	NYSC Temporary Permanent Orientation Camp, Abubakar, Dada.
28.	OGUN	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Defunct Methodist Tech. Coll. Sagamu
29.	ONDO	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Ikare-Akoko.
30.	OSUN	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Aisu Coll. Hospital Rd. Ede, Osun State
31.	OYO	Government Technical College, Iseyin.
32.	PLATEAU	NYSC Temporary Camp, Zang Secondary Commercial School, Bukuru, Jos South LGA.
33.	RIVERS	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Nonwa-Gban Tai LGA, Rivers State.
34.	SOKOTO	Government Technical College Farfara, Sokoto.
35.	TARABA	Taraba State Polytechnic, Wukari, Taraba State.
36.	YOBE	NYSC Permanent Orientation Camp, Fika, Fika LGA, Yobe State
37.	ZAMFARA	NYSC Temporary Orientation Camp, GSS Tsafe, Tsafe Local Govt. Area, Zamafara State.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of your Classmate at Bayero University, we are full of joy when the Nigerian public unanimously found in you the sterling qualities required for reforming our electoral process thereby straightening our democratic practice for our greater National Development. It is our prayers that the Almighty Allah will grant you His omnipotent guidance and protection to discharge your onerous duties as Chairman of INEC and to have the most successful tenure.



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All about psoriasis

By Ogechi Ohalee

PSORIASIS is a chronic skin condition that causes thick red marks that look like scales to form. The thick scaling is due to an increase in the number of skin cells. The cause of psoriasis starts with the immune system. People who have psoriasis may experience periods of time without any symptoms. Other times, psoriasis will get worse.

Dr. Omoye Akhigbe, a general physician at Wuse General Hospital said Psoriasis is a non-contagious common skin condition that causes rapid skin cell reproduction resulting in red, dry patches of thickened skin. The dry flakes and skin scales are thought to result from the rapid buildup of skin cells. Psoriasis commonly affects the skin of the elbows, knees, and scalp. Patients with more severe psoriasis may have social embarrassment, job stress, emotional distress, and other personal issues because of the appearance of their skin. It has a variable course, periodically improving and worsening. Sometimes psoriasis may clear for years and stay in remission.

Causes

The doctor said the exact cause remains unknown. There may be a combination of factors,



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including genetic predisposition and environmental factors. It is common for psoriasis to be found in members of the same family because for psoriasis to appear, it seems that a person must inherit the "right" mix of genes and be exposed to a trigger. Some common triggers are a stressful life event, skin injury, and having strep throat.

She also said the immune system is thought to play a major role. Psoriasis is not contagious. You cannot get psoriasis from touching someone who has psoriasis, swimming in the same pool, or even intimate contact. Psoriasis is much more complex. Despite research over so many years looking at many triggers, the "master switch" that turns on psoriasis is still a mystery.

Symptoms

Dr. Omoye said when psoriasis flares, it can cause severe itching and pain. Sometimes the skin cracks and bleeds.

Psoriasis can occur on any part of the body although it is most commonly found on the elbows, knees, lower back and the scalp. Other symptoms of psoriasis may include:

- Red, raised patches of scaly skin
- Dry, cracked skin (that may also bleed at times)
- Skin that burns, is itchy or sore
- Thick, pitted fingernails

Who is at risk?

Psoriasis can start at any age, but most often develops between the ages of 11 and 45, often at puberty. The condition is not contagious and most people have only small patches of their body affected. There is a genetic link and it tends to run in families.

This genetic tendency appears to need to be triggered by infection; certain medicines, including ibuprofen and lithium; psychological factors, including stress; or skin trauma. There is no way of predicting who will

develop psoriasis

Psoriasis can begin at any age, from infancy through the golden years. There are, however, times when psoriasis is most likely to develop. Most people first see psoriasis between 15 and 30 years of age.

Prevention

Other things that can cause the psoriasis to get worse include:

- Infections (such as strep throat and the common cold)
- Diseases that weaken the immune system
- Stress
- Certain medicines (such as beta-blockers for high blood pressure and drugs used to prevent malaria)
- Skin irritations
- Cold weather
- Smoking

Treatment

There are various treatments for psoriasis. Your doctor will help you decide which one is best for you. Keeping your skin moisturized with an over-the-counter product is a good first step. Body lotion can help keep skin from getting too dry and cracking. It can also help remove some of the scales. Bathing daily in Dead Sea salts, bath oil or oatmeal can calm redness and remove scales. Consult your doctor for proper treatment.



Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio mind their manners in 'Titanic'

Etiquette: Mind your 'please' and cues

DOES etiquette still matter? Jessica Fellowes offers some polite advice on navigating the minefield of modern life.

When I was little, my mother collected me from a school friend's party. As I clutched my goody-bag and balloon, I shook the hand of my friend's mother and said: "Thank you. Pleased to meet you."

I remember silently congratulating myself on having said something so grown-up and polite. But, to my confusion, my mother blushed slightly and bundled me into the car. "You don't say 'pleased to meet you,'" she scolded. I still don't know why. It was my first lesson that, sometimes, good manners and bad etiquette are the same thing.

Most bewildering of all was why this wrong-footed point of etiquette embarrassed my mother. Couldn't she just be happy that her daughter had tried to be polite? But etiquette is compulsive: once you know that it is wrong to say "pleased to meet you", or address a letter to a married woman as Mrs Jane Plain, or pass the port to the right, it runs through your core like writing in a stick of rock and you can't ignore it.

A high-profile male fashion journalist told me that he could no longer wear cufflinks after he read that society interior designer Nicky Haslam thought they were common. "And I loved my cufflinks!" he cried.

What is etiquette, anyway? It's not simple good manners, although a great deal of etiquette is ostensibly about putting other people at ease and oiling the social wheels (Debrett's certainly defends it as such). But where manners are often common sense or even instinct (because surely it is instinctive to show gratitude to someone who has done you a kindness), etiquette is better described as a code of social cues. More than that – cues which offer you the opportunity to pass judgment on another.

Take the everyday act of pouring someone a cup of tea. As far as I was taught, the world is divided into those who pour the milk in first and those who pour it in after the tea. If there are three people sitting together and one of them pours the milk in first, the other two will give each other a knowing look. It's a posh version of the Masonic handshake. This would imply that etiquette is about snobbery. But I still don't think it's as straightforward as that.

Some will contest that etiquette is ultimately democratic. The Cinderellas of this world, it is argued, need only learn the rules to then boldly go anywhere without betraying their ill-bred background. (Debrett's Guide to Etiquette and Modern Manners, for example, explains how to pour tea.) Others will argue that etiquette guidelines are so complex you cannot possibly learn all of them. There will always be something that trips you up and tears away the mask to reveal the oik you really are.

Etiquette is not, as one might suppose, a solid and defined list of rules etched on stone tablets by an ancient prophet: Thou Shalt Not Call It Dessert, Only Pudding, for example. It is a constantly evolving and complex thing. Whether it is the abandonment of fish knives (the height of chic for Victorians, now as naff as an antimacassar) or rapidly changing ideas on mobile phone usage, it is not always clear to see which way is the right way. This makes it harder for a novice – deliberately insulted by the label *nouveaux riche* or *arriviste* – to keep up to speed.

But why do we care at all? This is the 21st century. We have abolished slavery, women have the vote and you don't have to have gone to Eton to be the prime minister (although, clearly, it still helps).

So why are we hanging on to the last vestiges of pre-war social niceties? Why, when I am allowed to wear trousers and demand equal pay, do I worry about whether or not to take wine to a dinner party?

Because, fundamentally, we

are all social creatures. We wish to have a sense of belonging to our own tribes. Etiquette – as a guiding set of social cues – allows us to do this. Of all the tribes, the posh one is the easiest to infiltrate because etiquette is set out in black and white (just pick up Debrett's).

But for evolving tribes – which today may be based around technology, culture, global travel and even money, the question will always be asked: what do I need to do to fit in?

Strictly speaking

- "Should I take wine to a dinner party?"

Posh Bird says: If you are under 30 years old, a bottle of wine is most likely to be a welcome contribution to the evening. Older hosts tend to want to show off their sophistication in matching wine to food and so may take your bottle but not offer it to drink that night. Do not be offended by this. However, champagne is always welcome.

Debrett's says: "If someone brings a bottle you may like to open it at some point in the evening, but have your own bottle ready and opened, in case your guests don't bring wine. If you do not open your guests' wine on the night, make sure you tell them that their wine is too exceptional for the assembled group and that you're saving it for a special occasion."

- "My friend isn't taking her husband's name. How should I address a letter to her?"

Posh Bird says: The answer was once straightforward. One wrote "Mrs" followed by the husband's name – such as, Mrs John Plain. (If she divorces, she will become Mrs Jane Plain.) But many women now are like your friend. If you know this decision has been taken one ought to respect this. So drop all titles – I cannot recommend the ghastly "Ms" – and just write Jane Pretty.

Debrett's says: "The ugly-sounding Ms is problematic. Although many women have assumed this bland epithet, it remains incorrect to use it when addressing a social letter."

FRAGMENTS

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Women: Beyond the summit

WOMEN have been clamoring for leadership positions and decision making for a long time and the recent national summit and rally on the participation of women in politics in Abuja on Monday and Tuesday, June 21-22, 2010 seemed a culmination of such.

The summit was attended by over 5,000 women from all the states of the federation and the Federal capital Territory, Abuja (FCT).

Even though, the Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Iyom Josphine Anenih, said that while women did not have to run for political office, they should all register, join a political party, and vote during elections, the irony is to make women believe in the capabilities of their fellow women.

Women, even in high places are known to be petty and jealous of each other, and there are many women who will tell it to anyone that cares to listen that they prefer male friends to female friends! This, they say, is because women gossip (excluding them?). And many women say they prefer a male boss to a female boss, because a female boss can be terrible by being too assertive. Therefore unless all kinds of put-me-down syndromes are checked, women may not have a lot of say in the affairs of the nation as it concerns them and their children. They may only be spectators, clapping and dancing to male politicians, as if they are half wits, that don't know what they want, and what they are capable of doing.

Another problem of women is that they don't have money, and because of the poverty entrenched at the grassroots, the women that really vote may not care to join a political party. That is unless a clever one latches up to a male politician (of course) and become his Woman Leader. She can then become a party member and have the sole responsibility of mobilizing women to vote for him with enticements of essential commodities like a bar of soap, detergent, salt and even a wrapper with the picture of the politician on it. Some add a sum of N200.00 to every woman they mobilize. In this type of mobilisation, the issue of party ideology is not discussed or what the politician will do for them, but as far as the women are given these token items their votes are bought.

Therefore there is the possibility that those who join political parties and attend all the meetings in Abuja may not even vote, but the real voters that stand in long queues under the elements, some with babies strapped to their backs may not get anything out of their wahala. That is assuming that their votes count, much less where they don't count.

However, women should bear in mind that no matter what they are not men, and should conduct themselves as women, not as men just because they join politics. This is because since it is a man's world and a man can literally get away with murder, a woman can be crucified by committing a fraction of his offence. Let's recall the former Speaker Patricia Etteh's corruption saga that led to her resignation in 2007 when she was accused of authorising the spending of N628million on the renovation of her official residence and that of her deputy, and the outcry it generated just because she was a woman, and compare it to the current one of Speaker Dimeji Bankole.

Bankole is alleged to have misappropriated the sum of N9billion of an N11billion budget from 2008 to 2009, and even though people condemn it, the outcry is not as intense as that of Etteh, apparently believing that he is a man and can therefore be expected to do anything, and even get away with it!

And in terms of physical combat, women politicians should shun it at all costs, or else as mothers, they cannot afford to let their children see them in such situations, just because men can exchange blows at the slightest provocation. This is more so, that if they tear a man's dress off his back, he may not be perturbed, but if they tear a dress off a woman, I can't begin to imagine the humiliation.

As such, rather than being their own enemies women should love and support themselves, but the women in leadership position should also behave well, and avoid pettiness that is the bane of women, but which women leaders should suppress, if they want to succeed.

It is high time for women to stop clapping and dancing, indeed, as women have come of age, and the summit has shown that women have really had enough of being used and dumped as voters and singers and dancers. Why can't they call the tune too, and make policies to better themselves and the whole country?

Look chic in a maxi dress

By Akor Ojoma

THE maxi dress, one of the best fashion trends of the past, has made a comeback. Maxi dresses had their golden age back in the seventies, when all things flowy and hippie were de rigueur of the day.

Fast-forward four decades and the maxi's seventies vibe still lives on – so much in fact that it has become a timeless look, ideal for days and evenings. They made a loud come back last year and it looks like they are here to stay.

A maxi dress is a floor or ankle length informal dress. Maxi dresses are formfitting at the top and loose flowing at the bottom and cut to flow over the body. They are usually made out of cotton or polyester and come in a variety of necklines, colours and patterns. These ankle length dresses are made of lightweight fabric which speaks femininity while gracefully flowing as you walk.

Designers and shops alike are all coming out with their version of the maxi dress trend for this season. You might wonder how this trend has endured for years. Well, contrary to what many people may think, maxi dresses suit pretty much all body shapes. So for all of you petite ladies, if you feel these dresses aren't your thing, think again.

Tom McEwan, The Hour's resident fashion guru maintains it's all about attitude. "Maxi's are all about volume and a lot of fabric, so whatever body shape you are, you're always going to look a bit bigger, it's just about having the confidence to wear it," he said.

However, some fashion experts advice that if you're more on the petite side, you need to be really careful with these dresses to avoid being swallowed up in fabric.

An empire-waist style that flows away from your body with lots of ruffles is not your friend. Stick to basic, form-fitting styles that accentuate your waist and don't have too much excess volume.

Big-busted women may also find the maxi dress harder to pull-off. A halter-style or bandeau top is preferable to thin spaghetti straps, as they are more flattering to the bust.

Styles

The styles, the different fabrics, and the choices of colour and prints are numerous – sleeves, no sleeves, v-neck, and scoop neck; empire waist, no waist; every colour under the rainbow is available, from simple white to the traditional 1960's patterns, stripes, floral prints, bold and small prints. Your options are almost endless.

Accessories

Accessories worn with the maxi dress determine the occasion and mood. For day time wear, choose a dress with a halter style or empire waist, put on your flip flops or thong sandals. A floppy hat looks great with the maxi



dress too. Put on your shades and carry an over-sized purse and costume jewellery. An ankle bracelet looks especially nice with these feminine dresses.

You can also take that day time dress into the evening; to dinner or dancing. Just remove the floppy hat, sandals and over-sized purse and put a pair of heels on your feet (open toes,) and carry a clutch purse.

Vanessa Zareef Suite101.com also adds "So what are the must-have accessories for this super luxe look? Tribal jewellery

of course, bangles and big necklaces are a plus. Wedges will add even more inches to your overall look, although if you prefer flats, a glamorous pair of gladiator sandals will do."

The appeal of the maxi dress is glaring as it has become a favourite with celebrities. Maxi dresses is the most fashionable trend, and for all the right reasons -- affordability, comfort, the numerous styles to choose from, and the way they make women feel feminine and pretty! One simply can't have too many.

NEXT LEVEL

COMPILED BY FRANCIS OKEKE

Primary health care agency gets new directors

By Francis Okeke

SIX new directors have been appointed at the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) Abuja.

The new directors were appointed following their success at a recent competitive Public Service recruitment interview and examination jointly conducted by a Human Resource Consulting Firm and Federal Civil Service Commission, Federal Character Commission, Federal Ministry of Health and Governing Board of the Agency.

A statement by the Head of Public Relations Unit of the Agency Sa'adu Salahu said three of the new directors were from within the institution while the remaining three were new faces from outside the organization.

The directors from within the organization are Dr. Emmanuel Adebayo Abanida who hitherto, had been in an acting capacity,

(now Director, Disease Control and Immunization), Dr. Emmanuel Odu (Director, Planning Research and Statistics) and Dr. Abdullahi Jibril Mohammed, Director (Primary Health Care System Department).

The others are Ashogbon Duru Oluwa Daniel (Director Finance and Accounts), Mrs. Lami Aishatu Abubakar (Director Administration and Human Resources and Dr. (Mrs) Nnenna Ihebuzor (Director Community Health Services).

Already, the appointments which take immediate effect have since been ratified by the Governing Board of the Agency.

In a reshuffle, a director in the Agency, Mr. AbdulFatah Sa'ad, who before now, was in charge of Administration and Human Resources is now Director Special Duties working directly in the office of the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Agency

NBC redeploys key staff

By Atika Balal & Francis Okeke

NATIONAL Broadcasting Commission (NBC) has carried out a major shake up with new postings affecting the zonal operations as well as directorates.

The Board of the Commission approved the redeployment of some of the key officers to further enhance the effective regulation of the industry, in line with emerging challenges in the broadcast industry.

The new deployments are also part of the efforts of the Commission to ensure the optimal utilization of available human and material resources in performing its statutory functions to the public.

Mrs. Benedette

Otonoku is the new Zonal Director Ibadan, Mallam Ibrahim Wada is the new Zonal Director Maiduguri, Mallam Mohammed Nanu is the new Zonal Director Sokoto while Mr. Isaac Ogor is the new Zonal Director Benin.

The Former Sokoto State Zonal Director Mr. Usman Okinobanyi Audu is now Zonal Director of Abuja while Mr. Chris Okoyomoh, Mrs. Bunmi Cole, Dr. Armstrong Idachaba and Dr. Igomu Onoja have been redeployed from Benin, Ibadan, Abuja and Maiduguri zones respectively to reinforce the Headquarters.

Others include Mr. Tony Anigala who moves from Abuja to Jos and Mrs. Agnes Ukpo who swapped

Oladipo-Ajayi is chairman of insurance association

From Chris Agabi, Lagos

THE Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of LASACO Assurance Plc Mr. Olusola Oladipo-Ajayi, was yesterday invested as the new Chairman of the Nigerian Insurance Association (NIA), the umbrella body for all insurance companies in Nigeria.

The investiture took place at the 39th annual general meeting (AGM) of the association held in Lagos. Also elected as NIA Deputy Chairman is Mr. Nimbe Oviolu the Managing Director/CEO of Crusader General Insurance Company Limited.

Oladipo-Ajayi who takes over from Mr. Wole Oshin who completed his mandatory two-years tenure will stir the affairs of the Association in the next two years.

He began his insurance career in 1973 at Sun Insurance Plc where he rose through the ranks to become AGM and head technical operations.

He was appointed managing director and CEO of Summit Insurance Company Lagos in 1993. He moved to LASACO Assurance Plc in the same capacity in May 1996, a position he holds till date.

Mr. Oladipo-Ajayi holds a bachelor of Law Degree from University of Lagos and a Masters Degree in Banking and Finance, University of Ibadan.

He was past president Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria. He is also a member of the governing council of Nigerian Insurers Association and the Academic board of the West African Insurance Institute, Banjul, the Gambia.

Accepting the NIA chairmanship position, Ladipo-Ajayi said at a time like this the industry needs men and women of integrity.

"I would try to offer a leadership that would harness the human and financial resources of our industry (insurance) to achieve the goal of sustaining the industry during these difficult times" he said.

He noted that, certain recent government policies are crippling the insurance industry and pledged to galvanise other members of the association to fight the trend.



MR. OLUSOLA OLADIPO-AJAYI

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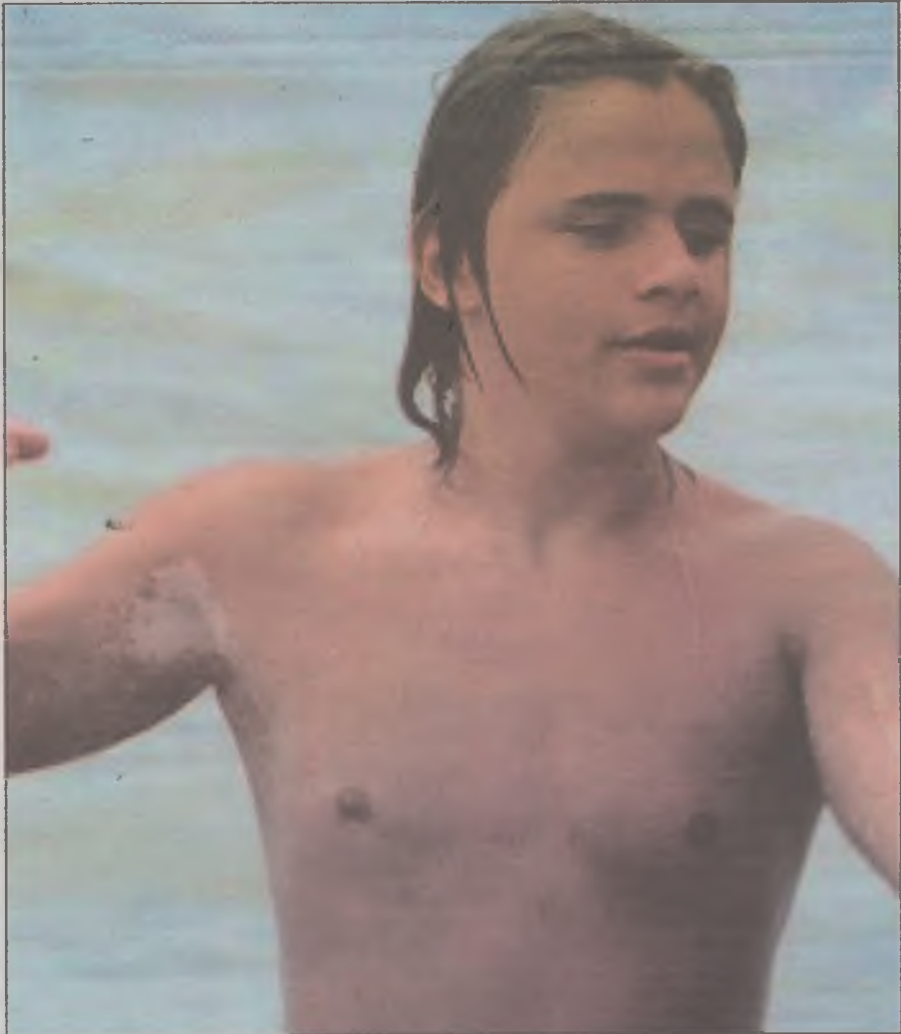
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News Extra

Is Michael Jackson's son suffering from the same skin condition as the King of Pop?



DISCOLOURATION Prince Michael revealed patches of white skin under his arm while holidaying in Hawaii last week



LIKE father, like son? There is speculation the 13-year-old, pictured here with sister Paris, is suffering from vitiligo

Michael Jackson always maintained he was blighted by a rare skin disease called vitiligo. And it seems his eldest son, Prince Michael may be suffering from the same problem.

The 13-year-old revealed white patches under his arm while on a recent holiday to Hawaii with his siblings Paris, 12 and Prince Michael II, eight.

While there is the possibility it was the result of sun exposure, it appeared more dramatic than peeling skin.

Vitiligo is a hereditary skin condition which discolours the face and body.

Jackson, who died last year at the age of 50, blamed the disease for the gradual lightening of his own skin over the years.

His claim was always met with some scepticism from critics, who accused him of intentionally bleaching his skin.

Now that Prince Michael is showing signs of similar symptoms, some are convinced it is evidence Jackson really WAS the teen's biological parent.

For years the paternity of

Jackson's children has been under question because of the difference in skin tone.

But a family source is quoted as telling American tabloid *The Globe*: 'It proves once and for all that Michael is the father!'

“ Now that Prince Michael is showing signs of similar symptoms, some are convinced it is evidence Jackson really WAS the teen's biological parent.

Prince Michael and his sister Paris were born to Debbie Rowe, Michael's wife from 1996 to 1999.

Prince Michael II, also known as Blanket, was born to an unknown surrogate after the divorce.



SKIN disease: Michael Jackson blamed the rare condition for the gradual lightening of his own skin over the years

News Extra

World Cup 2010: Brazil newspaper greets victory with advert lamenting defeat

Readers of one of Brazil's biggest newspapers were surprised to read Tuesday that their beloved national team had been knocked out of the World Cup despite the side having marched into the quarter-finals.

It expresses sadness at Brazil's "elimination", telling fans they could at least look forward to 2014 when Brazil is due to host the tournament. A translation reads: "THE TEAM EXITED THE WORLD CUP, BUT NOT OUR HEARTS. THANKS BRAZIL, WE'LL SEE YOU IN 2014".

But five-times World Cup



THIS advert, created by a supermarket chain that sponsors the Brazilian team, appeared in Folha de Sao Paulo.

winners Brazil had already crushed Chile 3-0 to set up a quarter-final on Friday with

Holland.

A spokesperson for the Extra supermarket group blamed the

newspaper for mistakenly publishing the ad. It was, of course, meant to be held as a standby in

case of defeat.

Sources: Sports

Reuters/Yahoo!

Obese sisters made me slim



LESSON learned ... Anne Odeke poses with Doloris

Anne Odeke, 24, from Essex, weighed 19 stone and wore size 26. Far from wanting to lose weight, she says she was comfortable with her size but answered an advert calling for overweight people who

wanted to travel and experience other cultures and their cuisines.

That advert led to going on BBC Three's Big Meets Bigger, in which she travelled to Mississippi - America's fattest state - to live with morbidly obese sisters

Doloris and Diane Shepherd, who weigh 38 and 22 stone respectively.

Anne watched the sister wolf down plates upon plates of greasy junk food, from burgers to pigs ears, and helped Doloris with basic tasks like doing their hair

and helping them dress as she is so big she can no longer do these things.

After the week, Anne realised she must change her ways.

She says: "It was like the Christmas Carol story where you see into your future."

As soon as she returned home, she went out running - something she had never done before. Now she goes to the gym three or four times a week and has stopped all the snacking. She has lost four stone so far and feels very proud.

Culled from thesun.co.uk

Trust Islamic Forum

In the name of Allah the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. We testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, and that Muhammed (peace be upon him) is His prophet and messenger. May the benediction and blessings of Allah be on Prophet Muhammed who is the noblest of mankind, his household, his companions and those who follow their foot steps till the day of resurrection.

Spot the difference: Which is Masjidil Aqsa?

MASJID Al-Aqsa is often confused with Masjid Al-Qubba (As-Sakhra) The Dome of the Rock, but they are two totally different Masjids. Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa is the one that Allah (SWT) refers to in the first verse of Surat Al-Israa (Sura 17):

1. *Glory be to ((Allah)) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque, whose precincts are blessed; in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth and seeth (all things).*

Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa is the second Masjid ever to be built for the sole worship of Allah (SWT). It is Islam's third holiest site, after the Holy Ka'aba in Makka and the Prophet's (SAW) mosque in Madina suffered many transformations and destruction. When Omar Ibn Al-Khattab (RA) entered Bayt Al-Maqdis in 15 AH (636 AD)

he ordered that the area, where he believed the Masjid location has been, be cleared to start the building of the initial structure of the Masjid. The actual building started in 18 AH (639 AD) and the Masjid was made out of timber. Abd Al-Malik Ibn Marwan (the Umayyad Caliph) began the construction of Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa in its new shape and structure but it was his son Al-Walid who completed it in 90 AH (708 AD). The present structure has remained essentially intact since it was last reconstructed in 424 AH (1033 AD) by Al-Khalifa Ath-Thaahir who did not alter it from its previous architecture; he only narrowed it on each of its east and west sides.

We hope this clears the confusion created by international media whereby whenever Masjidil Aqsa is mentioned, the picture that appears is the one of Dome of the Rock.



Dome of the Rock



Masjid Al-Aqsa

Think about this...

1. Be like the bee, which lands on fragrant flowers and fresh branches.

2. You do not have time to seek out people's defects and mistakes.

3. If Allah is with you, then whom do you have to fear? If Allah is against you, then what hope do you have?

4. The fire of envy consumes the body, and excessive jealousy is like a raging fire.

5. If you do not prepare today, then you will not be able to do anything tomorrow.

6. Withdraw peacefully from places where idle arguments are going on.

7. Let your morals and attitudes be even more beautiful than a garden.

8. Do acts of kindness and you will be the happiest of people.

9. Leave people to their Creator, leave the envier to death, and forget about your enemy.

10. The pleasure of haram actions is followed by regret, loss and punishment.

From: You can be the happiest woman in the world by Dr. Abd Bin Abdallah al Qazni

From our in-box

My name is Muhammad Nasir Shehu. A resident of Suleja in Niger State. I hold an Upper Credit Diploma in Mass Communication. An active member of MSSN. I am currently engaged in Islaamic education and propagation. Please I want to know whether individuals can send you articles for possible placement in the Trust Islamic Forum. Jazaakumul-Laah and Massalaam.

Yes, you are welcome to contribute any suitable article on any Islamic issue. Thank you. - Editor

DIGEST

Money isn't everything, survey claims

... Family, friends and a fulfilling job all count more towards happiness



Rich, but not necessarily happy: Wealth can have little impact on day to day mood, the survey found

IF you think that winning the lottery will leave you feeling contented for the rest of your life, think again.

Money can buy you only a little happiness, says the biggest survey of its kind ever held.

It found that while wealth

improves quality of life and 'life satisfaction', it has only a small impact on day-to-day mood.

The poll of 136,000 people in 132 countries found that happiness was much more strongly linked to being respected and the sense of having control over life.

Support of family and friends and working at a fulfilling job were also far more important than income, the researchers found.

The survey, carried out by Gallup and published in the *Journal of Personality and Social*

Psychology, is one of the most detailed polls of its kind.

Dr Ed Diener, who led the study at the University of Illinois, said: 'We knew from earlier research that money to some degree is associated with happiness, although the effects are

often fairly weak.

'So the answer to the question, "Does money make us happy?" was, "Yes, a bit".'

But we see a much more interesting pattern than that simple answer.

'It's pretty shocking how small the correlation is with positive feelings and enjoying yourself.'

The pollsters used telephone surveys in richer countries, and door-to-door interviews in poorer parts of the world, to ask about income, standard of living, housing conditions and diet.

Respondents were invited to evaluate their life on a scale of zero to ten, and to describe the negative and positive emotions experienced the previous day.

The poll also asked if they felt respected, whether they had family and friends they could count on in a crisis and how free they felt to choose their daily activities.

The links between money and happiness were the same for young and old, different social classes, men and women, and town and country dwellers.

Dr Diener found that life satisfaction rises with personal and national income. But positive feelings were much more strongly linked with other factors.

'Everybody has been looking at just life satisfaction and income,' he said. 'And while it is true that getting richer will make you more satisfied with your life, it may not have the big impact we thought on enjoying life.'

Now men have the perfect excuse to avoid shopping... it could make them impotent

Researchers have made the startling discovery that a gender bending chemical compound is present on some till receipts. And the levels of hazardous substance Bisphenol A (BPA) can be high enough to suppress male hormones in the body. The compound, used to make ink visible on thermally sensitive paper, is ingested by men when they handle the receipts and then touch their mouths or handle food.

Prof Frank Sommer, 42, a Berlin-based urologist, explained: 'A substance like that could shift the balance of the sex hormones

in men towards oestrogen. 'In the long term, this leads to less sexual drive, encourages the belly instead of the muscles to grow and has a bad effect on erection and potency.' BPA is also used in food cans, shower curtains, toys and babies bottles. In addition to suppressing male hormones it is thought that it may be triggering early puberty in girls - and putting them at greater risk of cancer and diabetes.

Scientists have claimed it is harmful enough for the Government to introduce a precautionary ban. Most manufacturers of baby bottles have stopped putting it in

their products but older stock containing the chemical is still on sale. The US Food and Drug Administration supports its removal and has stated concerns regarding the impact of the chemical on babies and young children. BPA is known as an endocrine disrupter and interferes with the release of hormones. It is linked to disorders associated with metabolism, fertility and neural development. In December, seven experts from five British universities wrote to Andy Burnham, the health secretary at the time, calling for a review of BPA.

Found in nature's freezer, the secret of living to 140

Bacteria trapped in glacial ice for thousands of years could help humans live to 140, scientists claim.

Researchers have already doubled the lifespan of mice and flies after defrosting *Bacillus F* frozen since the ice age. The bacteria was discovered in the area around Mount Mamontova in the northern region of Yakutia. Researchers carrying out tests in glacial ice discovered the bacteria which had been frozen for centuries and were able to extract elements that they tested on flies and then mice.

And they believe that using the same treatment could prolong human lives so that everybody could reasonably expect to live for between 100 and 140 years.

Scientist Anatolia Brushkova who has been heading the investigation said they were amazed at the results when an extract from *Bacillus F* was injected into the muscles of mice and also used to treat flies. He said: 'It is still early days yet however if it works for mice and flies there is no reason why it could not work for other animals to.'

Institute's spokeswoman Nadezhda Mironova said: 'We had a control group of mice for which the average life expectancy was 589 days.'

Sign Language



The more empty the better. Don't forget your steering wheel too.
Photo location: Dorset, England, by Carolyn Mason
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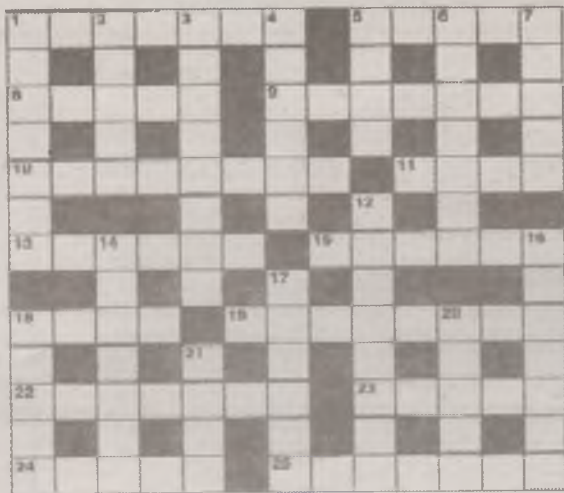
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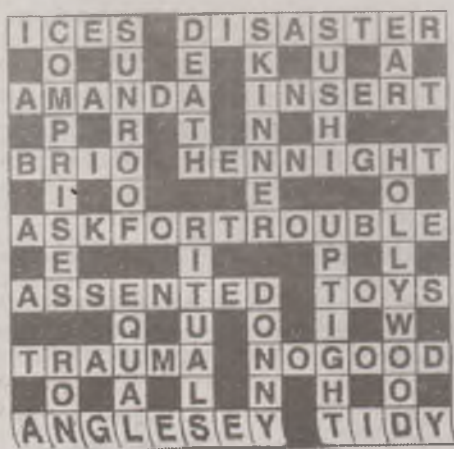
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- 5 Ancient Greek storyteller, writer of fables (5)
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- 9 Wraps carefully (7)
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- 11 People in general (4)
- 13 Scruffy (6)
- 15 Goblins, devils (6)
- 18 Ringing instrument (4)
- 19 Food preservation method (8)
- 22 Waterproofing material (7)
- 23 Fourth letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 24 Pondered (5)
- 25 Atmospheric pressure pumps (7)

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- 1 Squeezing (7)
- 2 Cotton down (5)
- 3 Graded positions in a list (8)
- 4 Small sailing or motor-driven vessels (6)
- 5 Bridge's curved span (4)
- 6 Orla Brady's character in *Mistresses* (7)
- 7 Too forward (5)
- 12 Interconnected (6,2)
- 14 Disburdens (7)
- 16 Indicates (7)
- 17 Panoramas (6)
- 18 Woman's chest (5)
- 20 Arctic home (5)
- 21 Pop group (4)



SOLUTION TO CROSSWORDS 16



SUDOKU

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

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Solution to Sudoku 182

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- xvii. Nationality
- xviii. Marital Status
- xix. Number and ages of children
- xx. Current postal address/including Telephone No. and E-mail address
- xxi. Educational Institutions Attended with dates
- xxii. Academic/professional qualifications obtained with Dates
- xxiii. Membership of Professional Bodies/Associations
- xxiv. Previous Employer (s) and Posts held with Dates
- xxv. Present Employment, indicating present status and salary
- xxvi. Names and address of three (3) referees, who are to forward confidential reports on them. Such referees should be able to attest to the candidate's claims of administrative capacities as well as their characters

All applications should be submitted in sealed envelope to reach the Office of the Provost, Federal College of Education, P.M.B. 2042, Yola, Adamawa State not later than six weeks from the date of this publication.

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Aminu Ahmad Chiroma, Ph.D
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- * Audited Accounts for the last three years.
- * Evidence of financial Strength (Bank Statement for past three months) and Banking Support
- * List of Equipments to be used for the project and their location .
(State whether the equipment are leased, hired or owned, if owned attached proof)

COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

Bid documents are to be collected upon payment of a non refundable fee of N100,000.00 naira per lot in bank draft in favour "NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL"

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Completed bid should be submitted in three copies (one original and two other copies) and all pages dully endorsed by the bidders. The documents should be sealed and labeled (Technical and Financial Bids as appropriate) separately and the two envelopes be put in another envelop that should also be sealed and labeled with the lot number bid, clearly written at the top left hand corner of the envelop and addressed to.

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All submission of tender documents (Lot 1 & 2) ends 28th July 2010 at 12.00 noon and tenders shall be opened at 1.00pm same day at conference room NAFDAC Headquarters plot 2032 Olusegun Obasanjo way zone 7 Wuse Abuja. Bidders or their representative are strongly advised to be present

Please note:

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NULGE president, members in free-for-all

By Ogechi Ohalee

THE National President, Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE), Comrade Kingsley Ogba Thursday morning engaged in a fight with other executive members of the Union at their Headquarters at Utako, Abuja.

An eyewitness, one Comrade Abdulahi from Zamfara State, said the fracas lasted for about an hour and was later stopped by police men from Utako Police Station.

According to the eyewitness who said he was also beaten by some thugs suspected to be loyal to the Union's President, there

was supposed to be a general meeting of executive members of the Union at their headquarters but the 'former President' comrade Kingsley came with thugs to disrupt the meeting.

"As we entered for the meeting, the thugs pounced on us and it resulted in a free for all fight. One of our members collapsed in the process," he said.

The National caretaker committee Chairman of the Union, Bashir Abiodun Olanrewaju, said there was supposed to be an election in August, 2009 but the former president refused to conduct it.

He said the issue was taken to an Abuja High court which ruled

that a caretaker committee be set up to take over the leadership of the Union.

He said the former President and his group challenged the court's ruling at an Industrial court sitting in Abuja which also struck out their application and mandated the caretaker committee to continue to pilot the affairs of the Union.

"As we came to our headquarters today for our general meeting, the former president came with his thugs and started fighting our members. I do not want bloodshed and violence, I want peace and that is why I brought security operatives to make sure that there is peace," he stated.

Ogba said he will fight the case to an end and make sure that the gates to the office were open for him to take charge.

"My boys will not allow these men go scot-free. I will deal with them mercilessly. I am still the substantive president of NULGE and no court can stop me," he said.

Reacting, the Divisional Police Officer Utako Police Station, CSP Olubunmi Ogedengbe, said the police was contacted on time which averted bloodshed during the fracas.

He said policemen were drafted there to guide the premises to avoid trouble, adding that he has transferred the case to force headquarters for investigation.

PIC: OGECHI OHALEE



POLICEMEN trying to restore order at the premises of NULGE headquarters at Utako, Abuja yesterday.

Woman jailed for street fighting

By Romoke W. Ahmad & Hussein Yahaya

A middle aged woman, Maria Egwu was on Wednesday sentenced to one year imprisonment by an Abuja magistrate court for disturbing the public.

The accused person was arraigned alongside one Peace Aniti both of jikwoyi Phase 1, Zion street Abuja for fighting in public place, thereby disturbing the peace of others in the area.

Prosecutor Sanni Seriki told the court that in the process of fighting, Peace Aniti removed one of Maria's teeth while she also sustained injuries on her face, adding that during police investigations both of them confessed to have committed the offence punishable under section 311 of the Penal Code.

When the charge was read to them, Maria Egwu pleaded guilty and begged for leniency while Peace Aniti pleaded not guilty and requested for bail.

The prosecutor urged the court to try Mariam summarily under Section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code and adjourn Aniti's case for hearing.

Chief Magistrate Shuaib Ahmed sentenced Mariam to one year imprisonment or an option of N10,000 fine and granted Aniti bail in the sum of N100,000 with one surety and adjourned the case to July 19, for hearing.

Widow seeks court intervention over late husband's property

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A woman, Mrs Elejo Ali, has approached an Abuja Customary Court to help her claimed her late husband entitlement for her children.

Mrs. Ali had last year approached the court to prevail on her in-laws to allow her performed the traditional ritual of breaking kolanut for her late husband as custom demanded and also to address the next-of-kin issue which she claimed her son was substituted by her brother in-law.

At the resumed hearing, Mrs. Ali told the court that though she was later allowed to perform the traditional ritual by her in-laws but she still want to go on with the case to claim her late husband entitlement which belong to her children.

"During the ritual of breaking Kolanut for my late husband, my father-in-law and brother in-law asked me to go and withdraw the case from the court and settle it out of court since it is a family issue," she said.

She added that the ritual was performed on April 10 this year

but since then she had not seen her brother in-law, saying she would not want him to claim her children's entitlement hence she is not withdrawing the case.

"I want the court to give back what belong to my children. My in-law changed my children as the next-of-kin because he works in the same office with my late husband," she said.

The presiding Judge, Hauwa Yilwa, struck out the case for lack of jurisdiction and advised her to approach Human Right Commission or Legal Aid Council.

Two die in auto crash at Chikara

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

TWO persons on Tuesday morning lost their lives while two others sustained serious injuries in a fatal accident that occurred at Chikara village, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An witness said the accident occurred at about 1:13am when a truck with registration number XF 729 DKA overtook dangerously and collided with a Man diesel truck, killing two persons on the spot.

The Abaji unit commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Joseph Ojerinde, attributed the accident to wrongful overtaking, saying that the two corpses have been deposited at

the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada.

He said the two injured persons were taken to the General Hospital for treatment.

Ojerinde further disclosed that four persons also sustained serious injuries in another accident that occurred also at a village, along the same road.

According to him, the accident happened when a J5 Peugeot bus with registration number XC 126 LFA on high speed lost control and crashed into a ditch injuring four occupants on board.

The FRSC unit commander blamed the accident on speed violation, saying the four injured persons were taken to the Abaji General Hospital for treatment.

Peace Corps sues Police, demand N200 million damage

By Mustapha Suleiman & Romoke Ahmad

THE Peace Corps of Nigeria said it has sued the Nigerian police demanding for N200 million as damages over the sealing of its office and clampdown on its members.

National Commandant of the Corpse, Ambassador Dickson Akoh made this known yesterday during the joint briefing of the commandants of the organization held in Abuja.

Akoh said that the biggest challenge the organization has had to contend with since inception was the "sudden violent, unwarranted and unlawful clampdown on our activities nationwide by the operatives of the State Security Services in 2004."

He said that in spite of the clampdown, the organization remains undaunted in spirit, focused and relevant as a youth-based outfit.

"We have won two sensitive cases in the

Federal High Court, Abuja this year alone and have won several other rulings before now. It may interest you to know that just this week, the Federal High Court sitting in Yola, Adamawa State, passed judgment in our favour in the suit that the Adamawa State command instituted before it against the Nigeria Police over the sealing of our office and clampdown on our members in the state.

"However, as a decent and law abiding organisation, we are still in court to enforce

our fundamental human rights over the injustice meted out on this organization and its leadership."

He told commandants of the corps across the nation to critically analyze their various host communities within the next four months, design programmes that would address specific needs and challenges of these communities while assuring them of the full backing of the national headquarters in the implementation of such programmes.



PIC: OGECHI OHALEE

A man searching for an item inside a gutter at Gishiri recently

Driver accused of dangerous driving

By Hussein Yahaya

THE police Tuesday arraigned a 28-year-old driver before an Abuja Magistrate court for allegedly damaging a Toyota Corolla driven by one Shuaibu Haruna.

The accused, Alao Olasupp, was arraigned for dangerous driving, careless and inconsiderate driving, failing to comply with traffic sign and using his vehicle for the purpose it was not registered for.

Police prosecutor, Ahmed Mohammed, informed the court that on June 23, 2010 the suspect drove his Nissan Almera with registration number AS 365 MNA from Zain office through Adetokunbo Ademola crescent without regard for other road users.

"On reaching the NITEL junction, the accused drove in a dangerous manner, hit and damaged a vehicle with registration number BR 635 GWA driven by one Shuaibu Haruna who was on right way," the prosecutor added.

He said the accused person also used the vehicle for commercial purpose.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the charges while his counsel, Bolaji Amao made an oral application for his bail which was not opposed by the prosecutor.

Magistrate Njideka Duru granted the accused person bail in the sum of N50,000 with two sureties who must reside within the jurisdiction of the court and adjourned the case to July 22 for hearing.

Female banker manhandled over purse theft

By Ogechi Ohalee

A female banker (named withheld), was nearly stripped naked Wednesday morning for allegedly stealing a purse inside a boutique close to Garki Model Market, Abuja.

An eyewitness said after buying a handbag the banker picked a more expensive purse, a clutch bag, and hid it inside the handbag she bought.

Funmi, a sales girl in the shop said the lady was their regular customer but on that day she came to the shop as early as 9:30 am and requested for handbags and purses.

"We showed her six different bags and after looking at them she decided to buy one at N48,000. However my colleague saw her when she secretly put the other purse, valued at N50,000, inside the handbag she bought but we kept quiet

and pretended as if she was not seen," the sales girl narrated.

According to Funmi, after paying N48,000 for the bag the female banker decided to leave the shop "but we politely asked her about the red purse but she denied taking it and rather slapped me for accusing her."

"We then held her, opened the bag, and found the purse inside. We started shouting before she confessed that she needed the purse for her friend's wedding. Other shop owners insisted we strip her naked but the early arrival of my madam prevented that."

But the accused lady who spoke with our reporter denied stealing the purse, saying it was a mix up.

"I pleaded with them to forgive me. I have not stolen in my life but I think the devil is out to disgrace me. I like the purse but I really wanted to come for it later," she said.

The shop owner, Mrs. Owin said she was saddened by the development and wondered why pretty girls and career ladies resort to stealing.

"Most of them have money, money is not their problem, so I can't still understand the joy they derive doing this. I have forgiven her but I don't want to see her near my shop again," she said.

A mobile policeman at the scene who simply gave his name as Mohammed said his team was coming from the market and saw a rowdy crowd and decided to stop and find out what really happened.

"It is unfortunate that they wanted to take laws into their hands. What would they have benefitted if they stripped the girl naked? She said she works with a bank; we shall take her back to her office even though she denied stealing the bag," the policeman said.

Man charged with stealing vehicle tyres

By Bunmi Omolehin

THE police Monday arraigned a 22 year old before an Abuja Upper Area Court for allegedly stealing two tyres

Abdulwahab Ahmed of Area 1 Garki Abuja was said to have committed the offence on June 11, an offence punishable under section 287 of the Penal Code Law.

Prosecutor Abiola Oyewusi informed

the court that one Jegede Ayeni reported to the police that the accused person entered his shop and stole the said two tyres valued N70,000.

The prosecutor stated further that the accused was caught while running away with the tyres, adding that during police investigations, the accused confessed to have committed the offence.

When the charge was read to the

accused, he pleaded not guilty and requested for the bail which was objected by the prosecutor and asked for a date for hearing.

Judge Umar Yusuf Kagarko granted the accused bail in the sum of N100,000 with one surety who must reside within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to August 9 for hearing.

Security guard charged with theft

By Usman A. Bello

A 21-year-old security guard was yesterday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly stealing iron rods, an offence contrary to section 287 of the Penal Code Law.

The accused, Monday Peter of behind Mirako Garden, Wuse Zone 3, was accused of trespassing into Mirako Garden where he allegedly stole iron rods and shovel.

Prosecutor Adamu Abdullahi told the court that on June 29, one Segun Adebunpe reported to the police that the accused trespassed into his garden and made away with iron rods and one shovel valued N800,000.

The prosecutor stated further that during investigation the accused confessed to have committed the offence, adding that six of the Iron rods and shovel were later recovered from him.

The accused pleaded not guilty and requested for bail which was not objected to by the prosecutor who asked for a date for hearing.

Magistrate Folashade Oyekan granted the accused bail in the sum of N500,000 with one surety in like sum who must reside within the court's jurisdiction.

The case was adjourned to July 21 for hearing.

Bwari Council charged to complete health centre

By Usman A. Bello & Hussein Yahaya

RESIDENTS of Dutsen Alhaji in Bwari Area council have appealed to the council chairman, Peter Yohanna, to complete the only health centre in the area.

Some of the residents, who spoke to our reporters, said the call became necessary in view of hardship they face in accessing healthcare facility at the centre.

One of the residents, Malam Sadiq Audu, said part of the health centre was demolished last two years by the past administration to expand the building to accommodate more patients.

He said since then nothing has been done at the centre which is making it difficult for them to access healthcare, adding that the remaining part now cannot accommodate more than five patients at a time making the authority to always refer patient to Kubwa general hospital.

He called on the chairman to come to their aid since much work has been done on the project.

Another resident who gave her name as Angela lamented the hardship pregnant women and nurs-

ing mothers face during their ante and post natal services in the area.

"Women who went there for ante-natal and nursing mothers who took their children for BCG injection are attended to under a batcher constructed inside the centre as temporary measure. They suppose to have completed the health centre by now," she said.

She said they were all happy when the council said they were expanding the building to accommodate more patients, wondering why it has not been completed after two years.

Other residents who spoke to City News expressed displeasure and called on the new chairman to come to their aid so as to enable them benefit from the dividend of democracy.

Reacting, Press Secretary to the Bwari Council Chairman, Daodu Dasha, said efforts were on by the council authority to put the health centre in order.

He said the council authority has started providing necessary amenities at the health centre at Dutsen Makaranta, adding that attention will be shifted to the one at Dutsen-Alhaji as soon as possible.

Driver jailed for reckless driving

By Hussein Yahaya & Madu D.Wadzani

A 30-year-old driver was yesterday sentenced to one month imprisonment for driving carelessly along Augustus Aikhomu Express way by Utako village.

The convict, Abdulahi Olaiya of Nyayan Gwadera, Nassarawa State, was said to have driven his vehicle with registration number BK 208 BWR on June 21, 2010 in a careless and inconsiderate manner on the said express way contrary to section 29 of Road Traffic Act.

The Police prosecutor, Abdullahi Alhassan, told the court that on the said date the accused drove without regard to other road users and caused a minor accident while crossing the express road, adding that in the process he caused damage to a Volkswagen golf with registration number FB 330 ABC driven by one John Kadiri of Julius Berger plc Abuja.

When the one-count charge was read to the accused, he pleaded guilty and begged the court to temper justice with mercy. Magistrate Josephine Obanor sentenced the accused person to one month imprisonment or to pay a fine of N500.



ABAJI AREA COUNCIL FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

INVITATION FOR TENDER

Following our advertisement for Pre-qualification to Tender dated 11th June, 2010 for the execution of some approved projects by the Area Council, the following Companies / Contractors are qualified for Tender / Bidding.

S/No.	Names of Company/Contractor	Lot Bidded
1.	M/S AI-Safa International Ltd.	1
2.	M/S ASD Motors Nig. Ltd.	1
3.	M/S Globe Motors Nig. Ltd.	1
4.	M/S Leoflinch Nig. Ltd.	2
5.	M/S PSC Industries Ltd.	2
6.	M/S Blique & Berger Nig. Ltd.	2
7.	M/S Amnest Integrated Services Ltd	2
8.	M/S Taneli Nig. Ltd.	2
9.	M/S Greensols Nig. Ltd.	2
10.	M/S Stratum Engineering and Resources Ltd.	2
11.	M/S Emiworogi Invest. Nig. Ltd.	3
12.	M/S Garo Nashalian Const. Ltd.	3
13.	M/S Tengi Nig. Ltd.	3
14.	M/S Unistrut Nig. Ltd.	4
15.	M/S Garo Nashalian Const. Ltd.	4
16.	M/S Abbibross Engineering Services Ltd.	4
17.	M/S Ojeil Construction Nig. Ltd.	4
18.	M/S S & M Nig. Ltd.	4
19.	M/S Etright & Associate Nig.	4

SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

All Companies/Contractors that are qualified for Tender are required to pay a none refundable Contract Tender Fee into Abaji Area Council Account with First Bank PLC. Abaji - Abuja. Account No. 1682010001514.

Details of Tender Document will be made available on Payment of Tender Fee. Document, submitted should reach the Secretary Tender's Board Abaji Area Council on or before Thursday 8th July, 2010.

All submitted documents shall be publicly open at 12:30 pm at the Area Council Secretariat. Only successful Companies' /Contractors will be informed of the bidding.

Secretary Tender's board
Abaji Area Council.



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Fountain University is a private University established by the Nasrul-Lahi-Il-Fathi Society of Nigeria on May 2007 and started operating January 2008. The vision of the University is to be a pace-setting institution in terms of learning, character building and service to humanity. Its mission is to produce competent and resourceful graduates with high moral standards.

Its philosophy is the total development of men and women in an enabling environment through appropriate teaching, research and service to humanity, influenced by Islamic Ethics and Culture.

(A) ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN THE 2010/2011 ACADEMIC SESSION

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Candidates for admission into the DEGREE Programmes for the 2010/2011 Academic Session commencing October 5, 2010. All candidates desirous of being admitted into 100 level and 200 Level who chose or did not choose Fountain University in the UTME are eligible to apply.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

(i) Candidates applying for admission into any Undergraduate Programme must possess a minimum of five (5) O'level credit passes at not more than two sittings in SSCE, GCE and NECO which must include credit passes in English Language and Mathematics, and any other three subjects relevant to the proposed course of study OBTAINED WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. Candidates for UTME admission will be expected to pass at the minimum of 180 in the 2010 UTME conducted by JAMB.

(ii) Direct Entry Candidates are expected to possess a good Diploma in their choice of Course (With minimum of Lower Credit) from reputable Polytechnics or Universities OR equivalent 'A' Level or IJMB Passes in relevant Subjects. They are also expected to have obtained the Direct Entry Form for admission from JAMB.

(B) ADMISSION OF STUDENTS INTO SUB DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN THE 2010/2011 ACADEMIC SESSION

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The programme is designed for both Science and Social Science Students to equip them with the basic requisite knowledge and orientation for University education. The programme will embody the minimum requirements of the National Universities Commission for the first year courses in the different courses in our Science and Social Science Programmes. All candidates that fulfill the minimum pass level for the Foundation programme are to be admitted into 200 Level of the course of choice of the candidates as listed (in item B) below in the relevant College after the programme. Admission into the Degree programme shall take cognizance of the University, College and Departmental Requirements.

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Candidates are to sit and pass UTME for 2011 to be organised by JAMB to be qualified for admission at the completion of the programme.

DEGREE PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE IN SCIENCE, MANAGEMENT & SOCIAL SCIENCES (KINDLY CHECK DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE: www.fountain-university.com)

PURCHASE OF APPLICATION FORM: Application forms can be accessed on the home page of the University Website: www.fountain-university.com after obtaining a teller for the payment of a fee of N5,500 to any of the Branches of GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC (Acct No. 451501805110), WEMA BANK PLC (Acct No. 1361160084417), SKYBANK PLC (Acct No. 202179000205) in Nigeria.

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SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR BRILLIANT STUDENTS.

Contact 08055249564 for any further information. CLOSING DATE: JULY 31st, 2010

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PROGRAMME:

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 6 TH JULY, 2010					
OPENING CEREMONY		Paper 6:	A European Perspective on the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement	Paper 14:	Security Implications of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement
Venue:	Lecture Theatre, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs 13/15 Kofo Abayomi Road, Victoria Island, Lagos.	Presenter:	Prof. Daniel Bach	Presenter:	Dr. Anthonia Simbine
9.00 a.m	Arrival and Registration of Participants	Discussant:	Dr. Charles Ukeje	Discussant:	Dr. Fred Agwu
10.00 a.m	Welcome Address by the Director General, NIIA- Prof. Osita Eze	2:00-3:00p.m	LUNCH BREAK	11:00am-11:30am	TEA BREAK
10.15 a.m	Opening Remarks by Special Guest of Honour, The Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Henry Odein Ajumogobia, SAN	3:15-5:00p.m	THIRD SESSION: DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AFRICA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT	11:30 1:30p.m	SECOND SESSION NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF THE AFRICA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
10.30 a.m	TEA BREAK	Chairperson:	Prof. J.K. Onoh	Chairperson:	Mr. Bukar Bukarambe
11.00-12:30p.m	FIRST SESSION: INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO THE AFRICA-EU STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT	Paper 7:	NEPAD in the Context of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement	Paper 15:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and Nigeria's International Trade
Venue:	CONFERENCE CHAMBER	Presenter:	Prof. V. Adetula	Presenter:	Dr. E. Ani
Chairperson:	Professor Amadu Sesay	Paper 8:	EU's Development Policy and Nigeria's Economic Development	Paper 16:	Rules of Origin in the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and Nigeria's International Trade
Paper 1:	Institutional Framework of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement	Presenter:	Prof. B.M. Eyinla	Presenter:	Dr. E. D. Balogun
Presenter:	Prof. Osita, C. Eze	Paper 9:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and the MDGs	Paper 17:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and SMES in Nigeria: Matters Arising
Paper 2:	Lome, Cotonou and the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement in Comparative Perspective	Presenter:	Dr. K. Olayode	Presenter:	Prof. A. Akinlo
Presenter:	Prof. F.E. Onah	Paper 10:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and Nigeria's Technological Development	Paper 18:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and West African Regional Integration
Paper 3:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement: Promoting Interdependence or Collective Dependence?	Presenter:	Dr. Osita Agbu	Presenter:	Dr. C. Odoek
Presenter:	Prof. E. Onwuka	Discussant:	Dr. Charles Dokubo	Discussant:	Mr. Sani Musa
Discussant:	Dr. Bola Akinterinwa	DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, JULY 7TH, 2010		1:35-2:35p.m	LUNCH BREAK
12:30-2:00p.m	SECOND SESSION: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON AND EXPERIENCES WITH THE EU'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS	9.30-11am	FIRST SESSION: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SECURITY AND SELF-RELIANCE	2:40-4:40pm	COMMUNIQUE SESSION
Chairperson:	Prof. Abdul Aziz Jalloh	Chairperson:	Professor W.A. Fawole	Chairperson:	Dr. Ogaba Oche
Paper 4:	Nigeria, WTO, the Doha Round and the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement	Paper 11:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and Self-Reliance: Matters Arising	RAPORTEURS AND COMMUNIQUE COMMITTEE	
Presenter:	Prof. Mike Obadan	Presenter:	Prof. A. Sesay	1.	Mr. Joshua Bolarinwa [Chairperson]
Paper 5:	An Asian Perspective on the EU Partnership Agreement	Paper 12:	The Africa-EU Strategic Agreement and Food Security	2.	Mr. Shakdam Wapmuk
Presenter:	Prof. Ngozi Ugo	Presenter:	Ms Chinasa Ugwuanyi	3.	Mr. Kelechi Nwogu
		Paper 13:	The Africa-EU Strategic Partnership Agreement and the Agricultural Sector in Nigeria	4.	Mrs. Weremara Amadi-Awa
		Presenter:	Dr. N. Chukwuone	5.	Mr. MAlangade
				6.	Ms Chinelo Onwubuya
				Signed PROF. OSITA C. EZE Director-General	

AS YOU PREPARE TO VISIT BAUCHI STATE AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DR. GOODLUCK EBELE JONATHAN GCFR

Your Excellency, while you were in far away Toronto, Canada, attending the G8 Summit, we had cause to write you an open letter in which we addressed the issues of the purported rally held in Bauchi and the role of the Bauchi State Gov. Malam Isa Yuguda. While we believe your aids must have brought the content of the open letter to your attention, the summary of it is that we cautioned you to be wary of political opportunists, who are hell bent on closing in on you in order to achieve their political ends. We trust that His Excellency must have been briefed and if not, we politely hope His Excellency will ask to be.

However, we believed that it should be in the interest of His Excellency to know that copies of the Friday the 25th of June, 2010 newspapers (Daily Trust and Leadership) in which the open letter was published, were ambushed before reaching Bauchi Town at Gadan Maiwa about 80 Kilometres to Bauchi, and the whole copies bought by the agents of Bauchi State Government in order to deny the people of Bauchi State the chance to read for themselves. Some smart people, having realized the situation, rushed to Jos, bought the papers and were selling them in Bauchi at N200 Naira per copy or N 50 Naira per copy of the photo start copy of the letter. Such was the level of desperation and perturbation of the Government of Bauchi State to deny its Citizens from knowing what they are supposed to know.

Your Excellency Sir, as you prepared to travel to Bauchi to commission the Zonal SSS Training School, and in pursuance with our covenant to inform our leaders of issues that we feel we must bring to their attention, we find it necessary to bring to your attention the state of the other projects you might be invited to commission by the Bauchi State Governor. The projects are as follows:

1. Sa'ad Zungur Primary School

Your Excellency Sir, this primary school is perhaps one of the famous and certainly the most prestigious public primary school in Bauchi State. The reconstruction/renovation of the school started as soon as the Government of Malam Isa Yuguda came into power, that is over three years ago. Your Excellency Sir, you will be commissioning a renovated /reconstructed primary school undertaken at a whopping cost of over Two Billion Naira (N2,000,000,000.00) over a period of three years. Your Excellency Sir, which serious administration can spend over Two Billion Naira in the renovation/ reconstruction of a primary school when the whole education system is in decay.

2. Fertilizer Blending Plant

Your Excellency Sir, the Fertilizer Blending Plant that you will inspect and commission some part, was actually commissioned by former President Olusegun Obasanjo during the tenure of Governor Adamu Mu'azu. The Blending Plant was working up to 2007 when Yuguda's government could not provide the Plant with required funds to run the Plant. Your Excellency may wish to know that over Ninety percent (90%) of Bauchi State Citizens are farmers. You are being asked to commission a Fertilizer Blending Plant while not a single bag of fertilizer is provided to the teeming

farmers of the state in the months of July, when fertilizer application would have been long completed by the farmers. The fact is that the government does not have a single bag of fertilizer to sell to the farmers. That, your Excellency, was due to the fact that the fertilizer bought by the government since last year at over Seven Billion Naira never reach the State up till this moment. They now want to associate their failed projects with your good name.

3. The Township Road Projects

Your Excellency Sir, you will also be asked to commission a road built in the Town and supposedly to be named after you. However, Your Excellency may wish to know that this road does not rank within the first Twenty (20) roads in Bauchi metropolis. Your Excellency may wish to know that even this road was constructed because it passes in front of the house of Gov. Isa Yuguda's mother to enable him have smooth access while visiting her.

4. The Furniture Factory

Your Excellency Sir, the Bauchi Furniture Factory is also slated for your inspection and commissioning. But this Factory was bought by the government at an exorbitant and scandalous price. It should be of interest for Mr. President to demand to know at what price this Factory was purchased and how much was spent in renovating it. In any case, what has a serious government got to do with running a furniture factory. Governments of other States including the Federal government are selling off their companies through privatization. This important question that needs to be answered for the interest of Tax payers money or else we will assume that some people in the Government of Governor Isa Yuguda must have benefited from the purchase of the Bauchi Furniture Factory.

5. Your Excellency may also wish to-know that the major trade marks of Governor Isa Yuguda and some people in his government are LIES and DECEITS.

Your Excellency Sir, we decided to bring these issues to your attention so that when you either commission or inspect these projects, you will know some truth about them. We also believe that you have more than one thousand and one (1001) ways of verifying our claims.

We will also like to use this opportunity to request Governor Isa Yuguda to explain the following:

1. The huge amount of funds being siphoned in the name of security every month through Managers cheque being drawn on banks.
2. The issue of Bauchi Specialists Hospital where a property was purchased and construction yet to start. We brought this issue because we are concerned that the people of Bauchi being the State Capital have no access to medical facilities provided by the government now that the Specialist Hospital Bauchi is now a Teaching Hospital which is beyond the reach of a common man. While we wish you a safe trip and successful visit, we also sincerely thank you for once more listening to us.

Signed

Mohammed Yusuf Saleh
Gololo, Gamawa Local Govt.
Bauchi State. Bauchi State.

Marcus Madaki
Lere, T/Balewa Local Govt.

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KINGMAKERS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

This is to inform the general public that the above named church has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja, for registration under part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990.

The Trustees are:

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| 1. Pastor Kenneth Chibuzor Dike | -President/Founder |
| 2. Pastor Mrs. Chinyere Rose Dike | -Member |
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| 4. Brother Bestman Elenwo | -Member |
| 5. Sister Sarah Jonah | -Member |

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and propagate Christianity. To promote Christian fellowship and love.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Pastor Kenneth Chibuzor Dike
President/Founder

LAKEVIEW ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

This is to inform the General public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

TRUSTEE

- MR. BOSUNAREBUWA
MR. AKANIMO BEN UDOLIA
MR. IKEGBOGA
MR. ADELANKE BAKARE
MRS. ABIOLA QUINERE
MR. ABDULGANIYU UMAR
MR. AHAM UKO

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To seek to improve conditions for the residents of the estate.
- To represent and to promote the interest of all the residents of the estate.
- To work for improvement of our home, estate developer and other services we receive and to the local environment.
- To work in partnership with other agencies to achieve our aims.
- The association will promote any charitable aims to further the above objectives.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot. 240 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

CHANGE OF NAME

Formerly, known as MISS HAUWA'U MUHAMMAD MAITURARE, now wish to be called and addressed as MRS. HAUWA'U MUHAMMAD MAITURARE. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as DORATHY ADINMA ONYECHERE-NJOKU now wish to be known as DORATHY ADINMA ONYECHERE. All former documents remain valid. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and general public should please take note.

I, formerly MISS CHRISTIANA OMOHUYEMI MUSA now MRS CHRISTIANA OMOHUYEMI OLUWADAMILARE GOODLUCK IMEBIAKHE. All former documents remain valid. Federal Road Safety Corps and general public note.

I, formerly known as MISS OLUWATOYIN OLABISI now MRS OLUWATOYIN OLABISI TAIWO. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS BLESSING CHIKAODI NGWU now MRS BLESSING CHIKAODI OPARAOCHA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS OKORONKWO CORDELIA OLUCHI wish to be addressed as MRS NWADIKE CORDELIA OLUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Universal Basic Education Commission and general public to please note.

I, formerly known as MISS EDIDIONG NSEBASIA UDOFIA now wish to be addressed as MRS EDIDIONG NSEBASIALIGBE. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as BOLA KHADIJAT now wish to be called MRS BOLA KHADIJAT UDEVBURE. All former documents remain valid. Aero Contractors and the general public to please note.

I, formerly called SARATU ALIYU now wish to be called MRS SARATU JOSEPH SHAZIN. All former documents remain valid. Local Education Authority Kwali, FCT UBEB and public to take note.

formerly known as DUPE AIGBOLOGA now wish to be known as MRS DUPE MAUREEN GODWIN EKEMEZIE NWURA. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS OTUGOT UDOKA MONICA now MRS UDOKA MONICA KEKE. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

Formerly known as ABDUSALAM RAIMI OYENIYI, now wish to be called RAIMI TAJUDEEN ABDUL. Former documents remain valid. public take note.

I formerly MISS HALIMATU YAHAYA USMAN now wishes to be addressed as MRS HALIMATU YAKUBU ALI. All former documents remain valid. Nigerian Airspace Management Agency/General Public to take note.

I formerly known as ABUBAKAR MAMMAN now wish to be called ABUBAKAR SULEMAN. All former documents remain valid, Daura Local Government and any authority to note.

I formerly known as MISS ZAINAB YUSUF ZAKKA now wish to be known as MRS ZAINAB ABDULLAHI LAWAL. All former documents remain valid, NYSC and general public to note.

I formerly ABUBAKAR UMAR, now wish to be called as ISMAIL MANGA BODI. All former documents remain valid H.O.D. HEALTH, Tafa Balewa Local Education Authority Staff and public should take note.

I formerly known as MISS FARIDAH SAMAILA ZAGUN now wish to be addressed and known as MRS FARIDAH WUNBA MUSA GANA. Former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly NAJAATU BASHIR ABDULLAHI, now NAJAATU MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

THE CHAPEL OF GRACE UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI

CAC/IT/20170

CHANGE OF TRUSTEE AND AMMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Three above named organisation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission to change a retired trustee and to also amend its constitution.

NAME OF RETIRED TRUSTEE

Gen. Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma (rtd)

NAME OF NEW TRUSTEE

Lt. Gen. Martin Luther Agwai

PARTS OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE AMMENDED

Clauses 1-21

Articles IV-XIV

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:

S.S. Mshellia ESQ
Solicitor

JANGARU AERO CLUB

This is to inform the General public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

TRUSTEE

- CAPT. SABO SAMBO
- BALAI BN NAALLAH
- MOHAMMED IBRAHIM BABANGIDA
- ABUBAKAR SANI BELLO
- UMAR SANDA ABUBAKAR

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To promote and encourage general aviation in Nigeria
- To provide member the opportunity to our and operative private general aviation aircraft
- To provide a social interactive forum for aviation enthusiasts
- To promote unity among members

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot. 240 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

The general public is hereby notified that the original land document issued to ASC Shelter & general services Ltd in respect of Plot No. MF7 of about 2,397sqm situated in Jikwoyi Abuja. Belonging to ALHAJI BALA AHMED TAFIDA has been declared missing. All efforts made to trace the missing document proved abortive. If found return to nearest police station, AMAC and general public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to declare that the certificate of occupancy in respect of property in the name of Alhaji Muhammadu Kubau with certificate No. NGS 2684 situated at Suleja, Niger State, got burnt during the sectarian crisis in Kaduna, Kaduna State. All effort to redeem the document have proven futile. General public and Niger State Government to note please.

Signed

Barrister Musa Muhammadu Kubau
Abuja Infrastructure Investment Centre FCTA
08023729546

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the original letter of offer to winning bidders block 1B Burindi street Wuse II Abuja FCT. Belonging to OMARE BISONG of No. 19A James Robertson Street Lagos State has been declared missing. All efforts made to trace the missing document proved abortive. If found please return to nearest police station.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original copy of a Deed of Assignment belonging to ALH. AMINU A. ABUBAKAR which is between ALH. AMINU A. ABUBAKAR of No. 12 Makarfi/Idoma Road Marafa Estate, Kaduna and the Kaduna State Property Development Limited issued by KSDPC has reported missing. All efforts made to recover the said document prove abortive.

Anybody with useful information relating to the recovery of the said document should please report to the nearest police station, KSDPC or contact:

Alh. Aminu A. Abubakar
on 08033144112

CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly known as BELLO RASHIDAT DUNNI now wish to be known as MRS GANIU RASHIDAT. All former documents remain valid. FCTA, general public take note.

I formerly known as MISS CHIKODI NDUBUISI FLORENCE wish to change my name to MRS CHIKODI FLORENCE NWANGWU. All former documents remain valid. DIAMONDBANK and general public take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS UDEAGBARA EZINNE IMMACULATE NOW WISH TO BE CALLED NNJI EZINNE IMMACULATE. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. FUTO, NYSC AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MISS JO-ANN IGBINOBA NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AS MRS JO-ANN YOUNG UDOH ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. OCEANIC BANK INT'L AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public the loss of the following documents:

- Original Degree Certificate of University of Nigeria Nsukka
- Original Statement of result of the same University
- Original NYSC discharge Certificate and
- Admission letter; all belonging to Ogoalaji Obinna Princewill.

All efforts to trace the above documents proved abortive. Anyone with useful information relating to the recovery of the above documents should please contact:

Mr. Ogoalaji Obinna Princewill on 08030436454

TRUST CLASSIFIED

AUCTION! AUCTION!! AUCTION!!!

This is to inform the general public that there will be an Auction Sales of unserviceable motor vehicle, plants and equipment by the Nigeria Customs Service at:
 1. Federal Operations Units Kaduna on the 8/7/2010
 2. Kano/Jigawa Area Command, Kano Training School College on the 9/7/2010
 3. Bauchi/Gombe Area Command on the 14/07/2010
 Time: 10:00am

Signed
Alh. Nuhu Ismaila Ventures
 Auctioneer
 08036665006, 08064990071

ASO TABLE TENNIS CLUB

This is to inform the general public that the above named Club has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:
 1. Cosmos Maduka
 2. Dr. Zacharias Awon
 3. Kola Adedeji
 4. Tunso Akantibi
 5. Togan Okusina
 6. Hassan Aliyu
 7. Emmanuel Aroba

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
 1. To encourage and promote table tennis
 2. To foster unity, friendship and understanding amongst table tennis enthusiasts through sporting activities
 3. To promote healthy living

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Irons Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED
 Emmanuel Oryia Chur Esq.

GOVT COLLEGE BIDA '72 ASSOCIATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named association has applied to the corporate affairs commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

Name of trustees
 1. Engr. Musa yahaya
 2. Alhaji shuaibu oala
 3. Alhaji halidu Ibrahim
 4. Alhaji abdulmaji emagi
 5. Mr. plus toto

Aim and objectives
 1. To create a unity forum for its members
 2. To foster peace, unity, love, harmony and understanding among its members
 3. To reduce poverty levels in youth through education and trade.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the registrar-general, corporate affairs commission, 420 tigris crescent, off Aguiyi Irons street, p.m.b 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed
 Engr. Musa yahaya

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public the loss of certificate of occupancy plot NO. 73 BO/2696 Belonging to Alhaji Babagana M of P.O Box 509 Maiduguri Bus stop Maiduguri. All effort made to trace the missing document prove abortive. If found please contact any nearest police

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of original Right of occupancy with old plot no. 411, in phase A4 Extension, located at Kuje Area Council Abuja size 1000sqm. Belonging to AGWU FADINARD IMO. All effort to trace the missing documents proved abortive. If found please return to the nearest police station. AGIS and FCDA take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I Ibrahim Umar Saidu that, I am a child to late Alh. Pharoak Umar Saidu the bona fide owner of house no.6 Sultan Road, Kaduna under the control of Federal Ministry of Works and Housing that pursuant to a letter dated 4th March 1994, Ref. No. ICHP/SC/GEN/1/Vol.2/2 and a receipt of payment issued by the above Ministry is missing. All efforts to trace the document proved abortive. Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to please take note.

Signed:
Ibrahim Umar Saidu.

MOSHOOO ABIOLA POLYTECHNICS, ABEOKUTA MUSLIM ALUMNI (MAPAMA)

The general public is hereby informed that the above named organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap 59, laws of the Federation 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:
 1. Alhaji Waleed Kadiri, FNTP
 2. Alhaji Abdul Samu Akinwumi
 3. Alhaji Kunle Sanni
 4. Imam Abdulrasheed Odeninde
 5. Mr. Abdulhadi Onasanya

THE AIM AND OBJECTIVES
 1. To create and foster the spirit of Islamic Brotherhood among Muslim Alumni of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta, and within the general Muslim Ummah
 2. To evolve a system that shall enhance economic development of members.
 3. To assist members in their career and professions.
 4. To facilitate the development of Oby in the Alima market.
 5. To facilitate the integration of Muslim graduates of Alima into MAPAMA.
 6. To enhance mutual relationship and cooperation with other Muslim organizations.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, House Zone 5, Abuja within 28 days of this publication

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the general public that the original certificate of occupancy belonging to alh. Dauda danladi 'm' of nijyan lemu, kano with registration no. plot 237 ngs266 situated at stp 10 gra suleja niger state is declared missing due to fire incident. All efforts to trace the said documents proved abortive.

Signed
Alh. Dauda danladi 'M'

OGBOMOSHO FIRST COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED ORGANIZATION HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART 'C' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT OF 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:
 1. CHEF ADEBAYO BABATUNDE - CHAIRMAN
 2. MRS AYODELE OLUKOYA - SECRETARY
 3. BISHOP AKINLOYE OYEKOLA - MEMBER
 4. PROF. AJIBOYE OLUKUN - MEMBER

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:
 1. A SOCIAL CULTURAL ORGANIZATION COMPRISING PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY COMMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OGBOMOSHO LAND
 2. HIGHLY INTERESTED IN THE WELL BEING OF OGBOMOSHO AND OYO STATE IN GENERAL
 3. COMMITTED TO PROMOTION OF UNITY AMONGST THE PEOPLE RESPECTIVE OF RACE AND RELIGION
 4. PARTICIPATE AND SET A NEW DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND TO PROVIDE POLITICAL EDUCATION FOR A HEALTHY COMPETITION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

ANY OBJECTION TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT OFF AGUIYI-IRONS STREET, MAITAMA ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED:
 WOLE ABIDAKUN & CO. O.

TIMES OF REFRESHING WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRY (A.K.A REFRESHING TIME CHAPEL)

This is to inform the general public that the above Ministry has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:
 1. Pastor (Prof) James Ola Adesun - General Overseer/President
 2. Pastor (Mrs.) Stella Adesun - Vice President
 3. Pastor (Prof) Paul Boloninduro - Member
 4. Prof. Charles Dikki - Member
 5. Dr. Samuel Abah - Member
 6. Bro. Samson Ogunwole - Member
 7. Pastor Sunday Argh - Secretary

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:
 1. To preach and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ
 2. To establish and maintain Church worldwide
 3. Establish Church based institutions in Nigeria

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi-Irons Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

Signed:
 SECRETARY

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS JOSEPH ARUMEMI-JOHNSON; CURRENTLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS JOSEPH IKHIDE AKINOLA ARUMEMI-IKHIDE SINCE 23rd JUNE 1994 WHEN I DEPOSED TO AN AFFIDAVIT OF CHANGE OF NAME AT PORT HARCOURT. DO MAKE THIS PUBLICATION FOR THE ATTENTION OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION. ALL DOCUMENTS AND PREVIOUS PUBLICATION REMAIN VALID. THE PUBLIC AND CAC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

THIS SPACE IS FOR SALE

CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly known as MISS ESTHER IBHADE IHENYEN now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ESTHER IBHADE ITEPU. All former documents remain valid. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma and the general public take note.

I, formerly known as REJOICE HAMMAN, now wish to be known as REJOICE SOLOMON ALI. All former document remains valid. N.Y.S.C and general public please take note.

I formerly known as MISS YAGANA ALI now wish to be called as MRS. YAGANA ALI IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid N.Y.S.C General public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS AMARACHI MARY NGAMEGBULEM now wish to be called MRS AMARACHI MARY BRAVEMAN AKPOR. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I FORMERLY MISS ZAINAB MOHAMMED NOW WISH TO BE CALLED MRS ZAINAB NOAH. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, NIG POLICE FORCE AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I, formerly KHADIJAT IBRAHIM now wish to be known and addressed as MRS KHADIJAT IBRAHIM MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid- Buk and general public take note.

I, formerly known as ISAH IBRAHIM now wish to be known as ISAH IBRAHIM YELWA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly MISS OKON RUTH ENWA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OBI IKENNA RUTH. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS UZOMA CHARITY EHUMADU now wish to be known as MRS UZOMA CHARITY ACHARA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

I, formerly known as PAUL CALEB MWARGA now wish to be called ANBER CALEB MWARGA. All former documents remain valid. General public note.

I, formerly known as OMEDE ALHAJI ODIBA now wish to be addressed as OMEDE ABDULZEEZ ODIBA. All former documents remain valid. RJJFIN & the general public take note.

I, formerly known as MISS ISE-OLUWA OLUFUNSO ALUKO now MRS ISE-OLUWA OLUFUNSO COKER. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly MISS LEAH TSADO, hencefort called MRS JIYA LEAH. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

Formerly YAHYA G. SHENGBA, now wish to be called TUKUR MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. Gombe liason Office Abuja and general public should take note.

I formerly known as AKALE LAMI JOY now wish to be known as MRS AKANYA LAMI JOY. All former documents remain valid. FCT Secondary Education Board and general public take note.

I, formerly MISS EFE EDITH UMAHOIN now MRS EFE EDITH ILEKENRI. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as FATI ADAMU GODOWOLI now wish to be known and addressed as MRS FATI SHETTIMA TAMADI. All former documents remain valid. The Federal Inland Revenue Service and general public take note.

I formerly known as MISS. HALIMA HASSAN, now wish to called MRS. HALIMA HALIRU. Former documents remains valid, N.Y.S.C. and Public take note.

I, FORMERLY MISS OJETADE FUNMILAYO MAHRUFAT NOW MRS IDRIS MAHRUFAT FUNMILAYO. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. NYSC AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MISS REGINA TIMOTHY NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS MRS ROINA DANLADI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. NATIONAL TEACHERS INSTITUTE, BIRNIN KEBBI, PUBLIC NOTE.

I, FORMERLY MISS CHARITY PAUL NOW WISH TO BE ADDRESSED AS MRS CHARITY STEPHEN RAYA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.



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Full Page	356,400.00	17,820.00	374,220.00	475,200.00	23,760.00	498,960.00
Half Page	252,000.00	12,600.00	264,600.00	370,834.00	18,541.70	389,376.70
Quarter Page	109,350.00	5,468.00	114,818.00	284,286.00	14,214.00	298,500.00
10" x 6 cols	247,500.00	12,375.00	259,875.00	326,700.00	16,335.00	343,035.00
10" x 5 cols	201,960.00	10,098.00	212,058.00	277,200.00	13,860.00	291,060.00
10" x 4 cols	162,360.00	8,118.00	170,478.00	217,800.00	10,890.00	228,690.00
10" x 3 cols	148,500.00	7,425.00	155,925.00	198,000.00	9,900.00	207,900.00
9" x 6 cols	234,036.00	11,701.80	245,738.00	306,900.00	15,345.00	322,245.00
9" x 5 cols	194,040.00	9,702.00	203,742.00	267,300.00	13,365.00	280,665.00
9" x 4 cols	148,500.00	7,425.00	155,925.00	213,840.00	10,692.00	224,532.00
9" x 3cols	142,560.00	7,128.00	149,688.00	194,040.00	9,702.00	203,742.00
8" x 6 cols	221,760.00	11,088.00	232,848.00	300,960.00	15,048.00	316,008.00
8" x 5 cols	186,120.00	9,306.00	195,426.00	257,400.00	12,870.00	270,270.00
8" x 4 cols	138,600.00	6,930.00	145,530.00	205,920.00	10,296.00	216,216.00
8" x 3 cols	134,640.00	6,732.00	141,372.00	186,120.00	9,306.00	195,426.00
7" x 6 cols	168,300.00	8,415.00	176,715.00	217,800.00	10,890.00	228,690.00
7" x 5 cols	158,400.00	7,920.00	166,320.00	205,920.00	10,296.00	216,216.00
7" x 4 cols	134,640.00	6,732.00	141,372.00	198,000.00	9,900.00	207,900.00
6" x 6 cols	162,360.00	8,118.00	170,478.00	207,240.00	10,362.00	217,602.00
6" x 5 cols	148,500.00	7,425.00	155,925.00	201,960.00	10,098.00	212,058.00
6" x 4 cols	130,680.00	6,534.00	137,214.00	194,040.00	9,702.00	203,742.00
6" x 3 cols	79,200.00	3,960.00	83,160.00	106,920.00	5,346.00	112,266.00
6" x 2 cols	69,300.00	3,465.00	72,765.00	89,100.00	4,455.00	93,555.00
5" x 5 cols	138,600.00	6,930.00	145,530.00	198,000.00	9,900.00	207,900.00
5" x 4 cols	124,740.00	6,237.00	130,977.00	196,020.00	9,801.00	205,821.00
5" x 3 cols	75,240.00	3,762.00	79,002.00	102,960.00	5,148.00	108,108.00
5" x 2 cols	59,400.00	2,970.00	62,370.00	79,200.00	3,960.00	83,160.00
4" x 6 cols	128,700.00	6,435.00	135,135.00	178,200.00	8,910.00	187,110.00
4" x 5 cols	126,720.00	6,336.00	133,056.00	154,000.00	7,700.00	161,700.00
4" x 4 cols	114,840.00	5,742.00	120,582.00	129,800.00	6,490.00	136,290.00
4" x 3 cols	69,300.00	3,465.00	72,765.00	91,080.00	4,554.00	95,634.00
4" x 2 cols	53,460.00	2,673.00	56,133.00	75,240.00	3,762.00	79,002.00
3" x 2 cols	33,660.00	1,683.00	35,343.00	49,500.00	2,475.00	51,975.00
3" x 3 cols	49,500.00	2,475.00	51,975.00	59,400.00	2,970.00	62,370.00
2" x 2 cols	23,760.00	1,188.00	24,948.00	39,600.00	1,980.00	41,580.00
1" x 1 col	4,950.00	247.50	5,198.00	5,940.00	297.00	6,237.00

SPECIAL POSITIONS			
POSITION	RATE (N)	VAT (N)	TOTAL (N)
PAGE 2 OR 3	1,140,480	57,024	1,197,504
PAGE 4 OR 5	1,036,800	51,840	1,088,640
FRONT PAGE STRIP	552,381	27,619	580,000
FRONT PAGE SOLUS	410,400	20,520	430,920
BACK PAGE STRIP	457,143	22,857	480,000
FRONT PAGE EARPIECE	323,810	16,190	340,001
BACK PAGE EARPIECE	295,238	14,761	310,000
CENTRESPREAD	1,632,960	81,648	1,714,608
DOUBLESREAD	1,209,600	60,480	1,270,080
ROP STRIP (COLOUR)	158,400	7,920	166,320
ROP STRIP (B&W)	129,600	6,480	136,080
INSIDE BACK COVER	518,400	25,920	544,320
FRONT PAGE	15,000,000	750,000	15,750,000
WRAP-AROUND		25,000,000	

TRUST CLASSIFIED				
POSITION	SIZE	RATE (N)	VAT (5%)	TOTAL
Registration of Trusts	7" x 2 cols	18,000	900	18,900
Loss of Documents	2" x 2 cols	9,000	450	9,450
Change of Name	Per word	100	NIL	

LOOSE INSERTS		
	RATE (N)	VAT (N)
Handling	142,000	7,100
Per 1000 copies (1 Sheet)	36,000	1,800
Per 1000 copies (Magazines)	60,000	3,000

Technical Data	Series Discount
Columns 6 Daily	5-10 Insertions 2.5%
Depth - 14.5" (Inches)	11-20 Insertions 5%
Width - 10"	21-51 Insertions 10%

Terms of Advert Placement:

- 1) All adverts are expected to be prepaid in cash or draft in favour of Media Trust Limited
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- 6) Advertisers will be surcharged 10% of the applicable rate where artworks are not provided
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We're ready to face FIFA's wrath - Bio

By Mohammed S. Shehu

THE Federal Government said yesterday its decision to disband the national teams was intended to sanitize the country's football house and as such the country is ready to damn the consequences of its action from the football governing body, FIFA.

Speaking to newsmen at the presidential Villa yesterday, the minister of Sport, Alhaji Musa Ibrahim- Bio said the government can no longer live with the rot in the football house because it wants to avoid FIFA hammer.

Asked whether the government was aware of the fact that ban could attract sanction from the football governing body which frowns at government interference in football administration, he said, "My friend, you cannot have cancer and continue to live with it because you don't want to spill blood; we are ready to spill blood to remove the cancer."

The minister said it is more concerned about the interest and sovereignty of the country and people who are so passionate about football.

"As you are all aware, Nigeria is so passionate about sports and we are trying to have a deliberate policy whereby we can encourage our local league to be very attractive so that not every time we have to be looking to foreign-based players and when they are not available we continue to wait," he said.

The minister also said that the government is trying to liaise with FIFA in order to get these things done without necessarily violating FIFA rules.

"Nigeria will do everything possible to take the interest and sover-



UNBEARABLE pain: Super Eagles goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama (2L) is comforted by team officials including captain Kanu Nwankwo (R)

eignty of Nigeria first and foremost and if that is in conformity with FIFA rules, so be it but if it is not in conformity with FIFA rules, I think the sovereignty of Nigeria and interests of the people is most paramount."

The minister also identifies lack of commitment on the part of the players as a problem that must be addressed, saying, "Particularly some of the misses by our players,

shows complete lack of commitments on the parts of our players. I cannot imagine an international player misses a goal that is almost two to three metres to the net and he is laughing or smiling, there is no sign of regret.

"That is the level of patriotism that gets Nigerian government concerned. They should show some sense of remorse and regret so that

the people will not say that it was an intended action.

"Invariably, what we want to do is to get people who by their experience will restructure and reorganise our football and start right from the grass roots, invigorate the clubs and encourage more football academies where we can get young men to replace the present ones. That takes time and experience."

Reps ask FG to rescind Eagles' l

By Turaki A. Hassan

THE House of Representatives yesterday asked President Goodluck Jonathan to rescind his decision to disband the Super Eagles and withdraw the country from all international football competition for two years following the dismal performance of the national team in the ongoing 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

The House resolution was sequel to a motion on a matter of urgent national importance raised by Rep Emmanuel Jime (PDP, Benue) which was unanimously adopted when the question was put to vote by Speaker Dimeji Bankole.

Leading the debate, Jime said that the ban would not only attract FIFA sanction but would slow down the development of the round leather game in the country which had produced talented players saying, "The withdrawal of Nigeria from all international competitions means that the country's football will be in the wilderness. We are worried about the wrath of the football ruling body FIFA, and if the order is not rescinded, not only that we will be left in the wilderness of international football, but the future of young Nigerians will be compromised."

On his part, Rep. Femi Gbajabiamila (AC, Lagos) argued that football was a unifying factor in the country that had calmed Nigerians down even at their lowest, expressing regrets that prior to the ban announced by President Jonathan, there was no programme put in place to take the country's football through the period.

Chief Whip of the House, Emeka Ihedioha (PDP, Imo) who described football as unifying factor in the country that had gulped so much money. He therefore called for caution as he said that there was a need to shift focus by having new helmsmen at the glass house to redirect affairs of the round leather game in the country.

Association of Nigerian professional footballers faults presidential ban

By David Ngobua

AS reactions continue to trail President Goodluck Jonathan's directive that the country should not participate in international football for the next two years, the Association of Professional Footballers of Nigeria, APFON, has faulted the presidential directive saying it is a breach of the fundamental rights of Nigerian youths involved in football to freely exercise their God given talents.

Addressing the press yesterday in Abuja, the president of APFON, former international Dahiru Sadi (MFR) said the decision of Mr. President to stop Nigeria's participation in international football for two years is hasty and ill advised.

The body observed that the president's directive is an unnecessary distraction with the potential of destroying the future of thousands of Nigerian youths.

"The President's decision is a

breach of the fundamental rights of Nigerian youths involved in football to freely exercise their talents.

"The decision is therefore an unnecessary distraction with the potential of destroying the future of thousands of Nigerian youths, as it is not a substitute to the development of Nigerian football."

APFON therefore called on the president to review and reverse his decision in the interest of Nigerian youths who are involved in football

as a profession.

Furthermore, the professional footballers association called on the president to immediately dissolve the PTF because it is an unnecessary distraction as according to it, it is unreasonable to have two parallel bodies running football in Nigeria.

Instead of ban Nigeria from participating in international football, APFON advised that the President should organize a forum of stakeholders which will be all inclusive

to get a clearer picture of the problem of Nigerian football.

In his contribution, Chief Collins Eselemo, former Sharks player and Grand Patron of APFON noted that the president directive is a call for chaos as it is capable of throwing the entire nation into confusion.

He said since football is not the exclusive reserve of the President, it was wrong for him to unilaterally ban Nigeria from participating in international football.

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FG approves N197m for Nigeria at 50 sports committee

By David Ngobua

THE Federal government has approved N197 million for the sub-committee on sports which is saddled with the responsibility of organising sporting events that would form part of the celebration of Nigeria's 50th independence anniversary.

This was disclosed yesterday in Abuja by the Director General of the National Sports Commission, Chief Patrick Ekeji

at the Inauguration of the 23-man committee which is to be chaired by Alhaji Mohammed Abdul Sule who is the Director in charge of Appointment, Promotion and Discipline in the National Sports Commission.

The committee's term of reference is to design a sports programme that would involve Nigerian youths and put together befitting sporting events that would match Nigeria's

reputation in World's sports.

Ekeji said: "You have the responsibility to design a sports programme, can be one, can be two that would give Nigerian youths the opportunity to participate actively in the celebration of their country's 50 year anniversary.

"Of course what you can do depends on what you have. For now what I have seen from the document that has just come to my table is just N197m. I know

that you can manage it perfectly well. N197m is what has been approved for the sub-committee".

Charging the committee to be prudent in managing the money approved for it, Ekeji said in as much as it is a tight budget, the country expects wonderful events that would benefit the status of Nigeria in sports.

He said: "The amount released may not be enough but since all of us are good managers of funds, we

expect to have a wonderful event even though the budget is very slim. We should be happy that sports is part of it".

Ekeji disclosed that when he was invited to make a proposal of the kind of event to be staged, he requested for a football match to be played between Nigeria and FIFA selected but when the NFF was brought in, the bill put forward was far above what has been approved for the committee.



SPORTS minister Bio

HFN to screen players before U-18, U-21 championships

TO prevent age falsification at the forthcoming U-18 and U-21 National Handball Championships billed for Minna, the Handball Federation of Nigeria (HFN) will screen participants before the event.

HFN secretary Olu-sola Luke told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Thursday in Lagos that the exercise was to ascertain the genuine age of the players.

Championship holds between July 29 and Aug. 7.

Luke said the championships would kick off with the screening exercise, adding "in as much as we want young players, we also want to be sure of their real ages."

He advised the players to come with their original birth certificates, adding "apart from the birth certificate, we have other ways of ascertaining their real age and to avoid age forgery".


Luke said that age-cheats discovered during the exercise would be disqualified and denied the chance to take part in the competition.

The secretary said that the measure was to sanitise the sport and ensure that players featured only in their age-grade competitions and to avoid fielding over-aged players.

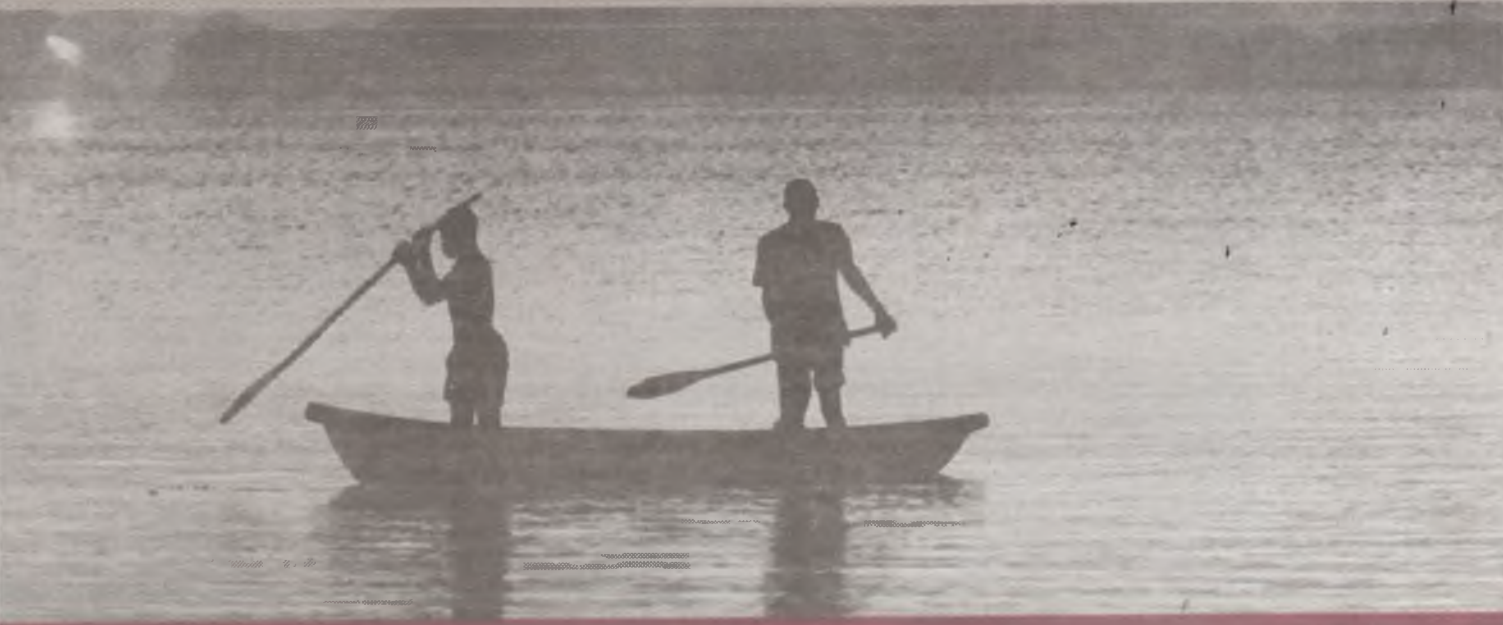
According to him, the championships will also be used to select players for the Commonwealth U-17 championships scheduled for Cameroon in August.

"The selection will be based on individual performance because our aim is to build a formidable team that will represent the country well in Yaoundé," he said.

Luke said that some of the player would be groomed to form part of the national team.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

By Tunji Ajibade

Nigeria, U.S, and the oil spills

He squeezed all he could out of it; he sat, for the first time in his presidency, behind his desk in the Oval office in the White House to do it. And he had come across as a leader, father of the nation that time. It was the U.S. president, Barack Obama, who recently addressed his fellow citizens over the oil spills on the U.S. coasts. On that occasion, Obama told his people a few things they might not have known already, and Nigerians who heard him, what they already knew should happen, but is yet to happen in their own country.

This is "the worst environmental disaster America has ever faced," the president said of what happened in the April 20 explosion and fire on a Gulf of Mexico oil rig that led to millions of gallons of oil leaking into the ocean. He added that the mess was a persistent epidemic, not a one-time natural disaster. White House officials too had not been silent; one said Obama's goal is to "restore the Gulf, not just the way it was the day the rig exploded, but years ago." Those were appropriate words at a time of national disaster.

Then the way out of the crisis began to be listed, and the president took the lead once again. He called on his citizens to exercise patience as his administration deals with the Gulf of Mexico mess. Then he seized the opportunity to push for a focal shift – for his nation to move away from its reliance on the use of fossil fuels to cleaner sources of energy. After a meeting with the chairman of British Petroleum (BP), Carl-Henric Svanberg, owners of the broken oil well in the Gulf, the president directed that the multinational company should pay all clean-up costs and damages from the massive leak. He said the company should "set aside whatever resources are required to compensate the workers and business owners who have been harmed as a result of his company's recklessness." And "this

fund will not be controlled by BP," he added. It was "in order to ensure that all legitimate claims are paid out in a fair and timely manner, the account must and will be administered by an independent, third party."

BP, in turn, has not been saying all the right things under such circumstances. Its chairman had been apologetic to Americans. After agreeing to a \$20 billion fund to compensate victims of the disastrous oil spills BP's CEO, Tony Hayward, said he was "personally devastated"; that the explosion and sinking of the BP-operated rig "never should have happened" and that he was "deeply sorry that they did." Now that apology is for 60,000 barrels of oil that flow into the Gulf every day. Massive lot, but the effort to stop the leak is no less. First, Obama had placed a moratorium on deep-water drilling in the entire region. He had also poured in enormous resources. There are some 30,000 persons currently working in four U.S. states that are

already affected. Their job is to stop leakages and clean up. There are also "thousands of ships and other vessels," working in the area, according to the president. And he had also authorized deployment of more than 17,000 National Guard members along the coast to be used as needed by state governors.

The basic outline of this is clear: There was a disaster resulting from the operations of a multinational company. The consequences galvanized the nation's leadership into action. The culprits were called in by the U.S. government to account and pay for their actions or inactions. In this, the leadership has shown that it is their territory, their resources, and no multinational can wreck havoc, however accidental it is, and walk away. This is a scenario Nigerians have never fully witnessed in more than fifty years of oil exploration in their country. The Niger-Delta is a disaster due to oil exploration. This is a place where companies would hardly tell about their own pollution, and there is little or no

effective monitoring of spills. The government claims there were over 7,000 spills between 1970 and year 2000. But concerned groups see it differently. Spills in the Niger Delta is more regular than even what the government is aware of; there is an average rate of 300 spills of any size every year, they say.

The nation's leadership had, in spite of this, either collaborated with the multinational companies or used instruments of state to execute indigenes who agitated for their environment the same way environmentalists do in the current situation in the U.S. And the pattern is deeper: it runs across every area of operation of multinationals in this country – from drugs, civil construction, to telecommunications. Foreign-owned companies here do, and get away

with, what they would not in some other lands. The leadership here, the cream of which had been accused of collecting bribes, selling the people out to foreigners in uncountable number of cases, is to blame.

It is a good thing that the current administration in Nigeria is making effort to pass a new bill to regulate the oil and gas industry. Provisions in it would give both the nation's government and the oil communities a better say in the exploration and the uses of their resources. The government should see the bill through in spite of opposition from companies involved. It is a good starting point to turn around years of injustice to the natural owners of natural resources. For just as the U.S. president had shown who the owners of both the territory and the resources are, so it should be done on this side of the Atlantic.

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SPORTS REPORT



MESSI

Messi skips training with 'cold-like symptoms'

Lionel Messi set off alarm bells in the Argentine camp after skipping training yesterday because of a mild cold two days ahead of the World Cup quarterfinal against Germany.

Team spokesman Andres Ventura said Messi came out for practice at the University of Pretoria but coach Diego Maradona decided to send him back to his room to rest.

"Messi has cold-like symptoms, nothing seri-

ous," team doctor Donato Villani said. "Tomorrow (Friday) he'll be training at full speed."

Messi, FIFA's reigning player of the year, has not scored a goal in South Africa but has been involved in setting up six of Argentina's 11 goals. Defenses have consistently crowded around Messi, leaving space for forwards Gonzalo Higuain and Carlos Tevez. Substitute Javier Pastore took Messi's place in practice yesterday.



GYAN

Gyan sees stardom ahead

With three goals already at this World Cup, Ghana striker Asamoah Gyan is convinced he is on the way to football stardom if he helps his team become the first African side to reach the semifinals.

Ghana faces Uruguay in a quarterfinal Friday and the striker, who plays for modest French club Rennes, sees big things on the horizon if he helps his country make history.

"I'm not surprised how things are going at the World Cup because I am so confident in myself," the 24-year-old striker said Thursday. "I have many things ahead of me so it depends on my ability. If we can qualify, then I am definitely going places because I am confident."

Four years ago in Germany, Ghana was also the only African side to survive the first round of group games only to fall 3-0 to Brazil in the first knockout round.

