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ZENITH BANK FLOATS BIGGEST PUBLIC OFFER IN NIGERIA -To raise over N50 billion

Another history is in the making in the annals of the Nigerian Capital Market as Zenith Bank Plc is set to raise N50 billion through an offer for subscription of 3 billion ordinary shares of 50k each at N16.90k per share. The offer which opens today is the biggest by any Nigerian company through the Capital Market.

The new offer is coming at an attractive discount of N2.74 per share as the shares closed at N19.64 per share on the last day of trading on Thursday January 12, 2005 - the day the offer was announced. This automatically translates into a 20% capital appreciation for investors who will buy at an offer price of N16.90k. Investors who bought when the bank first went public have enjoyed capital appreciation in excess of 80% in just 14 months of investing. The bank had earlier also made history by a dividend payout of N4.2 billion which is one of the highest amounts ever paid by any bank in Nigeria in its first year of being quoted on the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

The offer, according to the Managing Director / Chief Executive of Zenith Bank, Mr. Jim Ovia, has been priced in such a way as to encourage investors to patronize it. "The offer will allow us to enhance our IT infrastructure, aggressively pursue our branch expansion strategy and make more funds available for working capital."

Zenith Bank had through its Initial Public Offering in July 2004 raised N48b, achieving a 554 per cent subscription level which is yet to be matched by any company in the primary market.

Evidently, the market is excited that one of the biggest financial institutions in the country which has good return on investment is returning to the capital market with additional share volume of three billion. It is also a welcome opportunity for investors who had their money returned during the IPO of 2004 as a result of massive over subscription, to get their share of what many today refer to as "national cake".

Already, financial experts have endorsed the Zenith Public Offer as a huge success. The doyen of Nigerian stockbrokers, Rev. Olu Odejimi, said he expects a successful outing for the bank. "Zenith bank brought dynamism to the Nigerian stock market. I am not talking about branding, look around Zenith Bank and you will see transparent assets."

After this offer, Zenith Bank will be Number 1," he said.

The Managing Director of Meristem Securities, Mr. Wole Abegunde, a foremost stockbroker equally endorsed the offer, noting that the bank has very strong and irresistible fundamentals that are sure to attract investors any day. "They made a promise to pay 70k in their IPO prospectus and they met that promise. It is the only bank whose secondary market price did not go below offer price post offer," he said.

The impressive performance of the bank over the years reinforces stability and consistency. A five-year growth rate of 311% in Assets,

269% in shareholders' funds, 255% in PBT and 157% in Gross earnings are reflections of the bank's competitiveness in the Nigerian

market.

Zenith Bank also has a five-year cumulative after tax profit of N22.5 billion since 2001. The bank has maintained very good asset quality

achieving the lowest non-performing loans to total loans ratio of 1.8% as at 2005 year end, compared to the industry average of about 18%.

This impressive performance of the

bank over the years has won it several recognition and awards within and outside the country.

Recently, the bank was named Bank of the Year 2005 by The Banker magazine, a subsidiary of the influential Financial Times of London.

Zenith Bank is also the Most Respected Bank in Nigeria according

to a survey conducted by institution of impeccable financial PricewaterhouseCooper and condition and overwhelming capacity to meet obligations as and when they fall due."

Business Day Newspaper.

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of Today and the
Promise of
Tomorrow'**



**Courtesy:
GOMBE PROGRESSIVES PRVILLION**

Alh. Muhammad Danjuma Goje

FEAR FOR PERSONAL SAFETY


**Hold FG, PDP,
George responsible
if... Malu**

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**COUNT DOWN TO CENSUS 2006
(21 - 25 March)**

43 DAYS TO GO

**ONLY PERSONS PHYSICALLY SEEN BY
ENUMERATORS WILL BE COUNTED**



Courtesy: National Population Commission

Third term could break Nigeria

The United States has warned in strongest terms yet that any attempt at tenure extension by President Olusegun Obasanjo, "could lead to political strife and eventual breakup of the country."

By Charles Onunaiju, with agency report

National Intelligence, John Negroponte, when he testified before the US Senate Committee on Intelligence. Negroponte was throwing more light on the U.S. "Annual Threat Assessment,"

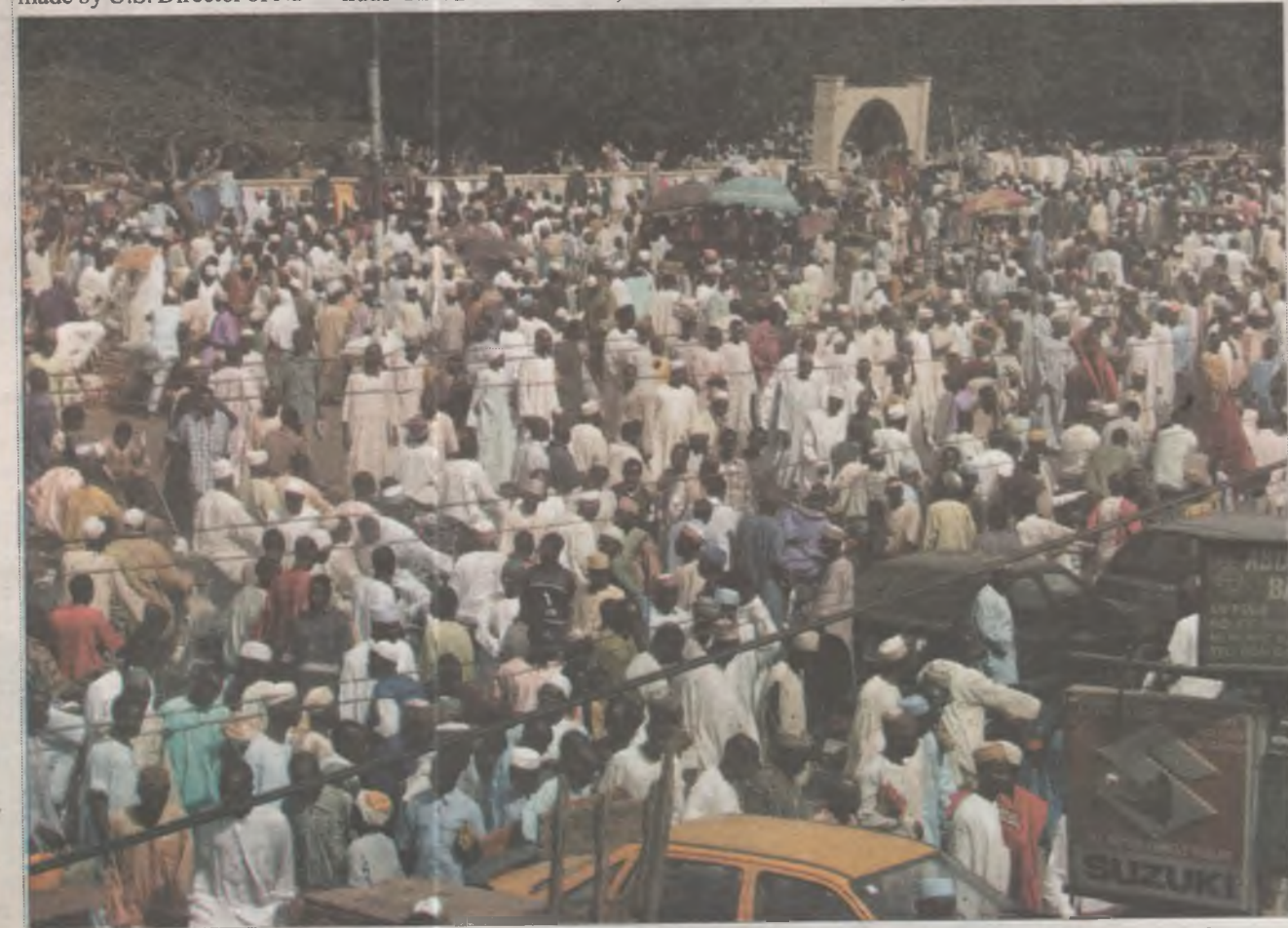
conducted by his office. The Directorate of National Intelligence was created to coordinate intelligence gathering amongst all US agencies after the September 9/11 attack on the United States. Negroponte's chilling comment came two days af-

ter President George W. Bush called for the US to end its "addiction to oil". He said the combination of rising demand for energy and instability in oil-producing regions, "is increasing the geopolitical leverage of key producing states". Negroponte said that the

2007 elections in Nigeria would be the most important election on the African horizon. The vote, he said, has the potential to reinforce a democratic trend away from military rule - or it could lead to major disruption in a nation suffering "frequent ethno-religious violence, criminal activities, and rampant corruption."

- US

tensions and if proven true, threatens to unleash a major turmoil and conflict. "Such chaos in Nigeria could lead to disruption of oil supply, secessionist moves by regional governments, major refugee flow and instability elsewhere in West Africa," Negroponte said.



A cross section of Muslims in Kano weekend protesting the publication of cartoons disparaging Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) in some European countries.

Disease kills 150,000 birds in Kaduna, Kano

An outbreak of poultry disease has hit Kaduna and Kano states. Daily Trust gathered that the strange affliction over two weeks ago at poultry farms such as Sovet Nigeria Limited, Kano, A.M.A. Farms,

From Sani Babadoko, in Kaduna & Jamila Nuhu Musa, in Kano

Dankande and Sambawa Farms on the Kaduna-Zaria road has led to the death or slaughter of about 150,000 chickens.

The symptoms of the strange disease according to poultry attendants interviewed, are swollen head, groin and feet which makes the infected birds wobble as they work and collapse and die within minutes." At one of the farms at

Dankande which had chickens afflicted with the disease, an attendant said affected birds have been taken to the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), department of poultry at Mando in Kaduna and results of their investigations

**NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**QUALITY CHECK OF CENSUS 2006 ENUMERATOR
AREAS NATIONWIDE: INVITATION FOR
COMPLAINTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

The Enumeration Area Demarcation (EAD) for the 2006 population and housing census has been completed. The EAD involves division of the entire country into small land areas that can be conveniently covered by a pair of enumerators during the census period.

The Commission is currently checking these areas for quality and correctness. Members of the public are requested to cooperate with the Quality Control Officers.

The general public is also requested to report to the Commission's State/FCT offices if either their houses have not been numbered or visited during the demarcation period (September, 2004 to December, 2005).

The reports, which are expected not later than 9th February 2006, should be forwarded through any of the following:

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News

Jokolo ill, transferred to National Hospital

By Nasir Imam

The recently deposed Emir of Gwandu, Major Mustapha Haruna Jokolo (rtd.), is reported to be seriously ill and hitherto hospitalized at the VIP ward of the Specialist Hospital, Lafia, Nasarawa state, is said to have been transferred to the National Hospital, Abuja last Tuesday.

The deposed emir, *Daily Trust* gathered, hospitalized since the beginning of the year, has been placed under tight security and has not been allowed to receive visi-

tors, including family members. At the Specialist Hospital, Lafia, only two doctors, sources say, have been allowed to see the deposed Emir, one of them a woman identified simply as Dr. Obuloma. The doctors were said to have advised that Major Jokolo (rtd.) be transferred to the National Hospi-

tal, Abuja due to the gravity of his deteriorating health. Alh. Jokolo, who was the 19th holder of that office was deposed early June last year and was replaced with Gen. Muhammadu Jega. He was banished to Obi local government area of Nasarawa state from where he was brought to Lafia following his illness.

Third term *Cont. from pg. 1*

However, he stated that, "some good news is coming out of Africa" but warned that the continent remains a potential recruiting ground for terrorists. "In much of the continent, humanitarian crises, instability and conflicts persist. Overlaying these enduring threats are the potential spread of Jihadist ideology among disaffected Muslim populations and the region's growing importance as a source of energy. We are most concerned about Sudan and Nigeria." This is the third-time this year the US is making strident attacks on alleged tenure extension plan in Nigeria. At the beginning of the year, former Assistant Secre-

tary of State for African Affairs, Herman Cohen, expressed US opposition to tenure extension for President Olusegun Obasanjo. "There must be a change in Nigeria now, so someone new can come in and move the anti-corruption programme forward," Cohen had said. Earlier, the US official position on President Obasanjo's alleged tenure extension was again voiced by the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Jendayi Frazer, who had said though President Obasanjo had not officially declared his intention, but that there was need to respect term limits.

Disease *Cont. from pg. 1*

are being awaited. "The attendant however ruled out the internationally identified bird-flu which has claimed over 60 lives in South-east Asia and dozens more in Turkey recently. He said from what he gathered of the bird-flu scare, the infected birds emit fluids from their noses and mouths accompanied with coughing and sneezing which he said were not the symptoms experienced at his farm even as he also ruled out some of the common bird diseases such as Gomborg, Newcastle and CRD.

Primary doctors, virologists and stakeholders like Alhaji Nuhu Umar of *Grand Master Feeds*, Kaduna, said the problem in Nigeria in receiving little if any attention especially in mounting surveillance to monitor its spread. Alhaji Nuhu said this is very necessary to avoid a situation where the virus could mutate into a more virulent and human communicable strain as happened in 1918 when up to 100 million people died. *Daily Trust* also observed that there are attempts by farms affected not to speak up for fear of losing customers who may boycott them if they become aware of the dangers of consuming infected birds.

However, he said he has not seen anything like the strange ailments currently plaguing the farm throughout his many years in the poultry business. Humans have eaten infected slaughtered birds without contacting the disease, but confirmed that one attendant and himself have been treated for fever. At the Sambawa Farms where over 60,000 birds were said to have died, it was learnt that samples of the afflicted birds were taken abroad for laboratory tests. However, the farm manager, Alhaji Suleiman Ibrahim, told *Daily Trust* on phone that he was not prepared to grant press interview on the incident unless the owner of the farm, Alhaji Samaila Sambawa, the sports minister granted him permission. The minister is currently in Egypt for the on-going African Nations Cup.

In Kano in a related development, an outbreak of a disease suspected to be 'Newcastle' disease has claimed over 30,000 birds in Kano. The director of veterinary services, Ministry of Agriculture, Kano State, Dr. Salihu Jibrin, who confirmed the outbreak, said samples have already been taken to the National Veterinary Research Institute (Vom), Plateau State and Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital for diagnosis. The director also disclosed that the state government has also constituted a high powered monitoring committee of registered veterinary surgeons to bring the situation under control. The monitoring committee is expected to visit other areas where birds have not been affected in order to advise farmers on what to do, he further said.

Although there has not been any human casualty in the affected farms, the World Health Organisation (WHO), virologists have warned that the deadly H5N1 virus that has ravaged Southeast Asian poultry flocks and infected over 100 people with over 60 deaths since 2003, "is the most serious known health threat facing the world." WHO estimates that in the best case scenario of the avian-flu mutating to a virus that can be transmitted between humans, between two million and 7.4 million people would die world-wide in the

country farmers in Kano State, saying that investigations has shown that the disease was introduced from the country. The chairman, Kano State Chapter of Poultry Farmers Association of Nigeria, Alhaji Mohammed Aminu Adamu, while commenting on the outbreak, said that the unfortunate incident has led to heavy losses. He therefore called on the state government to come to the aid of poultry farmers. Meanwhile, the head of Disease Unit of the Ahmadu Bello University Veterinary Teaching hospital, Dr. Lawan Saidu has allayed the fears of

was chicken cholera rather than Newcastle disease and that it is curable. He said based on clinical and postmortem examination, it was confirmed that the disease was fowl cholera which is caused by a bacterial associated with respiratory signs which makes the chickens cough. Dr. Lawan Saidu who was addressing a press briefing on the issue, said that farmers should not panic but instead, avail their birds with sulfur drugs. He noted that though poultry farmers do not like to treat their layers with sulfur but it is a choice they have to make stressing that the chicken must survive before it can lay eggs. The veterinary expert appealed to farmers to stop the panick selling and slaughtering and instead report immediate signs to the nearest veterinary clinic. Dr. Lawan Saidu however said that the disease can't be transmitted to human beings.

Corruption: EFCC arrests lawmakers in Plateau

From Andrew Agbese, Correspondent (Jos)

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) operatives yesterday, arrested some of the law makers of the plateau State House of Assembly, while the residence of the speaker, Hon Simon Lalong, was sealed off by stern looking mobile police men. The deputy speaker Mallam Usman Zumanta Musa was among those arrested. He heads the committee investigating Dariye until last week. The move is believed to be a follow up to the invitation the anti graft body extended to the members of the Plateau state legislature but which the members declined to honour saying the EFCC is out to harass and intimidate them. But the speaker was said to be in Abuja at the time the EFCC operatives came calling at his residence, when contacted on phone he said he was not bothered about the development adding that members of the PSHA will never be cowed by any level of intimidation.

Although the full identities of those arrested could not be ascertained before going to the press, the speaker who disclosed that his wife's handset has just been confiscated by the operatives said he had also heard of the arrests of the legislators. Hon. Lalong however stated in the telephone interview that he had just received reports that the member representing Quan'pam constituency, Mike Dapiamlong, was allegedly responsible for the house-to-house search and harassment of the law makers by the EFCC operatives. The Speaker wondered why the EFCC was taking the matter this far when the Federal High Court in Kaduna, last Wednesday according to him, refused to grant the EFCC their demand for arrest warrant. Besides, he added that the case challenging the powers of the EFCC to freeze the accounts of the state govern-

ment among others, was coming up Monday (06/02/06), adding that they should have been patient enough to see the outcome of the proceedings, rather than try to pose like a lawless organisation. Hon. Lalong pleaded with Plateau people to remain calm and avoid taking laws into their hands, as according to him, "we will continue to fight for not only the promotion and respect for due process, but for justice, fair play and equity". The speaker had earlier vowed that they will not ask the governor to resign his position until the report of the assembly's committee is out. *Daily Trust* noted that the mobile policemen that had accompanied the EFCC operatives to the Speaker's house were still there till evening while they parked their unmarked Hi-lux pickup van opposite the entrance of the speaker's residence.



Gross exhibition of birders during the bird opening event of Wuse Market held in Abuja. *Sunday, Pictorial*

News

Hold FG, Bode George responsible if... Malu

Former Chief of Army Staff, retired Lieutenant-General Victor Malu, has expressed fears over his safety, saying that the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)-controlled federal government and the Deputy National Chairman (South) of the party, Chief Olabode George, should be held accountable if anything were to happen to him.

Malu, in a statement weekend in Abuja in which he reacted to media reports on his purported regrets for not overthrowing President Olusegun Obasanjo while he was Chief of Army Staff, said he did not make the statement at the meeting of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) in Kaduna.

He, however, reminded Nigerians of the many politically-motivated murders that have gone unsolved and said that almost all were those who had criticised or opposed the dictatorial stance of the federal government.

According to him, "Nigerians are aware of what has happened to those who criticised this government. We are all aware of how many politically motivated murders have gone unsolved and almost all are those who have criticised or were opposed to the dictatorial stance of the government."

"If anything were to happen to me, the likes of Bode George and his PDP government should be held accountable. The same government that has not been able to find the killers of our most respected Chief Bola Ige, Chief Marshal Harry, Chief Aminasori Dikibo and the recent gruesome murder of the wife of Alhaji Abubakar Rimi. Can Nigerians see a common factor in all these unsolved murders?"

Malu reviewed what he said at the ACF meeting, saying "at the risk of repeating myself or diluting the clear and honest statement on this matter by people I hold in utmost regard and respect, I wish to state that I did not make a statement at the ACF to the effect that I regretted not overthrowing Obasanjo."

"In my address to the ACF, I recalled a lot of what went wrong when I was the chief of Army Staff and my disagreement with the President, which resulted in my early retirement. I specifically mentioned issues of the US and their efforts to update their intelligence on the armed forces of Nigeria, especially the army in the guise of training the Army for peacekeeping duties."

"I made a statement to the effect that on reflection, now it was good that I was kicked out of service or else I might have changed from being such a democrat to something else."

He expressed appreciation to the Chairman of the ACF, Chief Sunday Awoniyi, who was present at the ACF meeting in Kaduna and who has issued a statement last Wednesday to clarify what he (Malu) said.

According to him, "I am particularly touched by the unsolicited defence of my person and integrity by no-

By Sufiyana Ojeifo,
(Special Correspondent)

less a personality than the *Arg of Mopa*, Chief Sunday Awoniyi, CON, who was present at my presentation in Kaduna.

"Chief Awoniyi in his statement on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, captured not only the facts, but also the true essence and spirit of my presentation. I could not ask for a better interpreter and witness of fact than the respected and honourable gentleman"

Malu stated that, "however, true to expectations, the vultures have started gathering. In as much as I would have spoken in my defence, I could not resist the temptation to respond to the diatribe in 'The Tribune' of February 1, 2006, attributed to Chief Olabode George, Deputy Chairman (by appointment) of the PDP."

"Why should I be surprised to see such words of threat, insults and all that coming from Bode George? I would have been disappointed if those words came from one of our properly-trained military officers, with sound military knowledge and background. Certainly, not Bode George."

Nigerians have already identified his role and that of his fellow travellers in the ruling PDP who do nothing but threaten and harass those who are critical of their dic-

torial government"

Claiming to know George's (a retired Commodore in the Navy) unimpressive performance in the service, Malu said that the one-time military governor of old Ondo state covered up his incompetence by alleged 'traits of boot-licking, tale-bearing and lobbying for political rather than military appointments.

"Regrettably, in those offices he was a complete let down to those who appointed him and unnecessary burden to the population on whom he was foisted. Even under the present civilian dispensation, a government in which he is a king pin, his performance and records leave a lot to be desired and Nigerians are the best judge of his records. Nigerians cannot forget his tenure as military governor of old Ondo State nor as Chairman of the Nigerian Ports Authority."



From left: Mrs. Maryam Babangida, former Miss. Enitan Adebola Obasanjo and her husband Terence Afolabi Adeleye with Hajija Amina Titi Abubakar during the solemnisation of their marriage held at the Banquet Hall, State House, Abuja on Saturday.

Pix: Joe Oroye.

Muslims demonstrate in Kano against cartoon blasphemy

Thousands of Muslims took to the streets of Kano at the weekend to protest the recent offensive and indecent cartooning of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by a Danish and Norwegian newspapers.

The demonstration which began immediately after the Juma'at prayer at Fagge

From Musa Kazaure & Aliyu Machika in Kano

Jumu'at Mosque in Kano, attracted a large crowd of worshippers who later marched through Ibrahim Taiwo road to the Emir's palace, with many of the protesters carrying placards and chanting anti-Denmark and anti-Norwegian slogans.

Some of the inscription on the placard include "Down with enemies of Islam, Denmark must pay for its blasphemy", "We will not accept insulting our Prophet", "America and Enemies of Islam are at work again", "Boycott all Danish and Norwegian products in Nigeria" etc

In a speech at the rally, one of the leaders of the group that organized the rally, Malam Ibrahim Technical, described the publication of the cartoon as another deliberate attempt to incite world Muslims and later turn around to call them "terrorists", adding that the publication was an irresponsible agenda of the West against Islam and the Muslim world.

He called on all Muslims to unite and show the West and enemies of Islam that Muslims will not tolerate nor condone any insult on their Holy Prophet and the religion.

Amidst chanting of 'Allahu Akbar', Malam Ibrahim called on all Muslims in Nigeria to rise and be proactive about the unfortunate incident in Denmark and Norway, including their supporters in the west.

In a separate interview, Kano-based Islamic scholar

and preacher, Sheik Ja'afar Mahmud Adams, described the publication as another agenda of the west to provoke Muslims, and wondered why cartoons of Jesus, Buddha and other religious deities were not published in the paper.

He described the publication as a deliberate attempt by the west "to test the unity of world Muslims at a time when they thought we have been weakened by division"

He welcomed the campaign to boycott all Danish and Norwegian goods and products across the world, but regretted that only two Muslim countries have come out openly to condemn the action of the Danish newspaper and government.

"Only Saudi Arabia and Libya have taken steps at government levels to condemn the action of the Danish newspaper, others are just watching passively. Fortunately, Muslims all over the world do not wait for their government to act, they have on their own volition, taken to the streets, and initiated the boycott of Danish and Norwegian products. This is a good omen for the World Muslim, and Nigerian Muslims should not be left out"

Meanwhile text messages and email messages have flooded the internet and GSM network calling for the boycott of all Danish and Norwegian products in Nigeria.

Some of the Text Messages reads: "Defending the integrity of our beloved Prophet (PBUH) is the duty of every Muslim. The least we can do is to boycott all products made in Denmark and Norway, e.g. Nido, Dano milk etc"

Another e-mail message says "Salaam. Pls boycott all Danish and Norway products like Nido, Dano, Lurpak, Suntop and Lego. Help pass this over to other Muslim brothers in Nigeria and abroad"

There has not been any official statement from the Danish embassy in Nigeria while calls to the embassy's numbers listed in the telephone directory were not answered.

Constitution Review: Mantu c'ttee shops for N500m

The National Assembly Joint Constitution Review Committee has raised its proposed spending to N600 million and asked the House of Representatives and the Senate to provide N500 million from their 2006 budget allocations.

Pending anticipated allocation from the two chambers, the committee may seek loans from banks to continue with the constitution review exercise, records of the panel's proceedings indicate.

This decision was taken after the committee run into a financial hitch with only N100 million in its purse from last year's budget, even though the proposed public hearing alone is expected to gulp N456 million.

The situation was compounded when the presidency provided only N22 million unspent funds from the National Political Reform Conference and asked the Ibrahim Mantu-led panel to source its funds from budgetary allocations of the legislature, Mantu told the lawmakers at a meeting penultimate week.

The committee, according to its records of proceedings for January 25 obtained exclusively by *Daily Trust* in Abuja, "decided that the budget for the committee's assignment should be raised to N600 million. Consequently, the leadership of the committee was urged to source additional N500 million."

The records, signed by Mantu and the committee scribe, Oluayemi Ogunyemi, said "the presidency was able to make N22 million only unspent funds by the NPRC available to the committee,

By Habeeh A. Pindiga
Assistant Political Editor

with the advice that the committee should source funds from the allocation to the National Assembly

"The chairman therefore suggested that the leadership should table the matter before the two Houses so as to make provisions for the constitution review exercise in the 2006 budget. On the other hand, loans could be sourced for the assignment pending the approval of the budget and release of funds. Concluding, he emphasised that the only source of funding is the National Assembly and nowhere else. Consequently, he enjoined members to sensitise their colleagues in the two Houses to vote additional funds for the committee's assignment."

Dispute arose among lawmakers at an earlier meeting on the propriety or otherwise of

asking the presidency to release the unspent confab funds.

But the records said, "After exhaustive deliberations on the issue, the committee agreed that its leadership was free to source funds from independent donor agencies but counselled against requesting for unspent funds by the NPRC."

The contention of those against asking for the confab funds was that the National Assembly did not appropriate monies for the exercise and so "it was inappropriate for the committee to request for such fund"

An insistent Mantu, how-

ever, told the lawmakers that the monies in question did not belong to the confab but were donations from foreign and local agencies for "constitutional review and development of democracy in Nigeria. According to him, such funds were given to various review committees including those of late Bola Ige, Chief Kanu Agabi and the NPRC."

The document also confirmed the N50,000 per member per sitting offer. "The committee unanimously approved the payment of N50,000 as sitting allowance for each committee member per sitting. The payment, however, is to be based strictly on attendance," it said.

'Atiku, not MRDD member'

By Emmanuel Bello,
Political Editor

The Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, is not a member of the Movement for the Restoration and Defence of Democracy (MRDD).

The assertion was made weekend by the interim chairman of the MRDD, Alhaji Gambo Jinneta who said that contrary to media reports, the Vice President, is neither a member nor a sponsor of the association.

"I want to state categorically that the Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, is not a member of our association and neither is he a sponsor as alluded to in the newspapers. We view this publication as mischievous and only aimed at roping us into your policy (PDP) death tango."

In the letter addressed to the chairman of the PDP, the former Inspector General of

Police said that it has become imperative to write the PDP in order to clarify media reports carried in some national papers (not *Daily Trust*). He said, "It has become necessary I write to you on behalf of the MRDD on the alleged membership of our association by the Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, as carried on the front page of *The Punch* newspaper of Thursday, February 2, 2006 and several newspapers of Wednesday, February 1, 2006."

Alhaji Gambo who is also the *Dan Lawan Adamawa*, said that "our Association, inspite of its delayed coming, has been able within this time of its existence, to be the association that has won the confidence of our citizens throughout the country."

News

Rivers buys N4bn aircraft

The Rivers state government spent a total of 30.5 million dollars, about four billion naira to purchase two aircrafts, one of which has ambulance facilities.

Addressing newsmen in Port Harcourt, the Commissioner of Transport, Chief Eme Glory Eme, said the first one named the *Legacy Aircrafts*, was bought for 21.5 million dollars while the sec-

From Ikenna Emeka Okpani, Bureau Chief, P/H

ond one was bought for 9.003 million dollars.

The commissioner said the purchase of the aircrafts was necessitated by the need to provide a ready craft that would

provide ambulance services to those being taken abroad for treatment as some indigenes of the state have lost their lives in the past while efforts were being made to secure an aircraft to carry them overseas.

With the purchase of the aircraft, three emergency situations have already been attended to using the aircraft. Chief Eme said the craft would be managed by an aviation servicing company and that the state government would soon select one of the three companies that have applied to manage the fleet after looking at what they have to offer.

According to him, the craft would mainly be used for charter services while it would run the Abuja, Port Harcourt, Warri, Lagos and Bonny routes. Eighty percent of the usage of the craft would be charter while twenty percent would be on the normal routine flight.

Chief Eme described the purchase of the craft as a child of necessity as the government could no longer watch its citizens die due to inability to secure the services of an aircraft to take them abroad for medical treatment.

On the 307 Peugeot vehicles purchased by the government for use in its city taxi service, the commissioner said that individuals who would benefit from the programme would be made to comply with payment procedures that would be put in place. He said the government plans to run a revolving scheme which will enable it buy more vehicles for other people to benefit as the first beneficiaries pay.

He said as soon as the modalities are worked out, the vehicles would be released to beneficiaries who would be required to pay within a given period of time.

On plans by the ministry in the New Year, the commissioner said the relocation of all luxury buses to Iribe Park would be concluded before the end of the first quarter. According to him, the arrangement would mean that all luxury buses coming into Port

Harcourt would offload at the park from where passengers would then pick the new taxi cabs to town.

This way, the commissioner

said, would ensure that people make maximum use of the cabs.

The commissioner said the government will commence the enforcement of the use of helmets by Okada riders in the city,

but stated that a campaign would first be mounted to create the needed awareness among the road users and Okada riders before the commencement of the enforcement. He announced that

the governor has undertaken to pay 50% percent of the amount for every helmet and asked the riders to use the opportunity to benefit from the goodwill of the governor.

...orders payment of pensions, death benefits

The Rivers state government has directed the immediate payment of all pensions arrears owed retired civil servants in the state even as it has promised to make available the sum of 300 million naira monthly for the payment of pensions every month. Speaking at the end of the state's council meeting in Port Harcourt, the Commissioner of Information, Mr. Magnus Abe, said that the tree man committee set up by the government to look into the issue of pensions and gratuity, submitted its report to the council and after careful deliberation, council approved that all arrears of pensions, gratuities and death benefits be paid commencing this February.

Mr. Abe said that council has directed that anybody who delays the payment of salaries of primary school teachers would lose his job as the government can no longer condone the delay of salaries by civil servants after it has been released by government.

The commissioner said that before now, government was not aware of any salary delay of any staff of the Rivers state government and was therefore shocked to discover that salaries of some staff have been delayed and was not paid as at when due.

Furthermore, the committee on the demolition of illegal structures in the premises of public schools, has also submitted an interim report upon which the government has ordered the immediate demolition of all illegal structures in public schools. The commissioner warned those who have put up illegal structures to pull them down immediately in their interest.

He hinted that the ministry of agriculture has been directed to work out the modalities for the improvement in the gains made in the sector in the New Year while those who encroached on the land of the ministry have been ejected with immediate effect. The executive council meets every week to take decisions on issues affecting the state.

Nigerian troops return from Liberia

As Liberia's transition to democracy following 14 years of civil war becomes complete with the inauguration of Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, as the country's president recently, the first batch of Nigerian troops from the 21 Armoured Brigade, Maiduguri, serving under the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Liberia have returned home.

The troops, numbering 109, returned to Maiduguri on Thursday and were received at the Maiduguri International Airport by the new Commander of the 21 Armoured Brigade, Brigadier General Sunday Idoko.

General Idoko who received the troops on behalf of the General Officer Commanding 3 Armoured Division of the Nigerian Army, Major General I.A Dikko, said that the contingent had done Nigeria proud by conducting themselves professionally while in Liberia.

The General told the soldiers that their contribution to peace keeping initiatives in Liberia has helped the country's democratic transition which culminated in the holding of internationally commended elections and the inauguration of Mrs Johnson Sirleaf, who won the election, as Liberia's President and Africa's first woman president.

The leader of the team who returned to the country, Major Tanimu Mohammed Zango, told newsmen at the airport that the soldiers have had a rewarding experience in the eight months they stayed in Liberia, adding that they did not face any obstacles in carrying out their peace keeping and professional duties.

From Abdullahi Bego, Assistant Editor Maiduguri

Officer of the 21 Armoured Brigade, Maiduguri, Major Hamza Gambo, told *Daily Trust* that the 109 soldiers who returned from Liberia is the first batch out of six batches expected back in the country shortly.

Major Gambo added that the troops were made to undergo medical screening by military health personnel who were present to certify the health status of the returning soldiers.

A member of House of Representatives, Rep Simon Adeyanju, has said that the projections in the 2006 Appropriation bill might be unattainable.

"Such situation might obtain if the budgets of NNPC and its subsidiaries as well as that of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) are not taken into consideration," he said.

Adeyanju (AD-Lagos), made the submission in a statement x-raying the 2006 budget projections as submitted to the National Assembly by President Olusegun Obasanjo.

The lawmaker said that the two government parastatals "are big spenders and players in the economy."

"Their spending would surely affect some of the parameters used in the 2006 budget proposals," he stressed.

Adeyanju noted that non-

'2006 budget not feasible'

proposals for consideration by the National Assembly was in contravention of Section 80 of the 1999 constitution.

He pointed out that some of the assumptions used for the projections of the budget required a reappraisal "as the benchmark of 33 dollars to a barrel of crude oil is too low".

Adeyanju argued that the price of crude in the last

couple of months had remained above the 50 dollar mark.

He, however, advised that the benchmark should be slightly adjusted to 35 dollars to reduce the fiscal deficit of N357 billion (2.4 per cent of the GDP) to a manageable proportion.

He commended Obasanjo for his "ingenuity in building

into the budget, for the first time, a business plan that outlined the key initiatives and expected target in the key spending ministries and agencies."

Adeyanju also applauded the building, into the budget, "a configuration of palliative measures geared toward realisation of the Millennium Development Goals.

Sokoto to produce 100 medical doctors next year

One hundred indigenes of Sokoto state are set to graduate from various medical colleges next year, says Gov. Attahiru Bafarawa.

"By next year, all these indigenes medical doctors will come back home from within and outside the country," he

Bafarawa was addressing a weekend dinner organised in honour of staff and students of Course 28 of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji, who were on a study tour of the state.

According to the governor, some 50 indigenes of the state are currently studying

Bulgaria.

"As at now, we don't have up to 25 indigenes medical doctors, and this is indeed disturbing to us," he said.

In his comments, the leader of the visiting team, Col. John Zaruwa, described Bafarawa as "a great leader, a patriot and nationalist."



Governor of Ogun State, Otumba Gbenga Daniel, addressing the Northern Governors Forum during its recent meeting, in Kaduna. Seated right is the deputy governor of Gombe State, Mr. John Lazarus Yoriyo and left, Plateau State Governor, Malam Ibrahim Shekarau.

Pressure mounts on Dariye to resign

Following series of hitches experienced in the attempt to remove the Plateau State governor, Chief Joshua Dariye, from office through constitutional means, the governor has been under intense pressure from the opposition in the state to resign honourably from office.

The pressure which is coming mainly from the camp of the opposition in the state, has, according to our findings, drawn strength from the numerous allegations of financial impropriety against the governor by the EFCC, which they have used to convince prominent individuals from the state to join in appealing to the governor to resign from office, while hoping that the public may be swayed by the gravity of the allegations to make the governor leave office since the

By Andrew Agbese, Jos

process of impeachment was getting a bit more difficult than expected. Already contacted to add their voice to the calls, our sources revealed, are pressure groups in the state, traditional rulers, former and present public office holders from the state who are not in the same camp with the governor as well as other opinion leaders in the state.

The tactics *Daily Trust* learnt, was adopted by a section of the opposition in the state who noted that waiting on the State House of Assembly to impeach the governor may take longer than necessary and resolved to use the moral angle of the allegations on the state governor by the EFCC, to sway public opinion into pressuring Dariye to resign honourably from of-

office. This action which is now gaining grounds in the state; started last week when prominent indigenes of the state started calling on the governor to resign while many more individuals and pressure groups have also joined in the call.

The ANPP dominated members of the Jos South local government legislature led by its leader, Honourable Ayuba Jagaba Pam, are among the latest advocates of this action as they, over the weekend, called on the governor to resign, saying that is the right thing for him to do now in the face of the mountain of allegations of financial impropriety by the EFCC.

"Even though we believe in the rule of law and justice, the gravity of allegations of money laundering, corruption and other sundry misdemeanours against the executive governor of Plateau State is monumental, they stated.

The senator representing Plateau State South senatorial zone, Senator Cosmos Niangwan, had made a similar call last week when he asked the Plateau State governor to resign in the face of the allegations against him.

But the governor, according to sources, has decided to ignore such calls while hoping to complete his tenure in office, saying they are mainly from his political adversaries who are trying to cash in on the situation to achieve their selfish aims.

A source in the Plateau state Government House who preferred not to be named since according to him, he is 'yet to clear with the governor on the matter,' told our correspondent that the mood in the Rayfield office of the governor is to continue to ignore such calls in order not to further publicize them.

News

FCT commences 30th anniversary celebrations

By Nasir Imam, Property Editor

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), has set up a machinery commencing this week, to celebrate the 30 years existence of the territory.

The year long celebration, expected to conclude in December, will commence today with a press briefing with senior media executives by the FCT minister, Mallam Nasir E-Rufa'i, at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja.

On February 3, 1976, General Murtala Muhammed, the then Head of State, announced that government had accepted the Justice Akintola Aguda-led panel's recommendation to move the federal capital from Lagos to Abuja, because of the population pressure.

Characteristic of that government, 48 hours after the broadcast, on February 5, 1976, Decree No. 6 establishing the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) was promulgated.

The decree charged the FCDA with the responsibility of planning, designing and developing the FCT.

From that period, construction of Abuja began in earnest and every successive administration has done its best to advance the construction work.

However, the luck of being the first Nigerian head of state to move into Abuja was to fall on retired General Ibrahim Babangida in the course of his eight year tenure.



Dancers of the Ogun State Council for Arts and Culture showcasing their talents during the reception for President Olusegun Obasanjo at the Lagos Airport, recently. Pic: Oladipupo Odunewu.

South East, no longer marginalized - Ogunlewe

Works Minister, Senator Adeseye Ogunlewe has declared that the South - East geopolitical zone was no longer marginalized in the disposition or execution of federal roads projects.

He made the declaration during the presentation of the cheque of N3.5 billion to Julius Berger Nigeria Plc for Section II of the dualisation of the Onitsha - Owerri road, starting from Owerri end of the project. He stated that President Olusegun Obasanjo has been very concerned about the speedy completion of the project and thanked the President for approving the release of the

fund as advance payment. The Managing Director of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, represented by Engr. Soerenson Arne who received the cheque on behalf of JBN, thanked the federal government for inviting them to participate in the project and promised that the firm would do their best to complete the project in good time and in high quality.

The presentation of the cheque was the high point of the first meeting of contractors and consultants with the Minister of Works and the management of the ministry in the new year.

The minister directed all

contractors to prepare briefs for detailed accounting to the management within the next one week on their performance and progress in relation to the funds already released to them.

Meanwhile, Works Minister, Senator Adeseye Ogunlewe, Minister of State, Malam Yahaya Abdulkarim, last Thursday led officials of the Federal Ministry of Works to defend the 2006 budget proposals of the Ministry before the Senate Committee on Works.

Giving an overview of the budget, Works Minister, stated that emphasis would be placed on the consolidation of all on-going projects with a view to their completion before the end of the tenure of this administration, disclosing that no new projects would be embarked upon.

He said the total proposed budget of N86 billion included the sum of N65 billion from the consolidated revenue fund, while NIO billion would be sourced from the gains of the debt relief recently granted the country by the Paris Club of Creditors adding that overhead costs in 2006 will amount to N3.2 billion.

Senator Ogunlewe disclosed that the Ministry's capital budget and allocations for roads maintenance under the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), was evenly distributed among the six geopolitical zones and justified the even distribution on the grounds that although roads construction in the South cost more because of the terrain and ecology, road construction in the North covered a wider expanse of land which also entails huge costs.

The Chairman of the Senate Committee on Works, Senator Idris Kuta, commended the ministry for its fairness in the disposition of projects, and for the accessibility and responsiveness of its officials to various stakeholders in the road sectors.

No law to prosecute torture by security agents - CLO

The Civil Liberties Organisation (CLO) says that the absence of a legislation that criminalizes torture in Nigeria has given rise to the wanton infliction of pains and torture on innocent citizens by law enforcement agencies in the country.

President of the organisation, Mr. Titus Mann, who disclosed this to newsmen in Abuja, said that the non-existence of the legislation in the country is an abdication of responsibility on the part of government under the Article one of the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights.

"Under the principle of *jus cogens* (customary international law), states have a duty and are indeed bound, not only to effectively legislate on torture and prohibit it, but also to make sure that situations that are likely to make individuals vulnerable to torture are reduced or completely extinguished," he said.

He therefore called on Nigerians to stand in a position of being vigilant and to demand that the government should take steps to ensure that the law is strictly enforced and that the perpetrators of torture are brought to justice.

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma, Reporter

nation's criminal justice administration. The CLO president said also that the organisation has embarked on advocacy targeted at legislators and the general public to ensure the immediate passage of legislation that would make it impossible

Gov Sheriff's security battle with youths over gifts

Youths in Maiduguri yesterday blocked the convoy of the Borno State governor, Alhaji Al-Modu Sheriff, demanding that the governor dole out his usual cash to them whenever his convoy snakes through the streets of the city.

The incident happened at the palace of the Shehu of Borno as the governor's convoy was driving back to government house, Maiduguri, following the curfanning of Alhaji Muhammad El Yakub, permanent secretary, administration in the governor's office as the *deputy* of Borno.

The Daily Trust reported that Sheriff's security forces were unable to prevent the youths from blocking the road and demanding gifts.

for perpetrators of torture to or extra-judicial killings to escape punishment.

According to him, the climate of impunity in the country can only be changed when every offender knows that the long arms of the law would eventually catch up with him.

On the threat by junior police officers to commence

From Abdullahi Bago, Regional Editor (North East)

around governor Sheriff's personal car after the event and began to follow the convoy in anticipation that the governor would throw money at them.

On December 12, 1991, he formally moved from Lagos to Abuja in a colourful ceremony.

No sooner did the governor began throwing money at the youths than a scramble began leading to many of the youths climbing atop the governor's car, trying to force themselves through the car window as they began to get into the car. The governor's security forces were unable to prevent the youths from blocking the road and demanding gifts.

Security men attached to the governor had a hard time battling the youths without much success while trying to prevent the youths from any harm to the state chief executive.

People who had witnessed the commotion caused by the youths were dismayed at their action.

Our correspondent gathered that the phenomenon has become such a security nightmare for the governor's security men who were said to be always worried at the behaviour of the youths which they found very disturbing. The governor's security forces were unable to prevent the youths from blocking the road and demanding gifts.

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News

Suleja Muslims protest blasphemous cartoon

Muslims in Suleja and environs staged a peaceful rally after Friday's prayers to protest the controversial cartoon that portrayed Prophet Mohammad (SAW) in bad light.

The protesters in their hundreds chanted "God is Great" and marched to the Emir's palace to register their dismay over the blasphemous cartoon.

At the Emir's palace, the protesters charged the Emir of Suleja, Awal Ibrahim, to channel their message through the governor of Niger State, Abdulkadir Kure, to President Obasanjo.

The protesters asked the federal government to issue a statement condemning the cartoon, and to cut diplomatic ties with Denmark.

Responding, Alhaji Awal Ibrahim thanked the protesters for a peaceful demonstration.

The Emir also condemned the infamous cartoon, saying he is at one with his Muslim brethren.

He called on Muslims to develop their potential to be truly independent of the Western world.

The Emir, who prayed for the unity of Muslims, also assured the protesters to take their protest to the highest authorities, just as he called for religious tolerance and peace in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, Nigerian Christians have also condemned the cartoon. Rev Joseph John Hayep, the secretary general of the Christian Association of Nigeria, said the publication was totally uncalled for at a time when the world was looking for unity.

In the same vein, Lebanese protesters yesterday set the Danish embassy in Beirut on fire in protest. On Saturday, Syrian protesters angered by the cartoons, touched the Danish and Norwegian embassies in Damascus.

Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Iran, Iraq and Libya and other Islamic countries are said to have severed diplomatic ties with Denmark.

One of the cartoons shows the Prophet wearing a headdress shaped like a bomb, while another shows him saying that paradise is running short of virgins for suicide bombers.

The cartoons originated in Denmark's *Jyllands-Posten* paper and have been

reprinted in newspapers in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain - all saying they were exercising their right to free speech.

Jyllands-Posten has apologised for causing offence to Muslims, although it maintains it was legal under Danish law to print the cartoons.

The cartoons sparked Muslim outrage across the world, following their publication in a Danish paper in September.

One depicts Muhammad as a terrorist. Any images of the Prophet are banned under Islamic tradition.

However, several European papers recently reprinted the cartoons, citing free speech.

The publications prompted diplomatic sanctions, boycotts and death threats in some Arab nations.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has called for calm in a row over cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad that have seen protests erupt across the Muslim world.

Mr. Annan said he shared the distress of Muslims' upset by the cartoons but urged them to accept an apology from the Danish paper that first published them.



Vice president Atiku Abubakar (second left), his wife Mrs Amina Titi Abubakar, Mrs Maryam Babangida (right), and Mrs Mary Ahmadu Ali (left), during the solemnisation of marriage of former Miss Enitan Adebola Obasanjo and Terence Afolabi Adeleye, held at the State House, Abuja ...Saturday. Pix: Joe Oroye

Awoniyi denies financial scandal in ACF

By Habeeb I. Pindiga, Reporter

The chairman of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), Chief Sunday Awoniyi, has denied allegations of financial misappropriation in the forum.

Awoniyi, in a statement in Abuja weekend, described reported misuse of N100m ACF funds as rubbish. He said anybody who wants to serve the North must endure. Some leaflets circulated in

Kaduna last week alleged that ACF funds were trapped in a failed bank.

Awoniyi said 'the funds of the forum are safely banked. They are not in any distressed banks. I want to assure all concerned that not one kobo of the funds has been misused and that we shall continue to be frugal and ensure that no funds will be needlessly or irregularly expended. I assure you all, the ACF is not a honey pot for any one to loot.'

The ACF chairman recounted how the allegations were circulated: "Alhaji Aliyu Hayatu, at the middle of a very serious lecture by Dr. Sadiq of Ahmadu Bello University, ABU, Zaria, at the ACF General Assembly meeting on Monday 30th January 2006, went round the audience, distributing his paper of allegations and distracting the attention of members.

When he was told to stop the distribution until after the lecture, he bluntly refused. I instructed that he should be left alone if he thought what he was doing was proper. I thought that as the publicity secretary of the forum, he should have been listening and thinking about how to publicize the proceedings and the form the communique should take at the end!"

Awoniyi said despite prodding on him to ignore Hayatu's allegations, there was need to respond "to allay fears of the public, especially the good Northerners who have been supportive of ACF through giving advice, committing their time, knowledge, money and material resources, day in day out, free of charge to the forum."

The chairman urged Northerners to brace up for similar attempts to smear their image and assured that "no one is going to succeed to annoy, or frighten, or malign us out of ACT."

FG to improve wages, salaries

The federal government said yesterday that it would expedite action on the improvement of wages, salaries and emoluments of public servants in the country.

This was disclosed by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Chief Ufot Ekaette, when he received a three volume report from the chairman of Wages, Salaries and Emolument Relativity Panel, Professor Emmanuel Edozien.

The federal government had a couple of months ago, set up a panel consisting of eminent Nigerians to critically look at the wages, salaries and emoluments of workers in the public sector.

Chief Ekaette said that government would consider the report of the panel along with that of the Presidential Committee on Consolidation of Emoluments in the Public Sector headed by former Head of State Chief Ernest Shonekan, which is yet to submit its report.

According to him, the two bodies were set up by the federal government for the general improvement of the welfare of workers in the public sector.

In his remarks, the chairman of the panel, Professor Edozien, said that the panel surveyed about 400 government institutions and 155 private enterprises in the country.

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma, Reporter

According to him, the country's remuneration structure was characterised by multiple salary structures within the public sector.

He said also that there is prevalence of non-monetized fringe benefits in both public and private sectors, as well as unwieldy allowances in public service and wide disparity in the proportion of allowa-

nces in total emoluments across the three tiers of government.

Professor Edozien, who disclosed that the findings of the panel also revealed pay relativities which exhibit distorted and unmanageable wage structure, said that immediate, short, medium and long term measures have been proffered by the panel to address the problem.

He said that the panel

recommended, among other measures, the need to move towards a cleaner wage system, benchmarking the pay of specialised agencies and grade compression in the public service.

Other recommendations made by the committee include the need to strengthen the National Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission (NSIWC) and linking substantial component of management remuneration to performance.

JNI condemns anti-Islamic cartoonist

The Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) has condemned the cartoon published by a Danish newspaper depicting Prophet Mohammad as a terrorist and called on President Obasanjo to cause the Danish government to close down the offending publication.

Addressing newsmen in Kaduna, the JNI secretary general, Justice Abdulkadir Orire, said the event had thrown the world, particularly Muslims into another psychological nightmare.

He said, "The Muslim world has been ridiculed by the yellow journalism of a misguided cartoonist hiding under the freedom of expression.

"He who disturbs a peaceful atmosphere should never be allowed to go scot-free," Orire declared, adding that this was part of a bigger strategy

to contain Islam by the West.

"Whenever Muslims are fighting for liberation, they are branded terrorists, militants etc., but when non-Muslims are doing the same thing, they are termed freedom fighters. This is true in the case of Chencheyan, Palestine and Kashmir while in the case of Southern Sudan, it was Christians fighting oppression of Sharia by the Arab Muslim.

"In the case of Palestine, the Jews have right to drive them out and occupy their land, but the Palestinians are terrorists who use violence to advance their cause.

"In the case of developing uranium for atomic bomb, Iran should be stopped and sanctioned by the United Nations, while North Korea

From Sani Babadoko, Bureau Chief (Kaduna)

CAN condemns cartoon publications

From Jamilah Nuhu Musa, Correspondent (Kano)

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has condemned in strong terms the cartoon publications of the holy prophet (SAW) in Denmark.

A representative of CAN, Pastor James Movel Wuye who is the national coordinator, Interfaith Mediation Centre, made the pronouncement at a forum organised in Kano.

Wuye said CAN plans to address a press conference on the issue as it condemned in totality the action of the newspaper.

He stated that Moslems have said that even if it were Jesus Christ that was involved, they too would have condemned it.

Pastor Wuye maintained that the behaviour of Europeans over the issue was unacceptable, adding that the Interfaith Mediation Centre

Kaduna is a Muslim-Christian dialogue forum meant to forge Muslim-Christian relationship.

Speaking earlier, Professor A. Uner Turgay of the Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University Montreal, Canada, described the act as a high level of insensitivity to Muslim values and tradition.

He also stated that the act did not fit the multi-cultural framework of Canadian Muslims, pointing out that Canadian Muslims also condemn the act.

Professor Turgay said he was in Kano to make their fellow Muslims know more about Muslims in Canada, stressing that Muslim population in Canada was the third largest.

He maintained that Canadian Muslims were proud of being Muslims and that they are not harassed as they practise their religion.

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Apo Killings: We were threatened to make false statement – Police ASP

An Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Nampon Nimran, has told an Abuja High Court that he was threatened to make false statements before the Mike Okiro panel set up by the police to investigate the killing of the 'Apo six'.

ASP Nimran, who was the officer in-charge and on night duty at the Garki division, told the court that DSP Danjuma Ibrahim's word was final in any matter, because he (Danjuma) was the deputy commissioner (operations).

ASP Nimran had earlier told the court that he and his team members had written a statement about what happened at Gimbiya Street, but alleged that they were forced by DPO Othman, now at large, to change it.

He said "we should change our statements or Superintendent of Police Zakariya Nicholas and his team will be held responsible for the death of the remaining two victims."

Benjamin Auta
Reporter

ASP Nimran said that when he was called from the Control Room to link up with DCP Danjuma at Gimbiya Street, he saw on arrival a young man lying by the side of an already shattered 406 Peugeot in pools of blood while a young girl was sitting on a pavement.

He also said that he saw four young men lying motionless in pools of blood and noticed that one of the victims' collar bones was broken.

He said that they took the young man and the girl to the Garki Police Station, where he left them with the crime officer, as DPO Othman Abdulsalami ordered him to continue with his patrol.

But before he left, he met Inspector Suleiman Audu at the police station who said "Oga come, this is not my handiwork," to which he replied "noted".

ASP Nimran said that while

he was still on patrol, he received a call detailing him to Prince and Princess Estate, where the occupants were complaining of gun shots, but that his DPO called him on his personal handset asking him to ignore calls.

The DPO told him that "one of the bad boys that you brought is trying to escape when I gave them to the Arm-Bush Squad."

He also said that when he asked the DPO whether the people were confirmed armed robbers, the DPO said, "Yes, they are confirmed robbers because they recovered two locally made pistols and other weapons from them."

He said that he was later called by the DPO to go to the scene of the incident to help the Arm-Bush Squad arrest a suspect that had escaped. He said that he saw the corpse of the lady he had earlier taken to the station in a Mazda double cabin pick up van.

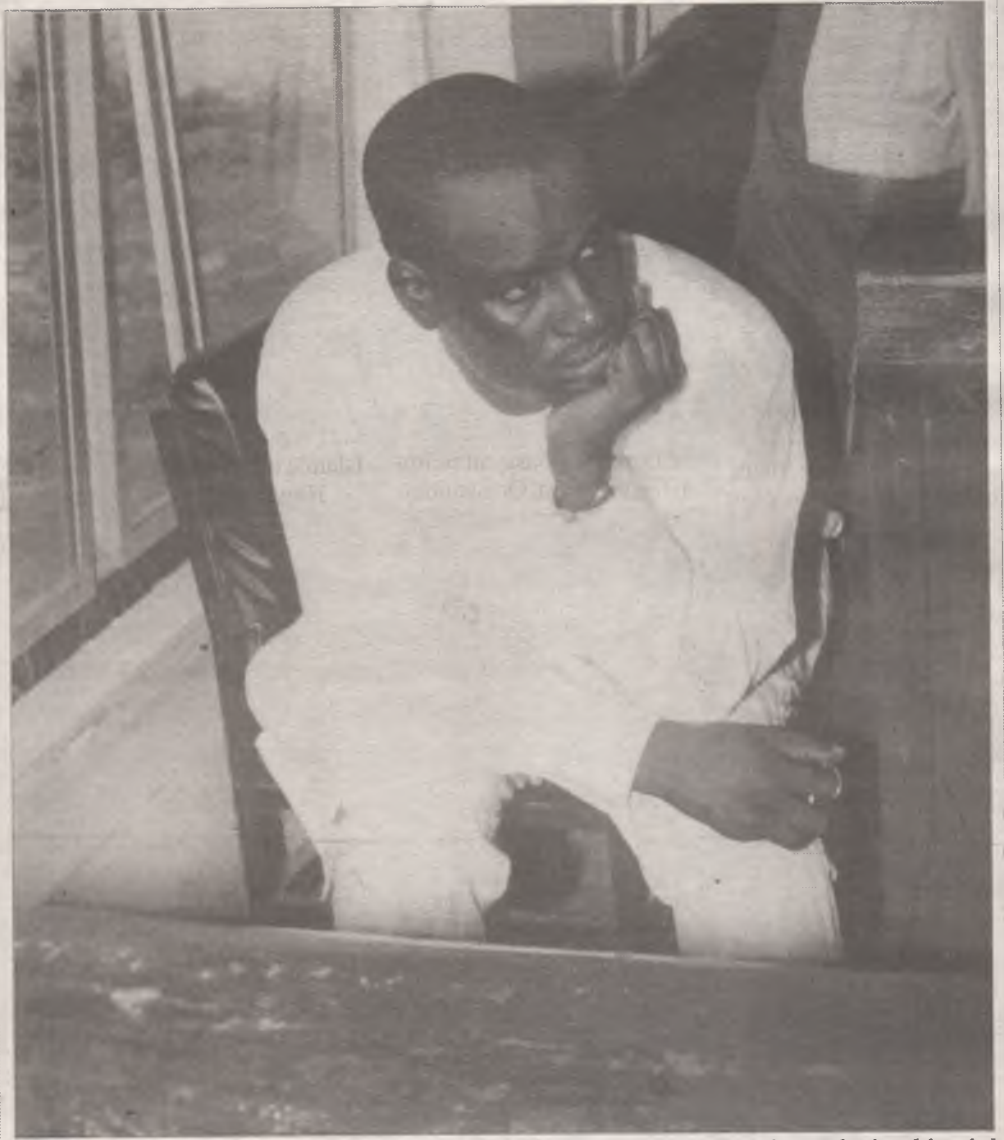
He also added that he met

the DPO and the DCP at the scene and the DCP gave orders that no stone should be left unturned to track the sus-

pect.

The ASP said that he got a call later from the Control Room confirming that the

victim had been found, while his driver, one Cpl Bakoji, told him that the victim was dead.



Deputy Commissioner of Police in-charge of operation, Ibrahim Danjuma during his trial at the Abuja High Court on the Apo 6 killings by the police in Abuja... yesterday.

Pix: Felix Onigbinde

Police affairs minister warns of

The Minister of Police Affairs, Alaowei Broderick Bozimo, has alerted the nation of some unscrupulous people going about blackmailing public officers and demanding huge sums of money from them on allegations of corruption.

The minister, through his press officer, Mr. Adekunle Adeliyi, said he is speaking out because of a personal experience and from numerous complaints he had received

fraudsters

By Ruby Rabi,
Senior Reporter

from members of the public concerning the activities of these groups of people.

While warning members of the public to beware of such fraudsters, he said that every public spirited Nigerian owes it as a duty to report all cases of corruption to the appropriate govern-

ment agencies charged with the responsibility to investigate such cases.

Police corporal in bank robbery re-arrested

By Shehu Abubakar

The police corporal arrested in connection with the Standard Chartered Bank robbery in Abuja, who escaped from police custody, has been re-arrested in Benin City.

The suspect, Matthew

from Mato was not recorded in the station diary.

Our correspondent gathered that the SP team that effected the arrest of Mato did not record their departure in the station diary, as required by the police regulation and failed to disclose the amount recovered from the suspect.

A senior officer at the FCT Police Command said SP Marvellous in his briefing to the FCT Commissioner of Police, Mr. Lawrence Alobi, claimed to have counted the money at Saminka police division, being

the nearest station to where the suspect was arrested.

In the meantime, SP Marvellous and all the policemen that joined him in the investigation that led to the initial arrest of Matthew Mato have been arrested and detained at the FCT Police Command.

Confirming the re-arrest of Matthew Mato, Edo State Police Relation Officer (PPRO) ASP Peter Oboi said the suspect is currently being questioned by detectives. He however refused to give more details.

Court jails mechanic

By Shehu Othman Shehu

A motorcycle mechanic, Mr. Yaro Dantani, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment by an Abuja Senior Magistrates' Court for criminal breach of trust and cheating.

Senior Magistrate Zinab Bashir, while ruling, however gave the convict an option of fine of N1,000.

Yaro was convicted based on his confessional statement. Some time in August 2005,

Abdullahi Mohammed was said to have entrusted his Jincheng motorcycle to Yaro for repairs, but that the convict converted the motorcycle to his own use.

When Mohammed asked Yaro about the motorcycle, he reportedly refused to disclose its whereabouts.

The court ordered Yaro to return the motorcycle to the rightful owner.



Guns surrendered by one of the warlords in Rivers... recently.

HAPPY NEW ISLAMIC YEAR

Congratulations Nigerians



**His Excellency,
(Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim**

As we enter the month of Muharram bringing us to the year 1427 After Hijrah. (AH), I wish to congratulate all Muslims across Nigeria, and indeed the generality of Nigerians.

This period, I believe, should be that of reflecting the past, especially our trying moments among which include the tragic Bellview and Sosoliso Plane Crash among other tragedies that befall the country, and also the short comings of the recent hajj airlift, which left many Muslims in agony. It will be however apt, for all of us to pray to God to continue to guide us in the right direction.

In this year 1427 AH, our major challenge should be that of enhancing unity and co-existence across the Nigerian spheres. We should remember, that our investment in and for our United Nigeria is massive and our commitment to that course is non-negotiable.

We should therefore uphold peace, tranquility and social Justice.

I strongly call on all Muslims around the world to pray, pray and pray for a more united, stronger, and more vibrant Nigeria.

Once again, congratulations at Muharram.

Signed

**(Dr.) Bukar Abba Ibrahim FNIQS, FNIAE,
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Yobe State and Garkuwa Shar'i'a of the North-East, Sub Region



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Communique of the Meeting of the General Assembly of Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) held at the Conference Hall of the International Trade Fair Complex, Kaduna, on Monday, 30th January, 2006

1. Preamble

(i) The General Assembly of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) met at the Conference Hall of the International Trade Fair Complex, Kaduna, on Monday 30th, January, 2006 to review critically and comprehensively, recent political developments in the country, particularly issues relating to the Third-Term Agenda of the present administration led by Olusegun Obasanjo.

(ii) The meeting which was chaired by the Chairman, Board of Patrons of the ACF, General Yakubu Gowon, GCFR, had in attendance General Muhammadu Buhari GCFR, former Head of State, the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Mr. Patrick Yakowa, representing the Executive Governor of Kaduna State; the Chairman ACF's Board of Trustees, Alhaji (Dr.) Magaji Danbatta; the Chairman National Executive Council (NEC) of the ACF, Chief Sunday B. Awoniyi, Aro of Mopa; the representative of the Northern Senators' Forum, Senator Kanti Bello, the Chairman, Northern Members Forum, Honourable Victor Lar; and the Speaker, Kaduna State House of Assembly, Honourable Muhammad Yaro Farakwai, representing the Northern Speakers Forum. Also in attendance were distinguished members of the ACF from across the country.

(iii) The meeting listened to a welcome address by the Chairman, Board of Trustees of the ACF, Alhaji (Dr.) Magaji Danbatta; the Chairman Board of Patrons, General

Yakubu Gowon and the Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Mr. Patrick Yakowa. A paper titled the *Lust for power and the potential tragedy for Nigeria: President Obasanjo's Third Term Agenda and the Lessons of Africa's History*; was delivered by Dr. Abubakar Siddique Mohammed of the Department of Political Science, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. The meeting finally received the interventions of three lead speakers: Chief Sunday B. Awoniyi, Lt-General Victor Malu and Hajiya Bilkisu Yusuf (whose paper was read on her behalf by Mrs. Aisha Ibrahim) and remarks of the representative of the Northern Senators' Forum, Senator Kanti Bello and the Chairman of the Northern Members' Forum, Hon. Victor Lar.

2. Observations

After having exhaustively deliberated on the issues raised by all the speakers and the constitutions from the floor by members of the General Assembly, the meeting made the following observations:≤

(i) That the bid by the present administration to perpetuate itself in power has become the dominant threat to the stability, economic development, survival and the orderly growth of democracy in Nigeria.

(ii) The meeting further noted that the President's desperation to hang on to power has led him to seek to take personal control of all decision-making structures of not only the government but the ruling Peoples Democratic Party, the PDP. There are also relentless efforts to undermine and incapacitate opposition political parties as well as other tiers and organs of government to render them incapable of playing their rightful roles of upholding the constitution, the rule of law and democracy.

(iii) There appears to be a clear and unmistakable effort to contrive and to instigate misunderstanding and ill-feeling amongst different social and political groups as well as between the geo-political zones of the country. The meeting noted with sadness and regret, the bellicose statements coming from certain promoters of the President's Third-Term Agenda particularly those acting under the aegis of the Southern Forum threatening the break-up of Nigeria if they failed to realize their mission.

(iv) The meeting further noted the growing lawlessness in the country. It regretted the administration's failure to tackle this rising crisis of law and order, the consequence of which is to render the country thoroughly insecure and virtually ungovernable.

(v) The meeting also observed the growing inability of government to make good on any of its purported reforms because most government policies and programmes are tainted by the obsession with securing a Third-Term. These include some aspect of the War on Corruption, inappropriate and ill-digested economic and social programmes.

(vi) The Association expressed great concern about the administration of the electoral process, especially the mode of selection, neutrality and quality of the members of the Electoral Commission.

3. Resolutions

In the light of the above the General Assembly resolved as follows:≤

(i) In the interest of the country, the peace and security of the people of Nigeria and the survival and growth of democracy, the meeting calls upon the President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo to douse the stress in the polity by declaring categorically, unambiguously and irrevocably that he will not seek the nomination of his party, or of any other party for that matter as candidate for the presidential election in the year 2007 and even if drafted, he will decline to stand.

(ii) The President should not attempt under any guise or pretext to prolong his stay beyond 2007 by taking extra-constitutional measures such as the declaration of state of emergency.

(iii) The President should also call to order his associates and subordinates whose utterances and activities on the Third-Term Agenda continue to fuel tension, insecurity and instability in the polity. In view of the struggles and sacrifice made in peace and war to keep Nigeria together and enthrone democracy, President Olusegun Obasanjo should be the last person to preside over the dismemberment of the country.

(iv) The President and the National Assembly should take up, urgently and seriously, the review of the electoral law which shall transform the Electoral Commission into a truly independent organ which will ensure transparent, free and fair elections for the growth and sustenance of democracy in Nigeria.

4. The meeting further endorsed the following resolutions taken at the Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Death of the Sardauna of Sokoto at Arewa House on 14th of January, 2006:≤

(i) That the 19 Northern State Governors should meet urgently to forge unity among themselves and work out a programme of unity for the good of Nigeria and the North with the support of all the former Heads of State and Presidents of Northern origin and present the programme to the North for action.

(ii) That the Northern Senators, and Northern Members of the House of Representatives should be congratulated for their joint message to the meeting in which they promised to stand by their resolve to uphold the interest of the North in the 'unfolding political atmosphere'; and that the people of the North are fully behind them.

(iii) That following the formation of states in the south into a Southern States Forum against the North, all Northerners are enjoined not to indulge in any blanket attack against the South, but rather they should strengthen the harmonious relationship and friendship which they had developed over the years with their Southern compatriots in schools, universities, the public service, business and politics for the unity of the Nation.

Finally, the meeting wishes to reiterate that its position against the third term bid of President Olusegun Obasanjo is predicated on the firm belief that democracy can only survive and prosper when the power elite strictly adheres to or is made to obey the provisions of the constitution and the rule of law. It therefore calls upon all Nigerians everywhere and from all walks of life to stand firm in their resolve to ensure that our democratic experiment is not undermined or truncated by vested interests, personal agenda, and political misadventures.

Col. Hamid I. Ali (Retd.)
Secretary General

Chief Sunday B. Awoniyi
Aro of Mopa
Chairman, National Executive Council



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

INVITATION TO

**TWO – DAY PUBLIC HEARING
(AND PRESENTATION OF MEMORANDA)**

ON FOUR LEGISLATIVE BILLS FOR ACTS TO:

ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR THE CONTROL OF HIV / AIDS: - to co-ordinate the implementation of programmes for the prevention and control of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in Nigeria.

ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: - to provide among other things the improvement and sustenance of the practice of sexual and reproductive health in Nigeria.

PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL AMBULANCE SERVICES AGENCY: - to be responsible for the provision of quick and effective response to emergencies resulting from road accidents, fire accidents and other matters connected thereto.

DEFINE LIMITS OF FEDERAL STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN MATTERS RELATING TO HEALTH – and to enact a National Health Act pursuant to National Policy on Health

1. As a follow-up to the referrals made by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to this Committee, in respect of the foregoing Legislative Bills, and in furtherance of the time-tested democratic doctrine and practice of allowing participation by the citizenry in the making of laws for the Federation, the Senate Committee on Health do herewith invite members of the Public and stakeholders alike to present to it written memoranda on any of the afore-listed proposed Legislative measures (relevant to them) within the period specified in this publication.
2. In order to facilitate the writing of any such memorandum, the full text of each of the proposed Legislative Bills can be accessed in our website: www.nass_senatehealthcommittee.net or collected in person from the address described below.
3. All memoranda in respect of any of the Legislative Bills above should be -
 - < Written in English
 - < Typed in double line-spacing
 - < Presented in not less than 10 copies
 - < Submitted within 7 days of this publication
 - < To: The Secretary, Senate Committee on Health, Room 13, Senate Wing, National Assembly Complex, Three Arms Zone, Abuja (08033205115, 08052668984).
4. The Two-Day Public Hearing on the Four Legislative Bills listed above is scheduled to hold as follows:

DAY ONE: Public Hearing on the Legislative Bills for –
The Establishment of National Agency for the Control of HIV / AIDS, Bill 2006 and The National Institute for Reproductive Health, Bill 2006.

Date: Monday, 13th February, 2006
Time: 11:00 a.m. prompt.
Venue: Senate Hearing Room 2.

DAY TWO: Public Hearing on Legislative Bills for –
The Establishment of Federal Ambulance Agency, Bill 2006 and Bill for National Health, Act 2006

Date: Tuesday, 14th February, 2006
Time: 11:00 a.m. prompt
Venue: Senate Hearing Room 2.
5. Please, visit our website on: www.nass_senatehealthcommittee.net to obtain the full text of the Bills in question or come to the Secretary's Office in person to collect the full text of the Bills.

Signed
Senator I. S. Martyns-Yellowe
Chairman.

Opinion

& LETTERS

UBE: Six and a half years after

At the beginning of this civilian administration in 1999, it was the intention of this regime to resuscitate functional and productive education, so that the teeming populace of this country can be self-reliant. This came in the form of the Universal Basic Education Commission, which was later passed into law by the National Assembly.

The programme was geared not only to scoop the millions of school-going children roaming the streets as hawkers, beggars, but also to boost literacy and provide skill and dexterity, which they could fall back upon after their primary and junior secondary schools. It was to be a stretch nine-year free education, sponsored, galvanised, supported and motivated by the government. Additionally, the Universal Basic Education Commission was to be operated comprehensively and wholeheartedly, taking into consideration, all ramifications and categories of group of persons and sectors. In the guideline of operations were to be taken care of are the nomadic Fulani, the distant inaccessible itinerant nomadic fisherman of the Niger Delta and other riverine areas. There are to have comprised also the girl-child education; even drivers who are ignorant of the law and cannot read road signs and traffic rules were to be co-opted and taught how to read. So, were adults who for one reason or the other didn't go to school.

To do this job, there was to be a professional, seasoned and disciplined educationist who knows

the value of education. There was to be funds too, because out of the 250,000,000 West Africans, Nigeria has a total of 150,000,000 peoples. Therefore, from the beginning, experts gathered and submitted their opinion through the education summit, bankrolled by the federal government of Nigeria. Going through that submission, there were several proficient ways suggested. Professor Gidado Tahir, taking his antecedents, was chosen to head the Universal Basic Education Commission; and so far so good is the result, because of the turnaround in the fortunes of education.

By October 2004, the headquarters of the UBE in Abuja had already put in place Information Technology Centre, with up-to-date state-of-the-art computer gadgets. This is aside other information materials like their newsletters to review the commission's activities and achievements.

Though in 2005, there were still millions of children roaming the streets. However, there is a progressive reduction in breeding illiterate citizens who do not know what patriotism is all about. From 10% in 1999, pupils' enrolment has hit 27%; an increase of about 20% in October 2004. In January 2006, it could be about 40% increase.

After the signing of the bill by the Number One citizen, there was an all-out campaign for

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school enrolment by the department of social mobilisation of the Universal Basic Education Commission that shot the figure to an all-time 24,563,004 pupils; 7,740 community self-help projects covering 774 Focus schools through the supply of furniture. Provision of instructional materials to schools, procurement of computers for UBE/Educational Management Information Systems for states; Education For All (EFA) forms and the revival of the National Commission for Nomadic Education, are all parts of the giant strides taken by this administration.

Still, there have been capacity-building programmes on HIV/AIDS for teachers, and monitoring and evaluating skills, including the conducted 2003 school census for data collection and planning.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) sub-region in one of its meetings in Ghana adopted the UBE model of prosecution of basic education in their countries after examining the modest success under the dynamic and resourceful leadership of Professor Gidado Tahir.

On top of that, the capacity-strengthening workshop for Federal Inspectors of Education, UBE Monitoring Office and States Primary Education Board officials have been consistent and continual. Massive construction of classrooms, provision of institutional and instructional teaching aids, training and re-training of teachers, provision of classrooms and office furniture, as well as procurement and distribution of vehicles and boats to deserving areas are ongoing.

All this is the desire of Mr President to fight poverty and re-enforce participatory democracy via basic education. It is also to ensure the acquisition of the appropriate skills and values neces-

sary for laying a solid foundation for a lifelong legacy.

There has been an expansion in curriculum development and teacher development. Assistance from foreign countries like Japan that dolled out N384 million grant to Niger State for the construction of classrooms, toilets, boreholes and the training of teachers and PTA has been part of the remarkable changes seen that are attracting attention from abroad.

This is from the Japanese Fund in trust for the capacity-building of human resources established by UNESCO, part of which about \$2 million has been set aside for the execution of other projects in the country.

The reading culture has resuscitated and spiralled and non-governmental organisations and world bodies like PEP II World Bank Credit got interested and became actively involved.

Other wonderful achievements of the Universal Basic Education under Professor Gidado Tahir are at about the end of the year 2004 when 97 schools in various communities in Abia State had benefited immensely from a N20.4 million grant for the execution of various projects under the self-help programme being funded by the commission from PEP II World Bank Project scheme.

Another leap forward of the commission since it started in 1999 is the comprehensive launching of the Bibliographic Project related to materials aimed at pooling all information on the UBE to a central data control for collecting and collating all available information on the programme for easy access.

Some other schools are already connected to the Internet. There is the sustainable collaborative mechanism between the federal government, states and local governments, organisations in basic education including nomadic education.

The flag-off of the HIV/AIDS

state level training campaign and education proper started in Kebbi State in June 2004. The state level training for key players in basic education delivery, which was organised nationwide was a part of wide range of activities under the project. The imperative is for the individual to be educated on skills and attitudes that can protect one against the disease.

These are parts of the reflections of the UBE commission in session these past years where the executive secretary has visited almost most parts of Nigeria on advocacy; sometimes on boats, sometimes through dusty roads, sometimes on footpaths at the dangers of reptiles, snakes, wild monkeys and baboon, or even hostile villages and villagers.

But one thing is clear; the new Universal Basic Education Commission management team has reinvigorated basic functional and operational education and this team consists of visionary, focused and seasoned educationists and these start with Professor Gidado Tahir himself as the Executive Secretary; Professor Bridget Sokan, Deputy Executive Secretary Services; Professor Charles Onacha, Deputy Director Executive Secretary (Technical); Dr I. B. Okubodun, Director, Monitoring and Evaluation; Mallam Ibrahim Suleiman, Director, Social Mobilisation; Dr Andrew Ekponubi, Director, Planning and Information Management; Mrs Bridget Onekutu, Director, Administration and Supplies; Mr P. Uwanya, Director, Academic Services and Mrs Hadiza Kurah, Director, Finance.

The last time I was travelling with a gentleman named T. S. Ngada from Benin to Port Harcourt. Along the way, he told me that he and Prof. Tahir were classmates in Waka Secondary School from 1965 to 1967. He emphatically noted that immediately after the federal government announced the professor's name

as the Executive Secretary, he (Ngada) felt that victory and success were in sight for Prof. Tahir. He also told me that the professor had a certain drive, determination and admiration that made him excel throughout the duration of their five years in secondary school. "Professor Gidado Tahir was one of the best and brightest in our class and he was good enough to handle anything on education even beyond this point," his classmate told me.

There are many others I have met face to face in the course of this research and the encounters have been memorable. The fact-finding provided an opportunity to build new bridges, incisive learning and know more persons and names. Of course, there is Alhaji Aminu Iyawa, the Public Relations Officer of the UBE commission who was warm and receptive. I also met Mrs Kemi Abbas, a protocol officer; Mallam Usman, the assistant protocol; Mallam K. Wambai, cameraman; Mallam Smaila Buba, reporter; Tony, a computer analyst in the office of the Executive Secretary; Mr Emmanuel U. Ogunlowo and Adamu Mohammed Misau, both in the cash office, finance department and Mrs Patience Joshua. The last, but not the least is my good friend, Saidu Umar of audit department who was ever ready to show me the next office to get a material. I am glad to say that the UBE programme has come thus far and with its 20-member board who are mostly professionals of different cadres, success is the story.

No more strikes from teachers and salaries are being paid monthly and life is gradually changing, transforming and reaching a place of pride in the scheme of things in our country.

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The politics of census in Kogi State

The ethnic Igalas seem set to boycott the forthcoming census scheduled for March 2006 if the extrapolation is still based on the falsified 1991 census data in Kogi State as replicated by the S. S. Lawal, an Ebiraman-led National Population Census (NPC) of the Kogi State chapter in the conduct of the Enumeration Area Demarcation (EAD) exercise of 2005.

What S. S. Lawal did in Kogi State was a repeat of the 1991 result based on 200 per cent mark-up formula. In the conduct of the 1991 census in Kogi State, there was a gross inflation of the population of Kogi Central (Ebiras) and same in the West Senatorial District (the Okuns) due to the political reasons, which the Igalas rejected in its entirety with an open demonstration, protest letters and followed up with a litigation action which the government of President Ibrahim Babangida promised to rectify, but he never did till the June 12 1993 crisis sent him packing. The national chairman of the census exercise who was then Shehu Musa argued that the 1991 census was characterised by a lot of irregularities.

was as follows: Kogi East (Igalas) 949,435 (44.20%); Kogi Central (Ebiras) 753,456 (35.08%) and West (Okuns) 444,865 (20.71%) put together is 55.79% with total population of 2,147,756 for the state.

While the 1963 authentic figure was as follows: the total population of Kabba Province now Kogi State was 1,280,143 with Igalas NA producing/accouting for 684,880, which represents 53.50% people. The Ebiras accounted for 325,273, which represents 25.40% and the Okun West was 269,900, which represents 21.9% population.

There was no census from 1963 till 1991, which was a period of 28 years as the 1973 census was totally rejected by Nigerians and the return of the census in 1991 showed that the increase in the population of the Igalas after 28 years was 264,555 and the Egbiras in the same period was 428,183 and the Okuns' population was 174,875. Despite that there was no disease/calamity, epidemics, earthquake that occurred in Igalas land within the period. The population of the Egbiras was tw times the increment of the

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year in, year out.

What exposed this gross rigging of the census in 1991 was the national ID card registration in which adult males and females aged 18 and above presented themselves to be photographed, finger-printed, interviewed and registered. It was an authentic head count. These again are the results as followed and the figures are there for everybody to see. Kogi East (Igalas) 477,331 (54.1%); West 207,763 (23.6%), and Central (Ebiras) 196,771 (20.4%) the Grand Total was 881,865 (100%) show that the increase in population of the Igalas 28 yrs after was 264,555 and the Ebiras in same period was 428,183 and the Western was 174,875. Despite that there was no disease/calamity, epidemics, earthquake that occurred in Igalas land within the period. The Ebiras population was two times the increment of the Igalas despite the frequent crisis and killings in Egbira land year in year out what exposed this gross rigging of the census in 1991 was the National ID card registration, in which adult male and female age 18 and above presented them-

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The then Northern Nigerian Native Authority Census population of 1963 shows the following results as they stand in Kabba Province: Igalas NA 684,880 (54%); Egbira 325,273 (26%); Okuns 180,037 (20%). The Igalas were 684,880 minus the two groups put together, which is 405,310 that will give you 279,570 and all together the population of Kabba Province was 1,090,190.

If the Samu'ila Makama-led National Population Commission is sincere and wants the Igalas to participate in the 2006 head count, then the S. S. Lawal EAD exercise in Kogi State based on the 200% mark-up formula in favour of the Ebiras and Okuns should be reversed to what obtained in the real conduct of the exercise of the demographic studies (EAD) and not the inflated

Okuns, which shows that West and Central hemisphere have 8,606 EADs representing (54%) as against 7,254 EADs representing (46%); a direct swapping of positions (demographic miracle).

We are handy with the videotape record of the gross malpractices of S. S. Lawal EAD, which we are ready to render anytime. The Igalas Youth Council has the modalities to boycott the Igalas tribe from the March 2006 census unless the real result is brought for use i.e. Dekina, Ankpa, Bassa,

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Idah, Ibaji and Ofu local government areas that were grossly reduced by the S.S. Lawal kangaroo EAD in Kogi State.

This article is the outcome of the Igalas Youth Council Congress meeting in Idah as signed by the president-general, Citizen Akwu Umar Goodman; the secretary, Samuel Enejo Ibrin and the chairman, Board of Trustees (BOT), Comrade Mohammed Attai Ibrahim, Board secretary, Alhaji Ismail Husseini Eji and the national legal adviser, Barrister Simon Amobeda.

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YOUR LETTERS

Is Police source of revenue for FG?

The Nigeria Police which role is to provide effective and sufficient security to lives and property of the citizenry is now something different entirely. They are no more friends to every Nigerian as they used to be. Nigerians have lost confidence in them. Corruption is almost getting a permanent place in them and it is their daily preoccupation.

The question posed above requires an answer. And if the answer is in the affirmative, the government of this country under the leadership of President Obasanjo should make it formal and provide the policemen especially those at our checking points with original Nigeria Police Force receipts to be issued to motorists whenever money is collected from them, especially commercial

drivers; so that at the end of every month or year, the government itself and the general public would know the revenue generated by the police force, which I believe would be a very huge amount.

And if the answer is otherwise, i.e the NPF is not a source of revenue for the federal government, then the government should, as a matter of urgency, do all it can and put a total end to this illicit act going on in all the nooks and crannies of the Nigerian roads, including the Federal Capital Territory, which is the seat of government and the pride of the nation.

In fact, it baffles one a lot as this ugly and shameful act of extorting money ingloriously by the Nigerian policemen on our roads is still going on and even taking new shape and di-

mension. Everyday you travel even as an average traveller, you will never fail to witness the dramatic act of collecting money from motorists.

In some checking points, the fee is N20 flat, while in some other places especially when you meet those on highway patrol, it is N40. And you cannot pay it while on the road, you must park off the road and go to where they park their own vehicle with the new police slogan "To Serve and Protect with Integrity", and pay your fee. In that vehicle, you will meet an officer collecting and arranging the money as if they are taking them to the bank for depositing. The most dramatic of it is that when you claim you don't have change, the police will tell you that they have.

It appears that men of the Ni-

geria Police have forgotten the aim of their primary assignment. They have forgotten why they are on our roads. They don't care whatever somebody may be harbouring in his vehicle, especially in this country as so many atrocities are carried out almost on a daily basis such as robbery, kidnappings and killings of human beings for rituals. What the policemen should be doing is conducting thorough checking on the vehicles on our roads in order to apprehend the perpetrators of such evil deeds. But the police are more concerned with extorting money from drivers; and if you dare not comply, they will instruct you to park. Even if your vehicle papers are up to date, they won't set you free until they extract something from

you. And in many instances that is the point where disagreement usually occurs between the drivers and the police, which if it reaches a certain height, the police will just brutalise or shoot the person. If the event happens within a nearby community, the people upon hearing it would decide to go on rampage, because they know that the government will not take any punitive measure against the police involved in the clash. The only thing is to transfer them from that community in order to save them from the anger of the people. What happened in Uromi, Edo State sometime towards the middle of last year was an example, where the people went on rampage and burnt down so many important government buildings after a

policeman killed a driver for depriving him of N20. Similarly and the most recent was in Suleja, Niger State, just some days to the Eid-el-Kabir celebration, policemen on night patrol in their usual trick to collect N20 led to the death of three Okada riders. The people of that area where the incident happened burnt tyres on the road and promised to go to war with the police, such examples abound. In light of the above, the Nigeria Police needs to be re-orientated, so as to be reminded of the reason why they are employed to serve in the force. And to eradicate this national shame, the Inspector-General of Police and his zonal assistant inspectors-general and other sincere top officers in the force should be disguising themselves in passenger vehicles and see for themselves the menace going on on our roads. This is desirable, as it will enable them track and flush out the bad eggs from the force, in order to preserve and maintain the status quo of the entire force. And above all, it will restore the image and dignity of Nigeria in the eyes of foreigners that are also catching the glimpse of the shameful behaviours of the policemen. This measure to be carried out by the IG and his other dedicated and mindful officers should be a continuous process, so that room for such bad misdeeds shall be completely eradicated.

Open letter to Bayero VC

Sir, being a student of this great institution (B.U.K), I am pursuing a post-graduate programme (M.Ed. Educational Psychology) with registration No. PGS/01/426. After our first semester 2002/2003 examination, I was told that I had a carry-over in two subjects namely 8340: Theoretical issues in Educational Psychology and 8301: Statistics. Upon hearing that I had to carry over course 8340, the course I like so much, the course I read very well and in fact became satisfied reading the course, I immediately became somehow dejected and reported the matter to the then acting vice chancellor and the course lecturer, Professor D. Maiwada. Investigation by the professor revealed that I had deficiency in my Continuous Assessment which was attributed to the problem, but I was advised that my examination score should be retained and that I would be given an assignment for re-assessment. This he (professor) sent me to inform Dr. M. I. Yakasai who was then the Faculty of Education post-graduate coordinator, as well as the dean, Student Affairs of the

university. At the other end, Professor Maiwada promised to see and intimate Dr. Yakasai about our case. (We are two with the peculiar problem - myself and one lady (name withheld).)

I came back to Dr Yakasai telling him about the discussion between myself and the Course lecturer, Dr. Yakasai agreed to the arrangement and bid me to constantly be remind him in case he might have forgotten. Having overcome the problem of Course 8340, I went ahead and carried over Course 4301 and was given two assignments on Course 8340; which I wrote and submitted. Subsequently, Professor Maiwada was assigned to be my Research Supervisor, so we proceeded with research work. All through this period, he was the acting vice chancellor of the university, I sat for proposal defence, went through Internal Defence Committee and was given some corrections to which I assembled all the necessary materials I was referred to. I was writing my External Examiner only to be told by Dr. Yakasai that I had been withdrawn by the Senate on

grounds that I did not carry over Course 8340. I immediately reminded him of our discussion with Professor Maiwada, to which he claimed to have forgotten because it was not a written undertaking. (Saying that had the professor been interested in the case, he would have written to him or called him to further intimate him about the case).

By this time, Professor Maiwada had left BUK and took up appointment as substantive Vice Chancellor, Islamic University in Katsina State. To my amazement, the other colleague of mine, the female lady (name withheld) had her previous exam score and Continuums Assessment computed and presented to the Senate, but only my Continuous Assessment without my previous exam score were taken or presented to senate with recommendation by the PG Coordinator to withdraw me from the program.

Sensing the danger ahead, I proceeded to Katsina and reported to Professor Maiwada about the new development to which he promised me that he would do something about the

matter. Since then, I have been going from the professor to Dr Yakasai, Yakasai to Professor yet nothing concrete has been done. On several occasions I tried to facilitate communication between the two; at times by using my personal cell phone but to no avail.

Like a Hausa proverb - Laifi baka da Ubangiji. Therefore, I feel I cannot be so mistakenly withdrawn for no just reason. Sir, being a teacher myself, I have the honour and privilege of being a member of the Polytechnic Academic Board whose functions are almost similar to the university Senate. I was irked by Dr Yakasai's assertion, the time we met on his sabbatical leave at the Federal College of Education, Kano, that I am pursuing a hopeless case that nobody can do anything about it. Now that Dr Yakasai has insisted that Professor Maiwada should be committed to writing and yet the Professor has agreed to, and on two separate occasions the Professor had admitted sending his brother with a written directive to Dr. Yakasai over the issue but Dr. Yakasai did not acknowledge receiving

the letter. In addition, things have gone a long way and there is somehow a tactical delay and prolonging of an issue which could have been resolved within an hour or so taking all these time. This is why I decided to channel my problem through this widely-read newspaper.

Considering the time, costs, energy, love and respect I bore to the university and its lecturers, I am appealing to the authorities of Bayero University, and its distinguished Senate to please intervene with the view of seeing that justice prevails.

I have known Professor M. Jega as far back as 1991 when he taught us Contemporary Political Philosophy and he is a personality to reckon with, a character that cannot succumb to unnecessary favouritism, deliberate denial of people's access to education and equal opportunity.

Long live Bayero University! Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria. Thank you and God bless you.

Gumbo Abdulazeez is an instructor with Kano State Polytechnic.

In fact, no one will dispute that the job of the NPF is not an easy one; therefore, considering the risk involved, I implore the federal government to improve their general welfare. They should be continuously equipped with enough and modern facilities that will aid them in their job. And if the need arises, their salaries should be reviewed and harmonized from time to time, especially those of the junior cadre, as they are the ones doing the hardest part of the job.

A. A. Abusamud, University of Abuja.



Africa Leadership Forum

CALLING ALL CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS IN NIGERIA

(NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, Labour, & Media)

Democratic Leadership Training Workshop (DLTW)

Since May 1998, the Africa Leadership Forum has organized 18 editions of the Democratic Leadership Training Workshops (DLTW) across the regions of Africa. The workshops were held in Dakar, Accra, Nairobi, and Windhoek respectively. In addition, two sets of six workshops were held in Nigeria. The impact of the training on past participants has been transformatory.

The Africa Leadership Forum will be organizing in 2006, a series of training workshops for Nigerians in both private and public sectors, youth organizations, media, labour organizations, NGOs as well as community leaders. As in the past, the primary objectives of these workshops among others are to:

- Provide opportunity for inter-political networks and linkages towards positive collaboration at both lateral and vertical levels.
- Enhance and to sharpen participant's leadership skills in participatory democracy and governance

Method of Application

A two-page resume giving full description of yourself, place of residence, profession, your local government, and state. Also, applicant should state previous leadership position(s) and experience(s) with a statement of his/her understanding of leadership and what he/she intends to gain from during the workshop. Please indicate the fastest means of communication, (e.g. e-mail, surface mail, or courier)

Condition for Participation

Participants selected for the workshop are expected to pay a token commitment fee of N2,000 upon arrival and also **bear the cost of their travel expenses** to & from the venue of the workshop. The Africa Leadership Forum will be responsible for participant's **accommodation and feeding only**. Women are especially encouraged to apply. Past alumni of the DLTW need not reapply for these workshops.

Workshop Group:	Civil Society Group
Workshop Date:	5 th - 10 th March 2006
Application Deadline:	20 th February 2006

(NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, Labour, & Media)

Venue: Conference Hall, Africa Leadership Forum, #1, Bells Drive, Km 9 Idiroko Road, Ota, Ogun State.

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Contact, **Workshop Coordinator**, Tel: 08023073253 or 039 722730-3, FAX: 039 722751,

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

**2-DAY NATIONAL WORKSHOP/INAUGURATION OF THE
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ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA IN KADUNA.**

DATE: 9th – 10th February, 2006

VENUE: General Hassan Katsina House, Ali Akilu Road, Kaduna

TIME: 9:30a.m

THEME: *“Mass Housing Delivery – A Verifiable Tool for Local Empowerment- which way Forward?”*

LEADING GUEST SPEAKERS:

-Hajiya Amina Ibrahim,

Senior Special Assistant to the President
on Millennium Development Goal

-Mallam Tanimu Yakubu,

Managing Director,
Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR:

Alh. (Dr.) Mohammed Makarfi,

Executive Governor of Kaduna State

CHIEF GUEST OF HONOUR:

Dr. Olusegun Mimiko,

Hon. Minister for Housing and Urban Development

PRINCIPAL GUEST OF HONOUR:

Senator John Danboyi,

Hon. Osita Izunaso,

Chairman, Committee on Housing and Urban Development,
House of Representatives.

CHAIRMAN:

Alh ((Dr.) Lateef Kayode Jakande,

National President, (REDAN)

CO-HOST:

**Their Excellencies, the Executive Governors of Katsina, Kano, Kebbi,
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HRH, Emir of Zazzau, Alh. (Dr.) Shehu Idris

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Age: Not more than 32 years of age.

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Requirement: 1

Job Specification/General Qualification Requirement

Should have BSC/HND in Accounts or related courses from a recognized institution with at least 3 years post graduation experience, an in-depth knowledge of internal audit and control in a manufacturing industry. Strong inter personal skill, team player and Computer literate.

Age: Not more than 32 years of age.

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Requirement: 1

Job Specification/General Qualification Requirement

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Age: Not more than 32 years of age.

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Requirement: 1

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Age: Not more than 32 years

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Requirement: 1

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Age: Not more than 35 years

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Requirement: 2

Job Specification/General Qualification Requirement

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Age: Not more than 30 years

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Requirement: 2

Job Specification/General Qualification Requirement

Should have HND or OND/FTC in Instrumentation Engineering. 3 to 5 years experience in Food Industry. Ability to work with little supervision under pressure.

Age: Not more than 30 years

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Requirement: 2

Job Specification/General Qualification Requirement

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Age: Not more than 30 years

STORE OFFICER:

Requirement: 1

Job Specification/General Qualification Requirement

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Age: Not more than 32 years.

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THE NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION

ORGANISES A ONE - DAY SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP (NORTH WEST GEO-POLITICAL EDITION) FOR CIVIL SOCIETY FOR ORGANIZATIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF THE 2006 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

DATE: Thursday, 9th February, 2006

VENUE: Gusau Hotel, Gusau, Zamfara state.

TIME: 9.00 am prompt

AIM: To enhance the participation of civil society organizations in the Census 2006 process

OBJECTIVES:

- To brief the civil society groups on the level of preparations for the conduct of the 2006 population and housing census, the methodologies and procedures to be adopted
- To sensitize the civil society groups on their expected roles in the conduct of the 2006 population and housing census
- To come out with mutually acceptable mechanisms for the monitoring of the 2006 Census by civil society groups

PARTICIPATION: Representatives of civil society organizations from, Kano, Kaduna, Jigawa, Katsina, Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara states.

Opening Ceremony To Be Performed By: His Excellency, Ahmed Sanni Yerima, Executive Governor of Zamfara state

PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED:

- The Methodology And Status Of Preparations For The 2006 Population And Housing Census by a representative of the Commission;
- The Role of the Civil Society Organizations in the conduct of the 2006 Population and Housing Census by a representative of National Orientation Agency / Office of the Special Adviser to the President on Civil Society;
- Modalities For Monitoring The 2006 Census - NPC's Perspective and
- Modalities And Procedures For Monitoring The 2006 Census - The Civil Society Groups' Perspective to be delivered by a representative of the civil societies.

The paper presentations will be followed by a plenary session and discussion after which a communique will be issued.

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Examining Denmark's newspaper cartoon provocation

The nearly six million Danes are the most unlikely to provoke the kind of outrage that has spawned anger and indignation across the world's Muslim community in the past one week. Always alone and inward-looking, the Danes declared themselves neutral in the first world war of 1914-18 and did the same in the second world war in 1939, but were soon overwhelmed and attacked by German forces on April 1940. Throughout the war, there was considerable Danish resistance to which the Germans responded by imposing direct rule.

In a referendum in June 1999 to ratify the Maastricht Treaty for closer political union with the European Union, the Danes rejected the treaty for what observers said was their fear that their identity would be diluted in a bigger European Union. However, in the next referendum held in May, 1993, they grudgingly assented to the treaty with 56.8% of votes cast in favour of ratification and 43.2% against.

In 1998, Denmark gave 1.8 billion US dollars in international aid, which at 0.99% of GDP made it the world's most generous country as a percentage of its gross domestic product.

Denmark has a generous social welfare policy and is generally believed to have a liberal migration policy until parties of the extreme right began to fan up fear of immigrant coming with religion and social attitudes likely to disrupt their social cohesion.

Denmark is not a secular state, though its constitution guarantees religious liberty. Its state church is the Evangelical Lutheran to which about 90% of the populations belongs. The Bishop together with the chief administrative officer of the county make-up the diocesan-governing

By Charles Onunaiju, Senior Reporter, (Foreign Desk)

body responsible for all matters of ecclesiastical local finance and general administration. Bishops are appointed by the crown after an election by clergy and Parish council members.

So how did a country with a state religion and long reputation for social and political tolerance manage to provoke an outrage that has revulsed and angered the Muslim world.

It is however, to be found in the misguided and irresponsible publication of a cartoon by one of Danish 35 privately owned daily newspapers, Jyllands - posten, in which among the 12 cartoons published by the newspaper on September 30, last year, included one showing the Islam holy prophet wearing a turban in the shape of a bomb with a burning fuse. Islam forbids any depiction of the prophet, even respectful ones, out of concern that such images could lead to idolatry. At a time when the West generally depicts Islam as the greatest obstacle to the spread of its free-wheeling liberalism and steps up military confrontation with what it calls Islamic fundamentalism and extremism, the Danish newspaper publication would never been taken for an isolated nuance of newspaper editor, but an orchestrated and co-ordinated campaign of calumny in ideological war to smear Islam. The Muslims rightly understand it that way and have therefore reacted with understandable anger. According to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Awqaf, Mohammad Nakhira Al-Daheri, the publication of the offensive cartoons could spark "a dreadful clash of civilizations," a statement which came

after retailers across the Gulf began to clear their shelves of Danish products. Continuing, the UAE justice minister said that, "as much as we condemn extremism in every part of the world... we condemn the abuse that was published, which represents cultural extremism" and added, "nothing is holier to Muslims, after Almighty Allah, than the Prophet. So where is the interest of some institutions and groups to sabotage the bridges of cooperation and understanding between nations and peoples?"

However, the slanderous publication in the Danish newspaper has been reprinted in other European newspapers claiming freedom of expression. The France Soir daily newspaper that published the offensive cartoons accompanied it with a vitriolic editorial under a headline, "yes, we have a right to caricature, God," with a front page cartoon with Buddha, the Christian and Jewish Gods and Prophet Muhammed sitting on a cloud above Earth, with the Christian God saying, "Don't complain Muhammed, we've all been caricatured here." The newspaper which is in financial difficulty and shopping for a bail out, in its inside editorial the editor, Mr. Serge Faubert, was unapologetic. The paper wrote with impunity that "there is no right to protection from Satire in the West; there is right to blasphemy." Continuing and charging, "Enough lessons from these bigots, (referring to the Muslims who have complained of the offensive.

"There is nothing in these incriminated cartoons that intends to be racist or denigrate any community as such." However, the editor-in-chief of the paper was later fired with an apology from the publishers of the paper for its impunity and most uncouth



Rasmussen, Danish Prime

and uncivilized manners.

The German Welt daily, put one of the drawings on the front page, claiming that "some are funny, other less so... that is why we decided to publish them," saying that the picture was 'harmless' and regretting that the Copenhagen based Danish daily newspaper that has originally published had apologized for causing offense. The German newspaper further gushed that "Democracy is the institutionalized form of freedom of expression and there is no right to protection from Satire in the West, there is the right to blasphemy" echoing its French counterpart. These newspapers, mostly right wing ideological mouth piece that espouses the virtue of freedom of expression are the same ones that thrive on fanning fears of immigration in protection of the unique values and way of life for the West. They seek to shun and block all other influences on the Western values but denigrates other values and ridicules it in the name of the western value of liberalism.

However, the Muslim outrage at the provocation are taking toll on the economic interests of Denmark. Danish-Swedish diary product maker Arla Foods, with annual Middle East sales of 3 billion Danish Crown 8(488 million US dollars) said it was talking to Unions about 140 jobs cut due to the boycott of its products, "we are losing around 10 million crowns per day at the moment," the company's spokeswoman said.

Also the world biggest maker of insulin, Novo Nordisk, said it was also hit as pharmacies and hospitals in

Saudi Arabia have avoided its products, last week.

Meanwhile, the protests of Muslim continued to spread throughout last week. Hundreds of demonstrators poured out in Pakistan chanting "Death to Denmark" and burning Danish and French flags. Palestinian militants briefly surrounded European Union offices in Gaza to demand an apology over the cartoons. Most Arab governments have closed their embassies in the Danish capital and recalled their diplomatic representatives. Both Saudi Arabia and Libya have already taken such measures. However, Jyllands Posten newspaper has issued and published apology and said that it erroneously published the cartoons that are offensive to the Muslims. The message, in the name of the newspaper's editor-in-chief they never intended to offend the religious feeling of anybody. According to the paper's editor-in-chief, Mr. Carsten Juste "unfortunately what happened was not at all, a deliberate act," adding that "our apologies appeared in a number of other newspapers as well as on Danish television and radio besides being carried by various international print and electronic media, and we also held meetings with representatives of the Muslim community of Denmark to apprise them of our position in this respect."

The apologies though profuse, appear quite an after thought. The Danish editors who published the provocative and offending cartoons themselves live under a state religion. The Danish government initially claimed that it could do nothing to tame the

private owned newspapers, because of the fact that the state is not in control of such institutions, but in itself, protect not just one religion, but even one church. Wouldn't the Danish authorities view it as beyond press freedom and freedom of expression if the same Danish Daily newspaper were to ridicule the Evangelical Lutheran church or even a humiliating cartoon of its monarchy and the reigning Queen Margrethe II. The crown which is the most reversed political institution in Denmark is hereditary by right of birth since 1660.

The row already brought Denmark its worst international relations in almost all its history. The series of diplomatic crises that the provocations have spawned may not easily be amended, and the country's long reputation for tolerance might be heading to the rocks. Its European cousins did not help matters as they capitalize on it to further their aim to provoke "clash of civilizations."

Denmark has put itself in an unusual spotlight and this previously small quiet Nordic country, whose social model of generous welfare was the envy of continental Europe may have been forever jolted out of its innocence in the grand ploy of the West to attack the cherished values and in the case the entire world out-look and spiritual essence of the vast majority of the world Muslim community. Beyond the anger expressed in the streets of the Muslim world, the Danish provocation may have ruptured the critical dialogue among civilizations, which in her reputation of neutrality would place her in a prime position to promote.

The claim by some European newspapers which reprinted the offensive cartoons on the plea that there is no blasphemy in the Europe begged the question, because the blasphemy was not directed at Europe, but at a people who do not share in the liberalism of "no blasphemy here." However, the axiom of no blasphemy in Europe actually implies that some certain institutions and symbols are beyond blasphemy otherwise it would be difficult to see the how the French would put up with a mockery of the idea of a French nation for which they have fought wars and make enormous sacrifices to protect.

Actually, the west's permissive liberalism is only to the extent that it does not vilify the essence of its uniqueness.

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Africa

Sudan militia 'is targeting Chad'

Militias based in Sudan's western Darfur region are carrying out almost daily cross-border raids on villages in neighbouring Chad, says a rights group.

The New York-based group Human Rights Watch says most attacks were by militia from Sudan and Chad, apparently with some Sudanese government backing.

Human Rights Watch has called for an expanded international force in Darfur.

It says a force is also needed along the border with Chad to protect civilians.

Pro-government Janjaweed militiamen are accused of killing thousands of civilians in attacks on villages in Darfur and forcing 2m people to flee in reprisals following a rebel uprising in the region.

HRW researchers said they had documented numerous attacks on villages just inside Chad by militias who had crossed over the border from Sudan.

They said the militias killed civilians, burned villages and stole cattle.

The human rights agency's report found nearly half of the 85 villages in the Barotta region just inside Chad had been attacked and subsequently abandoned, with 16 villagers killed in a single month.

HRW said they were told by witnesses that those responsible were ethnic Arabs who wore Sudanese army clothing and spoke Sudanese Arabic.

Some attacks have also been carried out by Chadian rebels who operate from bases inside Darfur.

The report said most of the victims in Chad, as in Darfur, came from African ethnic groups and that the Arab

civilians living in the same area were not harmed.

Human Rights Watch said tens of thousands of people in Chad had been internally displaced by the violence.

"Sudan's policy of arming militias and letting them loose is spilling over the border and civilians have no protection from their attacks, in Darfur or in Chad," said HRW's Africa director, Peter Takirambudde.

Currently some 7,000

troops from the African Union are attempting to maintain security across the huge Darfur region.

However, funding is running out and the Security Council is discussing changing this to a UN peacekeeping operation.

HRW said any such UN mission should have a strong mandate to protect itself and civilians, by force if necessary, and to disarm and disband the Sudan government-sponsored militia.

Danish embassy in Beirut torched

Thousands of protesters rallied outside Beirut's Danish embassy

Lebanese protesters have set the Danish embassy in Beirut on fire in protest at the publication of cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

Thousands of people rallied outside the building and security forces fired tear gas in an attempt to keep them at bay.

But smoke was later seen rising from the building housing the Danish mission after demonstrators broke into it.

On Saturday, Syrian protesters angered by the cartoons, torched the Danish and Norwegian embassies in Damascus.

Denmark and Norway condemned Syria for failing to stop the attacks and urged their citizens to leave the country.

The demonstration in Beirut descended into violence when Islamic extremists tried to break through security barriers protecting the embassy.

Protesters torched the building after security forces

failed to block them

Some 2,000 army troops and riot police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse them and fired their weapons into the air.

But the onslaught continued and the embassy building was set ablaze.

Witnesses said at least 10 injured people were taken away in ambulances, the AP news agency reported.

The embassy building, which also houses commercial offices, was believed to be unoccupied.

Some people in the crowd are not happy with the violence, thinking this was going to be a peaceful demonstration, reports the BBC's Jim Muir from the scene of the violence.

He says some of the wilder elements in the crowd have succeeded in turning it into a very angry and quite violent demonstration.

There were also reports of damage to property in a Christian area of the city.

Norway and Denmark criticised Syria for allowing Saturday's demonstration to go ahead.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
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ISSUANCE DATE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2006

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION 20TH MARCH, 2006

1. The federal Government of Nigeria has received a credit from African Development Bank (AFDB) towards the cost of Katsina State Health Systems Development Project II and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contract for the procurement of Medical Equipment.
2. The Katsina State Health Systems Development Project II now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the procurement of medical equipment listed below.

Number	Description	Quantity	Bid Security
Lot 1	Laboratory Equipment	various	At least 3%
Lot 2	Obstetrics and Delivery Room Equipment	various	At least 3%
Lot 3	Antenatal and Family Planning Equipment	various	At least 3%
Lot 4	Sterilization Equipment	various	At least 3%

3. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be obtained at HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT II, GENERAL HOSPITAL PREMISES KATSINA. Upon payment of Non-refundable fee of N10,000.00. (Ten Thousand Naira Only). Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same office.
4. Bids must be delivered at the Katsina State Health Systems Development Project II, General Hospital Premises, Katsina on or before 12 noon on 23rd March, 2006. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of at least 3% of the bid price and shall remain valid for 90 days. Late bids will be rejected.
5. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders representatives who choose to attend at 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd March, 2006 at the Conference Hall, Health Systems Development Project II, General Hospital Premises, Katsina.

Signed:

I.A. SAULAWA

Project Manager

All Correspondences should be address to:

The Project Manager,

Katsina State Health Systems Development Project II,

General Hospital Premises,

Katsina.

BIDDERS MAY BID FOR ONE OR MORE LOTS.



Chad and Sudan have traded insults over border town clashes



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Although, these 40 years have been marked with mourning, but the exemplary life you lived has created STANDARDS yet to be beaten.

Your virtues remain inspirational to the entire Nigerians, and the North in particular.

Your wisdom will continue to be emulated by every well-meaning Nigerian, and indeed may leader worthy of being responsible to be Nigerian societies.

For us in Yobe State, the character of leadership you exhibited are now teaching symbols of good governance in our resolve to meet the aspirations of our people.

We shall continue to remember you as we pray that Allah (S.W.T) in his infinite mercy, grants both of you and others who diligently served their people, ALJANNA FIRDALIS, Amin.

Signed:

Dr. Bukar Abba Ibrahim, ENIQS, ENIAE
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, YOBE STATE

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Currencies

West African

Unit of Account

Country	N Equivalent
The Gambia	6.0320
Ghana	0.0143
Guinea	0.0588
Liberia	1.8633
S/Leone	3,563.84
Nigeria	192.48

Parallel Market

	Average
Dollar	144 145
Pounds	261 175

Brief

Warri

refinery shut

Warri refinery has been shut because of lack of crude for the refining process.

The non-availability of crude was caused by recent destruction of pipeline that transmitted oil from Escravos to the refinery by vandals.

Reliable sources told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Warri that the pipeline was destroyed at various points.

Refinery sources said efforts of NNPC to mend the pipeline were frustrated by the youths who made the area inaccessible.

Sources said the plant was shut last week after a meeting of Warri Refining and Petrochemical Company (WRPC) to assess the situation.

The refinery with 125,000 barrels per day was until the shut down, operated at 80 percent.



D-G, Nigerian Stock Exchange, Dr. (Mrs) Ndi Okereke-Onyuike, discussing with Chief Okechukwu Chukwulozie, commissioner for Insurance, during a courtesy visit he paid to the DG in Lagos...recently. Pix: Oladipupo Odunewu

Jaiz Bank to raise N25 bn before year end -MD

The Managing Director of Jaiz Bank Plc, Mohammed Mustapha Bintube has disclosed that the bank is targeting N25 billion capital base before the end of 2006, and according to him, it hopes to begin business before the end of this year.

Speaking in a press briefing in Lagos, the managing director said that the bank's plans to adopt non-interest banking will succeed because many Nigerians support the project.

According to Bintube who addressed the press alongside Jaiz's general manager, Hassan Usman, the country stands to gain a lot from the non-interest banking format as proposed by the institution.

He said that style of banking has a lot of advantages over the conventional type of banking, saying that non-interest banking makes the bank not just a lender of

Bright Ewulu, Deputy Business Editor

funds, but a partner in the business process.

He urged Nigerians to opt for the project which will ultimately enable the country achieve single digit interest rate and enable religious minds to have their monies invested in ethically sound projects.

In his contribution,

Usman said that the outfit is primed to meet Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN's) requirement around October 2006.

He said because of the fact that interest-free banking is news they would need to retrain Nigerians on the new format, saying that the outfit will embark on massive publicity to create awareness on the workability of what is known world wide as Islamic

banking.

Earlier, the managing director had revealed that Jaiz would soon embark on private placement to raise about N10.5 billion from February to add to the N2.5 billion it raised last year.

According to him, its fund raising strategy is to do it bit by bit, saying that the nation's capital market is deep, but depends on the instrument.

DICON DG raises alarm over poor standard

The Kaduna State government has been charged to propel the Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria (DICON) to better standard in order to measure up to the expectations of its founding fathers.

The outgoing director general of DICON, Major General Paul Edoware (rtd) stated last week in Kaduna that DICON is now below standard with obsolete and

From AbdulRaheem Aodu, Correspondent, Kaduna

outdated machinery which needed to be replaced.

"DICON is now below standard, some of the problems facing it include obsolete and outdated machinery. We need to acquire new ones. Two years ago we tested some weapons, we cannot go into commercial production because we need money to carry out serious production. DICON cannot be compared with foreign defence industries because some of them have complementary foundry and steel industries.

"But you can see the state of our foundry and steel industry. Though the industries are established as the pride of the nation, some countries also maintain their own industry in order to

boost their state of preparedness in case of external aggression. I want to charge the Kaduna State government to be in the vanguard on the improvement of DICON," he said.

Governor Ahmed Makarfi in his response congratulated the director general for his meritorious services to the country and assured that the government would continue to extend its hands of support to DICON.

"The relationship between us will grow stronger and considering DICON capacity the state government will always give it consideration. DICON employs people both military personnel and civilians so even as we are engaged in other areas apart from defence, we would still want to see what we can do better," he assured.

FG hands over ALSCON to RUSSAL

By Anas A. Galadima, Asst. Business Editor

The controversial sale of the Aluminum Smelter Company of Nigeria (ALSCON) to Rusal Aluminum of Russia was on Friday concluded with the signing of a share purchase agreement between the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) and RUSSAL.

Russal group offered \$250 million (about N33.250 billion) for 77.5 percent government stake in the company which is located in Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State.

The federal government's decision to sell ALSCON to Russal has generated a lot of controversy. The transaction is widely viewed as not being transparent, considering the circumstances surrounding Russal's purchase of ALSCON.

The BFIG group of the United States and Rusal of Russia were the two groups that bid to buy the company on June 14, 2004, with BFIG group emerging the winner of the bid by offering to pay \$410 million as against the conditional bid of \$205 million offered by RUSSAL.

The sale however became controversial when the federal government decided to sell the company to RUSSAL whose bid offer was far lower than BFIG's.

Speaking after the share purchase agreement was signed on Friday in Abuja, Director General of the BPE, Mrs. Irene Chigbue said the previous transaction under which BFIG emerged winner was cancelled. She however did not give reasons for the nullification of the transaction.

She said "the previous transaction was cancelled and this new process began about nine months ago. We did not advertise it, we looked at the best operators in the world, we began negotiations with them and this is the outcome, we did not advertise."

Although RUSSAL is paying a total of \$250 million, reports that the federal government is providing subsidies to a total of an amount which exceeds the price being paid for ALSCON.



Lyel Imoke, Min Power & Steel

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Northern Business

Sokoto receives N90b from federation account

Sokoto state government received N 90 billion from the Federation Account between May and November last year,



Gov. Attahiru Bafarawa of Sokoto State

says Gov. Attahiru Bafarawa. "Out of that amount, we spent N86 billion, and we currently have N4 billion as a reserve for the rainy day," he announced at the weekend in Sokoto.

Bafarawa was speaking at a dinner organised in honour of 37 visiting staff and students of Course 28 of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji.

According to him, "no government can be run without money, so you have to save for the rainy day.

"At present, no contractor is being owed a single kobo from within or outside Nigeria.

"All the state government

workers are being paid their monthly salaries and allowances promptly.

"The 2006 leave grants will soon be paid to them," he announced.

Bafarawa said the government had earmarked N1 billion for the establishment of small-scale industries in the state.

"These small-scale businesses will start thriving in the next two years," he forecast.

In his comments, the leader of the visiting team, Col. John Zaruwa, noted that "the study tour has made us to see the sterling achievements of the Bafarawa administration."

Benue State government has set up a commission of inquiry to investigate all major contracts awarded since 1999.

The state's information commissioner, Mr Cletus Akwaya, made this known on Thursday, in Makurdi.

He told newsmen that the investigation was the outcome of the state executive council meeting.

The commission is headed by a state high court Judge, Justice Tine Tur.

He said it was empowered to determine the levels of execution of all contracts exceeding N10 million.

Akwaya said the commission was mandated to detect contracts that

Benue probes contracts

were abandoned and those that were shoddily executed.

He said the government took the measure to recover its money from contractors who fled after collecting mobilisation fees.

He said contractors, who executed jobs awarded to them poorly would also be sanctioned.

No culprit would be spared no matter how powerful or influential, he said.

He said the government had concluded arrangements to source N7

billion from the capital market for some capital projects.




Gov. George Akume of Benue State

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Management Tips

How to balance business and pleasure

In today's world of revised business practices, work hours are getting longer and more irregular. In Silicon Valley, where business operates 24 hours a day, the term nine to five is a distant memory.

This means that balancing work with an active and enjoyable social life has become a complicated task. Needless to say, young professionals, working their way up the proverbial corporate ladder, feel compelled to put in long hours at the office to get noticed by upper management.

By Alex Silverman

Fast-tracking becomes an obsession for many, and results in the neglect of family, friends and significant others.

Unless you are able to function on 3 hours of sleep a night, it seems a formidable task to set aside adequate time for the main priorities in a man's life other than work.

Several studies have shown that companies that understand and respect the need for an employee's personal life, have happier and more productive workers. Also, adequate rest is one of

the most important factors contributing to creativity and critical thinking.

There are many non-work-related aspects of life that contribute to your overall success, in the office as well as out.

In addition to work, you must think of your wife or girlfriend, family, friends, health and entertainment. Often, men fail to understand the importance of each of these aspects of life.

Your friends and family are an extremely important support system, and will always be there for you

through thick and thin.

To put things into perspective, keep the fact that you could lose everything in an instant at the back of your mind.

Then ask yourself, if such a tragedy were to happen, where would I turn? Who would be there for me? What would I have left? Neglecting your support system can leave you in a precarious and insecure position.

In addition, when you experience emotional problems, such as stress and burnout, the people in your support system are in the best posi-

tion to help you overcome these difficulties.

We cannot stress enough the importance of health and fitness for all men.

Getting an adequate amount of exercise will help alleviate stress, give you the energy you need to get through those long hours, and improve your overall well-being. Furthermore, exercise will clear your mind and help you sleep better at night.

For many men, playing a recreational sport helps them escape the realities of the corporate world. A man's Sunday afternoon baseball

game is probably one of the only times of the week he is not thinking about his work.

Entertainment is important in order to preserve your sanity.

You need to have some fun in life in order to keep your spirits up. Men who have no enjoyment in their lives end up in a rut, and eventually hate going through the same routine day after day.

Going to a good movie and getting a good laugh is a great way of forgetting your troubles for a short period of time.



Relaxing after work makes people happier.

4 tips to keep your dignity in the workplace

Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them."

-Aristotle

You're proud of what you've accomplished in your education and career this far, and you're eager to accept new challenges. These challenges, however, may present you with trying situations that can test your character and compromise your dignity.

Remember: Maintaining your dignity is all about self-respect, confidence and fairness.

Here are some tips to

By Edward Chalmers

can compromise your dignity and self-esteem at work.

1- Make the boss look good without making yourself invisible

When your boss gets a promotion, it could create a vacancy for you, or he might take you with him to a new department if he considers you an asset to the company and his career. The key is to make sure he and others recognize your contribution to the company. Be visible, helpful and ready to pitch in when needed, but don't be a brownnoser.

Very few strong leaders want to surround themselves

in your accomplishments and don't hide your talents.

2- Don't be a whiner

If you're constantly asking your boss for time off or to cut you some slack on a project deadline, he will resent you and it will adversely affect your career and your self-respect.

Whiners and chronic complainers do not get promoted — their bosses arrange for lateral transfers to get rid of them. You want your boss as an ally, not an enemy, so make sure you don't cause him frustration and annoyance.

Think twice about approaching him with every

Maintain your dignity by making decisions that are within your area of responsibility without bugging the boss for validation or praise.

3- Make sure working conditions are adequate

You are entitled to reasonable pay and suitable, safe working conditions. Stand up for your rights and never trade your self-esteem for a paycheck.

Similarly, never be afraid to ask your boss for something important to you, like flexible hours, a reduced work week or occasional days for telecommuting work at home.

Be assertive, not aggressive, and underline the ben-

increase the likelihood that your proposal will be considered by presenting your request with respect for your boss and self-dignity.

4- Don't always follow the crowd

Collaborate and cooperate, but don't let yourself be used.

You'll lose respect and dignity if you allow your colleagues to dump all the work on you while they bask in the glory of your job well done. Never be afraid to exercise your independence.

Just because everyone else wanders in at 9:15 and leaves at exactly 5 o'clock, that doesn't make it right. For

safety, fair wages and business hours, join your colleagues in making a plea for fair labor practices, but unless you are in a union, you may be better off negotiating a raise directly with your boss.

If security cameras have been installed in plain sight to prevent workplace theft, does it really impact your personal rights and privacy, and is it worth taking a stand? Always weigh the pros and cons before committing yourself to joining others in support of their own agendas.

Don't make an ass of yourself, don't air your dirty



CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA

SALE BY SEALED BIDS

A BUILDING COMPLEX LOCATED ALONG JAKANDE ROAD, AGIDINGBI, IKEJA, LAGOS

As a result of its ongoing restructuring exercise, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is offering to the general public, the above property for sale.

LOCATION

The property located in a business district, is along Lateef Jakande Road, Alausa, Ikeja Local Government Area of Lagos State. It consists of a large expanse of land, and shares a common boundary with Radio Lagos/L TV, Ikeja and almost opposite the Daily Times of Nigeria and Cadbury Nigeria Plc premises respectively.

A two week guided inspection of the site and buildings on sale shall be available for prospective buyers, commencing from the week following the publication.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

- * An area of land of about 1.793 Hectares
- * Two (2) main buildings of 3 floors consisting of 4 sub units
 - joined by short gangways on all floors in rectangular shapes covering an aggregate floor area of 1740 m²
- * Internal part of the main building is well partitioned with wooden/glazed aluminum with central corridor, giving access to the respective offices
- * Reinforced concrete walls and beam with sand cement block infill while the floor is also finished throughout insitu cast terrazzo stones on hard core base
- * A purpose built ball of approximately 587m²
- * Generator house of a rectangular shaped structure with floor area of 194.25m², two gate houses, and a bore hole with water pump.
- * The ancillary areas are covered with concrete pavement, general landscaping, tarred driveway and car park
- * Most offices are with functional air conditioners
- * Large expanse of land for future/further expansion

CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

- * The property is to be sold "as is" and "where is"
- * The bid price shall exclude all statutory payment that may be due to the government, any of its agencies and all transfer costs to the new owner.
- * All bids shall be accompanied with 10% of the bid price (in certified bank draft) as commitment fee, which shall form part of the purchase price for the successful buyer, while the draft of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the exercise.
- * Successful bidders shall be required to pay the balance within a deadline that may be conveyed in the offer.

MODE OF BIDDING

Interested buyers are required to submit their written bids in sealed envelope, addressed to: The Secretary, Technical Committee Secretariat, Procurement & Support Services Department, 2nd floor, wing C, CBN, Central Business District, Abuja OR 3rd floor Annex Wing, CBN Tinubu Square, Lagos, to reach him not later than 31st March, 2006.

The Bank reserves the right to reject any bid without explanation or obligation.

PRINTING PRESS MACHINES FOR SALE

As a result of its ongoing restructuring exercise, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) is offering to the general public, the under listed used printing machines at its Printing Press building, along Lateef Jakande Road, Agidingbi, Ikeja-Lagos for sale.

S/N	Ref. No	Description of Items
1	PM2	MULTIGRAPHICS
2	PM3	SQCBOX
J	PM5	ADANA
4	PM6	CASLOW
5	PM7	BRINCE
6	PM8	PLATEN
7	PM9	PRÁCTICA
8	PM10	KURD
9	PM11	GTO
10	PM12	PERLE
11	PM13	BOSS
12	PM17	PIVANO
13	PM18	GULOTINE
14	PM19	CHALLENGE COLLATOR CA-20
15	PM20	ROLEN
16	PM22	SICKINGER SPIRAL BINDING MACHINE
17	PM23	WORSLEY
18	PM24	SOAG
19	PM25	PITNEY
20	PM26	DERNCLIFF
21	PM27	UT MARSHALL
22	PM28	BICKEL
23	PM29	WIRE COILING
24	PM30	BAILER
25	PM31	ROLLEM
26	PM32	INSTA
27	PM33	PLANAX TABLE TOP BINDING MACHINE
28	PM34	MULLER
29	PM35	NU-AC PLATE MAKER
30	PM36	ESKOFOT285M PLATE MAKING MACHINE
31	PM37	SIXT PLAY COPY PLATE MAKING MACHINE TYPE FLIP KOP CNC
2	PM38	CAMERA
33	PM39	STABILIZER
34	PM40	CAMERA
35	PM41	KODAMATIC 6A PROCESSOR
36	PM42	STYLEX DRYER
37	PM43	KLIMSCH
38	PM44	VERTICAL CAMERA 204MS-910-309S
39	PM46	KRISE
40	PM48	STICHING
41	PM49	COOLIE
42	PM50	BOSS
43	PM51	BOGE BIELEFELD CYLINDER WITH COMPRESSOR TYPE SB 370-15/350
44	PM52	SHEETING
45	PM53	DEMAC
46	PM54	PUNCHING
47	PM55	MAQUIPAL
48	PM56	WINKLER
49	PM57	ZANDER
50	PM58	DUNNELBER
51	PM59	SPIRAL
52	PM60	KALLFASS
53	PM61	EXERCISE BOOK MAKING
54	PM62	OTTO
55	PM63	FEAL SAFE FIRE ALARM
56	PM64	CCTV WALL MOUNTED VIDEO CAMERA
57	PM65	AEROMASTER CENTRAL A/C
58	PM66	AEROMASTER CENTRAL A/C WITH 2 BLOWERS
59	PM71	BRAITHWAITE 10,000 GALLONS
60		Assorted Printing Consumables

A two week guided inspection of the machines on sale and the consumables shall be available for prospective buyers, commencing from the week following the publication.

CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

- * The machines are to be sold "as is" and "where is".
- * The bid price shall exclude all statutory payment that may be due to the government, any of its agencies and all transfer costs to the new owner.
- * All bids shall be accompanied with payment of at least 10% of the bid price (in certified bank draft) as commitment fee which shall form part of the purchase price for the successful buyer, while the draft of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the exercise.
- * Successful bidders shall be required to pay the balance and remove the bid item from site within the stipulated time that may be indicated in the offer.

MODE OF BIDDING

Interested buyers are required to submit their written bids in sealed envelope, addressed to: The Secretary, Technical Committee Secretariat, Procurement & Support Services Department, 2nd floor, wing C, CBN, Central Business District, Abuja OR 3rd floor Annex Wing, CBN Tinubu Square, Lagos, to reach him not later than 31st March, 2006.

The Bank reserves the right to reject any bid without explanation or obligation.

Signed:
Chairman,

CBN Printing Press Asset Disposal Committee

NOTICE OF COURT ORDERED MEETING

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA HOLDEN AT LAGOS
 SUIT NO.
 IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTMENTS AND SECURITIES ACT (ISA) 1990
 AND
 IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 100 THEREOF AND
 IN RE:

- 1) FIRST INLAND BANK PLC RC 112876..... 1ST APPLICANT
 2) NUB INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED RC 10422 2ND APPLICANT
 3) IMB INTERNATIONAL BANK PLC RC 13042..... 3RD APPLICANT

MEETING OF THE HOLDERS OF THE FULLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES OF FIRST INLAND BANK PLC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order of the Federal High Court (hereinafter referred to as "The Court") dated the 1st Day of February 2006, made in the above matter, the Court has directed that a meeting of the holders of the fully paid up ordinary shares of First Inland Bank Plc (hereinafter called "First Inland") be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Merger between First Inland and the other merging banks namely, International Bank Limited, IMB International Bank Plc (hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Banks"). The Scheme is explained in details in the Explanatory Statement on pages 19 to 32 of the Scheme Document.

The Court Ordered Meeting of the shareholders of First Inland will be held as follows:

Date: February 7, 2006

Venue: Shehu Yar'Adua Civic Center, Abuja

Time: 11a.m.

APPENDIX VII NOTICES OF COURT ORDERED MEETINGS

The following resolutions will be proposed at the Court Ordered Meeting and if thought fit passed as a special resolution of the company:
 A Court-ordered meeting of the Company will be convened on February 7, 2006 at which the following sub-joined resolution will be proposed:
 "That:

1. "This Meeting approves the Scheme for the proposed merger dated January, 7 2006 a print of which has been submitted to the Meeting and for the purposes of identification subscribed by the Chairman, and that the Directors be and are hereby authorised to consent to any modifications of the Scheme for the proposed merger that the Securities & Exchange Commission, the Central Bank of Nigeria and Federal High Court shall think fit to impose and approve;
2. "That Ordinary Shares of First Inland Bank Plc's unissued Share Capital be issued and allotted as fully paid to the shareholders of NUB and IMB in accordance with the Exchange Ratio stipulated in the scheme in consideration of the cancellation of the Ordinary shares of NUB and IMB and transfer same to First Inland of all assets, liabilities and undertakings of NUB and IMB;
3. "For purposes of monitoring and enforcing the rights of the pre-merger shareholders of NUB and IMB, in relation to any post-merger share adjustments that may become necessary under the Scheme, the accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed as representative of all those persons whose names appear on the registers of members of NUB and IMB, as at the close of business on the terminal date;
4. "That the Solicitors for NUB and IMB be directed to seek an order or orders to the following effect from the Court:
 a. An order of this Court that all assets, liabilities and undertakings including real properties and intellectual property rights of NUB and IMB be transferred to and vested in First Inland without further act or deed;
 b. Such incidental, consequential and supplemental orders as are necessary to ensure that the Scheme is fully and effectively implemented;
5. "That First Inland Bank Plc be and hereby authorized to issue such additional shares by way of post merger share adjustments as may be necessary under the Scheme;
6. "That upon capital verification by the Central Bank of Nigeria and approval of the allotment proposal by the Securities & Exchange Commission, Ordinary shares of First Inland's unissued share capital be issued and allotted as fully paid shares to subscribers of NUB International Bank Plc Private Placement offer for subscription issued by way of a prospectus dated 09 December 2004 in accordance with the Exchange Ratio set out in the Scheme;
7. "The Articles of Association of First Inland be amended as appropriate to put the Scheme into effect; and
8. "The Board of Directors of First Inland is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to put the Scheme into effect.

By the said Order, the Court has appointed the Chairman of the Board of Directors of First Inland, Alhaji Muhammadu Danmadami, or failing him, Mr. Okey Nwosu, Chief Executive Officer or failing them both any other director appointed in their stead by the shareholders present at the meeting to act as Chairman of the said meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

APPENDIX VII NOTICES OF COURT ORDERED MEETINGS

Voting at the meeting will be by poll.

The said Scheme of Merger will be subject to subsequent approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Central Bank of Nigeria and by the sanction of the Court. Shareholders may vote in person or they may appoint any other person, whether a shareholder or not, to act as proxy and to attend and vote in their stead.

A form of proxy is herewith enclosed for each shareholder. In the case of joint shareholders, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which their names stand in the register of Members of the Bank.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged at the office of IBN Securities Limited, as shown on the form of proxy, not less than 72 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting. Please note that the lodging of the proxy form does not prevent you from attending the meeting and voting should you wish to do so. However, in such an arrangement, your proxy will not be entitled to vote.

Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote to adopt the merger agreement.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.

K O P ODIDIKA & CO
 SOLICITORS
 FIRST INLAND BANK PLC

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MEETING OF THE HOLDERS OF THE FULLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES OF NUB INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order of the Federal High Court (hereinafter referred to as "The Court") dated the 1st day of February 2006, made in the above matter, the Court has directed that a meeting of the holders of the fully paid up ordinary shares of NUB International Bank Plc (hereinafter called "NUB") be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Merger between NUB and the other merging banks namely, First Inland Bank Plc ("First Inland"), NUB, and IMB (hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Banks")

The Scheme is explained in details in the Explanatory Statement on Pages 18 to 30 of the Scheme Document.

The Court Ordered Meeting of the shareholders of NUB will be held as follows:

Date: February 9, 2006
Venue: Transcorp (Nicon) Hilton Hotel Abuja
Time: 11a.m.

APPENDIX VII NOTICES OF COURT ORDERED MEETINGS

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The following resolutions will be proposed at the Court Ordered Meeting and if thought fit passed as a special resolution of the Company:

AT THE COURT ORDERED MEETING of the Bank to be convened on February 7, 2006, the following sub-joined resolutions will be proposed and if thought fit passed as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- "That
1. this meeting approves the scheme for the proposed merger dated 31st January, 2006, a print of which has been submitted to the Meeting and for the purposes of identification subscribed by the Chairman, and that the Directors be and are hereby authorized to consent to any modifications of the Scheme for the proposed merger that the Securities and Exchange Commission, the central Bank of Nigeria and the Federal High Court shall think fit to impose and approve;
 2. all the assets, liabilities and undertakings, including real property and intellectual property rights of NUB be transferred to First Inland in consideration for the issue and allotment of shares by First Inland Bank Plc to the shareholders of NUB, as provided in the scheme;
 3. the entire share capital of NUB be cancelled and NUB be dissolved without being wound up; and
 4. for purposes of monitoring and enforcing the rights of the pre-merger shareholders of NUB, in relation to any post-merger adjustments that may become necessary under the scheme, Akintola Williams be appointed as representative of all those persons whose names appear on the register of members of NUB as at the close of business on the Terminal Date.
 5. the Board of Directors of NUB be and is hereby authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to give effect to the scheme".

By the said Order, the Court has appointed the Chairman of the Board of Directors of NUB, Alhaji Muhammed Yahaya or failing him, Mr. Danjuma Ocholi, Chief Executive Officer or failing them both any other director appointed in their stead by the shareholders present at the meeting to act as Chairman of the said meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

Voting at the meeting will be by poll.
 The said Scheme of Merger will be subject to subsequent approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Central Bank of Nigeria and by the sanction of the Court.
 Shareholders may vote in person or they may appoint any other person, whether a shareholder or not, to act as proxy and to attend and vote in their stead.

A form of proxy is herewith enclosed for each shareholder. In the case of joint shareholders, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which their names stand in the register of Members of the Bank.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged at the office of First Registrars Limited, as shown on the form of proxy, not less than 72 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting. Please note that the lodging of the proxy form does not prevent you from attending the meeting and voting should you wish to do so. However, in such an arrangement, your proxy will not be entitled to vote.

Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote to adopt the merger agreement.

APPENDIX VII COURT NOTICES OF ORDERED MEETINGS

Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote to adopt the merger agreement.

DATED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.

PAUL USORO
 SOLICITORS
 NUB INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED

This publication supercedes the previous notice in respect of the meeting.



IT WORLD



South African produces movie with cell phone

South African director Aryan Kagan has produced a movie called "SMS Sugar Man", which is billed as the world's first feature film shot entirely on mobile phones.

SMS Sugar Man was filmed on eight phone cameras over 11 days with three main characters for less than 1 million rand (\$164,100). As well as traditional cinema screenings, the film will be beamed to cell phones in 30 three-minute episodes over the course of a month.

Kaganof says the tale of a pimp and two high-class prostitutes cruising around Johannesburg on Christmas Eve is blazing a trail for a new, democratic approach to film that will slash the cost of both making and viewing movies.

"I thought cinema in South Africa wasn't the appropriate medium to represent who we are... it's a mostly white phenomenon. Then it struck me that a medium that Africans love more than any other is the cell phone," he told Reuters.

Kaganof who ironically bought his first cell phone year to make the film dismissed concerns over quality and said the footage looked "fabulous" when blown up to the standard 35mm feature film size.

While films made in or about Africa are grabbing the limelight outside the world's poorest continent, small audiences at home where most people cannot afford a night out at the cinema make it tough for filmmakers to break even.

Finding a low-budget model like in Nigeria, where the homegrown "Nollywood" industry is hugely popular, is the only way of ensuring a future for South African film, said Kaganof.

SMS Sugar Man which is due to premiere around May cost just a fraction of the 6 million rand that many low-budget local films cost. By comparison, Hollywood pictures typically cost \$40-50 million and often exceed \$100 million.

"We wanted to make a radically low budget film to show that anyone can do this," said producer Michelle Wheatley. "There are a lot of people in Africa who want to make films and can't afford it."

The cheap technology used to shoot SMS Sugar Man means the cameras are always rolling, making for a fresher, more dynamic and fluid movie, with room to experiment.



Chief Cornelius Adebayo, Communications Minister



Chief Ernest Ndukwe, NCC Boss

NCC releases guidelines on VoIP, IDA

The Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) has published new guidelines on International Gateway Access (IDA) and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) aimed at complying with appropriate protocol and signaling conversion devices globally.

The IDA is a soft switch that performs interface functions for the purpose of linking data networks in Nigeria to the global Internet highway or other managed IP technology while the VoIP is a voice technology over Internet protocol which includes the carriage of voice signal by means of any pocket-oriented transport protocol or data circuits such as voice over frame relay, voice over WiFi among others.

According to the regulatory agency, all IDA licensees would provide bandwidth in small units to smaller operators such as cyber cafes, small Internet service providers among others.

The new guidelines said an IDA license would not be tied to any specific transmission medium for the purpose of conveying out-bound or in-bound traffic hence automatic authorization is approved to a licensee to deploy any transmission media.

The commission said such media shall include V-SAT, fibre, microwave, coaxial cable.

The conditions precedent

By Hamisu Muhammad, Assistant IT editor

to the issuance of IDA licenses, adding that, "any licensee of the commission who does not have a network shall not be eligible for an IDA license. Specifically, only operational licensees will be eligible for IDA licenses.

The commission said for

the purposes connected, a licensee would be deemed to be an operational licensee only upon fulfillment of the underlisted conditions:

A customer base of at least 5000 connected subscribers or justifiable traffic volume, a known and identifiable address and operational base, up to date payment of its annual

operating levy, submission of up to date audited accounts and up to date settlement of interconnection obligations.

NCC said towards achieving the objective of the commission on full gateway licenses, every full gateway license shall be assigned an international signaling point code.

Zinox to produce cheap computers

Chairman of Zinox Technologies Ltd, Mr. Leo Stan Ekeh said that his organization is conducting a research towards building a computer that will sell for less than N50,000 by the end of the year.

Speaking at the launch of the Zinox office at Otigba market in Lagos, Ekeh said that the market would need fresh breathe of low priced computers to explode the market which still absorbs only about 250,000 computers annually despite the country's high population which stands at about 130million.

According to him, "Computerise Nigeria is working to deliver quality computers that can sell below N50,000. We want to explode the computer market in Nigeria. With 130million people we still data 250,000 computers annually. This is not good enough. We want to sell more computers. We want Nigerians to be IT driven."

The Otigba office is to reinforce this vision and drive. Otigba market is

From Bright Ewulu Deputy Business Editor, in Lagos

generally taken as the computer mass market in the country, where products of various brands compete for the attention of buyers at very friendly rates.

A shop there expectedly will bring the products closer to some strands of the addressable market, but the coming of Zinox to the market also means that Otigba is rising in profile and that profile can no longer be ignored, he added.

A release from the company quoted the CEO as saying "Otigba is a very top place in our plans. What we want to do is to polish Otigba to the next level.

With this office, Computerise Nigeria will contribute to that process. What we are here to do is to deliver top quality.

Big organizations like Microsoft already have shops at Otigba in order for their business fortunes not to be compromised. Zinox through Computerise Nigeria is only the latest organization

Briefs

NGO develops bilingual website

As part of its effort to promote the use of ICT for good governance and democracy, CITAD has just established a website dedicated for the provision of resource materials for conducting civic education programmes. The site on URL www.yan-ci.org.ng is bilingual with documents in both English and Hausa languages. Currently documents being hosted includes the international bill of rights, the draft Civic Education Training Manual developed by CITAD as well as reports on CITAD civic education project. The establishment of the site is facilitated through a grant on civic education from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Glo rewards customers

By Anas A. Galadima, Asst. Business Editor

Three customers of Globacom have emerged winners in the company's sales promo, carting away with a brand new car each. Mr. Yinka Olagunju with telephone number 08057178575, Mr. Sani Haruna with phone number 08055831977 and Miss Jehlat Mohammed with phone number 08054645126 all won brand new each Volks Wagon, a Kia Rio respectively.

The company's executive director, special projects, Mike Jitbog who spoke at the Abuja Sheraton Hotel where the cars were presented to the winners on Friday said the prizes were given reward lucky customers of the company for their patronage. Winners in other zones across the country are also to be presented with similar prizes in the various zones.

The company also presented free glo sim packs to civil servants in ministry of communications, ministry of police affairs, ministry labour and productivity and the office of accountant general of the federation on Friday in Abuja.

Meanwhile, the second set of winners in the Glo 2nd Anniversary Double Slam promotion in the Port Harcourt region were last week presented with their brand new cars. According to a release from the company the presentation held at the Bougainvillea Hotel, Port Harcourt, is part of the ongoing nationwide redemption of prizes won in the draws held across the country late last year.

to make such a bold move aimed at pushing products aggressively into the market.

Flagged off in 2002, Computerise Nigeria, now and NGO, came with a special aim to put computers in homes and offices at very special rates.

It also encourages associations and co-operative groups to purchase computers for their staff instead of buying disposables that will put temporary glamour on their lives but impoverish them on the long run.

But to make an impact however, the products would have to come at special rates to the buyers.

Speaking recently, an executive director of Computerise Nigeria, Mrs. Vivian Abii said the project alone is responsible for selling over 20,000 pieces, and within the period it has formed special alliances with educational institutions, both secondary and higher institutions. The purpose is being met and the computers come at special rates.

IT WORLD

Internet body fixes fees

on .com

The body which oversees the internet has put forward a revised deal to settle a long-running dispute over the crucial .com domain.

The tentative settlement was reached between the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (Icann) and the current .com owner, Verisign. The proposals would limit fees for .com addresses charged by Verisign.

But Verisign would still retain control of the lucrative .com domain until at least 2012. The revised settlement follows months of public consultation over an initial agreement reached in October last year. There will now be another period of public input before it goes before the boards of Icann and Verisign. It's pretty clear that Verisign and Icann are aware of the areas that are most objected to by the internet community, but I do think that the revision posted

offers change in name only in a statement, Verisign said the deal represented "the best efforts of both Verisign and Icann to resolve differences that have been present for several years."

The settlement is designed to put an end to rival lawsuits filed against each other, which were sparked off by the introduction by Verisign of a controversial search service called Site Finder.

The Site Finder service meant if web users were looking for a .com or .net domain that was non-existent because of typing mistakes, or it was not registered, they were sent to Verisign's website instead of just getting an "error" page.

Icann was worried the website could have affected the stability of the net. Rivals claimed Verisign was taking advantage of its position as an administrator of .com domain names.

Under pressure from Icann, Verisign suspended the service in October 2003. The company later sued Icann, claiming it had no authority to stop it from offering its site finder service. The revised settlement places new limits on the fees charged for .com domain names. It would allow Verisign to raise prices by up to 7% a year in four of the next six years.

Further raises would only be allowed in certain circumstances. The previous

terms would have let Verisign raise the fees every year without conditions.

The agreement would also stop Verisign from passing on separate surcharges that help fund Icann.

Instead, Verisign would pay Icann \$6 million in the first year, rising to \$12 million in 2009.

The deal leaves .com in the hands of Verisign until 2012, when it would be given the option of renewing its contract with Icann.

Critics say this effectively prevents others from bidding to run the .com domain. A lobby group called the Coalition for Icann Transparency said the new deal did not go far enough. It has two lawsuits pending against Verisign and is also targeting Icann.

Man sues Apple over potential hearing loss

A Louisiana man claims in a lawsuit that Apple's iPod music player can cause hearing loss in people who use it. Apple has sold more than 42 million of the devices since they went on sale in 2001, including 14 million in the fourth quarter last year.

The devices can produce sounds of more than 115 decibels, a volume that can damage the hearing of a person exposed to the sound for more than 28 seconds per day, according to the complaint.

The iPod players are "inherently defective in design and are not sufficiently adorned with adequate warnings regarding the likelihood of hearing

loss," according to the complaint, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in San Jose, Calif., on behalf of John Kiel Patterson of Louisiana.

The suit, which Patterson wants certified as a class-action, seeks compensation for unspecified damages and upgrades that will make iPods safer. Patterson's suit said he bought an iPod last year, but does not specify whether he suffered hearing loss from the device.

Patterson does not know if the device has damaged his hearing, said his attorney, Steve W. Berman, of Seattle. But that's beside the point of the lawsuit, which takes issue with the potential the iPod has to cause irreparable hearing loss, Berman said.

Kama Sutra virus causes little damage

A computer virus that was designed to start its malicious work on Friday did not cause the mayhem that was anticipated, computer security firms said.

The worm, known as "Blackmal" and "Kama Sutra," hides inside email attachments and contains a time-activated payload due to execute on the third day of each month, first occurring on Friday.

Once activated, the worm will try to spread itself, attempt to stop anti-worm software from running and try to delete all Word, Excel, PowerPoint and PDF file types from an infected PC.

Rather than disabling up to 500,000 PCs that were expected to be infected, the virus had hit only a few thousand computers by midday in continental Europe, mostly from individual consumers, according to several computer security firms.

Advance warnings by virus security firms and enterprises to their customers and employees appeared to have worked.

"This is certainly not a disaster," said technical consultant Graham Cluley at British virus fighter firm Sophos. Rival security software firm Symantec confirmed "the worm is not spreading wildly and infections are relatively low." The virus is also known as "Nyxem," "MyWife," and "Tearec."



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When newsmen attended training

Census, they say, is not just all about numbers. It is also essentially meant for the collection of data for socio-economic development of a nation.

In keeping with this, reporters from the various print media in Abuja gathered for a 7-day training, organised recently by Inter News Network Nigeria and ENHANSE project, preparatory to the successful conduct of a credible census for the country this approaching March.

The training was to equip the reporters with the necessary reportorial tools for a transparent and responsible reportage of the headcount.

As participants settled down to business in the over 40 hours training workshop on skill building in various topical issues, they expressed dismay at the naive way in which many reporters at times misrepresent figures and refuse to go beyond official figures in interpreting news items on censuses.

Practical experience in the field, however, changed the participants' perception, as many Nigerians spoken to during an assessment tour of two Enumeration Areas (EA's) revealed that most citizens are aware of the census, but lack the basic information data contained in the questionnaire that will be administered.

One of the respondents, one Mr Mobolaji Ademola, who resides in Garki area 11, in one of the two EA's visited by the reporters, said that he knew of the approaching exercise because it had been announced several times on radio and television, but he did not know the exact date the census would commence. Mr. Ademola also believed that when gov-

By Benjamin Auta, Reporter

ernment knows the exact figure of Nigerians after the census, there will be rapid development and the government will be able to cater for the citizens adequately.

Another person who spoke was a university graduate called Abubakar Musa Muri. He extolled the essence of census, saying that apart from facilitating the design and implementation of feasible budgets for the country, Nigerians stand to gain from developmental projects executed for them in accordance with the demands of the result of the headcount.

This was the response of Tanko Bello, a landlord:

Do you have any idea about the census and when it is going to be conducted?

Yes, I hear about it on the radio and television, but I don't know when it is going to commence.

Were you counted during the recent census pre-test?

No, you are the first person that is talking to me about the census since I came here three years ago.

What are your views about the exclusion of religion and ethnicity?

Well, if we are not going to have problems, the government can include them. We only want to live in peace. So, the government's decision is good. Religion and ethnicity should not be included.

Did you take part in some of the previous censuses in the country?

Yes, the 1973 and 1991 censuses.

What do you believe are the benefits derived from such exercises?

Benefits? There is no benefit, because all the previous ones have not brought development to us. We are still suffering in this country.

Participants also noted that most villages in the country have little or no knowledge of the census exercise, as they have been "marooned" out of it as well as the politicisation of the exercise by the appointment of federal commissioners who are mainly politicians.

Other observations by the participants included the emanation of the about 300 flash points, with the Niger Delta coming tops in the country. They also recalled the first republic western region election, bedevilled with charges and counter charges of rigging, which triggered widespread looting, arson and indiscriminate killings of political opponents until the intervention of the military in 1966.

As the National Population Commission (NPC) gears up for the 2006 census exercise, Nigerians across the country have been offering various suggestions on how it can conduct a successful and credible exercise.

Most Nigerians have observed that the level of advocacy by attained by the commission is inadequate because most respondents interviewed on the field know about the exercise, but they don't know the dates or the number of days it will last.

Participants pertinently recalled censuses conducted during the colonial times, observing that one of the features of such censuses was the near absence of protest against the results, either at the regional or community levels, which was attributed to the lack of inter-



Dr. A. O. Akinsanya, DG, NPC, answering questions of training participants during the interview session

est, because the exercise was regarded as a waste of time.

However, Nigerians began to read political meanings and implications to population with the set up of regional governments as well as federal legislative council in Lagos, when 50 percent of the seats were allocated to the Northern region on the basis of population figures which the southern politicians alleged had been inflated in 1952/53.

Other censuses were held in 1962 and 1963, which generated rancour, as they coincided with the unacceptable outcome of the 1964 elections and the 1965.

An interview session by the reporters and the Director General of the National Population Commission, Dr. A. O. Akinsanya, went thus:

What is the commission's stand on border disputes, especially the Bakassi Peninsula? Will Nigerians be counted bearing in mind the world court ruling?

Nigeria is a law abiding country. We abide by the laws of the international court of justice. So whatever has been decided upon, we will comply with and implement it. If there are some villages to be ceded to Cameroon, then we will not get there. If there are some villages that should be part of Nigeria, then, of course, we will count them. But we will not flout the rules, regulations and the decisions of the court.

Having census for the period of five days might give room for manipulation and all kinds of errors, and that the

best thing is to have in as short a time as 24 hours. How possible can that be in Nigeria?

I don't know of any country where census is conducted in 24 hours, and I am challenged on that. In a country where census is conducted in 21 days, we have a month. The problem in Nigeria is that we don't have a culture of census taking. We still do not see census as purely technical exercise.

There are reports that the political elites may not take the census, what is your response to that situation?

By and large, now we know that census is basically for socio-economic planning. It is not just a matter of number of people. Those leaders already know that any attempt to distort the data we are actually distorting the future of our children. Because if you don't have correct data there is no way you can plan correctly. So they know and we try as much as possible to get it across to everybody, even down to the rural areas, apart from governors and local government chairmen. All that is made and we know and we have the techniques to detect these attempts.

If at the end of the census some people are found to have been counted twice, what provisions made by the commission to check this situation? Also, how can the forthcoming census result help us in the year's election?

We have just prepared the new census legislation, and

there are various census of fences and sanctions. So if somebody submits himself to be counted twice, it is an offence for which there is a punishment. I know that in some cases some people can be imprisoned without option of fine or both. I want to stress that census taking is purely a technical exercise, and it is just for government to know the number of people it has to cater for, the number of facilities and type of facilities that it has to provide basically. The use of census data by INEC is secondary, as the main reason for taking census is socio-economic planning to ensure that we succeed in NEEDS, SEEDS, MDGs and others. So, that is what the data is for, to be able to plan meaningfully and ensure that those programmes succeed. In general, we are collaborating with all government agencies. We are collaborating with DNCR, INEC, etc because there is no way a single agency like ours can do it alone. So, all agencies of government are coming to our aid. The military and paramilitary services like the Army, Customs, Police and Immigration are also coming to our aid. So there is nothing special about collaborating with INEC, because we can not be duplicating effort, equipment and machine. We are borrowing even from NIPOST.

What is the implication of conducting a census one year before a national election and what do you think is going to be the actions of politicians in particular?

Well, the implication for Nigeria I don't know, but by now Nigerians ought to have imbibed the culture of census to a large extent. We have been on it for a long time. We have conducted pre-independent and post independent censuses. We know the kind of problems we had and we know the large amount of money we spent. So whether it is a day to election or a day after, it should not matter, and if all of us appreciate that it is purely a technical exercise meant not only for us that are living now but people that are coming after us, then it is better for us to carry the message so that they can not use the census for any ulterior motives. I know our leaders know this, but our followers need to follow this.

While shedding light on where you will reach Nigerians to count them, considering the fact that they are a highly mobile population, you may also wish to comment on plans for volatile areas.

Like I said, we are collaborating with security agencies,



One of the reporters, Mr. Azubuike Onowu of NAN, interviewing some respondents about the forthcoming census during a field survey

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including the state security services (SSS). So we have a list of potential flash points all over the country, and all these agencies are part of our operations. So, there will be sufficient security arrangement to ensure that we cover all these areas as much as possible. But I want to let you know that there is an attribute of new census taking known as simultaneity where everybody must be enumerated within a period. So, what we will do at those flash points is ensuring that we note what their complaints are in the case of boundary disputes. When we have agreed on that, we will assign unique codes to those areas so that they will not belong to any of the two feuding com-

munities, at least on paper, until it is settled.

About the high mobility, we will have two days activities known as house numbering and household listing, so, by implication, Nigerians are expected to be enumerated by enumerators in their houses. There could also be some people travelling, especially those travelling out of the country, even if they are Nigerians during the exercise. They will be regarded as transient population and they will be counted either in the airports, seaports or international garages where they are. But for those moving from Abuja to Lagos or Lagos to Abuja, most of them have a place to sleep where they will

be counted and that is why we have provision for call back cards. In the absence of the person, our enumerators will go back there anytime he or she returns.

We also have a strategy of capturing even the homeless, because there are people who are homeless, there are mad people who don't have houses in Lagos, for instance. These are people who are sleeping under bridges. We refer to this people as special population. I, however, want to say that the census is rescheduled from November 2005 to March 2006 because of publicity and advocacy. I must say that we are doing better.



Participants at the training workshop organised by InterNews/ENHANSE project for correspondents reporters covering population issues, recently in Abuja.

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68	FCT 20915	HUSSAINA	JEZHI	152	AB 20112	UGOCHUKWU	UWAOMA
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70	GO 20115	BALA	MOHAMMED	154	AB 20443	KEVIN	IBEAGI
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72	GO 20165	NASSER	ABDALLAH	156	AB 20479	DAVID	OKOYE
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74	GO 20199	MAINA	DORA	158	AD 20261	KAWU	B.
75	IM 20678	LILLIAN	EGBE	159	AD 20368	ABUBAKAR	ISA
76	IM 20824	MARY	NWOSIBE	160	AD 20369	AMINA	JADA
77	IM 20918	DUREKE	CHIDI	161	AD 20372	UMAR	JADA
78	IM 20919	EKWUTOSI	ONYEKABA	162	AD 20373	ABUBAKAR	MAYO
79	JG 20169	BILAL	MUSA	163	AD 20374	MOHAMMED	SIDDIQ
80	JG 20177	MARYAM	GAFAI	164	AD 20375	UMAR	IBRAHIM
81	JG 20179	HAMISU	RINGIM	165	AD 20376	JAMILA	MADAWAKI
82	JG 20238	MUHAMMAD	GAJO	166	AD 20379	SAIDU	AHMAD
83	KB 20054	BELLO	MOHAMMED	167	AD 20380	SULAIMAN	MOHAMMED
84	KB 20071	ISA	MAIDAWA	168	AD 20383	MARYAM	MOHAMMED

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171	AD 20389	AISHA	BUKAR	279	CR 20487	IFEOMA	EMEKA
172	AD 20391	ADAMU	UMAR	280	CR 20500	STEVEN	ORUMAH
173	AD 20392	HASSAN	OMAR	281	CR 20501	ABUBAKAR	ISMAILA
174	AD 20398	HASSAN	MOHAMMED	282	CR 20502	MARTINS	AZUBUIKE
175	AD 20402	HASSAN	ZAURU	283	CR 20514	MARY	LAYAMO
176	AD 20405	DAHIRU	MOHAMMED	284	CR 20591	EMOS	ISAH
177	AD 20565	DALHATU	ABDULMALIK	285	DT 20058	ONOME	EMAKPORE
178	AD 20754	SA'AD	MISA	286	DT 20075	MARK	OLOMU
179	AK 20237	UWEM	UDOKWERE	287	DT 20414	RICHARD	EMUOVHE
180	AK 20465	MONICA	AMOS	288	DT 20467	M. O.	ORITSEDAMISAN
181	AK 20471	ANNE	EKWERE	289	DT 20468	MARTIN	OGHARANDUKUN
182	AK 20475	ARIT	AKPAN	290	DT 20563	AUGUSTINA	EGBUWE
183	AK 20480	SAMUEL	UDOKO	291	DT 20742	AUGUSTINE	OSAMOH
184	AK 20514	GLORY	UDOSSEN	292	DT 20802	EMMANUEL	IJEH
185	AN 20020	SELINA	AKUBUEZE	293	DT 20813	BRIDGET	IJEH
186	AN 20468	ANI	LAVENDER	294	DT 20818	SIMON	ORAEKWE
187	AN 20720	LOTANNA	CHUKWUDUM	295	DT 20819	COSMOS	ANONE
188	AN 20850	OBED	NDUKWE	296	DT 20824	AUGUSTINA	ISIMBABI
189	AN 21015	MACHAEL	OKAFOR	297	DT 20826	CHIKA	EBERE
190	AN 21152	UCHENNA	NWOKEBELU	298	DT 20829	EBOKA	CHARLES
191	AN 21215	OKOYE	IBE OKOYE	299	DT 20830	SAMUEL	BABA
192	AN 21270	JOHNSON	IGWE	300	DT 20831	ADAMS	OMAKWOGI
193	AN 21316	CHIZOBA	CHUKWUDUM	301	DT 20833	CHIDIMMA	OBI
194	AN 21360	MICHAEL	OKAFOR	302	DT 20834	JOY	NNSO
195	AN 21400	CHRIS	OSITADIMM	303	DT 20835	ANTONIO	EBGE
196	AN 21402	MICHAEL	IGBOKWE	304	DT 20835	PAT	OBAZE
197	AN 21437	KAODILU	CHUKWUDUM	305	DT 20835	VICTOR	YIA
198	AN 21990	IKECHUKWU	EZIAKOR	306	DT 20863	BENJIN	OMI
199	AN 22025	NNAMDIL	ATTAMAH	307	DT 20863	OKPANACHI	AZUBUIKE
200	AN 22078	EDWARD	OKECHUKWU	308	DT 20867	PETER	EMMA
201	AN 22385	ALISON	ANADI	309	DT 20968	ROBERT	OKONYIA
202	AN 22427	NWOGBO	EMEKA	310	EB 20172	LINUS	EZE
203	AN 22428	CLEMENT	NWOGBO	311	EB 20272	UWA	E.
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206	AN 22529	RICHMOND	OKAFOR	314	ED 20261	TONY	OSUNDE
207	AN 22570	AMAKA	MOLOUKU	315	ED 20381	OKOKONI	ANDREW
208	AN 22576	JOE	CHIEDOZIE	316	ED 20453	IYAMU	OGIAMEN
209	AN 22577	OSITA	OKPALEKE	317	ED 20456	ANTHONY	ATENAGHA
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211	BA 20119	HUSSAINI	INUSA	319	ED 20531	NATAMA	IYARE
212	BA 20154	YAHAYA	YUSUF	320	ED 20620	EFOA	IYAMU
213	BA 20209	RAIS	IBRAHEEM	321	ED 20630	AMBROSE	IMOKHAI
214	BA 20302	SULEIMAN	GADAU	322	ED 20812	SYLVESTER	AIGBOGUN
215	BA 20315	MOHAMMED	MUSTAPHA	323	ED 21302	OSUMAH	CHRISTOPHER
216	BA 20483	SADIQ	ARABI	324	ED 21304	ALLEN	IROWA
217	BA 20514	USMAN	MUHAMMED	325	ED 21420	SAMSON	UKARIA
218	BA 20549	AMINA	BALONI	326	ED 21425	GABRIEL	IGBINEDION
219	BN 20138	GYADO	DENGUN	327	ED 21444	MOMODU	YESUFU
220	BN 20160	FELICIA	IYORCHIA	328	ED 21446	ASANA	OMOGAIFO
221	BN 20186	SANGE	TUMBA	329	ED 21447	FRANCIS	UGOBOR
222	BN 20195	JERRY	MATHIAS	330	ED 21448	FELICITY	UGOBOR
223	BN 20250	WILSON	UNOGWU	331	ED 21455	JOHN	IRABOR
224	BN 20300	AGNES	TYOTUNA	332	ED 21461	ANTHONY	E.
225	BN 20700	MOSES	AAGA	333	ED 21462	OGHO	OSA
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227	BN 20870	GARBA	BABA	335	ED 21473	ANTOINETTE	OSEMEIKHIAN
228	BN 20911	L.	IDOKO	336	EK 20101	BAMITEKO	ONAGBEMI
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230	BN 20913	ABRAHAM	YUHA	338	EK 20253	OLABODE	OLAOYE
231	BN 20915	THOMAS	KUMBUR	339	EK 20285	ALIMAT	KADARA
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233	BN 20917	ANSHO	DANIEL	341	EN 20114	NGWU	CHIJOKE
234	BN 20920	HYACINTH	EDE	342	EN 20337	HYACINTH	ILO
235	BN 20924	DOROTHY	GBERINDYER	343	EN 20387	NWODO	NWANNE
236	BN 20925	HYAGINTH	EDE	344	EN 20391	NWODO	NWANNE
237	BN 20927	IJI	J.	345	EN 20428	BORNA	ABUGU
238	BO 20044	BABA	LAWAN	346	EN 20476	JOSEPH	ATTA-OKUNNA
239	BO 20050	SAMAILA	KAIGAMA	347	EN 20523	JANETH	OWOH
240	BO 20051	KALIYA	NOIRMBULAH	348	EN 20601	CHIMEH	KENNETH
241	BO 20105	BABA	GUJBAWU	349	EN 21002	ADEJO	UYO
242	BO 20127	UMAR	BUKAR	350	EN 21006	ELOKA	ANENE
243	BO 20172	AWAL	MANGA	351	EN 21429	JOHN	NNAMANI
244	BO 20313	ANJILI	MSHELBWALA	352	FCT 20290	MAIWA'AZI	HAGGAI
245	BO 20384	KAUMI	KALLI	353	FCT 20295	ISAH	BWARI
246	BO 20396	SUZAN	NAMIJ	354	FCT 20299	ALHERI	ATAKU
247	BO 20408	BABA	MARTE	355	FCT 20301	ADIZA	MUSA
248	BO 20409	ABDULLAHI	ABBA	356	FCT 20302	ASABE	ABUBAKAR
249	BO 20422	WAKKIL	GANA	357	FCT 20826	JOHN	BAWA
250	BO 20517	GYAL	GAPANI	358	FCT 20840	AISHA	TANKO
251	BO 20727	ADAMU	DAN SULEIMAN	359	FCT 20934	MOHAMMED	IBRAHIM
252	BO 20743	TAHIRU	YUNUS	360	FCT 20936	JOHN	TOMIZAI
253	BO 20745	KALLI	OTHMAN	361	FCT 20937	YAHAYA	ALIYU
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255	BO 20747	HANI	JA'AFAR	363	FCT 20941	GALADIMA	ISYAKU
256	BO 20753	AMINA	GUJJA	364	FCT 20942	BULUS	KADIRI
257	BO 20754	RAKUTA	AHOM	365	FCT 20943	KURA	TANKO
258	BO 20755	ABUBAKAR	YERIMA	366	GO 20054	MUHAMMAD	BARUNDE
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261	BO 20758	HADIZA	M	369	GO 20058	HAMMAN	ABUBAKAR
262	BO 20759	LAWAN	JIDDA	370	GO 20075	SALISU	IDRIS
263	BO 20760	AHOM	GUJJA	371	GO 20181	USMAN	S.
264	BO 20761	ZAINAB	J.	372	GO 20215	ISHAYAKU	MUHAMMAD
265	BO 20762	RAMAT	AMIR	373	IM 20363	AUSTINE	AMASIKE
266	BO 20763	AMIR	A.	374	IM 21527	NICHOLAS	EZECHE
267	BO 20768	RUKAYYAH	YAHAYA	375	IM 21603	CLEMENT	NWANKWO
268	BO 20770	ABBAS	BUKAR	376	IM 21761	NWANEDO	NDUBUISI
269	BO 20771	UMMA	ALHERI	377	IM 21775	ONYOKA	SIMON
270	BY 20314	JONATHAN	ACHUME	378	IM 21787	EUGENE	OKORO
271	CR 20079	KENNETH	ELLAH	379	IM 21801	IFEOMA	EJIOFOR
272	CR 20379	MANGER	EMMANUEL	380	JG 20068	DAHIRU	ADAMU
273	CR 20383	JULIANA	AJOR	381	JG 20080	ABDULLAHI	HADEJIA
274	CR 20384	USHANG	UCHU	382	JG 20082	AISHA	HADEJIA
275	CR 20451	CLARA	OGUNBANJO	383	JG 20086	IDIRISA	ADAMU
276	CR 20463	ALIBI	OJAR	384	JG 20090	ISMAIL	ABDULKARIM

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388	KB 20070	MUSTAPHA	KAOJE	496	KN 20942	ABDULKARIM	HASSAN
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391	KB 20102	HADIZA	YELWA	499	KN 21107	SALISU	EL-YAQUB
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396	KB 20313	MAIMUNA	HAKIMI	504	KT 20235	AHMADU	DANNASIBI
397	KD 20231	DAHIRU	ABDULLAHI	505	KT 20283	ABDULMUMINI	SADA
398	KD 20232	ALIYU	USMAN	506	KT 20369	SULAIMAN	YAR'ADUA
399	KD 20240	SULAIMAN	BARDE	507	KT 20370	HASSATU	YAR'ADUA
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404	KD 20551	MAUDE	GARBA	512	KT 20512	HAMZA	IBRAHIM
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407	KD 20720	DANJUMA	ILYASU	515	KT 20517	MAHMUD	BELLO
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415	KD 20939	FAROUK	SULAIMAN	523	KT 20704	ABBA	M.T
416	KD 20943	DAUDA	MOHAMMED	524	KT 20710	SULEIMAN	SULEIMAN
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418	KD 21071	DANJUMA	MAGAJI	526	KT 20717	KABIR	LAWAL
419	KD 21087	YUSUF	RIGACHUKUM	527	KT 20719	SHEHU	OTHMAN
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427	KD 21151	FATIMA	ABUBAKAR	535	KW 20224	TESLEEM	HAMZAT
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436	KD 21171	MOHAMMED	YUSUF	544	KW 20585	ALFRED	AINA
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438	KD 21173	SANI	YARO	546	KW 20634	OLAJUMOKE	ABOLARIN
439	KD 21176	ADO	MUHAMMAD	547	KW 20640	INNOCENT	OKAFOR
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445	KG 20347	AISHATU	ALIYU	553	LA 20500	BABATUNDE	OWOLABI
446	KG 20373	ADEKUNLE	ADEYEMI	554	LA 20501	CHRISTIANA	OYERINDE
447	KG 20640	DANIEL	OYE	555	LA 20505	KIBITIU	AMINU
448	KG 20721	ADEJO	ISAH	556	NG 20065	DAVID	DANGANA
449	KG 20767	JIBRIL	YUNUSA	557	NG 20126	BUKA	DABO
450	KG 20814	FATIMA	ABUBAKAR	558	NG 20128	MUSA	LAFIA
451	KG 20935	MAGAJI	SALE	559	NG 20131	ALIYU	HASSAN
452	KG 21043	SULKANI	SULEIMAN	560	NG 20133	BABA	BUBU
453	KG 21053	RUTH	ATTA-OKUNNU	561	NG 20134	HUSSAINA	MUHAMMAD
454	KG 21146	SHADE	OLUFUNWA	562	NG 20138	YAKUBU	USMAN
455	KG 21148	SAMIR	IBRAHIM	563	NG 20139	MUHAMMAD	ABUJA
456	KG 21152	OLADELE	JOSHUA	564	NG 20140	FATIMA	ADAMU
457	KG 21168	GARUBA	AMODU	565	NG 20142	COMFORT	YUDAH
458	KG 21170	ENEMAKU	UGBEDA	566	NG 20145	KOLO	ALIYU
459	KG 21172	JOSHUA	ALEMEDE	567	NG 20148	JUSTIN	MAGAJI
460	KG 21181	EDACHE	ADEYI	568	NG 20149	ALIYU	ABUBAKAR
461	KG 21182	MARY	OMEBIJE	569	NG 20150	ILYASU	DHACKO
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466	KG 21195	IBRAHIM	ABDULLAHI	574	NG 20159	SHERIFF	SIDI
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474	KG 21204	KABIR	MUHAMMAD	582	NG 20176	ABDULLAHI	NDAKO
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484	KN 20514	HASSAN	BABA	592	NS 20101	LADI	BALA-KEFFI
485	KN 20564	AHMAD	MUHAMMAD	593	NS 20128	ABUBAKAR	BAKO
486	KN 20711	IBRAHIM	MOHAMMED	594	NS 20177	SALIHU	HUSAINI
487	KN 20712	HASSAN	JEBARA	595	NS 20221	IBRAHIM	BABA
488	KN 20734	KABIRU	YAKASAI	596	NS 20226	HUSSAIN	ALIYU
489	KN 20737	AHMED	SULE	597	NS 20252	ISA	YAMU
490	KN 20882	ABUBAKAR	ABDULLAHI	598	NS 20268	ABDULLAHI	USMAN
491	KN 20883	MOHAMMED	HARUNA	599	NS 20269	DOSHIMA	AZOH
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606	NS 20301	LAMI	YEPWI	714	SO 20157	AHMED	ABDULLAHI
607	NS 20302	MARIA	YOHANNA	715	TR 20068	CARLOS	GOMSS
608	NS 20303	SHUAIBU	ABDULLAHI	716	TR 20078	ABUBAKAR	USMAN
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615	NS 20315	FATIMA	AHMED	723	TR 20233	YAHAYA	SHEHU
616	NS 20316	AMINA	ALI	724	TR 20245	EZRA	VOKA
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619	NS 20542	ANJUGU	SAMUEL	727	YB 20137	ABBA	POTISKUM
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Alhaji Abdu Tambaya Madobi of PDP decamping to ANPP as Governor Ibrahim Shekarau and other ANPP stalwarts raise his hands up in a ceremony at Madobi local government area...recently

Police urged to arrest attackers of LG boss

Communities of Ungogo local government area in Kano State have urged the Kano State Police Command to unveil effective modalities to arrest armed robbers who attacked the residence of the council chairman, Alhaji Falalu Umar.

It would be recalled that suspected armed robbers recently invaded the residence of the chairman, and stole an undisclosed amount of money and property.

In separate interviews with *Kano Trust*, the residents raised alarm that unless the culprits were fished out, the entire people of the area would continue to panic.

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Malam Ahmad Sani, who was visibly piqued by the situation, said that the police whose mandate was to provide effective security for the lives and property of the public, should not hesitate to unmask effective measures to get the culprits arrested.

Another resident, Alhaji Ado Lawal, wondered why the armed robbers could extend their illegal operation to rural areas, where poverty is prevalent.

He said although police could not directly be held responsible for negligence which made the robbers operated freely, there was an urgent need for all security agencies to devise crime control strategies.

He urged governments at all level to support the police with incentives, so that they could effectively confront and fight all sorts of crimes on every nook and cranny of the country.

Alhaji Lawal also advocated for the funding of voluntary vigilante groups, saying they would be useful to the police by providing information about hideouts of criminals.

KNSG introduces new pensions scheme

The Kano State Head of Service (HOS), Malam Rabi'u Zakariyya, has disclosed that arrangements have reached an advanced stage for the introduction of an independent pensions scheme to reward senior citizens who committed their energy and talents during their prime periods in public service.

Malam Zakariyya, who dropped the hint when he declared open a two-day sensitization on the proposed state pensions law, said a technical committee was earlier set up in 2003 to map out an effective framework for the new pensions scheme.

The HOS disclosed that the technical committee had recommended that views of stakeholders at various workshops should be sought which would later be used to harmonize the provision of the Pensions Act 2004.

He explained that the proposed pensions scheme includes provision of reliable resources of funding for payment of retirement benefits, dispelling the fears of beneficiaries, as well as provision of investment funds for development of stakeholders and state.

According to the HOS, the new scheme would comprise providing government's control in the operation of pension funds, allay-

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ing the uncertainties of existing pensioners and cur-

tailoring the flight of investable funds to areas outside the state.

Also speaking, the

state's Commissioner for Local Governments, Alhaji Abdullahi Sani Rogo, said the proposed pensions

scheme would revitalize ailing pension systems that would ensure sustenance of the gains recorded, and provide solid as well as an effective investment atmosphere for workers through contributions.

The commissioner charged the council chairmen to support government towards a hitch-free and successful implementation of the scheme, through enlightening their workers on its benefits.

Qur'anic teachers to get certificates

Qur'anic teachers, otherwise known as *Alarammas*, are to be awarded with various certificates equivalent to degrees and diplomas after completing their Qur'anic memorization or portion of it in Kano.

Disclosing this to newsmen, the special adviser to the Kano State governor on Education and Technology, Dr. Bashir Galadanchi, said government had resolved to award such certificates to those who memorized Qur'an or a portion of it so that they can be employed at various capacities within the state's work-force.

According to him, the state government had already come up with an idea which it is working on to start teaching Qur'anic studies in the state owned schools, especially at the level of primary and secondary schools, adding that such *Alarammas* would be employed to handle the courses.

He also added that the government is quite disturbed with the level of unemployment within the *Alarammas* and that it has now come out with various measures to solve the prob-

lems, among which is to employ them to teach in schools and the initiation of schemes that would empower the natives for self-reliance.

Dr. Galadanchi added that the state government had put in place a plan that would assist them in furthering with knowledge-seeking, up to the level of degree, saying already the state governor had urged for the establishment of degree programmes in Qur'anic studies at the state's School of Legal and Islamic Studies.

In a related development, the state governor has said the state government will send a bill to the state's House of Assembly seeking the enactment of a law establishing Tsangaya Trust Fund.

The governor, who spoke at a stakeholders' meeting on *Tsangaya* programmes, said the issue of *Almajiranci* was peculiar, noting that his government had vowed to evolve measures aimed at curbing the problem.

Shekarau maintained that the long neglect of the

system was part of the colonial influence, adding that his administration would do every thing possible to improve Qur'anic and Islamiyya school system as well as to better the condition of *Alarammomi* in the state.

FG, KNSG to establish inland drive

The federal and the Kano State governments have agreed to join hands to set up an inland drive that will cost about N700m for the purpose of bringing foreign investors into the state.

This was disclosed by the Kano State commissioner of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Alhaji Ahmad Ibrahim Yakasai, during an official commissioning of Shippers' Information Centre established by the Nigeria Shippers' Council (NSC), Kano.

The commissioner said the Kano State government was ready to pay sixty percent of the total cost while the federal government will contribute forty percent, even as he disclosed that the federal government has already set aside about N500m for

the take-off of the project.

Alhaji Yakasai also added that the state government would provide infrastructure such as road and water to facilitate the project which, according to him, has been located at Panisau area in the state.

While commenting on the information centre, the commissioner described it as one that would assist in improving businesses, both national and international in the state, and therefore asked them to make good use of the information they will get from the centre.

Earlier in his address, the executive secretary/CEO of the Nigeria Shippers' Council, Captain Adamu Audu Bui, said the essence of establishing the centre was to equip the registered shippers with information on shipping

and international trade generally so that they could favourably compete globally.

According to him, international trade has become a global village; hence, possession of superior information is necessary.

He added that what informed the need to introduce Shippers' Information Centres in all the zonal coordinating offices nationwide was due to the low level of technological development and cost, which an individual shipper may not afford.

He called on all shippers in the North-West zone in Kano to avail themselves of the services of the centre and to always access the Nigeria Shippers' Council website to update information to various international trade issues.

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Eight policemen arrested over bribe

The anti-corruption crusade of Mr. Adedayo Adeoye, Assistant Inspector-General of Police, in charge of Zone 2 Command has started yielding results with the arrest of eight police officers suspected to have engaged in acts capable of dragging the image of the entire police force to the mud.

The suspects include one inspector, five sergeants and two constables.

They were arrested by the police monitoring team of the Zone 2 at Iddo and Oyingbo areas of Lagos with unspecified amount of money suspected to have been extorted from motorists, transporters and other members of the public.

Investigations by our correspondent revealed that the suspects who are currently undergoing orderly room trial at the zonal headquarters, Onikan, have allegedly formed the habit of going to Iddo and Oyingbo as well as Ojodu Berger areas of Lagos to intimidate and extort money from transporters under the guise that they would protect them.

Further investigations revealed that the arrested men believed to be serving in Mopol 2 and the Railway Police Command were not posted to the scenes of

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their arrest by their divisions on the day they were apprehended.

Confirming the arrest, the zonal Police Public Relations Officer, Lekan Ogundare, said that the success was part of the AIG's resolve to get rid of bad eggs in his command. He said that if the suspects were found guilty, they would be shown the way out of the force.

He noted that the authenticity of one of the suspects being a policeman is still in doubt as a memo has been dispatched to the Lagos State Police Command to ascertain if he is an impostor or not.



Some graduates of Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) being convoked...recently

LASG pledges new transport system

The Lagos State government has reiterated its resolve to change the face of public transportation in the state by putting in place systems, such as the bus rapid transit (BRT) and light rail transit (LRT) to move large numbers of commuters at the same time.

Governor Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu made the disclosure recently at the commissioning of the redeveloped Oba Sekunmade road, Majidun, Ikorodu constructed at the cost of #563m.

Tinubu explained that the

system would change the face of public transportation in the state and improve the standard of living of Lagosians in particular and Nigerians in general.

He revealed that the state government is already acquiring 200 high capacity buses towards the operation of these bus projects and ultimately to replace ageing bus fleet in the state.

"Significantly, we are piloting the franchise approach on the 10-kilometre Iyana Ipaja-Ikotun route in Alimosho federal constituency. Construction of neces-

sary infrastructure and tendering for the operation of services along the route will be undertaken this year," the governor assured.

While commenting on the road, Tinubu said heavy-duty vehicles and trucks that ply the newly redeveloped road would be made to pay tolls for its maintenance.

Tinubu said that the decision was taken because trucks and other heavy vehicles exert much pressure on roads, leading to rapid deterioration.

According to him, "It is therefore only logical that

they must contribute to its maintenance," adding that the tolls to be paid would be nothing compared to the benefits to be derived from the new road.

He added that over five million people living in more than 20 communities in Ikorodu would be the immediate beneficiaries, alongside commuters plying Lagos/Ijebu Ode, Epe and the eastern part of the country, who will use the road as a bye pass from the ever busy and congested Ikorodu road.

"One of the outstanding benefits that this road would provide is an alternative route to Ikorodu, through Majidun/Ipakodo and the Lighter Terminal of the Nigeria Ports Complex," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Rauf Aregbesola, traced the history of the road, which spanned about 16 years, noting that the state government had to terminate the contract from the indigenous contractor that was handling it be-

cause of poor performance, despite an upward review of the contract on more than two occasions.

He disclosed that the contract for the 2.3 kilometre road was awarded at a sum of N563m, but was revised to N619.9m in December 2004.

Speaking also, the managing director/CEO of the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), Dr. Dayo Mobereola, disclosed that the governor had directed that a multi-modal interchange be built in Ikorodu to benefit from the new road.

Accordingly, he said that the agency had started developing plans for a jetty with adequate car park and bus terminus close to the jetty.

"LAMATA will also dredge the waterways between Ikorodu, Oworonsoki, Marina, Mile 2 and Lekki to promote water transportation from Ikorodu to the rest of Lagos, thereby opening up Ikorodu town for more business opportunities," he added.



Chief Femi Pedro, Lagos deputy governor, unvailing the redhemp in honour of the victims of Ikeja bomb blast at Oke-Afa, Isola, Lagos...recently
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It is with fulfilled sense of gratitude that I express my most profound thanks to His Excellency the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar (GCON) *Turakin Adamawa*, Governor Boni Haruna (*Makama Mubi*) and Deputy Governor, Bello Tukur (*Wallin Ribadu*). I, also wish to thank all Honourable Members of the National and States House of Assembly, Members of the State Executive Council, HRH, the Lamido of Adamawa, Alhaji Dr. Aliyu Mustapha, (CFR, CBE, LLD), all other Royal Highnesses, and the entire citizenry who graced the occasion of my official presentation with First Class Staff of Office by His Excellency, Governor Boni Haruna (*Makama Mubi*) on Saturday 28th January, 2006.

May God Almighty reward you individually and severally.

My gratitude goes to the following:

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News

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Nigerians urged to participate in public hearing

To forestall any amendment that does not reflect their wishes, Nigerians have been enjoined to participate in the forthcoming public hearings.

The advice was contained in a statement issued in Abuja at the weekend by the Chief Whip of the House of Representatives, Hon. Bawa Bwari, and obtained by the *Daily Trust*.

Honourable Bawa Bwari expressed happiness that the process of the constitutional

By Charles Onunaijo, Reporter

amendment has left the National Assembly and has moved to the decisive stage where the people would make inputs that would reflect 'one common aspiration' to live in one country and in furtherance of democratic ideals of accountability, transparency and periodic elections for leadership recruitment at all levels of government.

The House Chief Whip

pointed out that there was already much public debate on the constitutional amendment process, starting with all party review committee, chaired by Ambassador Yusuf Mamman; the report of the political reform conference and a host of many others that would have readily formed the crucial additions into the amendment process, stress-

ing that the current exercise would only produce what similar exercises have produced in the past.

He however urged Nigerians to take advantage offered by the public hearings to make contributions to the constitutional amendment.

Hon. Bwari, who ensures discipline of members in the legislative conduct, said that

the understanding of his colleagues had made his job easy and that the parliament was the staunchest beacon of democratic construction.

He regretted that sometimes, the public did not adequately understand the work of the parliament, which he said was to make law, and law is the most definitive at-

tribute of a democracy and charged Nigerians to remain focused on the challenges of building a united country and nurture its democratic institutions to maturity and not to be persuaded against democracy on account of its current shortcomings and travails.

Shariah: Youths express confidence on Yerima

By Abbas O. Jimoh

Following the Shariah controversy recently in Zamfara State, Youths for Good Governance and Democracy (YGGAD) has dispelled all allegations against the Zamfara State governor, Alhaji Sani Ahmed Yerima, saying constructive criticism cannot be ruled out of a meaningful democracy.

A statement made available to *Daily Trust* and signed by the president of the group, Prince Maxwell Igbokwe, and the secretary, Tony Nathaniel, said even those who are non-Muslims had realized that the introduction of Islamic legal system by the governor Sanled government was the best thing that happened to Zamfara State.

The group, which is aimed at contributing to good governance in Nigeria, further expressed confidence in the empowerment programme embarked upon by the government of Zamfara State.

Daily Trust recalled that

the governor has been criticized by some Islamic scholars for allowing music and dancing during festive periods in the state.

"It should be noted that the Islamic legal system was not introduced to witch-hunt political opponents. We believe it was born out of sincerity, to sanitise the state from social ills. Today, Zamfara State is better off in terms of security and economic well-being," the statement said.

The group said Nigeria would not achieve its objectives and realize its dreams without good leadership and urged Governor Sani not to allow some few political opponents to distract him from his ambition of becoming the president of Nigeria.

"Ahmed Yerima's intention to run for the country's highest political seat is considered as a welcome idea," it added.

Kwara committed to rule of law – Saraki

From Abdulrazaq Adebayo, Correspondent (Ilorin)

The Kwara State government has reiterated its commitment to the rule of law, democracy and the principle of separation of power.

Governor Bukola Saraki stated this at the swearing-in ceremony of Mrs. Hannah Olushola Ajayi, the Chief Registrar of the state's High Court, as a high court judge at the Government House, Ilorin.

He urged the National Judicial Commission to approve the appointment of more judges in Kwara State to enhance quick dispensation of justice while pledging the preparedness of the government to provide more infrastructure to bring justice closer to the door step of the masses.

He described the appointment of Justice Ajayi as well deserved and enjoined her to work hard for greater heights to justify the confidence reposed in her by the government and the people of the

state. Meanwhile, at a valedictory special court session in honour of the new high court judge, the Chief Judge of the state, Mr. Justice Saka Yusuf, reminded her about the importance of public confidence in the independence and impartiality of the judiciary to the proper functioning of the system of justice.

"The oath just subscribed to by her lordship should be regarded as the new testament which should guide not only her social behaviour, but also everything she embarks upon as a judge," the chief judge said.

Justice Ajayi, who hails from Isanlu-Isin in Isin local government area of Kwara State, was the Chief Registrar since 1999 until her appointment in July 2005 as a high court judge.



"Peugeot Automobile Nigeria Limited, Kaduna recently donated the sum of N100,000.00 to the family of late Inspector Obadiah who died in active duty in road accident along Lagos-Kaduna road last year. CP Edgar Tam Manakumo (third left), presenting the amount to Master Moses Obadiah (third right), the son of the late Inspector Obadiah on behalf of PAN.

We won't reconcile unless...

By Abubakar Ibrahim

Moves by the Peoples Democratic Party to reconcile its members might hit the rocks as Alhaji Gwadabe Safatima has ruled out a return to the party if the ward, state and national congresses were not revisited.

Speaking exclusively to *Daily Trust* recently, the former PDP chieftain in Kano State and staunch ally of frontline politician, Alhaji Abubakar Rimi, said "we should have the ward and state congresses and the national convention in the most proper way, but that could not happen. They went ahead and held their congresses the way they liked and went ahead with the national convention to ratify the appointed national executive," adding that the nationwide fraud ridiculed the integrity of the party and isolated genuine democrats.

He said that the entire process ranging from the party's registration exercise

to the ward and state congresses and the national convention was tailored to suit President Olusegun Obasanjo's third term agenda as the initial moves by the party, he said, were vindictive. "Even when the registra-

- Ex-PDP chieftain

tion card came, I personally was suspended from the party in my ward."

Alhaji Safatima also said that the murder of Hajiya Sa'adatu, wife of former Kano State governor Alhaji

Abubakar Rimi, was politically motivated and underlined the growing insecurity in the country, which he said must be tackled before peace and development could be achieved.

Education Project: NASFAT acquires 50 plots in Zaria

By Abdulwahab Ajikobi

The Nasr-illah Fathi Society of Nigeria (NASFAT) has pledged to build a travellers' mosque, library with modern facilities like the internet, market and schools, with a call on Muslims to come to the aid of the organization in the achievement of its goals.

To this end, the Zaria branch of NASFAT has acquired about 50 plots of land in Zaria, Kaduna State. The

new plots it acquired are located beside NNPC pumping station, along Kaduna-Kano expressway in Zaria.

The plots, according to the chairman of the Zaria branch, Ojutiku Moshood, were said to have cost the Islamic organization N3m.

Asked on the source of its funding, the chairman said the money was raised by contri-

butions from members during their weekly and monthly prayer sessions.

Moshood said NASFAT was poised to contributing meaningfully to the uplift of socio-economic status of Muslims in Nigeria and beyond.

It will be recalled that NASFAT has begun the construction of a N56bn university project known as Islamic Fountain University located in Osun State.



Guidelines for Nomination

Eligibility

- The award is open to all scientists in the pure and applied disciplines including medicine and engineering (Nigerians and non-Nigerians alike). However, these must be scientists resident in Nigeria, and whose works must have great impact in their areas of specialisation.
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- Applications must be made in six (6) copies.

Call for nominations

- Nominations will close on **March 31, 2006**.

The nomination process

Candidates for The Nigeria Prize for Science should be nominated on prescribed forms by persons who are in their area of specialty. In other words, there should be a relationship between the candidates's area of specialization and the professional background of the nominator. Forms can be obtained from the offices of:

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Appointment of Judges

- A panel of judges would be selected for The Nigeria Prize for Science.
- The appointment of judges will be done in a way that reflects and represents the various branches of science. Persons to be appointed as judges must be those who have wide experience, public recognition, good public image, and command respect nationally and internationally.

Calendar for Prize Administration

- Close of entries (deadline) - **March 31, 2006**. (Late entries will not be entertained).
- Award of prize will be at the prestigious NLNG Grand Award Night.

Completed applications should be sent to:

**The Nigerian Prize for Science
The External Relations Division
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Plot 1684, Sanusi Fafunwa Street
Victoria Island, Lagos
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For further information, visit the Nigeria LNG Limited's website www.nlng.com or Association of Nigerian Academy of Science website at www.nascience.org and click the hyperlink "The Nigeria Prize for Science".





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The prize will rotate amongst four literary genres - prose fiction, poetry drama and children's literature. **This year, the competition is for Plays.**

The competition is open only to published works by Nigerian writers resident in the country. It carries a monetary award of \$20,000. Two other writers will also be accorded Honourable Mention.

Submission Procedure

Six copies of the entry may be submitted either by authors or publishers, in accordance with the genre in competition. Only books published in Nigeria by authors resident in the country are allowed to compete.

Residency in the country will be defined as a minimum of three of the four years covered by the competition. The aim is to improve the literature value chain and to ensure that winning books are available to local audience and that literary activities from writing, editing, assessing, printing and publishing in the country are enhanced as a result of this competition.

Books should be submitted to Nigeria LNG Limited's External Relations Department, promoters of the prize, by the stipulated

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This being an annual competition, the copyright on published works submitted must be either current or previous three years' date. Complete contact information, including full postal address and/or e-mail as well as statement of verifiable residency status in the last three years (2003 - 2006, both years inclusive), should accompany each submission.

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Invitation for Expression of Interest and Pre-Qualification for

Soil and Geo-technical Investigation Services for NLNGSevenPlus Project

INTRODUCTION

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The project is expected to attain a Final Investment Decision (FID) by end 2006.

NLNG hereby invites submissions for the purpose of pre-qualification of reputable firms having the requisite experience in the intended work scope and execution. The companies considered to meet the pre-qualification requirements will subsequently receive invitations to tender for the work on course of the project development.

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3. Detailed list of similar works executed **in the last 10 years**, giving names of clients, locality, details of cost, schedule, HSE and performance references.
4. Curriculum vitae of key personnel that would be engaged on this work, with evidence of experience in all the relevant aspects.
5. List of own (leased) equipment (hardware and software) including a technology and high-level execution plan detailing replacement of existing equipment and the implementation of advanced technologies.
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7. HSE Policy and program, including safety records for the last three years.
8. Financial details and audited accounts for the last three years (Banks and Auditors) showing company annual turnover for the years.
9. Certificate of Incorporation in Nigeria and Registration with DPR.
10. Company's cumulative resources in Nigeria by discipline and maximum work capacity.
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13. Any additional information that will enhance your prospect as an applicant for pre-qualification.

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MANAGEMENT



Inside Politics

Not yet funeral for 3rd term

The National Assembly Joint Constitution Review Committee rose from a closed session Wednesday resolving to throw out all the over 10 constitutional amendments proposed by its subcommittee. Habeeb Idris Pindiga (Assistant Political Editor), who has been on the trail of events that led to Wednesday's turning point in the third term crusade, reports that it may not be over yet in the plot to ensure President Olusegun Obasanjo remains in power beyond 2007.

Usually smirking Senator Ibrahim Mantu emerged from the meeting venue not betraying any emotions. Accompanied by leader of the Senate, Dalhata Tafida among others, Mantu stepped out of the Senate Hearing Room One, venue of the joint constitution review committee meeting last Wednesday, matching laughter with laughter. He seemed jovial, like most others. But it turned out later that the man had gotten the shock of his life. An agenda he had obviously been working for in comradeship with other Aso Rock Trojan horses in the legislature had been drawn back by perhaps three years. All work done by the constitution review committee reconstituted in August 2003 has now been slotted into the shredder, piece by piece.

"It seems the minority view has now become the majority view" Mantu reportedly remarked while ruling in favour of those who wanted the subcommittee reports thrown out. Thus, down the drain gone the contentious third term proposal made by the Senator Omar Hambagdale subcommittee on the executive.

What next, then? Mantu kept sealed lips, probably waiting for signals from the presidency. Or perhaps he was so taken aback that he couldn't speak. When *Daily Trust* sought audience with the deputy president of the Senate Thursday afternoon, his aides said the man would not speak to any journalist on the latest in his committee. Reason? "He said he is not the spokesman of the constitution review committee," one of Mantu's aides said.

If this did not betray a man kicked in the teeth, may be nothing could, because on dozens of occasions Mantu had spoken on the activities of the constitution review committee. In fact the last edition of *Weekly Trust* has a one-page interview with Mantu where he spoke mostly on the committee's activities. Prior to this, the man was for a whole one hour on ALL the programme speaking on nothing

else besides the constitution review process. So, is he just realising that he had all along been allowing his tongue to run further than it should? Or has Jonathan Zwingina, the spokesman of the committee, complained of usurpation of duties?

What the Senate minority leader referred to as a head way in the campaign against third term was the decision by the Mantu committee to use the 1999 constitution rather than the subcommittee reports as a working document for the on coming public hearing.



Senator Ibrahim Mantu

Whether Mantu speaks or not, the anti-third term elements in the National Assembly have rolled out the drums. "Let me tell you, the third term issue is dead, at least for now. I can give you this assurance nobody will have the guts, nobody will have the audacity to resuscitate the issue of third term during the current dispensation," said, Senator Lawal Shu'aibu, chairman of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP) caucus in the federal legislature.

But is it over yet? Perhaps not. Shu'aibu himself believes that it is almost certain that the third term proponents will not relent; they may launch a fresh onslaught. "It's not yet time to celebrate... we don't know what joker they will come up with again. So we are not relenting in our efforts, but so far so good, the wish of the Nigerian public has been upheld."

Observers feel that these hearings are still prone to manipulation. Even if the so called public is not asked to decide on the contentious proposal for third term, the 'public' can be stage-managed to 'demand' for third term.

The ANPP leader is confident. "They can't manipulate the public hearing because it will be done in the public. We don't have any fear regarding public hearing."

Even before the hearings begin, the decision in Mantu committee is still subject to reversal. There are talks of pressure from the state governors. One of the governors believed to be working for third term is Borno's Ali Sheriff. Reacting to the latest from the Mantu panel, the governor said it was not over even in the legislature.

Simply because one or two or three senators have

said that they would resist any attempts to amend the constitution, does not mean all senators have the same view," he said. "If you want to know what the National Assembly thinks, you as a pressman must talk to 110 senators (sic) and over 300 members of the House of Representatives. My opinion is that at the end of the day, the majority will have their way while the minority will have their say."

Shu'aibu believes that no governor dared to attempt ramming constitutional amendments into the lawmakers' throats. "We have never impressed on the governors

They have been sleeping all along, so why should they embark on late amendment? They can't just wake up; let them continue their slumber on this review. The fact that they dump the subcommittee reports is not enough to convince us that they have halted the third term agenda. Don't forget that some of them are magicians, they can work some magic and before you know it the thing slips through. So let them stop the review till after 2007.

"Governors are beneficiaries of the extension plot. So naturally you expect them to be part of the agenda. We don't trust them either. To put



Senator Lawal Shu'aibu

to do what they do in their states. So I don't see the governors impressing us to do what we are here to do." He insisted.

With this scenario, a suspicious Conference of Nigerian Political Parties (CNPP) on Thursday said to be on the safe side, the constitution review process should be put on hold till after 2007. Meanwhile the Mantu committee should be disbanded. CNPP's publicity scribe, Osita Okechukwu believes that Aso Rock and the pliant among governors would not waver, so the lawmakers will do well if they suspend the entire review process.

"Our position is that the constitution review process should be stopped till after 2007. We are sceptical of the position of the lawmakers, in fact we are cynical. This process of reviewing the constitution started since 2000

and end to all these, the lawmakers should not listen to the governors, in fact the constitution review committee should be disbanded now, lets wait till after 2007.

"What we are saying is that this regime is not trustworthy at all. A new government can start the review process afresh. Let's be sure of transition to another regime, and this can only be achieved if we stop the constitution review for now. Our fear is that though they have dropped the third term agenda, the Aso Rock spin doctors may be lurking somewhere to doctor their report eventually. Don't forget what they did to the Electoral Act." He said.

Can the opposition withstand the heat?

The anti-third term elements no doubt still have an uphill task. Mantu and co may not show their swords. Aso Rock may also not give up.

There are indications that two ways may be used to arm-twist the legislators. One is through the state governors. The second is to set off the EFCC monster after the lawmakers.

The blackmail whip is said to be up against the governors to either rein in their federal lawmakers or face the Alamieyeseigha and/or Ladoja treatment. This may work to an extent because many House members and senators are in good terms with their governors for many reasons. So many of them are contractors in their states, just as quite a large chunk came to the National Assembly under the auspices of the governors. Their political and financial future is thus tied to the governors' cuffs. The limitation of this option is that most senators and are up in arms against the governors partly because the senators want to replace the governors in 2007. There are also some House members that are not in talking terms with the governors for different reasons.

On the other front, it is a common belief that a number of legislators are enmeshed in shady deals and this can be used to blackmail them to sign up for third term. The extent to which this is true is arguable.

But whichever way, while the opposition clink the glasses and Mantu licks his wounds, the committee is still a battle front. Attempts may be made to reverse Wednesday's decision in future meetings.

One thing that may have worked against the pro-third term elements may be their low attendance on the fateful day compared to that of the anti-third term legislators. The Mantu committee is characterised by absenteeism. Initially it appeared lawmakers had lost interest in the monotony. Later indications emerged that the anti-third term members were staging ambush by absence. This worked for a while because it stalled the proceedings penultimate Wednesday. They bought time and staged another ambush, this time by unanticipated presence. Many people thought they would be ward off by Mantu's unsolicited offer of N50,000 per member per sitting to avoid eliciting rebuke. Last Wednesday, the anti-third term lawmakers trooped in and came out patting each other on the back.

They need to watch out, because any slip they may find themselves in Mantu's present place.



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Sports

Obasanjo praises Eagles

President Olusegun Obasanjo has congratulated the Super Eagles for Saturday's victory in Egypt over its Tunisian counterparts in the ongoing African Cup of Nation quarter-finals.

A statement from the Presidency said that Obasanjo was congratulating the soccer heroes "on behalf of the Federal Government and all the people of Nigeria."

"Having joined millions of soccer-loving Nigerians in

watching every minute of the pulsating encounter on television,

Obasanjo commended the Super Eagles for their artistry, skills, courage, determination and never-say-die spirit which won them a remarkable victory over the Tunisians".

According to the statement, the President noted that the victory is a most elevating one for all Nigerians and that the Super Eagles, "have, by their triumph, buoyed the spirits of all their

compatriots and given them immense joy".

He urged the Super Eagles to continue to remain focused on ultimate victory in the championship, assuring them that the Federal Government would give them all the sup-

port they required to achieve victory in the remaining stages of the competition.

The President also assured them of the prayers and best wishes of all Nigerians for their ultimate victory in the Nations Cup.

Oneya, others caution Eagles against complacency

Former NFA Chairman, Dominic Oneya, has warned the Super Eagles to resist complacency in their semi final match against the Elephants of Ivory Coast tomorrow in Alexander, Egypt.

Oneya, who warned the Eagles against laissez-faire approach to the match, said that the Elephants would be no match to the Eagles unless they assume a carefree attitude by under rating the Ivorien.

The former Chairman, who is in Egypt as part of CAF technical officials, lauded the Eagles for keeping the country's flag flying noting they have exhibited such quality of play that every one has been satisfied with their game. "The Eagles have the quality of players to rule Africa. They have shown so far that they have championship stuff and quite hungry for victory. They should however not under rate the Elephants who I don't think have they skill and quality to withstand the Eagles.

"The players and coaches must go for the kill instead of toying with them because the slightest mistake could be costly. The Elephants are equally a good side but not good enough to trouble the Eagles unless they allow complacency into their game", he said adding that the team merit praises from Nigerians.

Similarly, both Lumumba Adeli and Sani Lulu Abdullahi also expressed confidence in the Eagles noting that they distinguished themselves against Tunisia.

Both however urged the Eagles to keep their heads high by sustaining the current tempo when they play their Ivorien counterparts tomorrow.

"The Ivorien are no match to the Eagles. I do not see them posing any problem to the Eagles unless the players become casual. No they cannot beat the Eagles provided Nigeria remain level-headed

By Patrick Andrew, Asst. Head Sports Desk

lauded the Eagles for playing a highly technical game noting that he does not see the Elephants of Ivory Coast creating problems.

"The Ivorien are match to the Eagles. They are not a threat unless we give them undeserved status. I would advise the Eagles not to be complacent but to take the match seriously from the very beginning to the end".

The Eagles overcome the Carthage Eagles on Saturday to, book a semi final clash with Elephants who equally scraped through in a pulsating encounter that ended on penalties.

Abuja celebrates Eagles victory

Abuja residents at the weekend stormed drinking joints in the city and its environs, as Nigeria's Super Eagles beat defending African champion Tunisia 6-5 on penalties.

The victory was clinched in a quarter final of the 25th African Nations Cup played in Port Said, Egypt.

Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama made three saves in the penalty shoot-out, helping his team to secure a place in the last four of the most prestigious African football tournament.

Enyeama had earlier in the first half saved a penalty in the tension soaked match, after a 1-1 deadlock in 120 minutes of play.

At the end of the match, it was celebration galore, as Nigerians took to the streets to express their joy.

Songs of praise and dances were freely displayed, while others stormed drinking places to celebrate in distinct fashion. Some to pepper soup and were generous as freely bought for friends.

Most of the popular drinking spots in the city and its

satellite towns were filled up by Nigerians of various shades, buying and sharing drinks and various eatables.

"I am very, very happy. We thank God we overcame them," said Mr Braimoh Musa, a civil servant residing in Garki district of the capital city.

A lady, who simply identified herself as Vivian, was full of happiness, as she stormed out of her apartment shouting "We don win O!, we don win O!".

She said that she was very happy that the Eagles triumphed over the Tunisians.

An elated trader at Area One Shopping Centre in Garki, Obinna Nwachuckwu, described the victory as wonderful and gave out free drinks.

Meanwhile, it is kudos for three African coaches, as they took their teams to the semi-finals of the Nations Cup.

The three coaches are Augustine Eguavoen (Nigeria), Abdoulaye Sarr (Senegal) and Hassan Shehata (Egypt).

The only foreigner still in the campaign is Henri Michel of Cote d' Ivoire.

Burning Issues with Patrick Andrew

The return of the grand master

Dr Amos Adamu, like the cat with nine lives, has returned to the saddle as the director of sports development. Adamu had temporarily relinquished the post to take charge of the organization of the 8th All Africa Games better known as COJA. The grand master of sports politics returned Thursday to replace Dr Umar Bindir who was full of ideas but lacked the political dynamics to govern sports.

Bindir was visionary and ambitious but bereft of the theatrics of sports administration and thus the chunky skin to absorb the roughage replete in sports. Such elephant skin is the preserve of, as many are to say, only the likes of Adamu and thus the nerves to cushion the effect of the cellulose there from.

The former COJA boss hit the lime light as the sole administrator of the NFA some years ago. Then, he ascended the thrown of director of sports development where he held sway after the fashion of Mallam Babayo Shehu until the Games provided the ambience for shift of portfolio.

Toughened by the endless evocative controversies of sports politics, the chubby cheek Kebbi State sports administrator, who said he never regretted studying "jumpology" in the university much less abandoning the chalk for the podium, has remained dispassionate about staying put as the director.

Since the COJA business petered to conclusion leaving the hang over that is becoming stale, Adamu has always been a recurring decimal either mediating in one controversy or being at the centre of another. Besides he has been constant in the rumour mills either as scheming to dislodge his successors or rejecting posting as permanent secretary in another ministry.

He was alleged to have insisted on combining the posts of director of sports development and director COJA a position that pitched him in the trench with both late Mark Aku and Stephen Akiga. He was said to have had more than a brush with Musa Mohammed over sundry matters of control of COJA funds and Patrick Ekeji. It was learnt that it took the intervention of the Presidency for Adamu to keep his job. Even then, the tacit sports politician many said tamed not a few ministers simply by employing his connections in high places. It is rumoured that he plays squash with Nigeria's numero uno citizen and must have used the familiarity to no little advantage.

But Adamu ebullient as ever never breathed as much as a word in confirmation or denial of contrary talks about his person or endeavours all in the believe that only one of substance and ennobled constitute the rumour mills of all and sundry especially in a society where the act of disparaging leaders is hardly a refrain.

Two years ago when he was elected into CAF Executive Committee many quickly concluded that he has more than membership vim running in his veins. Trust Nigerians, CAF boss Issah Hayatou was warned to be wary of the man whose dynamism for power perhaps knows no bound.

Then came election into FIFA Executive Committee for days ago and the circles of talks resumed with some insisting that he would take advantage of the crisis rocking the NFA back home to fan his ember. Others though believe that had Adamu been at the saddle the hiccups over elections into the NFA Executive Committee would not have arisen.

Not done, some questioned his return. Is Adamu simply been returned to quell the current fury over the control of the NFA? Is he back to plot Nigeria's success at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne ala 8th All Africa Games victory? Some wondered why he should accept the appointment after being elected into FIFA Executive Committee. Again others still wonder whether this appointment is not a confirmation of his status as government stooge and thus susceptible to the decisions of his employers when matters of undue influence in the administration of sports are at stake.

As a person, he deserves the right to accept appointment that would advanced his ambition as well work towards career progression within the confines of his chosen service. Being a career civil servant should neither hinder acceptance of appointment of external nature especially if his employers permit him to seek it nor limit his ambition under a democratic setting.

The argument that certain elements are being recycled as if there are no other qualified individuals to step into their shoes begs attention. But then, if the state believes that an individual is good enough to deliver service as expected, should there not be a rallying round the person for the benefit of the doubt? It would seem reasonable to accept that sport is in crisis because the ministry apparently lacks men with the resolve to do what must be done to obliterate the thick gloom. New broom it appears sweeps better but the older knows the corner and should therefore do a detailed and satisfactory job. The

Admiral and his likes should be encouraged to cultivate the gracious habit of training others to assume responsibilities when they bow out of office. Indeed, now is the time to begin aggressive training programmes so that instead of being recalled to rescue the ministry whose inadequate managers is obvious, they would beat their



Falulat Ogunkoya-Osekun coasting home during one of the Mobil Track and Field Championships. The government has released N800m for both preparation for and participation at the Commonwealth Games next month in Melbourne.

the Eagles have a fighting power that would be difficult for the Ivorien to counter.

Adeh in his assessment of the quarter-final match



MINISTRY OF SOLID MINERALS DEVELOPMENT

TASK FORCE FOR REVALIDATION OF MINING LEASES, LICENCES AND PERMITS

c/o MINING CADASTRE OFFICE, WUSE, II ABUJA

OUTCOME OF THE REVALIDATION EXERCISE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 31ST OCTOBER AND 30TH NOVEMBER, 2005

The Ministry of Solid Minerals Development hereby notifies mining titles/permits holders and the general public of the result of the revalidation exercise. A total of 1,537 revalidation applications (for Entry Permit, Prospecting Rights, Exclusive Prospecting Licences, Mining Leases, Quarrying Leases and Quarrying Licences) were received. Out of these 1,417 were successful, 33 were provisionally successful and 87 were unsuccessful.

Serial No.	Type of Holding	Received	Successful	Provisionally Successful	Unsuccessful (Denied)
1.	Entry Permit	236	236	-	-
2.	Prospecting Right (PR)	58	58	-	-
3.	Exclusive Prospecting License (EPL)	24	21	-	3
4.	Mining Lease (ML)	116	25	28	63
5.	Quarrying Lease (QLS)	260	234	5	21
6.	Quarrying License (QLC)	843	843	-	-
	TOTAL	1537	1417	33	87

The detailed result is shown below:-

1 REVALIDATED (SUCCESSFUL) LEASES/LICENCES

(i) Revalidated (Successful) Mining Leases (ML)

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER
1	ALFA DISTILLARIES AND TOCO PROCESSING LTD.	ML 21130
2	BITUMEN EXPLORATION EXPLOITATION CO. LTD.	ML 23530
3	CETCO LIMITED	ML 23215
4	EAGLESTON OIL AND GAS (NIG) LIMITED	ML 45
5	EDO CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED	ML 10866
6	EDO CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18913
7	EDO CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18912
8	EVERGREEN APPLE GYPSUM LIMITED	ML 24234
9	FANALOU (NIG) LIMITED	ML 18917
10	FANALOU (NIG) LIMITED	ML 18918
11	FANALOU (NIG) LIMITED	ML 18919
12	FREEDOM INDUSTRIES LIMITED	ML 18905
13	FREEDOM INDUSTRIES LIMITED	ML 18906
14	FREEDOM INDUSTRIES LIMITED	ML 18907
15	MOVEN J LIMITED	ML 23307
16	MOVEN J LIMITED	ML 23308
17	MOVEN J LIMITED	ML 23309
18	OBAJANA CEMENT PLC	ML 23312
19	OBASANJO HOLDINGS LIMITED	ML 23515
20	PURECHEM INDUSTRIES LIMITED	ML 23516
21	TROPICAL MINES LIMITED	ML 19706
22	UNITED CEMENT (NIG) LIMITED	SML 201
23	UNITED CEMENT (NIG) LIMITED	SML 202
24	UNITED CEMENT (NIG) LIMITED	ML 22935
25	MINING TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED	ML 20366

(ii) Revalidated (Successful) Exclusive Prospecting Licences (EPL)

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER
1	AIRA INTEGRATED RESOURCES (NIG) LIMITED	EPL 17847

2	AIRA INTEGRATED RESOURCES (NIG) LIMITED	EPL 17846
3	AIRA INTEGRATED RESOURCES (NIG) LIMITED	EPL 17838
4	AZUGA MINING CO. LIMITED	EPL 19031
5	AZUGA MINING CO. LIMITED	EPL 19030
6	CENTRAL AFRICAN MINING CO. LIMITED	SEPL 357
7	ECOPHOENIX LIMITED	SEPL 358
8	ECOPHOENIX LIMITED	EPL 19133
9	EVERGREEN APPLE GYPSUM LIMITED	EPL 19286
10	EVERGREEN APPLE GYPSUM LIMITED	EPL 19287
11	ENKUMINES INDUSTRIAL LIMITED	EPL 17051
12	MEKIOS LIMITED	EPL 17926
13	MEKIOS LIMITED	EPL 17927
14	NASBAGO LIMITED	EPL 19273
15	NORTH SOUTH EXTRACTIVE CO. LIMITED	SEPL 402
16	OWUKPA CONSOLIDATED MINES LIMITED	EPL 17355
17	PRECIOUS MINES AND MINERALS PROCESSING CO. LTD	EPL 17092
18	TRANSAFRIC TECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED	EPL 18307
19	TRANSAFRIC TECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED	EPL 18308
20	TROPICAL MINES LIMITED	EPL 13205
21	DANKOL ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED	EPL 17719

(iii) Revalidated (Successful) Quarrying Leases (QLS)

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER
1	DAYOC ASSOCIATES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7102
2	DAYOC ASSOCIATES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7103
3	DAYOC ASSOCIATES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7104
4	DAYOC ASSOCIATES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7105
5	ENKOCO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7607
6	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 8144
7	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 8142
8	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 8143
9	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 8174
10	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 8175
11	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 8180

12	EXSA MINES LIMITED	QLS 7846	78	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 014
13	FANLOU (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 04	79	BENBIKER ENTERPRISES LIMITED	QLS 6510
14	FANALOU (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8125	80	IYA - OKUN INDUSTRIES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 23116
15	GAMUK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8303	81	IYA - OKUN INDUSTRIES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 23117
16	GAMUK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6692	82	IYA - OKUN INDUSTRIES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 23121
17	GAMUK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6693	83	IYA - OKUN INDUSTRIES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 23120
18	GAMUK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6695	84	IYA - OKUN INDUSTRIES (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 23122
19	GLOSSANDS (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6514	85	JONAH IGBINIGIE (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6536
20	GLOSSANDS (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6515	86	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7096
21	GLOSSANDS (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6522	87	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8477
22	GLOSSANDS (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 1574	88	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8473
23	GOOPEX (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7945	89	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8480
24	GOOPEX (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7947	90	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8481
25	HASSANCO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS3479	91	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8463
26	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8225	92	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8457
27	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8226	93	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8459
28	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8230	94	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 010
29	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8224	95	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8458
30	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8231	96	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8479
31	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 7812	97	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8478
32	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8227	98	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8472
33	IMPRESIT BAKOLORI PLC	QLS 8228	99	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8467
34	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7700	100	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7099
35	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7701	101	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8469
36	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7702	102	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8471
37	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7703	103	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8468
38	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7704	104	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8482
39	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7699	105	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8474
40	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 938	106	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8470
41	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7697	107	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 2483
42	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7698	108	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8455
43	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 4314	109	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 09
44	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7677	110	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8464
45	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7676	111	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8456
46	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7678	112	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8476
47	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7675	113	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7100
48	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7674	114	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 6810
49	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7679	115	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 6809
50	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7055	116	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 44
51	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7054	117	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 45
52	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7053	118	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 46
53	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 7056	119	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7087
54	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 2474	120	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7088
55	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 2490	121	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7093
56	CRUSHED ROCK INDUSTRIES (NIG)LTD	QLS 2142	122	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7089
57	D AND B LIMITED	QLS 8039	123	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7024
58	D AND B LIMITED	QLS 8040	124	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7091
59	D AND B LIMITED	QLS 8041	125	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7094
60	D AND B LIMITED	QLS 8042	126	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7098
61	D AND B LIMITED	QLS 8043	127	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7021
62	D AND B LIMITED	QLS 8214	128	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8465
63	DANTATA & SAWOE CONST. O. LTD	QLS8048	129	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8461
64	DANTATA & SAWOE CONST. O. LTD	QLS 8049	130	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8462
65	DANTATA & SAWOE CONST. O. LTD	QLS 8050	131	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8466
66	DANTATA & SAWOE CONST. O. LTD	QLS 8051	132	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 8460
67	DANTATA & SAWOE CONST. O. LTD	QLS 8047	133	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 7086
68	DANTATA & SAWOE CONST. O. LTD	QLS 8052	134	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8285
69	DAYO ADELEYE MINING & CONST.CO.	QLS 2242	135	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8250
70	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8216	136	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8247
71	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8217	137	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8286
72	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8218	138	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8248
73	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8219	139	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8251
74	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8220	140	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8283
75	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8221	141	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8252
76	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8222	142	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8284
77	ARABS CONTRACTORS O.A.O. LIMITED	QLS 8223	143	MAJOK (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8249

144	MAKANA (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 1866	190	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8202
145	MAKANA (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 1867	191	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8201
146	MOVEN J. LIMITED	QLS 6809	192	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8200
147	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 3093	193	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8199
148	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 3094	194	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8078
149	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 3095	195	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8079
150	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 3096	196	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8075
151	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 3097	197	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8074
152	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 25711	198	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8077
153	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 2484	199	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8072
154	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 7203	200	STATECO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8076
155	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 5890	201	SUNGLASS (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 001
156	P.W. LIMITED	QLS 7768	202	SUNGLASS (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 002
157	R AND B INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	QLS 6682	203	TARMAG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	QLS 7362
158	RATCON CONST. COMPANY LIMITED	QLS 7151	204	TERRA MINERS LIMITED	QLS 1842
159	RATCON CONST. COMPANY LIMITED	QLS 7152	205	TERRA MINERS LIMITED	QLS 1843
160	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8259	206	WINNINGS ASSOCIATES LIMITED	QLS 8280
161	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8267	207	WINNINGS ASSOCIATES LIMITED	QLS 8279
162	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8268	208	WINNINGS ASSOCIATES LIMITED	QLS 8282
163	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8266	209	WINNINGS ASSOCIATES LIMITED	QLS 8281
164	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8263	210	A.Y.U CIVIL ENGINEERING CO. LIMITED	QLS 7351
165	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8262	211	A.Y.U CIVIL ENGINEERING CO. LIMITED	QLS 7353
166	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8260	212	A.Y.U CIVIL ENGINEERING CO. LIMITED	QLS 7354
167	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8264	213	ALH YAHAYA UMARU & CO. LIMITED	QLS 6217
168	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8261	214	ALH YAHAYA UMARU & CO. LIMITED	QLS 6218
169	SCC (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8265	215	ALH YAHAYA UMARU & CO. LIMITED	QLS 6219
170	SAANASAA SAND SELLERS ASSOC.	QLS 7039	216	ALH YAHAYA UMARU & CO. LIMITED	QLS 7352
171	SAGETO LIMITED	QLS 7813	217	ALH YAHAYA UMARU & CO. LIMITED	QLS 7355
172	SAVANNAH QUARRY LIMITED	QLS 8038	218	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7749
173	SAVANNAH QUARRY LIMITED	QLS 8239	219	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7750
174	SAVANNAH QUARRY LIMITED	QLS 8238	220	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7751
175	SAVANNAH QUARRY LIMITED	QLS 8036	221	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7752
176	SAVANNAH QUARRY LIMITED	QLS 8037	222	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7753
177	SAYDOUN LIMITED	QLS 6540	223	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7754
178	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7738	224	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7755
179	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7737	225	CONCORD INTERNATIONAL MINING CO.	QLS 7756
180	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7685	226	LEENFORD PROJECTS LIMITED	QLS 8273
181	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7686	227	LEENFORD PROJECTS LIMITED	QLS 8274
182	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6018	228	LEENFORD PROJECTS LIMITED	QLS 8275
183	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 6019	229	LEENFORD PROJECTS LIMITED	QLS 8276
184	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7739	230	LEENFORD PROJECTS LIMITED	QLS 8277
185	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7673	231	LEENFORD PROJECTS LIMITED	QLS 8278
186	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 1495	232	MUAK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	QLS 7816
187	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 1496	233	MUAK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	QLS 8175
188	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8204	234	IMPERESIT BAKOLORI LIMITED	QLS 8229
189	SETRACO (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 8203			

2. PROVISIONALLY REVALIDATED (SUCCESSFUL) LEASES/LICENCES SUBJECT TO PROVIDING SOME OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS

(i) Mining Leases (ML)

<u>S/N</u>	<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>TITLE NUMBER</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENT</u>
1	AZUGA MINING COMPANY LIMITED	ML 23662	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATION
2	B.M. MINING AND QUARRYING LIMITED	ML 23525	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATION
3	CEMENT CO. OF NORTHERN NIGERIA	ML 03	EVIDENCE OF RENTS AND ROYALTIES
4	CEMENT CO. OF NORTHERN NIGERIA	ML 05	EVIDENCE OF RENTS AND ROYALTIES
5	CORPORATE GOLD LIMITED	ML23222	EVIDENCE OF RENTS AND ROYALTIES
6	INTERNATIONAL CEMENT CO. LIMITED	SML 507	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATION AND EVIDENCE OF RENT
7	J. MOORE INTERNATIONAL CO. LIMITED	ML 23726	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATION AND PROSPECTING PLAN
8	J. MOORE INTERNATIONAL CO. LIMITED	ML 23727	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATION AND PROSPECTING PLAN
9	KAMSH INTERNATIONAL MINING LIMITED	ML 23462	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATIO
10	KULFANA MINING CO. LIMITED	ML 24305	EVIDENCE OF RENTS
11	MINERALS INDUSTRIES LIMITED	ML 16514	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2003 & ROYALTIES

12 NATIONALIRON ORE MINING COMPANY	ML 18654	EVIDENCE OF RENTS AND ROYALTIES
13 NATIONALIRON ORE MINING COMPANY	ML18649	EVIDENCE OF RENTS AND ROYALTIES
14 PRECIOUS MINING AND MINERALS PRO. CO.LTD	ML 23351	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2005
15 PRECIOUS MINING AND MINERALS PRO. CO.LTD	ML 23352	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2005
16 PRECIOUS MINING AND MINERALS PRO. CO.LTD	ML 23353	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2005
17 RABO INVESTMENT LIMITED	ML 23315	PROGRAMME OF RECLAMATION
18 SPECTRUM MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20321	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2005
19 SPECTRUM MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20322	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2005
20 SPECTRUM MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20323	EVIDENCE OF RENT 2005
21 W.P. SYNDICATE	ML 17086	PROSPECTING PLAN
22 W.P. SYNDICATE	ML 22935	PROSPECTING PLAN
23 WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO.LTD	ML 10855	RENT 2003 - 2005
24 WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO.LTD	ML 10901	RENT 2003 AND ROYALTY
25 WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO.LTD	ML 10853	RENT 2004/05
26 WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO.LTD	ML 23509	RENTS AND ROYA. TIES
27 WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO.LTD	ML 10876	RENTS AND ROYALTY
28 WEST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO.LTD	ML 508	PROSPECTING PLAN

(ii) Quarrying Leases (QLS)

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER	RENTS DUE	RENT PAID	ROYALTY	OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS
1	CCC CONSTRUCTION CO. LIMITED	QLS 6020	N52,000	-	-	RENTS FOR 2004/05
2	CCC CONSTRUCTION CO. LIMITED	QLS 6021	N52,000	-	-	RENTS FOR 2004/05
3	MILESTONE RESOURCES LIMITED	QLS 3604	N78,000.00	RENTS;	ROYALTY FOR 3YEARS	
4	OSHEN AND CO. LIMITED	QLS 7868	N78,000.00	RENTS;	ROYALTY FOR 3YEARS	
5	MOVEN J LIMITED	QLS 2408	N26,000.00	-	-	RENT FOR 2005

3. REVALIDATION DENIED (UNSUCCESSFUL) LEASES/LICENCES**(i) Mining Leases (ML)**

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER	RENTS DUE	RENTS PAID	ROYALTY PAID	REMARKS
1	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 17825				PENDING APP
2	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18400				PENDING APP
3	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18391	N330,000		NIL	
4	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18772	N4,995,000		NIL	
5	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18357	N480,000		NIL	
6	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18693	N690,000		NIL	
7	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18533	N7,050,000		NIL	
8	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18338	N960,000		NIL	
9	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18438	N315,000		NIL	
10	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18731	N675,000		NIL	
11	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18546	N405,000		NIL	
12	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18358	N450,000		NIL	
13	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18786	N615,000		NIL	
14	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18423	N555,000		NIL	
15	ADO IBRAHIM AND COMPANY LIMITED	ML 18367	N255,000		NIL	
16	AL-MAKURA (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20310	N3,000,000		NIL	
17	AL-MAKURA (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20309	N3,000,000		NIL	
18	AL-MAKURA (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20308	N3,000,000		NIL	
19	AL-MAKURA (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20307	N3,000,000		NIL	
20	AL-MAKURA (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20306	N3,000,000		NIL	
21	AL-MAKURA (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20305	N3,000,000		NIL	
22	ALLAH-DE UNITED MINING CO. (NIG) LTD	ML 20108	N1,950,000		NIL	
23	ALLAH-DE UNITED MINING CO. (NIG) LTD	ML 20107	N 4,440,000		NIL	
24	ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	ML 18600	N108,933.450		NIL	
25	ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	SML 677	N25,287,500		NIL	
26	ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	ML 40110	N2,437,500		NIL	

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER	RENTS DUE	RENTS PAID	ROYALTY PAID	REMARKS
27	ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	SML 20511	N5,750,000		NIL	
28	BALHAD SCIENTIFIC AND CHEMICAL CO. LTD	SML 21304	N14,340,000		NIL	
29	BALHAD SCIENTIFIC AND CHEMICAL CO. LTD	SML 21305	N10,575,000		NIL	
30	CEMENT CO. OF NORTHERN NIGERIA PLC	ML 004	N1,000,000		NIL	
31	CITY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED	ML 17606	N840,000		NIL	
32	COAST MINING LIMITED	ML 04	N2,287,500		NIL	
33	COAST MINING LIMITED	ML 20509	N1,087,500		NIL	
34	FUGARD (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20111	N570,000		NIL	
35	FUGARD (NIG) LIMITED	ML 20110	N1,470,000		NIL	
36	GEOTESS NIGERIA LIMITED	ML 20366			NIL	NOT APPROVED
37	GLOBEMARK (NIG) LIMITED	ML 18904	N9,150,000		NIL	
38	GLOBEMARK (NIG) LIMITED	ML 18903	N10,485,000		NIL	
39	GOLAN MINING LIMITED	ML 21135	N2,700,000		NIL	
40	GOLAN MINING LIMITED	ML 21136	N2,850,000		NIL	
41	IAKURA MARBLE LIMITED	ML 19464	N3,900,000		NIL	
42	IAKURA MARBLE LIMITED	ML 19701	N3,900,000		NIL	
43	IDECHHA MARBLE COMPANY	ML 19228	N3,900,000		NIL	
44	KAFORAMA LIMITED	ML 17076	N3,900,000		NIL	
45	LIME CHEMICALS LIMITED	ML 18962	N3,712,500		NIL	
46	MADABBE AND SONS LIMITED	ML 21046	N3,000,000		NIL	
47	MADABBE AND SONS LIMITED	ML 21045	N3,000,000		NIL	
48	MADABBE AND SONS LIMITED	ML 21044	N3,000,000		NIL	
49	MIDBOND MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20229	N2,700,000		NIL	
50	MIDBOND MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20230	N2,962,500		NIL	
51	MIDBOND MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20231	N2,815,000		NIL	
52	MIDBOND MINERALS LIMITED	ML 20245	N930,000		NIL	
53	NASBAGO LIMITED	ML 20102	N1,275,000		NIL	
54	NASBAGO LIMITED	ML 20103	N1,245,000		NIL	
55	PLATEAU TIN MINES LIMITED	ML 20174	N4,425,000		NIL	
56	SABAWURO (NIG) LIMITED	ML 21110	N450,000		NIL	
57	SAMAS INTERGRATED VENTURES LIMITED	ML 23156	N350,000		NIL	
58	SAMAS INTERGRATED VENTURES LIMITED	ML 23155	N220,000		NIL	
59	SUB-SAHARA MINING COMPANY LIMITED	ML 24211	N3,000,000		NIL	
60	SUB-SAHARA MINING COMPANY LIMITED	ML 24213	N2,868,000		NIL	
61	SUB-SAHARA MINING COMPANY LIMITED	ML 24212	N2,895,000		NIL	
62	UNIVERSAL MINING & METALS IND. LTD	ML 1007	N2,812,500		NIL	
63	ZUMUNTA MARKS & CONST. CO. LIMITED	ML 23304	N65,000		NIL	

(ii) Exclusive Prospecting Licences (EPL)

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER	RENT DUE	RENT PAID	REMARKS
1	ARO AND PARTNERS LIMITED	EPL 19018	-	-	PENDING APPL
2	ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	EPL14805	-	-	EXPIRED, 1997
3	ASHAKA CEMENT PLC	EPL 14806	-	-	EXPIRED, 1997

(ii) Quarrying Leases (QLS)

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER	RENTS DUE	RENT PAID	ROYALTY	REMARKS
1	ABDULJALIL HAJAIG & SONS LIMITED	QLS 3538				PENDING APP
2	ALHAJI IBRAHIM UMAR	QLS 7623				PENDING APP
3	ALHAJI IBRAHIM UMAR	QLS 7622				PENDING APP
4	ALHAJI IBRAHIM UMAR	QLS 7620				PENDING APP
5	ALHAJI IBRAHIM UMAR	QLS 7621				PENDING APP
6	ASIKOLAYE SAND DEALERS ASSO	QLS 27347-27348				PENDING APP
7	B.K.I LIMITED	QLS 1721				PENDING APP

S/N	NAME OF COMPANY	TITLE NUMBER	RENTS DUE	RENT PAID	ROYALTY	REMARKS
8	BAMACENBAWA ENTERPRISES	QLS 31307-31310				PENDING APP
9	BLUE DIAMOND RESOURCES LIMITED	QLS				PENDING APP
10	C.G.C. (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 28573				PENDING APP
11	CAMBAT LIMITED	QLS 21760				PENDING APP
12	CASAGRANI (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 27616				PENDING APP
13	DANTATA LAND AND SEA CO. LIMITED	QLS 768				PENDING APP
14	GRAND UNION CONSOLIDATION LIMITED	QLS 7927				PENDING APP
15	ISA MARR-DU HOFORO & CO LIMITED	QLS 1714				PENDING APP
16	JULIUS BERGER PLC	QLS 43				PENDING APP
17	TIMSUL MINING COMPANY LIMITED	QLS 024				PENDING APP
18	TIMSUL MINING COMPANY LIMITED	QLS 023				PENDING APP
19	YENIROD LIMITED	QLS 453				PENDING APP
20	YINKA COMMERCIAL (NIG) LIMITED	QLS 7302				PENDING APP
21	ZEROCK CONSTRUCTION CO. LIMITED	QLS 25877				PENDING APP

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3. Pastor Mark Toba Ogidi (Secretary)
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SIGNED:
 Pastor Mark Toba Ogidi
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 Ayodele Sebiotimo
 (Secretary)

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Sports

EGYPT 2006 AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS

Nations Cup: African coaches shine

Three African coaches have taken their teams to the semi finals of the Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt.

Hassan Shehata (Egypt), Augustine Eguavoen (Nigeria) and Abdoulaye Sarr (Senegal) have reached their teams in the semi finals. The Ivory Coast coach Henri Michel is the only foreigner still in the campaign.

The three coaches have endured stiff challenge since the event started on January 20 and at least one of them is assured a final slot. There is no doubt about the quality of football displayed so far in Egypt. All the remaining four teams are playing good football and soccer fans across Africa will not be disappointed with the semi final pairings.

Eguavoen, who played for Nigeria in France '98 could be the youngest coach in the tournament and has succeeded in moulding a youthful side with a few big names around. The only star he has kept faith in is Kanu Nwankwo, who he has literally used as a 20 minute substitute.

Eguavoen has done pretty well in this event with Nigeria being the only team that has conceded fewer goals in normal play. He was one of the best defenders in Nigeria during the 90's and his sharp eye on talent could endear him to the Nigerians who have never had faith in local hands.

Shehata is one of the celebrated Egyptian strikers and this humble coach has done well to withstand the demand and pressure of the home fans to take the Pharaohs to the semis. The Egyptians are truly playing well and are scoring goals. The Egyptians could keep faith in Shehata if he leads the Pharaohs to the podium on February 10.

Sarr is also a well known

Senegalese coach. The good thing about Sarr is the confidence and cool

approach he exhibits during the matches. Michel will be the only

foreigner seeking to hand over the second CAN title to the Ivorians and build their

confidence ahead of the World Cup. The cool headed Frenchman sat pensively and kept faith in his team as the

Elephants fought off a stiff challenge to eliminate Cameroon in the quarter finals.



Super Eagles hero, Vincent Enyeama, raises his hands in victory after stopping four penalty shots and scoring one in Saturday's hectic quarter-final against Tunisia.

Enyeama unfazed by heroics

Nigeria's hero in their thrilling quarterfinal victory over Tunisia, Vincent Enyeama has said there is no big deal in stopping spot kicks.

"I've been called all sort of names in the media but to be honest, that really spurred me," the Bnei Yehuda of Israel star told *KICK OFF*.

"God has been my strength and I'm happy that the coach had faith in me and gave me the opportunity to prove a lot of people wrong."

The player who was reacting for the first time is however grateful to his team mates who stood and inspired him from the centre circle.

"I'm nothing without God and my team mates who stood by me," he said.

"I can only imagine what

was going through the minds of critics and cynics during the shoot-out.

"With the last African Cup of Nations in mind, I knew I was up against several odds but saving penalty for me was no big deal."

Aside saving a spot kick from Jose Clayton in the first half of the game, Enyeama saved from Adel Chedli, Slim Ben Achour and Riadh Bouazizi as Nigeria won a penalty shoot-out 6-5 after a dramatic African Cup of Nations quarter-final tie against defending champions Tunisia.

The former Enyimba goalkeeper had already scored a penalty himself before diving low to his left to save from Bouazizi and win the first sudden death shoot-out of the competition.

Drogba: God to decide semifinal

Chelsea star striker Didier Drogba has said God will determine who will reach the final of the African Nations Cup between his team Cote d'Ivoire and the Super Eagles.

Drogba scored the penalty goal that catapulted the Elephants to the last four at the expense of hard-fighting Cameroon and afterwards told Egyptian television that God will decide the finalists for the 2006 Nations Cup.

"We played against a very

good Cameroonian side and it was great to win and qualify for the semifinal. And now against Nigeria, everything is in God's hand who will reach the final between us," he said.

Elephants coach Frenchman Henri Michel said their victory over the Indomitable Lions has shown that they merited their ticket to Germany 2006.

Cote d'Ivoire were drawn in the same qualifying tournament for the World Cup with Cameroon and lost both home and away to the Indomitable Lions.

Cameroon, Tunisia crash out

The Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt has no respect for the continent's top sides. Defending champions Tunisia and Cameroon were the latest victims as the campaign for glory exploded in a dramatic fashion on Saturday.

The elimination of Cameroon and Tunisia was dramatic as it was painful on a night of long knives in Cairo and Port Said. Both were shut out in enthralling and energy sapping quarter final penalty shoot-out contests.

African football witnessed its best and left no doubt about the growth of the game on the continent and the excitement it generates in this part of the world. A huge crowd of over 74,000 people witnessed hosts Egypt manager DR Congo and the beating of drums made it all colourful. Such crowd cannot be found in many other stadiums in the world.

guns at CAN 2006 continued over the quarter final stage during the weekend. And the matches were decided in a dramatic fashion - penalty shoot-out.

Cameroon always viewed here as the favourites were eliminated by Ivory Coast after enduring 120 minutes of a 1-1 deadlock and an enthralling penalty shoot-out at which all the 22 men on the pitch scored in a long sudden death nerve-racking drama. After a laborious 1-1 deadlock, the extra-time failed to break the stalemate and the shoot-out became a real nightmare.

With quality spot-kicks from both sides, one would not imagine Samuel Eto'o missing a crucial one for Cameroon. All the 22 men had delivered and it was a start all over again with Eto'o, the one who had started off the long night on the spot.

After kissing the ball, as he had done after scoring the first

Barcelona striker was all confident that he would deliver with his second spot kick of the night. The two teams were tying 11-11 but Eto'o's 12th zoomed, far wide over the bar to set off an early Ivorian celebrations, even before Didier Drogba slotted home his 12th for the Ivorians to storm the semis 12-11.

Eto'o went into the match as the leading top scorer with five goals in three matches, while Didier had only two. The nine goal haul grabbed by DR Congo's Ndaye Mulamba in 1974 also in Egypt may not be broken.

The success of the Elephants earned them full revenge over the Cameroonians who beat them home and away in last year's qualifiers. Although the Elephants succeeded in qualifying to the world cup, Cameroon still believed they were the best in the group and

In Port Said, Tunisia the other World cup team were eliminated in another mouth-watering shoot-out by Nigeria after yet again a 1-1 deadlock over 120 minutes.

Tunisia, the title holders and also clear favourites had done well to level the score after Nigeria scored so early. But they lived quite dangerously for most of the match as the Nigerians sought revenge over the North African side who eliminated them at the 2004 semi final stage via penalties.

The Nigerians paid them back with the same coin, this time goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama saving three and also scoring for himself in a match that went into sudden death shoot-out with the Super Eagles winning 6-5.

The elimination of Tunisia and Cameroon completed the exit of 12 teams from the race and set the final line-up of the



Senegalese and Guinean players battling for possession of the ball. The Lions of Senegal and the Indomitable Lions of Guinea.



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The problem with Nigeria

He who cannot change the very fabric of his thoughts will never be able to change reality, and will never, therefore, make any progress - Anwar Sadat

The difference between what we are doing and what we are capable of doing would solve most of the world's problems - Mahatma Gandhi

Background
At present, Nigerian politicians are preoccupied with the 2007 election quagmire. The irony is that the current political debate is focused on where the next president would emerge from and which of the ex-rulers would be recycled. It is also evident that the current leadership is reluctant to let go of power. Amidst confusion and rancour, the real problems bedeviling the electorate simply go unnoticed. Over the years, Nigerians have endured hardships of various sorts to the extent that they have developed powerful theories which imply that the future is even gloomier. Many believe that only divine intervention can bring the desired change. The fact is Nigeria mainly suffers from the inability of its leaders to see problems and resolve them at the different levels of thinking. The thrust of the matter is that in the last 20 years, Nigerian leaders have very much played the same old game. They believed that the Ronald Reagan/Margaret Thatcher-style deregulation and privatisation was enough to achieve economic growth and improve living standards.

Although they frequently travelled across the Atlantic Ocean, they failed to recognise that American farmers receive more than \$20 billion in subsidies while its airline, steel, pharmaceutical, and other key industries gain from significant concessions and direct government support. In fact, according to Ambassador Rob Portman, US Secretary of Commerce, European countries maintain even higher protectionist policies and support to industries that produce the so-called sensitive products than the United States.

Unfortunately, Nigerian industries are left on their own with no support and no sound competitiveness or industrial policy. Similarly, the meagre savings of the citizens have been systematically and completely eroded by this administration's blind pursuit of old-fashioned liberal policies which favour increase in energy prices thereby increasing the "Gross Domestic Poverty" in the country. Again, the problems of economic mismanagement and misplaced priorities are yet to be seriously addressed.

So, regardless of where the next political wind blows, changing the course of history is possible when the leadership genuinely pays attention to certain key problems that persistently hold Nigerians hostage in their own country. This paper presents the offshoot of the survey I conducted across the country on problems related to infrastructure/social services, security and business/employment opportunities. The survey also gauged how ordinary Nigerians, regardless of their ethnic and political backgrounds, think about the performance of their elected officials on these issues and the critical changes they expect at the grassroots level. The main purpose is to facilitate resolving these problems at different levels of thinking by the present and prospective political leaders. Specifically, the survey covered Sokoto, Zamfara, Kano, Bauchi, Kaduna, Kogi, Enugu, Abia, Anambra and Rivers states, as well as the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Although I have a fair idea of the living conditions in western states of Nigeria, this paper may lack vital insights from this important section of the country.

Infrastructure and social services
Many people believe that East Asia developed on the basis of free market system. On the contrary, there is overwhelming evidence which suggests that Asia grew by developing infrastructure that supports the establishment of new industries and the skilful integration of education, training, research and development (R&D) policies with industrial policy.

Good road networks in particular are vital aspects of development for any country regardless of its state of development. However, Nigeria is one leading oil producer with some of the worst road networks in the world. In the North-West of the country, Gusau/Talata Mafara Trunk A road is a central link to Sokoto and Zamfara states. Sadly, the road remains a death trap for decades despite the fact that the contract for its rehabilitation has been awarded twice. The most neglected road in the Eastern part of Nigeria is perhaps Owerri/Onitsha road which is not only narrow and dilapidated, but also many of its sections have been washed away by erosion. Between these two extreme parts of the country, there are uncountable dangerous potholes on a number of Trunk A roads which include Etukpa/Enugu, Port Harcourt/Owerri, Funtua/Kwatakwashi, Kano/Kaduna among others. Among the states surveyed, Sokoto and Bauchi states have some of the best intra-state road networks while Enugu State is embarrassingly the worst in that respect. Abia, Anambra, Kogi, Kaduna and Rivers states still have a long way to go in rehabilitating their city roads network, especially in populated commercial areas. It may be unfair to suggest that government is doing nothing on road construction and repairs. Trunk A roads around Lokoja (Kogi State), Isiakpo/Elele (Rivers State) and Kaduna/Kano expressway are examples of roads undergoing partial repairs. Nevertheless, these repairs are either long overdue or prompted when public outcry became so loud.

In Nigeria, the problem of power outage needs not be overstressed even in the capital city. While conducting this survey, I lodged at a hotel in Wuse II (Abuja) where I counted five blackouts in 17 hours. In other states such as Kano and Enugu, some areas stay for a week without electricity. Water supply is even more pathetic. I met some people in remote rural areas drinking from the same ponds used by farm animals. In cities, surface tanks and booster engines are the minimum requirement for obtaining water in areas that are lucky to be connected to water lines. Absence of adequate infrastructure and required social amenities

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means low productivity and high cost of production. This is bad news for a country that is struggling to grow.

Security
Crime seems to be on the increase in Nigeria, and police/military road blocks and checkpoints are the realities of the Nigerian highways. A number of foreign investors and expatriates find this prevalence very scary. I observe very few road blocks in the Northern states, but police checkpoints are widespread. The incidences of police extortion of money from commercial motorists were observed around Bungudu Local Government (Zamfara State), Suleja/Abuja, Kaduna/Zuba, Babaldu/Ningi (Bauchi), Obollo-Afor (Kogi) among others. The indiscriminate use of police checkpoints and the use of overwhelming force were observed within cities and highways in the Southern states. While observing two checkpoints at Nsukka town, (Enugu State), I witnessed three mobile



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police officers smashing headlamps and rear lamps of commercial motorcycles belonging to those who defy the usual N20 extortion charge.

Interestingly, Abia and Kano states have taken a lead in making their policing activities more people-oriented and modern. Police officers at Abia State are equipped with police patrol motorcycles and many patrol cars. Since the police are often on the move, the incidences of harassment were rarely observed. In Kano, police patrol cars are positioned in volatile and major city areas and often away from main roads. I found these initiatives not only remarkable, but to some degree commensurate to what obtain in developed countries. It is amusing to note however that at present, a police officer with the rank of Assistant Commissioner earns less than N60, 000 a month. Also, the five military/police barracks I visited at Bauchi, Sokoto, Kaduna, and Kano are in shambles and inept for a nation that brags to be the Mother of a Continent. As long as security personnel are not adequately equipped and well-remunerated, general insecurity would ensue.

Niger Delta states are characterised by high police and military presence. The residents of Port Harcourt city and Isiakpo town both at Rivers State insisted that the ugly situation is a recent phenomenon mainly due to frequent protests by certain groups against lack of opportunities and other basic necessities despite abundant oil reserves in the Niger Delta. The resistance is, however, interpreted by the government as a threat rather than an opportunity for dialogue. Last year, Natasha Simpson of ABC Radio (Australia) interviewed Chip Good Year - the CEO PHP Billiton - a large multinational resource based corporation and my humble self on this subject. I argued that Africans deserve more than handouts from resource extraction companies. They must be made to invest in human capital and industrial and technological development of the resource dependent countries. However, Chip Good Year insisted that corporations invest only where shareholder value is maximised. And this is perhaps the modus operandi of multinationals. Notwithstanding, the incidences of kickbacks and mismanagement of resources, the people of the Niger Delta have a moral right to peacefully agitate for equity and more attention on development projects in their areas.

Employment and business opportunities
Nigeria is blessed with a talented, resilient and entrepreneurial youth population. Yet, only few youths have the opportunity to receive secondary education or vocational training and only a fraction of them will be gainfully employed in their lifetime. The fact is that there are too few

employment and business opportunities to enable people live a meaningful life. In particular, the governments of Enugu, Sokoto, Bauchi and Zamfara have not laid greater emphasis on industrial and business growth. Today, even Kano State is losing its position as the second most industrialised state in the country because a number of its manufacturing companies are either closed down or operating epileptically.

The enormous commercial opportunities offered by its railway station and Aminu Kano International Airport have for long been neglected and crippled. The sorry situation of manufacturing companies is even worse at Kakuri Industrial Estate in Kaduna State where companies have to grapple with dilapidated infrastructure and multiple taxes.

In general, I observed two rather divergent cultural orientations that characterise the mind-set and actions of the youth in the Northern and Southern parts of Nigeria. The cultural values of the South cherish entrepreneurship and economic independence for individuals. And since opportunities to engage in legitimate ventures are shrinking, the youth often resort to crime, cultism, prostitution and violence. In the North, the society values charity and social cohesion. As the economic condition becomes tougher, the less-privileged have developed a multimillion naira 'begging' industry. Northern politicians have found this very convenient. They tend to make people dependent by offering them hand-outs in the name of religion and social services. Critical investments that would make people independent and *bona fide* taxpayers have been relegated to the background.

Youths in Nigeria are exposed to hundreds of television stations, various kinds of magazines and countless websites. Each of these new sources of information and entertainment creates additional pressure on youth to catch up with those of the rest of the world. In a situation where employment and business opportunities shrink, youth resort to drugs, violence, crime, prostitution and other social vices. In Nigeria, prison seems to be the only system for correcting aberrant youth population. I once organised a football match between my undergraduate students and inmates (mostly youth) in the second largest prison in Kano. The lesson from this interaction suggested that with the right kind of rehabilitation and support, most of the inmate displayed a flair for entrepreneurship and many of them exhibited strong desire to succeed. Disappointingly, the Nigerian prisons have almost completely abandoned rehabilitation activities due to lack of funds and government maintains no other rehabilitation centres for those youths who need psychological help necessary for behavioural change. The only available rehabilitation centres are those based on the old thinking usually operated by the local clergymen. They use leg cuffs, beating, mortification and spiritual rituals as their methods. Recently, I invited the director of one of the rehabilitation institutions in Washington, DC to assist in analysing the relevance of these centres. She was disappointed and queried why the government or other individuals cannot utilise local professionals such as counsellors, educators, psychiatrists, and psychotherapists to establish a befitting rehabilitation centre. A renowned psychiatrist based in Kano corroborated this observation. The Nigerian government would surely be embarrassed in the eyes of the world by one shot of a video footage of conditions in these institutions.

But when the world knows how the youth are neglected, sympathy would be generated and perhaps international agencies could help sponsor the first juvenile rehabilitation institution in Nigeria.

Exit strategy
Although the problems investigated are not exhaustive, available evidence suggests that the so-called dividends of democracy are chiefly reserved for a limited number of people. Quick exit from the present economic hardship would only be achieved from a fundamental break with the old ways of thinking. Nigerian leadership is presently distracted and confused.

The last time I checked, President Obasanjo was blessed with more than 18 billion brain cells with each connected to more than 20,000 others. So processing specific information in different ways that could better the nation within his remaining tenure should not be a problem. However, there are powerful and influential elements in Nigeria who have recently succeeded in making Mr President to believe he will be irrelevant after 2007.

On the contrary, the 'signatures' of leaders last forever when they serve the poor responsibly and selflessly. And it is the accomplishment not the duration that really matters. Changing the course of history requires successful economic transformation, cultural changes, including the fostering of a new trust in political leadership. Nigeria needs sound competitiveness policy that would be focused on creating new industries and supporting the existing ones. At the grassroots level, there is the need to have an independent agency to advise and monitor new job creations in the country. In essence, economic progress should be measured not by the traditional GDP or per capita income, but by the number of jobs and businesses created, high school enrolments, low mortality rates and low incidences of crimes especially among youths.

The war on corruption needs to be strengthened by making the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) autonomous and integrated. Also, their statutory allocation and appointment of key officers should be freed from direct federal control. A new structure should be put in place to coordinate and widen their activities across all tiers of government. Finally, Nigerian workers and entrepreneurs should be encouraged to save and invest by creatively redirecting national wealth to the people. By tapping the brain prowess of the nation and drawing lessons from the same literature that makes Asians global key players, Nigeria could develop a unique endogenous model for growth and development. Alas, an American saying goes, "If you want to hide knowledge from the black race, put it in books. Blacks don't read." Let our leaders dust their bookshelves, learn, think and rethink how to turn around this nation.

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FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY



	2005 N000	2004 N000	2003 N000	2002 N000	2001 N000
ASSETS EMPLOYED					
Cash and short term funds	180,407,249	121,891,453	77,140,805	65,628,625	41,538,913
Placements	-	-	-	1,800,000	2,500,000
Investments	6,139,063	4,427,083	721,114	359,743	25,601
Loans and advances	122,494,396	53,391,209	27,290,021	20,144,168	12,619,957
Advances under finance lease	841,165	847,861	474,589	360,781	187,231
Other assets	4,755,887	3,294,490	1,310,860	906,879	990,175
Fixed assets	15,078,751	9,469,393	5,597,249	3,362,701	2,328,516
	<u>329,716,511</u>	<u>193,321,489</u>	<u>112,534,638</u>	<u>92,562,897</u>	<u>60,190,393</u>
FINANCED BY					
Share capital	3,000,000	1,548,555	1,548,555	1,026,658	1,026,658
Share premium	18,224,108	-	-	300	300
Reserves for Small Scale Industries	2,580,324	1,864,731	1,224,242	833,144	433,207
Other reserves	13,985,230	12,261,082	9,878,780	7,445,866	5,265,782
Deposits	233,413,428	131,095,341	61,574,455	50,688,381	30,688,075
Other liabilities	56,013,477	44,920,930	36,812,938	31,820,944	22,239,977
Taxation	2,050,066	1,363,979	1,147,640	384,267	284,145
Deferred taxation	449,878	266,871	348,028	363,337	252,249
	<u>329,716,511</u>	<u>193,321,489</u>	<u>112,534,638</u>	<u>92,562,897</u>	<u>60,190,393</u>
Acceptances and guarantees	41,004,756	21,905,277	40,911,386	19,986,187	7,744,587
Total assets and contingent liabilities	<u>370,721,267</u>	<u>215,226,766</u>	<u>153,446,024</u>	<u>112,549,084</u>	<u>67,934,980</u>
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT					
Gross income	<u>34,913,462</u>	<u>23,931,255</u>	<u>17,844,230</u>	<u>12,118,935</u>	<u>9,023,305</u>
Profit before taxation	9,164,787	6,404,885	5,440,471	3,999,368	2,802,580
Taxation	(2,008,861)	(1,214,117)	(1,016,285)	(495,355)	(384,337)
Profit after taxation	7,155,926	5,190,768	4,424,186	3,504,013	2,418,243
Dividend	(4,200,000)	(2,167,977)	(1,083,989)	(923,992)	(513,329)
Transfer to reserves	<u>2,955,926</u>	<u>3,022,791</u>	<u>3,340,197</u>	<u>2,580,021</u>	<u>1,904,914</u>



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