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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate

- George Burns



AFRICAN SAYINGS

"Other people's wisdom prevents the king from being called a fool"

(African Proverbs)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

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SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



PHOTO OF THE DAY

Students help to push off the road a vehicle that ran out of fuel at Alaguntan road, Alimosho in Lagos

Photo: Benedict Uwalaka

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■ From left: CBN Governor, Mr Godwin Emefiele; Member, House of Representatives Ad-hoc Committee on scarcity of new naira note and deadline for use of old note, Rep. Abubakar Yellema; Clerk, House of Representatives, Dr Yahaya Danzaria; and the Chairman of the Committee/Leader House of Representatives, Rep. Alhassan Ado-Dogwu, during the committee's meeting with CBN Governor, at the National Assembly Complex in Abuja on Tuesday

Photo: NAN

CBN, banks fail to explain naira scarcity

By Sunday M. Ogwu, Balarabe Alkassim (Abuja), Tijjani Ibrahim (Katsina), Tosin Tope (Akure) & Peter Moses (Abeokuta)

- Make new notes available to commercial banks – Masari
- CBN timing is wrong, says ex-SGF, Falae
- No Nigerian will lose money – Emefiele

Citizens and financial experts have expressed disappointment that the appearance of the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) at the House of Representatives did not address the hardship being endured by Nigerians as a result of the scarcity of the new naira notes.

The reaction followed Godwin Emefiele's promise when he appeared before the House ad hoc committee on the implementation of the new currency policy of the CBN.

He had told the legislators that the policy was being implemented in the overall interest of Nigerians and the nation's economy.

Nigerians have besieged banks and markets across the federation while the reports of scarcity grounded businesses and normal daily activities of many people.

Daily Trust gathered that some Point of Sale (PoS) operators in Abuja, Lagos, Kano and Port Harcourt are surcharging for new naira notes. Some of the PoS outlets visited in the states were either not dispensing the new notes or charging extra for them.

Financial Analyst and Managing Partner, Matthew Ogagaworia & Co. Matthew Ogagaworia said; "The objective of the naira redesign is not in doubt, the question is where is the new naira?"

According to him, "Despite the extension, Nigerians can neither find the new naira nor the old naira to enable them to undertake their daily activities. Commuter buses will not take a transfer. Nigerians don't need to make a transfer for taking a cup of tea at a tea shop."

The forensic accountant also lamented that the hardship was further aggravated by the massive failure of bank transfers across the country.

"A lot of people who sought to do a transfer were disappointed because the network could not accommodate the surge."

The president, National Association of Nigerian Traders, Barr Ken Ukaoha said: "The CBN governor, Godwin Emefiele and the bank CEOs have not addressed the fundamental question of shortage. That is what is crippling the country as we speak. People are unable to access their money to meet daily needs."

Recall that representatives of bank CEOs who had earlier appeared before the reps, said they had dispensed the amount allocated to them.

Make new naira notes available to commercial banks – Masari

Katsina State Governor Aminu Bello Masari, has enjoined the CBN to make more new naira notes available to commercial banks in the state.

This, he said, will reduce difficulties faced by citizens in swapping the old naira notes in their procession or cash out via ATMs and over-the-counter for their daily needs.

The governor made the call when he hosted an interactive session with the Director of Currency Operations of the CBN, Ahmed Bello Umar; his deputy governor, Mannir Yakubu; the Speaker Katsina State House of Assembly, Tasi'u Musa Maigari and some other legislative members in his office.

Masari observed that the scarcity of the new naira notes and the withdrawal limits enforced made it more difficult for customers to withdraw money for their daily transactions.

He, therefore, directed the special adviser to the state governor on banking and finance to meet with

the management staff of the bank to discuss more on how best to ease difficulties faced by particularly members of the rural communities in swapping their old naira notes in exchange for new ones.

CBN timing is wrong, says ex-SGF Falae

Chief Olu Faleye, erstwhile Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), on Tuesday, faulted the timing of the newly redesigned naira notes introduced by CBN as the country prepares for the general elections.

Chief Faleye, who was fielding questions from journalists in Akure, the Ondo State capital, over the scarcity of the new naira notes, said the currency should not be allowed to disrupt the economic activities of the country.

"The timing could have been better. Being so close to the election is too rather disruptive because being so close to the election people would be moving around."

"The scarcity of funds may disrupt those movements. The timing could have been better and the organization too could have been better," he added.

The elder statesman explained that the CBN should phase out the old naira gradually rather than issuing a deadline for the expiration of the old notes.

"Normally, when you want to withdraw an existing currency from circulation, you ensure whatever goes into the banking system does not go out."

"Then, in exchange for that, you pay out the new one. If you do that then in a short period, the old currency could be taken to the banking system and the new currency could have been in circulation. So, they could have improved on the timing and the sequence," he said.

Bank mismanaged N4m new notes in Ogun – CBN

The CBN has said it uncovered millions of new naira notes mismanaged by a commercial bank in Ogun State.

The Deputy Director, Banking Supervision Department, CBN Lagos, Kayode Makinde, disclosed this to newsmen on Tuesday in Abeokuta, Ogun State, while leading a team on the monitoring exercise in the state.

Makinde also accused commercial banks of sabotaging the efforts of the CBN in making the new naira notes available.

He hinted that the CBN officials have been on the monitoring exercise in the state for the past three weeks, saying the CBN should not be blamed for the scarcity of new naira notes but the commercial banks.

He disclosed that the team uncovered that a commercial bank mismanaged new naira notes given to it, adding that the bank involved and its officials would be sanctioned appropriately.

Makinde said, "From our experience, CBN should not be blamed but commercial banks for scarcity. We caught some of them, with new notes in their vaults, and we compelled them to upload them to their machines."

"We told them that instead of trying to ration, upload the ones they have and contact your central cash management unit which has direct access to CBN."

"We came across instances of sabotage on the part of operators; we will take the case up and will be dealt with appropriately."

No Nigerian will lose money – Emefiele

The CBN governor has assured that no Nigerian will lose money under the naira redesign project,

adding that the project is in the overall interest of Nigerians and the economy.

Mr. Emefiele gave the assurance during a meeting with the ad hoc committee on the review of the bank's cashless policy and extension of the timeframe of the currency swap programme on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

"Nigerians will not lose their money," he declared, just as he sought the cooperation of the National Assembly to ensure the success of the programme.

"I want to appeal this is not an easy exercise but we are happy that in 19 years we are able to carry out this important aspect of our mandate."

"We are grateful that we are doing this, and we want to do this but we seek the support and cooperation of everybody; the support and cooperation of Nigerians."

"At these initial stages, there will be a few hitches; we apologize. What I am trying to say is this, the overriding issue is to make the Nigerian economy stronger, make the Nigerian economy better because that is what we owe Nigerians in the position that God has put us today and I will like to continue your support, that please you will allow this programme to succeed."

Emefiele, however, expressed his disappointment with the way some commercial banks are flaunting the directives and guidelines set by the CBN as the new naira notes were being used at parties.

He said the CBN has resolved to involve the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) and Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU) to tackle saboteurs within and outside the banking system that are undermining the flow of the new currencies and the policy.

He noted that the money in the system has significantly increased in the country, but it is being hoarded by a few individuals outside the banking system.

The CBN did not say how much exactly they pumped into the economy.

Reps ask CBN to restore over-the-counter withdrawals

The House of Representatives has resolved that its ad hoc committee will continue to monitor the CBN policy's progress and setbacks in conjunction with the apex bank and other stakeholders.

Presenting the report, the committee's Chairman, Alhassan Ado Doguwa, informed the House that, "Pursuant to Section 23 of the CBN Act, the CBN governor agreed with the interpretation of the committee and the House in general, that the CBN will continue to redeem the value of the recalled naira currency, even after the expiration of the validity of the old currency."

"Mr Chairman, Honourable members, recommendation number three, is that the CBN as a regulator should restore over-the-counter transactions and increase the withdrawal limits at the ATMs in line with the cashless withdrawal policy."

The House adopted the recommendations of the ad hoc committee after some amendments and adjourned to February 28, 2023.

Wike-led G5 fails to name preferred presidential candidate

By Ismail Mudashir,
Baba Martins (Abuja) &
Abiodun Alade (Lagos)

Five governors, who are members of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) have failed to name their preferred presidential candidate in January as promised by their leader, Governor Nyesom Wike in December, *Daily Trust* reports.

Dubbed G-5, the governors; Wike, Seyi Makinde (Oyo), Samuel Ortom (Benue), Okezie Ikpeazu (Abia) and Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi (Enugu) have vowed to work against their party's presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar.

Since the presidential primary of the PDP, there has been a crisis in the party over calls for the National Chairman, Iyorchia Ayu to step down from his position.

The governors are insisting that the PDP presidential candidate and national chairman cannot be from the same region.

The governors had held a series of meetings with the candidate of the ruling APC, Bola Ahmed Tinubu and that of the Labour Party (LP), Peter Obi. In December, they met with Tinubu in London, where they reportedly struck a deal on the 2023 presidency.

Wike, who leads the group, had on December 22nd said they will name their preferred candidate in January. But he did not as of yesterday, the last day of the month.

Speaking while commissioning a project in Port Harcourt, Wike said he will not only tell his people who to vote for but will campaign for his choice of the presidential candidate throughout the country. "Nothing will happen."

While Wike is not seeking any elective position in the general election, Makinde is seeking a second term; Ortom, Ikpeazu and Ugwuanyi are all contesting for senatorial seats.

Govs in tight corners over local peculiarities

The governors are having difficulties reaching a compromise on the preferred candidate because of what is tagged "local peculiarities", it was gathered last night.

A source close to the G-5 told *Daily Trust* that the governors might not come to a compromise on any preferred candidate as they might be forced to work individually based on local peculiarities.

"If you remember the last time the governors travelled out of the country, they were supposed to agree on the way forward but that was not possible. Many reports said they were going to endorse Tinubu, but there were too many diversities in the states that the governors



■ From left: President, Jonde Jam Youth Development Association, Alh. Saidu Maikano, Representative of Tabbital Pulaaku International (TPI), Dr. Abubakar Gire, President, Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Baba Othman Ngelzarma, President-General, Fulbe Global Development and Rights Initiative (FGRDI), Alh. Salim Musa Umar, and Vice President of TPI Nigeria, Alh. Auwal Googa, during the world press conference in Abuja yesterday on the recent air strike and extra judicial killings of Fulani herders at Nasarawa/Benue states border
Photo: [Ikechukwu Ibe](#)

will find it difficult to come to a compromise," he said.

Commenting on the matter, Senator Shehu Sani, who represented Kaduna Central in the Senate between 2015 and 2019, said the G-5 has been playing hard to get.

On his Twitter handle yesterday, he said; "The clock is ticking. When the masses they control have made up their minds, the endorsement will be irrelevant."

Abia gov lobbies to replace late anointed candidate

The Abia State governor has commenced subtle moves to get the support of the National Working Committee (NWC) of the PDP to be able to replace the late governorship candidate of the party, Prof. Uche Ikonke, who died last week.

Ikpeazu, a source in Abia State said is seeking the support of the NWC to anoint his Chief of Staff, Okey Ahiwe, as the party's governorship candidate.

A source in the Abuja secretariat of the PDP, said; "Abia governor is confused because of the demise of his anointed candidate. He is begging for him to be allowed to produce the next flag bearer."

The governor requires the support of the NWC led by Ayu to conduct a fresh primary to replace the candidate.

Ortom's rooting for Obi

To actualise his senatorial bid and install his successor, Ortom, it was gathered is tilting towards Obi.

He has previously hailed Obi during his visit to Makurdi.

"His body language suggested that he is rooting for Obi of LP," the source said.

Another source said if Ortom endorses Tinubu, it would negatively affect the candidature of the PDP governorship candidate and boost the chances of the APC.

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"However, politics is a game of interest and anyone you see at the National or state level is interested in something. So I cannot fold my hands and allow somebody to rubbish me. We are masters of the game," he said.

Wike likely to back Tinubu

Daily Trust reliably gathered from close sources that Wike has perfected plans to announce Tinubu as his preferred presidential candidate for the 2023 elections.

It was learnt that the announcement would have been made weeks ago after it became obvious that reconciliation with Atiku has completely broken down, but Wike and his supporters are working on getting the other four governors in the group a better deal.

"It was obvious that Atiku was only buying time. He wasn't open to genuine reconciliation with the Integrity Group. Wike sensed this earlier but he was warned that declaring for Tinubu might jeopardise the chances of the other governors," a source told *Daily Trust*.

But another chieftain of the party said Wike was still pondering between Tinubu and Obi, adding that while the governor wants to work with the former Lagos governor, many of his people are rooting for the former Anambra State governor.

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Oyo gov bending towards Atiku

In Oyo State, posters of Atiku and Makinde have emerged contrary to what were obtainable weeks ago. It was learnt that Makinde feared that his second term might be in jeopardy if he continued his open rejection of Atiku.

A source close to Atiku said the attendance of the Oyo State deputy, chairman of the PDP and other chieftains of the party at Atiku's campaign rally in Ibadan showed that Makinde was bending towards the former vice president.

"When we went to Oyo, it was only the governor that was absent. The deputy governor and others were there. Makinde is already bending towards us because of his election," he said.

It was also learnt that Gov. Ugwuanyi is also being cautious in supporting any other presidential candidates as a result of the growing popularity of Obi.

"Don't forget that the Presidential and National Assembly elections are held on the same day and time. Openly campaigning for anyone except Obi in the South East is suicidal. Some candidates for the National Assembly are using Obi's image on their posters or telling people that they are not against Obi," noted a member of

the governor's inner caucus.

Efforts to get the reaction of the aggrieved governors yielded no results as the spokesperson of Wike, Kelvin Ebiri and Makinde's, Taiwo Adisa did not pick up their calls at the time of filing this report.

Wike accuses Atiku, Ayu of anti-party

Meanwhile, Wike has accused the national leadership of the PDP of anti-party by plotting to frustrate the litigations against the APC and Social Democratic Party, SDP, in Rivers State.

Wike who made the allegation at the State School Premises, Okehi 1, venue of the Rivers State PDP campaign flag-off rally in Etche Local Government Area on Monday, said the national leadership did not support the PDP in Rivers, which had taken APC and SDP in the state to court over non-compliance to the regulations and laws of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in the conduct of their various primaries.

They have run out of steam - Kari

An associate professor of Political Sociology, University of Abuja, Dr Abubakar Umar Kari, said it was clear that the G-5 have run out of steam.

"After upping the political temperature - even heating the polity - for several months through grandstanding, many people no longer take them seriously again, because they have dithered and prevaricated for too long without matching their boasts and threats with action."

"Even more significantly, the PDP and Atiku Abubakar seem to be doing well, and capable of trudging on, without them. There were instances when the G-5 appeared unsure of what they wanted or what to do."

"On the whole, I am not sure they can wreck the kind of damage earlier anticipated, because their reluctance has given enough time and room for their opponents to prepare and substantially neutralize their huge nuisance," he said last night.

We are sure of reconciliation - Atiku Campaign

The PDP Presidential Campaign Council (PCC) said the G-5 governors have not named any preferred presidential candidate because everybody wants reconciliation.

Kola Ologbondiyan, a spokesman of the Atiku/Okowa Campaign Organization told *Daily Trust* on the phone that Atiku is always ready for reconciliation.

"Atiku is always set for reconciliation. I believe everybody wants reconciliation and we are sure that there will be reconciliation," he said.

Buhari commissions 5,700 hectares Hadejia Valley Irrigation Scheme, others

From Muideen Olaniyi & Ali Rabiu Ali, Dutse

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday commissioned several projects executed by the Federal Government, the Jigawa State Government and the Malam Alu Farm Project, a private enterprise championed by Honourable Farouk Adamu Aliyu. Buhari, during his

one-day official visit to the state, visited four local government areas to inaugurate projects including the Hadejia Valley Irrigation Scheme at Auyo, Birnin Kudu Specialist Hospital, Malam Alu Integrated Agro-Allied Farm, Birnin Kudu and the dualized Unity-Pentagon-Fanisau Road.

Speaking at a state banquet after commissioning projects

in Dutse, Buhari said the newly inaugurated 5,700 hectares Hadejia Valley Irrigation Scheme in Auyo Local Government Area would “significantly” contribute to Nigeria’s quest for food security, job creation and economic diversification.

He urged the host community to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the gigantic irrigation

infrastructure, saying “It will be a small part in our over-all quest to lift 100 million Nigerians out of poverty in 10 years.”

He also charged the Jigawa State Government to sustain its commitment to the agricultural sector.

At the farm, Buhari unveiled a 50.3 metres flag pole.

Buhari, who commended Governor Mohammed Badaru Abubakar for his

achievements, said he did not expect anything less from the man nicknamed “Mai Calculator”.

On the Malam Alu Farms in Birnin Kudu, Buhari commended Farouk Adamu Aliyu for championing the project.

On the 2023 general elections, the president again urged Nigerians to remain peaceful.

“Despite some of the challenges that continued

to test the process of our democracy, I strongly believe, we have witnessed in the last seven years, entrenchment of the true principles and ideals of democratic governance in the Nigerian polity. This has been one of the hallmarks of this administration.

“I must emphasise that tolerance and understanding are vital to the conduct of free elections.”

Senate panel probes communications ministry over N13.9bn spending

By Abdullateef Salau

The Senate Public Accounts Committee yesterday gave the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy a 48-hour ultimatum to account for N13.9bn it collected from service wide votes from 2017 to 2021.

This followed the failure of the ministry’s Permanent Secretary, William Alo, to tender documentary evidence on how the money was spent during the period under review. Members of the panel, chaired by Senator Matthew Urhoghide, grilled William Alo on details of expenditure made from the collected service wide votes.

But the Permanent Secretary and Director of Finance and Administration from the ministry appealed for more time to present documents detailing the spending.

Urhoghide said such a plea would not be granted after four months of enquiry on how the said fund was expended by the ministry.

He said: “What the committee wants from your ministry are evidence of approval of the funds given, evidence of contracts awarded and executed from the funds.

“Our findings on how the various MDAs spent the Service Wide Votes given to them showed that accountability and transparency were not adhered to.

“The consequence of is that your ministry and other MDAs found wanting would be made to cough out whatever amount mismanaged by way of returning them to the government coffers,” Senator Urhoghide said. The committee, however, asked the permanent secretary reappear before it tomorrow.

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'Bandits killed 380, farmer-herder's clashes claimed 406 in Niger'

From **Abubakar Akote, Minna**

The National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (NCCSALW) has said that bandits killed 380 people and abducted 71 others in Niger State between 2015 and 2021.

The North Central coordinator of the centre, Maj. Gen. Hassan Ibrahim Bature (ret.) who revealed this said the insurgents also raked in an estimated N79 million as ransom within the period.

Besides, he said farmer-herder's conflicts occurred 71 times, leading to 406 deaths, 49 injured and 15 others abducted.

Bature spoke at the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Orientation Camp in Paiko, Niger State during a sensitisation programme for the newly posted corps

members.

Represented by the Assistant Director, Intelligence, Lt. Col. DV Gimba, the coordinator said 18 of the 25 LGAs of the state had been attacked by bandits since 2015 while Shiroro, Munya, Rafi, Mashegu and of recent, Lapai, had been constantly invaded and almost completely overrun by bandits.

Bature who said the North Central geopolitical zone remained a hotbed for farmer-herder conflicts with 58 per cent occurrences and 61 per cent casualties said the security threats were directly linked to the proliferation of small arms and light weapons.

He said the collaboration with the NYSC was geared towards curbing the proliferation of illicit arms in the country

by engaging corps members to help carry out sensitisation and awareness against illicit possession of arms in their places of primary assignment.

"Insecurity persists in Nigeria because there are many illicit weapons in the hands of people. However, there's a need to stop the spread and restore peace and development.

"NYSC is one of the veritable tools for which the centre can extend advocacy and sensitisation so that it can reach all nooks and crannies of Nigeria," he said.

The coordinator called on the management of the NYSC to develop skits that would be used to communicate with different strata of the society using the youth corps in their respective places of primary assignment.

Muslim leaders protest alleged rape of woman in Ibadan mosque

By **Abbas Jimoh (Abuja) & Abdullateef Aliyu (Lagos)**

Some Muslim youths, scholars and organisations in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, have staged a protest over the alleged rape of a Muslim woman in one of the mosques in Ibadan.

The woman was in 'Niqob' (Purdah) when the incident occurred, it was learnt.

The protest was staged by the concerned Muslim leaders on Monday.

Daily Trust reports that the hoodlum has been identified as a son of a popular road transport union leader.

The protesters demanded the prosecution of the suspect.

Meanwhile, the Muslim Public Affairs Centre (MPAC) has expressed sadness over the rape, calling for the prosecution of the culprit.

Executive Chairman of MPAC, Disu Kamor, in a statement on Tuesday, however, noted that the perpetrator had been

arrested by the police.

"While we find the disrespect and brutal violation of the sister intolerable, there is no way any society can tolerate violent abuse of women and blatant violation of decency. We, therefore, urge swift prosecution of the perpetrator of this heinous crime and the stiffest punishment possible.

"We commend the police for the promptness of the action. Nigerian law enforcement agencies should not allow violent violations of women and the breach of the sanctity of the mosque to go unpunished.

"Women have the right to live or worship without fear and in peace without having their body and honour violated by predators. We call on the Police authority to ensure that swift justice is served and the perpetrator of this unspeakable cruelty is punished as a rotten criminal that he is.

"We offer our prayers and support to the victim and the Muslim community affected," Kamor said.

Tambuwal's aide dies minutes after attending Atiku rally

From **Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto**

The Special Adviser to Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal on female education, Hajija Aishat Maina, is dead.

She died minutes after attending the presidential rally of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) which took place in Sokoto State on Tuesday.

Daily Trust gathered that Maina

was caught in a stampede that occurred at the exit gate of the venue of the rally, Giginya Stadium.

"A motorcyclist fell down from his bike at the exit way of the stadium and that cause a serious stampede with people falling upon one another. She was one of the victims," a staff of the state Ministry of Information who sought anonymity told our reporter.

Corroborating this, the Chairman of the Forum of Special Advisers, Ibrahim Magaji Gusau, said the deceased was rescued alive and rushed to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto for treatment.

"But unfortunately she died a few minutes after her admission," he said

The deceased was survived by three children and aged parents.

Ekiti shares free JAMB PINs to 2,500 candidates

From **Raphael Ogbonnaiye, Ado-Ekiti**

Ekiti State government has commenced the distribution of free E-registration PINs for the 2023 Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examination to 2,500 students across the 16 local government areas of the state.

At the flag off ceremony in Ado Ekiti, the wife of Ekiti State governor, Dr Olayemi Oyeibanji, said sixteen million, six hundred and twenty-seven thousand naira was committed to the

project covering e-training, registration and thumb printing at no cost to the beneficiaries.

She challenged the beneficiaries to work extra hard so as to gain admission to schools of high reputation, saying the gesture was part of her commitment to relieve parents who were struggling to register their children for the examination.

She gave the assurance that the gesture would be sustained to encourage youths to put in their best, urging parents to reduce domestic shores of the students to allow them to concentrate on their

preparation for the examination.

Earlier, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Education, Science and Technology, Dr Adebimpe Aderiye, advised the benefiting students to be adequately guided while filling out their forms by concentrating on the course of study to choose and also consider their areas of strength.

One of the beneficiaries, Miss Sharon Ajulo, appreciated the state government for the sustenance of the programme with an assurance that the benefiting students would work hard to have good results.

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Retirement: Yobe trains directors, senior officers at PSIN

Concerned with the increasing number of retirements in the middle and senior officers cadre at the state civil service, the Yobe State Government has sponsored the training of officers in the directorate and some senior officers at strategic positions at the Public Service Institute of Nigeria (PSIN) in Abuja.

The Head of the Civil Service, Alhaji Garba Bilal while addressing the participants at his office in Damaturu said the measure was part of Governor Mai Mala Buni's efforts to fill the gap of the mass retirement facing the state civil service.

The Head of Service stated that Governor Buni remains resolute towards minimizing the gap that



Yobe State Head of the Civil Service, Alhaji Garba Bilal (Seated third from right) in a group photograph with the directors and senior officers sponsored for training in PSIN Abuja

may be created due to the exit of the senior officers who were mostly employed before the creation of the state over 30 years ago.

He said, "As you are all

aware, His Excellency the Executive Governor of Yobe State, Hon. Mai Mala Buni has shown great interest and passion in trying to see that the civil service is reformed and

reformed for better service delivery.

"It is in line with this that he has made it as one of his cardinal objectives to ensure that civil servants are trained and retrained

in order to give their best so that the civil service will move forward.

"It is in the light of this that he has approved a training programme for directors, deputy directors and other senior officers in strategic positions at the Public Service Institute of Nigeria (PSIN) in Abuja.

"Government selected the institute based on its performance in the leadership training just as we have been patronizing ASCON for the training of our staff," Bilal disclosed.

The Head of Service who charged the participants to be good ambassadors of the state equally directed them to pass their experience at the institute to their subordinate after the training.

"The hope and mission of His Excellency on whatever training we are sponsoring is to ensure that you cascade what you have learned to your immediate subordinates so that you will put them in line for them to practicalise what you have taught them," he added.

In a vote of thanks on behalf of the participants, the Head of Human Resources of the Ministry of Finance, Alhaji Isa Mamman commended Governor Mai Mala Buni for the training, assuring that they will not only be good ambassadors of the state but step down whatever they learn to their subordinates on return.

9, 338 Yobe people, vulnerable persons get free trachoma surgeries

In an effort to reduce the effects of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) on the health and the economy of the people, the Yobe State Primary Healthcare Board, in collaboration with other development partners, have successfully carried out Trachoma Trichiasis (TT) surgical operations to 9, 338 across the state.

The Executive Secretary of the Board Dr. Babagana Kundi Machina who stated this while speaking on the occasion of the 2023 World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Damaturu said a total of 1,170 cataract blinded eyes surgeries were also performed through the collaboration to people free of charge across various centers in the state.

Machina said, "As part of 2022 interventions, Health and Development



Governor Mai Mala Buni

Programme (HANDS), the state commendable partner in NTDs control obtained funding for NTD control and elimination from Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM) and SightSavers International (SSI).

"On Yobe State programme, cataract surgeries were done on 1, 170 cataract blind eyes at the State Specialists' Hospital Damaturu and the State Specialists' Hospital Gashu'a on different occasions.

"The programme for Trachoma Trichiasis (TT) surgical, surgeries for lid repair in all the 17 local government areas of Yobe State was carried out and a total of 9, 338 eyes were operated.

"On non surgical innervations, medical glasses were given to the patients, post operative medication to all clients

operated, sun shade glasses provided to all those operated and street campaign and radio jingles were also carried out as it creates awareness on eye health services in the state."

He further stated that mass drug administration for the prevention, control and elimination of trachoma, lymphatic filariasis and onchocerciasis was also carried out across the state in 2022.

"Morbidity management and disability prevention services through trachoma trichiasis surgery, hydrocele surgery and lymphedema management. Drugs supply chain management.

"Health system strengthening through training of the Frontline Health Facility (FHLFs)," he added.

Buni approves committee for Yobe football club

As part of efforts towards rejuvenating the football activities, Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni, has approved a nine-man management Committee for Yobe Desert stars, the state-owned football club.

A statement issued by the Director-General Press Affairs and Media, Alhaji Mamman Mohammed, said the appointment of the committee followed the Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Yobe State government and Blue Wall football club to promote the club.

The new management has Dr. Habu Abdulrahman Ago (FIFA) as the Acting Chairman, Divine Benjamin Ogbonnaya General Manager, Musa Mohammed Jankoli- Team Manager, Barrister M B Yusuf- Legal Adviser, Kwaghezever Terfa Morris Team Coordinator, Hassan Dauda-Referees Coordinator.

Others are Ahmed Babi-Secretary/ TMS Officer, Obi Ifeanyi Chuku Emmanuel - Media Officer and Audu Ibrahim Masaya-Accountant.

Similarly, the Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Youth, Sports and Social Development is to serve as Grand Patron, while the Chairman House Committee on Sports, Special Adviser to His Excellency on Sports and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Social Development are to serve as Patrons.

The operation and running of the club shall be bounded by the agreement signed in the MOU by the two parties.

Buni pardons 31 inmates

As part of measures to decongest correctional facilities, Yobe State Governor Mai Mala Buni has pardoned 31 inmates at different correctional centers in the state.

A statement issued by the Information Officer of the Ministry of Justice Alhassan Sule Mamudo said the inmates were pardoned by the governor based on advice by the

Yobe State Council of the Prerogative of Mercy led by the State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Barrister Sala Samaja.

The council has before the release of the inmates visited Potiskum, Nguru and Gashu'a Correctional Services for the pardoning.

"It could be recalled that the Council led by its Chairman who is

the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Bar. Sale Samanja visited all the correctional facilities in the State, with a view to finding out those who deserve to enjoy the executive pardon.

"After careful deliberation the Council came up with a 31-man list of Inmates for consideration by His Excellency Hon. Mai

Mala Buni the Executive Governor of Yobe State, whom he graciously accepted and approved their release.

"Out of the number, 18 of the inmates were released upon the payment of fine while the remaining 13 were pardoned without any fine and enjoyed the freedom through the executive order vested on His Excellency."

During the visit to the correctional services, the chairman of the Council Hon. Sale Samanja in his paid a fine of six inmates who could not afford to pay to secure their freedom.

The six inmates have also regained their freedom after the payment of the fines by the Attorney General.



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How pro-Tinubu rally was disrupted in Niger

By Abdullateef Salau & Abubakar Akote, Minna

Dozens of security operatives on Tuesday disrupted a campaign rally organised for the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential candidate, Ahmed Bola Tinubu in Borgu LGA of Niger State.

The “Grand Lockdown Rally” billed to hold at the New Bussa Township Stadium in Borgu, was moved to another venue following the deployment of security personnel, who allegedly prevented APC supporters from accessing the venue.

The rally was organised by Project 774, a political group under the leadership of Senator Aliyu Sabi Abdullahi (APC, Niger North).

Senator Abdullahi, who is the Deputy Whip of the Senate, said he had invited the Niger State Working

Committee of the APC to the campaign rally.

But the party’s state executive dissociated itself from the rally, asking all party faithful not to attend.

The party’s state publicity secretary, Mallam Musa Dan Sarkindaji, said the planned rally contravenes the unified campaign structure as designed by APC in the state.

As early as 8 am when our correspondents visited the New Bussa Township Stadium, dozens of personnel from the Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, and Federal Road Safety Corps were stationed at the entrance, preventing access to the campaign venue.

Some security agents, who preferred not to be named because they were not authorised to speak, said they were mobilised to the

venue to prevent access on “directive from the above.”

The police spokesman in Niger, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, in a statement, said security operatives were deployed to the campaign venue to prevent a breakdown of law and order having got wind of a likely breach of security.

Despite preventing them from using the venue, Senator Abdullahi and hundreds of his supporters held a road show at another venue to galvanize support for Tinubu and other APC candidates.

The lawmaker, while speaking with reporters, said he could not fathom the reason “force and power was unleashed on my efforts for the party but I took it in good faith.

“If there were going to be any security breaches, I think the method we adopted today would have made that possible but the rally was held peacefully,” he said.



■ Tinubu

INEC takes delivery of materials in Benue, Nasarawa

From Hope Abbah Emmanuel (Makurdi) & Umar Muhammed, (Lafia)

Ahead of the general elections, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) says it has commenced the distribution of non-sensitive materials to all the 13 local government areas of Nasarawa State.

The commission on Tuesday also confirmed receiving sensitive and non-sensitive materials for the elections in Benue State.

Nasarawa State Resident Electoral Commissioner, Dr. Uthman Ajidagba, while inspecting the vehicles hired for conveying the materials from INEC state headquarters in Lafia on Tuesday, stated that the items were expected to arrive at the local government offices of the commission early enough before the

elections.

He explained that the deployment of the non-sensitive materials which is the second level was to allow timely distribution to Registration Area Centres as well as Electoral Wards across the state.

Dr. Ajidagba disclosed that the non-sensitive materials include mats, ballot boxes, voters’ cubicles and election bags.

In Benue state, INEC’s Public Affairs Officer, Terkaa Andyar, while responding to questions from journalists in Makurdi said: “We have received ballot boxes and sleeping mats which will be used in Registration Area Centers, (RACs).

“We have also received the voting cubicles and other consumables such as ink pads, stamps, and calculators among others. We have received the Biomodal Voter Accreditation System, (BIVAS) and other forms that will be used before and on election days.”

Bauchi guber campaign: One dead, another injured from gunshots – Police

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

The Bauchi State Police Command has confirmed that one person was shot dead while another was injured as a result of gunshots allegedly fired by the escort in a convoy of the All Progressives Congress (APC) gubernatorial candidate on Monday.

But the APC denied carrying out the shooting.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPR), SP Mohammed Ahmed Wakil, confirmed the incident in a telephone interview with newsmen in Bauchi on Tuesday.

He said: “What happened last Monday around 8:30 pm was that the gubernatorial candidate of the APC Air Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar was on his way from Dambam to Akuyam for a campaign. On reaching Akuyam town his entourage was attacked and his escort opened fire where two persons

Saleh Garba 35 old and Yakubu Yunusa 20-year-old all from Akuyam Village were shot and were evacuated to Federal Medical Center Azare for treatment.

Wakil further said: “Today (Tuesday) we received a confirmation that one of them was dead while receiving treatment,” adding that the Commissioner of Police Aminu Alhassan ordered for discreet investigation of the incident.

But reacting to the incident in an interview with journalists, the Director, of media, and communications to Air Marshal Sadique Baba Abubakar, Alhaji Salisu Barau, said that they did not attack anyone, adding however, that “it was the opposition that attacked us.”

“I was not there but from the information we gathered, we were able to confirm from the incident that our people were attacked and about 15 to 20 cars were smashed. Some people from our own side got injured.” He said.

Why PDP will send APC packing from Kaduna – Makarfi

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

A former governor of Kaduna State and one-time chairman, of the National Caretaker Committee of the People’s Democratic Party (PDP), Senator Mohammed Ahmed Makarfi has boasted that the party will send the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) packing from the state in the forthcoming elections.

Senator Makarfi who averred that the PDP has nothing to offer the people other than poverty and hardship said in order to show the people that he meant business flushing out APC from the State, he decided to remain at home, in the crocodile city, trashing all threats that may work against the PDP before and during the election in the state.

Fielding questions from journalists on preparations for the forthcoming elections and the state of the nation in Kaduna on Tuesday the former governor and lawmaker said: “The PDP is the only party without ethnic and religious sentiment that is well-structured for the people.”

He, however, explained that the business of returning the PDP to power is enormous in the state hence he excused himself from following the party’s presidential candidate, Atiku Abubakar on a campaign tour across the country.

“Politics is local; I have been at home leading the campaign here. If you noticed, hardly do you see me at national rallies because my personal opinion is that the work is at home and one needs to be at home to do the needful.

“It is not about following candidates on campaigns. I have not been going to rallies with our candidate, but I am 100 percent with him. I am at home working 100 percent to make sure that Kaduna returns to PDP. If you have a responsibility to remain at home you remain at home and if you do not, you can be anywhere that is the way,” he said.

He expressed the concerns of the party saying, “We have been engaging with people and we are progressing pretty well, I am very confident that we will win the 2023 elections in the state and the country.”

LP presidential spokesman, others dump Obi for Atiku

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

The Spokesman of the Labour Party (LP) Presidential Campaign Council in North East, Muhammad Pantami, other officials, and their supporters have left the party and moved to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Addressing a press conference yesterday in Bauchi Pantami flanked by other officials of the LP, Campaign Council declared their support for PDP Presidential candidate Alhaji Atiku

Abubakar.

He said that they decided to dump LP and its presidential candidate Mr. Peter Obi for lack of internal democracy, tribalism, and godfatherism, saying, “Based on the aforementioned issues raised, we the leaders, stakeholders about four million voters in the North East states of Taraba, Adamawa, Bauchi Gombe, and Borno resolved to quit from the LP and resolved to declare our full support to Alhaji Atiku Abubakar of the PDP,” Pantami said.

He explained that the

mainstream politicking decisions of the party and the presidential campaign council are tilted towards a particular region, the southern part of the country, thereby sidelining northerners.

“We the northerners constitute about 65 percent of the voting in the presidential election, our members are totally not satisfied with this situation. Despite the fact that the north has a greater percentage of voters, this problem of sidelining persists, the current situation calls for action,” Pantami said.

'421 pastoralists killed within 3 months in 4 states'

By Dalhatu Liman

The Coalition of Pastoralists Association (CPAN) yesterday said between last October and January this year, 421 of its members killed and over 7,000 cattle rustled or confiscated by either security agents or vigilantes in Nasarawa, Taraba, Niger and Kaduna States.

In a statement jointly signed by leaders of six different Fulani groups, the association

alleged that a lot of Nigerians, especially sub-national entities across the country, had adopted the culture of intolerance towards Fulani community and cattle rearing.

The statement read in part: "We're not happy as our business is suffering massively from the conspiracy of the government and other Nigerians.

"The Fulani have been the target of stereotypes, ethnic cleansing and mass murder

in almost all states of the Federation. From Zamfara in the North-West to Adamawa, Taraba in the North-East, Benue, Plateau, Nasarawa in the North-Central, down to Ondo and Oyo in the South-West, or worse still the South-Eastern states, the Fulani people have been a subject of hatred, annihilation for unjustifiable reasons.

"From our records, since 2017 or thereabout when Mr President gave the nod

to Samuel Ortom to enforce his Anti-Open Grazing Law in Benue, many Fulani were forced to flee the state while thousands of livestock were either killed or rustled. In the same period, over 3,000 Fulani herders have been murdered in cold blood with thousands more sustaining injuries, some incapacitating."

The association, among other things, demanded that security be provided to all law-abiding Fulbe citizens living in parts of

Benue and all its neighboring states.

It also sought "empaneling of an independent judicial commission of enquiry to identify, investigate, arrest and prosecute all individuals and entities involved in the murder, expulsion, cattle rustling, livestock kidnapping and extortion of our members in Benue and neighboring states since 2017 when the Anti-Open Grazing Law was enacted and enforced in Benue State."

Fuel scarcity may affect election logistics – INEC

By Abbas Jimoh

The Independent National Electoral Commission yesterday said the current fuel scarcity might affect logistics arrangements for the February 25 and March 11 general elections.

INEC Chairman, Mahmood Yakubu, stated that in Abuja at a consultative meeting with the Nigerian Association of Road Transport Owners and the National Union of Road Transport Workers and others.

"The commission shares your concern about the fuel situation in the country and its impact on transportation on election day. The truth is that our arrangement may be negatively affected by the non-availability of products," he said.

Later yesterday while meeting with the Group Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL), Mele Kyari, the INEC chairman said the commission was determined to overcome the perennial challenge of late commencement of polls on grounds of logistics.

He, however, said this could not be fully accomplished without the guaranteed supply of petroleum products to facilitate the movement of vehicles and boats.

Yakubu urged the NNPCL to grant INEC the usage of its land and floating mega stations nationwide to service its election duty vehicles and boats.

"We will bear the cost of the products. By doing so, there will be guaranteed supply for elections; a special arrangement with other marketers in locations where the NNPC may not have dedicated stations; and consider other options to support our seamless operations on election day," Yakubu said.

Responding, Kyari said the NNPCL would deliver fuel to INEC.

He said the current nationwide fuel scarcity was being addressed through extreme measures to contain the current distribution challenges and that within the next one week, "there will be significant relief if not elimination of the current situation."



■ President Muhammadu Buhari (M) Gov Muhammed Abubakar of Jigawa State and Minister of Water Resources Alhaji Suleiman Adamu during the Official Commissioning of Hadeja Valley Irrigation Scheme in Jigawa State on Tuesday. PHOTO: NAN

Fake news, disinformation, threat to 2023 polls – FG

By Maureen Onochie

The Federal Government says with about three weeks to the presidential and National Assembly elections, there has been a worrisome and astronomical increase in the use of fake news and disinformation.

The Minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed, raised the alarm in Abuja on Tuesday during the 21st edition of the President Muhammadu Buhari Administration's Scorecard Series (2015-2023).

The minister described the trend

as a clear and present danger to the success of the 2023 general elections.

According to him, "this increase is undoubtedly the work of some destabilizing agents, some of them linked to the opposition.

"They are churning out fake news and disinformation on an industrial scale. Their sole aim is to destabilize the electoral process and plunge the nation into crisis."

Mohammed noted that he had always said that the present administration would not stand by and allow some miscreants with access to phones and data to

destabilize the country.

The minister warned the purveyors of fake news and disinformation to desist, saying "The government is not and cannot be helpless."

He noted that the government has a range of options to checkmate the use of fake news and disinformation, "and we are looking at the best options to ensure that the agents of destabilization do not thwart the success of the elections with their unscrupulous resort to fake news and disinformation. A word is enough for the wise."

Nigeria falls 4 places in corruption ranking

By Idowu Isamotu

Nigeria has again fallen four places on the latest Corruption Perception Index (CPI) ranking, the latest report released yesterday by the Transparency International (TI) has shown.

According to the report, although the country maintained its previous year's score of 24 out of 100 points, it fell from 150th to 154th position out of 180 countries assessed in the 2022 ranking.

In previous years, Nigeria had experienced a consecutive drop in the CPI

ranking. It scored 26 in 2019, 25 in the 2020 assessment and 24 in the 2021 record.

The chairman of Transparency International, Delia Rubio, said global corruption levels had been stagnant for 11 years in a row.

Rubio said, "Corruption has made our world a more dangerous place. As governments have collectively failed to make progress against it, they fuel the current rise in violence and conflict - and endanger people everywhere.

"The only way out is for

states to do the hard work, rooting out corruption at all levels to ensure governments work for all people, not just an elite few."

At a press conference in Abuja yesterday, the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, in conjunction with Transparency International, said the pardon granted two jailed former governors - Joshua Dariye of Plateau State and Jolly Nyame of Taraba State in 2022 by the Federal Government indicated a major setback in the country's anti-corruption efforts.

Election: EU seeks protection for journalists

By Idowu Isamotu

The European Union officials on mission to observe the 2023 general elections in Nigeria have sought adequate protection for journalists that will cover the polls nationwide.

They spoke yesterday in Abuja during a courtesy visit to the corporate head office of Media Trust Group, tasking the Federal Government on special security arrangements for the frontline

journalists.

The delegation, led by Inta Lase, Media Analyst and Marek Mracka, Social Media Analyst of the EU observers, said: "We want to make the calls that it is important journalists are protected from any form of security challenges when they are performing their duties during the forthcoming general elections."

Group Executive Director, Digital and Editorial, Media Trust

Group, Mal. Naziru Mikail, urged Nigerians to shun fake news capable of bringing disrepute to the country.

"As a media organisation, we're ready for the proper coverage of the forthcoming elections and disseminated undiluted information to all our readers across the country through our various platforms including Daily Trust Digital, Trust TV, podcast and Aminiya for our Hausa readers," he said.

OPINION

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What President Buhari saw during his Kano visit

By Muhammad Garba

President Muhammadu Buhari has, after all, come and witnessed the giant strides by the administration of Kano State Governor, Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, in nearly eight years in office.

The uttermost grandeur of his stewardship therefore must be the fact that on January 30, 2023, the president did not only arrive in the state in style, but he also commissioned Ganduje's marvelous projects and recognised the enormity of the developmental impact of the two-term governor.

The visit afforded the president the opportunity to see for himself, how Ganduje has been able to transform all sectors of development affecting the lives of the people in the state, and was so overwhelmed that he congratulated the governor for the achievements.

Among the signature projects commissioned by Mr President is the state-of-the-art Kano Cancer Treatment Centre (KCTC). The multi-billion-naira project is meant to bridge the infrastructural gap in the public health institutions and is the best in Africa in terms of size and expertise, and even bigger than the Australian Peter Mac Centre, after which it is modelled.

The centre, which is located within the premises of the Muhammadu Buhari Specialist Hospital, Giginyu in Nassarawa Local Government Area, when operational, will reduce deaths from cancer disease. The KCTC project is part of the modest but laudable strides of the Ganduje administration, which is also expected to reduce the burden of cancer treatment and create at least 150 jobs for medical and allied professionals.

It will provide world-class radiotherapy and chemotherapy services to hundreds of thousands of Nigerian cancer patients and will be truly the best in sub-Saharan Africa. The equipment installed is amongst the most advanced in the world and is used in the treatment of cancer as well as power facilities, hospital and office furniture.

In addition to the main services, the centre will house a full research facility to help train a new generation of doctors in both cancer treatment and the practical use of the equipment.

The centre will also allow patients to get specialised and cheap cancer diagnosis and treatment, and it is expected to raise the bar in the quality and standard of cancer treatment in Nigeria with outcomes that would be consistent with the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

Since its inception, the Ganduje administration has adopted policies designed to provide ample opportunities for youth engagement for self-reliance in various fields of development, which informed its decision to establish the multi-billion-naira Aliko Dangote Ultra-Modern Skill Acquisition Centre (ADUMSAC) along the Kano-Zaria Federal High Way.

The centre was established after the government identified gaps in the trades and services, such as electric wiring, plumbing, mechanics, masonry etc, offered in the state which required citizens' participation. It also discovered that Kano indigenes are left out of the scheme.

ADUMSAC will offer the opportunity for trainees to learn 12 different trades that included automotive mechanics, block work and concrete work, tailoring, plumbing and pipe work, electrical electronics, business studies and computer engineering, carpentry, refrigeration and air conditioning.

Others are welding and fabrication, technical drawing, renewable energy and fabrication, metal mechanics, leather work and shoemaking, hairdressing, pedicure and manicure, dressing and fashion design and catering and hospitality.

The 10MW Tiga Hydroelectric Power Project (generation, transmission, and distribution) was started in 2013 during the reign of Senator Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso. The project was, until recently, designed to provide 25MW from the Tiga Power Plant in Bebeji local government and 10MW from the Challawa Gorge Dam in Karaye local government.

However, the Ganduje administration revisited and revised the project to make it realistic and achievable, and the Tiga Power Plant was redesigned to provide 10MW, while that of Challawa Dam was also redesigned to produce 6MW.

The project will power the Tamburawa Water Treatment Plant and metropolitan street lights, which takes away all the burden from the state government of paying utility bills for the Tamburawa Water Treatment Plant and Metro Street Lights.

With the submission of the Kano Master Plan to a wholesale review, it eased the flow of traffic, giving accessibility to as many areas as possible, as well as the impetus for proper planning and implementation of mega ground works.

The plan also seeks to make Kano an urbanised city and to provide the foundation for the growth of other smaller cities, such as the headquarters of the newly created emirates, to depopulate the pluralistic city, which is craving social amenities that include roads, urban expansion, housing, water supply and electricity, among others.

Some of the mega projects the Ganduje administration embarked upon include the construction of flyovers and underpasses, as well as other major road construction/rehabilitation works that dot the ancient city.

These gallant space-age moves to decongest the roads and pave way for efficient traffic flow for enhanced business and economic activities, also make Kano the most amazing infrastructural development spectacle in the North.

These have landed with a massive light-up of the state capital and rapid road modernisation in the state as part of a strategic goal to create a conducive ambience for local and foreign investment in Kano with its teeming population and make the state a 24-hour economy.

It is clear that Governor Ganduje forged on as a two-term governor in the iconic commerce centre and the political capital of the North and is keen on leaving indelible developmental footprints on the sands of time.

The administration initiated and constructed the Muhammadu Buhari Road Interchange at the NNPC Mega Station, Rotary Intersection, Hotoro, along Maiduguri Road, which connects the three local government areas of Kumbotso, Tarauni and Nassarawa.

The road is aimed at easing the disturbing congestion that has become a permanent feature on the ever-busy road that serves as an entrance point to the state capital from Jigawa State, as well as Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe states. It also links the southern states through the Western Bypass.

Other projects by the Ganduje administration include the Kano Data Centre which will serve as security infrastructure for the control and monitoring of closed-circuit cameras in strategic places in the metropolitan area, which is situated at the Audu Bako Secretariat Complex; the Command and Control Centre at the Department of Security Service, fitted with software to track mobile phones; and the New Emir's Palace Chambers in the Kano Emirate.

President Buhari, therefore, made the symbolic touch, appreciating the infrastructure landmarks laid by Governor Ganduje during the visit.

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[POLITICS AND ECONOMY]

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Nasarawa killings and the muted response of the government

Last week, a military airstrike took the lives of 40 innocent civilians – all legitimate Nigerians. It is beginning to look like killing innocent Fulani civilians is a part of the Nigerian military airstrike operation. I say so because the government has been silent about it, and it is not the first time.

Every citizen and resident of the country has the right to be protected by the law regardless of religion, ethnicity or race. The constitution is clear about this right. Likewise, civilians are to be protected under International Humanitarian Law from the angle of fighting terror.

The deceased Fulani were travelling from Makurdi after paying a fine of N29 million to release their 1,250 animals that had been confiscated in Benue State. The imposed fine is one of the many penalties by Ortom's anti-open grazing law – a law encouraging ethnic profiling of Fulani people.

The military is exposed to the latest technology and could possess all the technical support from international communities. Poor intelligence does not win the war on terror and other criminal groups. Rather, we will continue to have the military killing people unintentionally.

They were killed in Rukubi, a village on the border between Nasarawa and Benue states, a region known for ethnic and religious violence. Losing such a humongous amount to Benue State due to ethnic profiling is bad enough. Losing one life is horrendous. It is incomprehensible to imagine the loss of 40 innocent lives in one community.

The Nigerian Airforce reported that they were hit by a plane that was hunting down some local insurgents.

On record, military airstrikes have killed 260 innocent Nigerians erroneously on 12 occasions since 2014. The killings happened 12 times under the Buhari administration.

Last year alone, innocent Fulani herders were bombed erroneously with their cattle across Nasarawa, Benue, and Taraba.

The Nigerian military keeps attributing the bombardment to a lack of sufficient labelling of the area. Many will find it hard to believe that the military lacks proper intelligence in this fight against terrorism.

The military is exposed to the latest technology and could possess all the technical support from international communities. Poor intelligence does not win the war on terror and other criminal groups. Rather, we will continue to have the military killing people unintentionally.

Nigeria and its allies are not ignorant of the International Humanitarian Law that specifies the limits in armed conflicts using four principles.

First: People who are not currently

engaged in hostilities must be respected, safeguarded, and treated with humanity. They must receive the proper attention without any prejudice.

Second: captured fighters and others whose freedom has been constrained must be handled humanely. They should be safeguarded from all forms of violence, including torture, and if brought to trial, they have the right to the essential safeguards of a proper legal system.

Third: the freedom of armed conflict participants to choose techniques or means of battle is not boundless. No needless harm or suffering should be caused.

Lastly: To protect the civilian population, the military must always distinguish between civilians and civilian objects on the one hand and military targets on the other. Military strikes should not be directed at the civilian population, individuals, or civilian goods.

In a nutshell, International Humanitarian Law asks the military to fight a war by not attacking civilians. They should only attack combatants only by legal means. They should treat persons in their power humanely and protect all victims.

Therefore, going against International Humanitarian Law is a crime against humanity that must be condemned domestically and internationally. The latest deaths are war crimes.

This government's silence may condone innocent civilians' killings and ethnic profiling. These atrocities will continue so long as such behaviour persists.

The refusal to show empathy is another signal to citizens that the issue is not taken seriously. Specifically, Buhari did not give condolence to the victims' families for this horrific murder. He may claim to be too busy to send messages to the bereaved families, but he was not too busy to attend a political gathering in Katsina State.

But this is not the first time he has done this. Last January, the President was silent when scores of people were killed in Zamfara while visiting Bisi Akande's book launch. The deceased's loved ones are still traumatised and have not forgotten. Let's be clear, the deceased have the same rights as all other citizens, and they want justice carried out. Citizens would side with the government if it showed compassion and empathy towards them.

In an election season, the only way to show a lack of disapproval is to vote against the government's wishes. Buhari has clearly announced his support for Tinubu, the APC flagbearer, who plans to maintain what this administration is doing if elected. Given Buhari administration has formed the habit of maintaining their silence whenever killings occur, the aggrieved groups will insinuate that the behaviour of silence will continue under the next APC.

Without politicising the crisis, the government must address these persistent erroneous killings by military airstrikes, including those involved.

The National Assembly must be bold enough to look into the military to ensure they follow the rules of engagement. The military chiefs should declare that amateur errors will be avoided in the future by using proper intelligence as they have the funding to do so.

EDITORIAL

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As Buhari chairs fuel supply c'ttee

The federal government last Tuesday announced the setting up of a committee to handle the lingering fuel crisis in the country. The committee is chaired by President Muhammad Buhari, who is the country's Minister of Petroleum Resources, with the Alternate Chairman, being the Minister of State for Petroleum, Mr. Timipre Sylva.

The Committee's work is to ensure transparent and efficient supply and distribution of petroleum products across the country. It is also expected to ensure national strategic stock management and visibility on the NNPC Limited refineries rehabilitation programme and ensure tracking of petroleum products, especially PMS to ascertain daily national consumption and eliminate smuggling.

Before the announcement came, Nigerians had been going through harrowing experiences in their efforts to buy petrol and diesel, the two fuels on which the Nigerian economy, as well as the social lives of Nigerians, have come to depend. On a daily basis, ordinary Nigerians troop to petrol stations in search of fuel, with long queues of both vehicles and humans spiraling across towns and cities as the hapless citizens wait long hours.

In the ensuing melee, Nigerians have experienced extortion and abuse, as the price of petrol has risen several times above what the government claims to be the official pump price. As the crisis worsened, the price rose until it hit N400 per litre or more in some places. But while many petrol stations claim to be out of stock of the product, right outside their premises, hawkers are having a field day, selling the product at any price they like.

The situation raised questions as to who was really in charge of this all-important sector and the downstream sector, specifically. The puzzle was compounded by accusations and counter accusations, as the regulators and operators accused each other of being responsible for the chaos.

It was in this state of national confusion and embarrassment that Nigerians received with mixed feelings the report of the setting up of this Presidential Committee on fuel subsidy. The concern of many was whether such was necessary considering that the president was already the Minister of Petroleum.

For us at Daily Trust, the action came rather late, as there was no alarm that Nigerians had not raised over the recurring challenge of petrol scarcity long before now.

However, now that the committee is here, Nigerians expect nothing short of success, given that it is composed of the highest authority in the land. Even the unusualness of this committee alone compels it to seek a permanent solution to the problem. For the president to chair the committee is quite significant. Perhaps, the decision by President Buhari to chair this committee, obviously the last to be set up by his administration, could have been borne out of a determination to break away from the failures of previous committees.

We recall quite vividly that on January 2, 2018, the president set up a similar committee through his then Chief of Staff, Abba Kyari. That committee was chaired by Ibe Kachikwu, the then Minister of State for Petroleum Resources. That committee was known to have recommended the full deregulation of the downstream sector of the industry, which would have meant raising the price of petrol. It also recommended the involvement of marketers in the importation of the products. Besides, that committee pointed out the need to tackle the importation of petrol by having functional local refineries.

It is not quite clear how much of that committee's recommendations were implemented by the government. But that the scarcity of petroleum products has continued to recur, confirms that all such previous efforts failed.

More than four years after, there has been no change in the market structure, as NNPC Limited remains the sole importer of refined petroleum products into the country. This monopolistic market structure has embedded inefficiency in a system noted for its alleged proclivity for corruption. If the industry had been deregulated earlier as recommended, perhaps petrol prices would have adjusted in a less chaotic way.

It is difficult to fathom any reason why a government that came into office with a promise to make petrol available to Nigerians at low prices has found it impossible to ensure the local supply of the product by reviving the country's existing refineries. In eight years, the government has failed to address the fundamental issue: resuscitating our moribund refineries. Instead, it has concentrated on ensuring Nigeria's continued dependence on the importation of refined products.

The current wave of petrol scarcity has been around for about 14 months now, having started in the dying months of 2021, when the government wanted to raise the price of petrol. That attempt soon fizzled out, as did previous efforts by this administration.

Now, this committee is where the buck stops. President Buhari has to decide, in the remaining four months of his administration, to fulfill his promise to Nigerians. This committee that he chairs is the last hope he has to solve this fuel scarcity. Perhaps, it is also an opportunity for him to verify how well and whether all those who surround him have worked for his success, or not.

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Nigeria's mystery of three queues

A few years from now, historians will beam their searchlights on an uncommon phenomenon taking place in Nigeria currently: the mystery of three queues, to proffer explanations whether they were a coincidence or not. In virtually all towns and cities in Nigeria right now, you are either queuing for petrol (we call it fuel) or the redesigned naira notes, or you have joined a queue to collect your PVC.

Historians will try to establish whether there is any correlation among the three queues. They will need social, economic and political historians among them to be able to analyse the phenomenon in ways that capture the real reasons for the confluence of these queues at a given point in time, the point being the year 2023.

Between these two queues is the one at the ATMs. It represents, again, all that is wrong with us when it comes to policy making. Nigerians can be seen falling over each other as they try to withdraw money from banks' ATMs.

Talking about the time dimension to these chaotic lines, one fact emerges clearly: these queues have links to our nation's past, which has refused to go, despite how much we try to dislike it. They have to do with our past which has more or less swallowed our present and cast a shadow of doubt over the future. They represent all that is wrong with us as a nation.

Take the petrol queues, for instance. They are the representation of a collective failure by successive administrations to get right the pricing of a product that has a pervasive influence on our everyday life. We have watched in utter dismay the display of incompetence by officials of government to deal with an industry that is infested with hawks. That explains why we as a nation have failed to price our petrol with the objective of being able to cover costs and hence ensure the sustainability of supply over time.

The queues remind us that we have all along failed to lay a foundation that sustains productivity, knowing that economies improve when factors are fully deployed in the productive processes. Instead, our oil industry has been one marked by rent-seeking, where people become rich overnight by just standing between the suppliers and consumers of petroleum products, demanding and collecting rent for adding nothing to production.

Nigeria's oil industry has produced perhaps the largest number of millionaires than any country but many of them cannot point to any value they have added to that industry and the economy. This is the spirit that has ruled this industry, and because those responsible benefit from it, they do not want to see an end to it.

If you are at the PVC collection arena, then you are one of those who are stretching out their hands to reach out to a future that beckons on us all. But the reality is that everyone there has a different interpretation of the past, as reflected by

the petrol queues. Some are there to collect their PVCs so they can vote to ensure a continuation of the present. It is their choice. Others are there to collect their voters' cards so they can vote for a change, whichever way they define that change. It is also their choice, defined by their perception of reality.

It is this determination on both sides, between those who want to vote for the status quo to remain and those who want a change that led to the rise in the number of registered voters to 96.2 million, up from 84 million, according to the Independent National Electoral Commission. That represents an increase of about 14.5 per cent, quite significant to be ignored as a factor in analysing the queues at PVC collection centres. If the voters' register grew by this margin, then there must be something of interest to the newcomers, especially given the fact that 71 per cent of them are youths. Out of this, as many as 8.7 million are said to be aged between 18 and 34 years.

Between these two queues is the one at the ATMs. It represents, again, all that is wrong with us when it comes to policy making. Nigerians can be seen falling over each other as they try to withdraw money from banks' ATMs. This is because a currency redesign has ended up visiting upon people hardship that many cannot explain the reason. It has become a blame game, with the CBN blaming the banks for hoarding the new currency notes, while the banks in turn accuse the regulator of instructing them to hold onto the new notes.

Who do we believe? But Nigerians know the notes have travelled between the central bank and the lenders' strong room, but where most of them end up is a mystery. The apex bank is so sure it has given out the new notes that it has threatened to visit the banks' vaults to ascertain what is in there. Nigerians have come to know somehow that these notes are not going as both the banks and the regulator, the CBN, want to make them to believe.

It is almost clear now that, as in the case of petrol queues, the new naira notes are not in circulation as they should be because of rent-seekers. They are not available at the ATMs, which the Central Bank says it has instructed the banks to load with the new notes. Instead, what we hear are stories of bank officials being compromised, as some of them have seen the naira exchange as an opportunity to extract rent from hapless Nigerians.

Not even the 10-day extension is of much help. In some places, bank customers have been told that they should only deposit the old notes but cannot receive the new notes until Feb. 10. How does this fit into CBN's avowed stance on the circulation of the redesigned notes?

Consequently, Nigeria right now has an economy that is without currency in some parts. So, where are the new notes? Have they been cornered by a few people, who have been able to hijack the new notes? How can this be?

As it is common now for people to ask their neighbours, colleagues and others, may I ask you: which of these queues have you been to today?

Somebody said, with excitement: "Finally I have got my PVC, after many attempts of negative response. One attempt may not be enough to overcome certain challenges, but many attempts could bring a positive result."

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Buhari hasn't lost his command, respect in Kano — Presidency

By Muideen Olaniyi

The Presidency yesterday flayed the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) over what it called 'sad celebration of the false news of Kano stone pelting' of President Muhammadu Buhari.

A presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement, said Buhari had not lost his command and respect in Kano.

PDP National Publicity Secretary, Debo Ologunagba, had on Monday condemned the purported attack on Buhari in Kano State by miscreants he alleged were sponsored by the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Shehu, in a statement, said the divisive rhetoric of an opposition to malign the image of the president and the candidates of the APC in the coming elections would not give them victory.

He said the PDP defeat was "a foretold story by many discerning individuals" as it entered into the coming elections with a divided house.

Shehu said contrary to the impression being presented, Buhari had not lost his command and respect in Kano, urging all stakeholders to preach against violent

activities during the ongoing electioneering campaigns.

"Facts on ground as rendered by the law enforcement agencies speak of a clash between the local road transport authorities, the Kano Road Transport Authority, KAROTA and thugs hired by a yet-to-be identified group that took place when the president was being treated to a banquet at the Government House, well after he had finished his projects commissioning.

"The president was in the state to work on the development, safety and security of the lives of common citizens and the happy thing about it was that the good people of Kano State were appreciative of him for the progress the state and the nation at large are making under him.

"The divisive rhetoric of an opposition in a futile attempt to malign the image of the president and the candidates of the All Progressives Congress in the coming elections, and its desperate wedge-driving activities to cause a division between the party and the government is not what will give them victory.

"A so-called leading opposition party that controls 14 states, going into elections with eight or nine of the states

in tow should look inwards to see why their campaign is flagging and destined to fail. Their defeat is a foretold story by many discerning individuals.

"The stone-pelters as seen from the video in the fight against the traffic police were innocent children sponsored by politicians and terrorist sympathizers. There is no place for violence in a democracy.

"The PDP should use the opportunity of the electioneering to put their point of view in a democracy. When problems can be resolved through talks, there is no place for stone-pelting, arson and unruly behavior as we are witnessing in some of the campaigns.

It is equally unhealthy for society and it becomes the duty of political, social and religious leaders to correctly inform the misled youngsters to shun the path of violence which is inimical to their own future.

"Lastly is to say that the president has not lost his command and respect in Kano. For those who hold the border closure against him, they must come to realise that the 60-70 integrated rice mills in the city today would not have been in place if he had allowed the free-for-all smuggling to continue."

TikTok partners INEC, NOA to fight misinformation

By Dalhatu Liman

TikTok, a leading destination for short-form mobile video blogging app, in partnership with the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the National Orientation Agency (NOA) and Africa Check, has launched product features that support its long-term vision to help Nigerians and other global users' access factual and authoritative information about the 2023 general elections.

Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, TikTok Sub-Saharan Africa, Fortune Mgwili-Sibanda, in a statement yesterday, said this was part of TikTok's commitment to curbing election misinformation and ensure that

election news is disseminated responsibly by its community.

He said, "We are continuously engaging with diverse stakeholders in Nigeria to discuss opportunities to mitigate the misuse of online platforms such as TikTok in a fast-paced digital world. Our resolve is to spread positivity in markets where we operate as we promote safety online.

"TikTok plays a significant role in shaping discourse around important topics. Using TikTok as a medium through which to engender an atmosphere of mutual cooperation during Nigeria's national election period is part of our resolve to provide a platform that promotes peace and provides a safe space for positive digital expression."

'2023 general elections, turning point for Nigeria'

By Seun Adeuyi

The 2023 general elections will mark a turning point for Nigeria, election-wise.

A Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Lateef Fagbemi, said this Tuesday in Abuja at a public lecture organised by the Muslim Lawyers Association of Nigeria (MULAN), FCT Chapter in honor of nine of its newly elevated members to the rank of SAN.

He said the Electoral Act 2022 had pushed the Nigerian electoral process to the standard of other democratic countries all over the world.

Delivering his keynote lecture titled, 'Nigeria: Within the Compass of the 2023 General Elections', Fagbemi: "The

Electoral Act 2022 is a round peg in a round hole towards revolutionizing the electoral system, with a view to producing the best leaders and reaffirming that the voice and choice of the people count.

"It is believed that if the provisions of this Act are judiciously implemented, Nigerians will enjoy the exercise of their political franchise before and after the 2023 general elections, and the country as a whole will be better for it."

Chairman, MULAN FCT Abuja Chapter, Yahaya Dangana, said the programme was apt and timely as it would give its members the required skills needed in defending or prosecuting election petitions.



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UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, LAGOS, NIGERIA

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR

The Governing Council of the University of Lagos invites suitably qualified candidates to apply for the post of the REGISTRAR, which will be vacant by 1st August, 2023. The appointment of a new Registrar is in accordance with the Provisions of the University of Lagos Act, 1967; The Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1993; The Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amended) Act, 2003 and The Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amended) Act, 2012.

THE INSTITUTION

The University of Lagos was established in 1962, by an Act of Parliament of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to encourage the advancement of learning. Located in the urban and commercial city of Lagos, it has its main campus in Akoka and two other campuses in Yaba and Idi-Araba. The University caters for both full time and part time students. The University has an overall population of over sixty two thousand (62,000) students (regular and part-time at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels). It has a staff strength of about five thousand (5,000). The University of Lagos, a highly reputable institution, has one (1) College, twelve (12) Faculties, six (6) Institutes, nineteen (19) Research Centres, two (2) TETFund Centres of Excellence, two (2) Centres of Excellence of African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA), three (3) World Bank Centres of Excellence, a School of Postgraduate Studies and a Business School (ULBS). With a track record of producing quality and outstanding graduates, University of Lagos is remarkably "The University of First Choice and the Nation's Pride".

THE POSITION

The Registrar is a Principal Officer, the Chief Administrative Officer, and is responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except for financial matters, which fall within the purview of the Bursar. The Registrar is also the Secretary to Council, Senate, Convocation and Congregation of the University.

The University of Lagos seeks candidates with vision, proven academic distinction, managerial ability, and transparency in private and public life. The candidate shall be a person of high integrity, who is capable of giving dynamic administrative leadership while building strong and positive relationships with staff, students and the University community. He/she must have strong moral and steady character and should be able to instill confidence in others and command the loyalty and respect of the people. The candidate must be a team player, a thoroughbred administrator with a clear vision of a 21st century professional University Registry and must fully understand the complexity of a university system and the uniqueness of the University of Lagos. The candidate must be able to effectively utilize the human and material resources to move the Registry of the University to an enviable global top class status.

Furthermore, the candidate must be ICT-compliant and should possess relevant 21st century skills including:

- Communication and Information Literacy,
- Technology and Digital Literacy,
- Financial Responsibility,
- Global Networking,
- Critical Thinking and Creativity,
- Analytical and Problem Solving,
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The candidate must be in good physical, emotional and mental health and must not have attained the age of sixty (60) years by August 1st, 2023. The successful candidate should be able to sustain and improve on the Registry and the University's developmental vision at large.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Candidates must possess a good Honour's degree plus National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) discharge certificate or evidence of exemption. Possession of a relevant higher degree and membership of a recognized professional body will be added advantages. The candidates should have at least fifteen (15) years post-qualification administrative experience. In addition, candidates must have at least ten (10) years relevant experience in a senior management level in the University system or tertiary institutions of comparable status.

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The successful candidate shall hold office for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of appointment with additional one (1) year subject to satisfactory performance as may be determined by the appropriate University laws and the Governing Council of the University of Lagos.

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Candidates should forward twenty (25) copies each of their application, Curriculum Vitae, Credentials and Vision Statement for the position. The Curriculum Vitae should provide the following information:

- Full name (Surname first)
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- Nationality/State/Local Government
- Marital status
- Name of spouse/Number and ages of children (where applicable)
- Current address
- Permanent home address
- E-mail and mobile phone number
- Institutions attended with dates
- Degrees obtained (including date/class) and/or any other qualifications and distinctions including professional qualifications and affiliations.
- Work experience/positions held with dates
- Statement of Registry experience including full details of achievements in former and present posts
- Other activities outside current employment
- Proposed date of availability for duties if appointed
- Names, office/residential address, Email and Telephone numbers of Three Referees

a. Vision Statement:

Candidates should state in clear terms of not more than one thousand (1,000) words, his/her vision statement for the Registry in the next five years.

b. References:

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CITY & CRIME

Prices of cattle crash in Taraba due to naira scarcity

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

The prices of cattle have crashed in Taraba State as a result of lack of new and old naira notes.

The development, according to our findings, has affected cattle markets in the state.

The Iware Cattle Market which functions every Tuesday was seriously affected yesterday as only few cows were sold due to lack of both new and old naira notes.

City & Crime learnt that over 1,000 cows were brought to the market in the early morning of yesterday but as at 4pm only about 40 cows were sold.

Stakeholders said the cattle markets in the state operated on "cash and carry" basis, but that most of the cattle merchants came to the market without much cash yesterday.

It was learnt that those that brought cows to the market rejected cash transfer and demanded for raw cash.

The development, it was gathered affected business in the market, resulting in the crash of the prices of the animals.

Herders demand cash, reject online transfer

Muhammad Dojjo, one of the marketers, told City & Crime that the prices of cows crashed because of the absence of naira notes

He said there was shortage of both new and old naira notes in the hands of cattle merchants.

He stated further that a cow which was sold for N400,000

a few weeks ago was yesterday sold for N300,000.

He noted that the situation was the same in all the cattle markets across the state.



Iware cattles market in Taraba State

Photo Magaji Isa Hunkuyi

Man seeks divorce over wife's disobedience

A man, Taiwo Ajadi, on Monday filed a divorce case against his wife, Mariam, at an area court in Ilorin, Kwara State over alleged disobedience and wayward attitude.

Ajadi also applied for the custody of their three children aged 11, 8 and four.

Counsel to the respondent, Maruf Ibrahim, told the court that his client, Mariam, agreed to the divorce prayer, but not on the basis of the allegations levelled against her.

Ibrahim told the court that his client was not in any way disobedient to her husband or wayward in any way or manner.

He, however, said that she also wants custody of their children, describing them as minors, also praying that the plaintiff should be responsible for their school fees and maintenance.

The Judge, AbdulQadir Ibrahim, said the applicant should produce evidence and witnesses on reasons why he should have custody of the children and adjourned to March 20. (NAN)

Gunmen kill 3 in Benue

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

At least three people have been killed in an attack by armed men in Tse-mkem Mbashimbe Mbabuande area in Gwer West LGA of Benue State.

Residents told our correspondent on telephone that the three people were killed in two separate attacks at the weekend.

A source explained that the victims, Aondoakula Mkem and his helper (name unknown), were killed on Sunday while sawing wood in the bush, and that the third person, Ikyodio Ashimom, was killed on Saturday in his village in Mbapa.

Police spokesperson in the state, SP Catherine Anene, said she was not aware of the incidents having been out of town.

3 kids burnt to death in Kaduna

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

Three children have been burnt to death in the Kinkinau area in Kaduna South LGA of Kaduna State.

City & Crime learnt that the incident happened around 1am on Thursday last week when fire razed their house.

A neighbour of the victims said, "The victims were children in a family of five and all of them were burnt beyond recognition. They were living with their father and two other children.

The victims' father, Mohammed Tasiu, explained that he stopped some hunters who tried to shoot a cat on the roof of his house that night before he went to bed.

He said that while he was inside in bed, he heard a sound on his roof and thought it was the cat that returned but later perceived a strange odour, as if something was burning and so he went into the children's room to check but saw nothing burning.

He further said, "I then went into the compound to check around only to see fire at the back of the rooms, and before I could rush back to save my family, the children's room was on fire.

"I heard them (children) crying inside the room for help but I couldn't save them despite my effort because of the fire. So, I honestly don't know what actually caused the fire but Allah knows," adding that the children had been buried according to Islamic rites.

How day-old baby was discovered in Niger mosque

... It's tough feeding her since November, says guardian

By Adam Umar

The Ward Head of Junction area in Madalla town in Niger State, Alhassan Adamu, has disclosed how a day-old baby was discovered at the premises of central mosque in the area on November 19, 2022, around 5am.

He said his attention was drawn by the mosque's Imam, Malam Musa, that an infant girl was found on the

mosque's premises with her dress stained with blood.

He said he informed the village head, as well as the district head of Madalla who asked him to take care of the baby, adding that she had since been named Nihla, meaning Joyous in Arabic.

However, two months after, Adamu spoke about his challenges in taking care of her, which include buying baby milk, saying he had



The baby and her guardian

bought more than 20 tins already and was finding it difficult buying it.

Scores injured, 11 arrested as rival cult gangs clash in Lagos

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

Several persons sustained injuries in a clash between two rival cult gang members of the Eiye and Aiye confraternities in the Shibiri area of Lagos

The clash, which started from the waterside area of Etegin, later escalated towards Ajagbadi and

assumed a frightening dimension as the hoodlums went after one another with weapons.

Already, 11 suspects have been arrested and they have been moved to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Yaba, on the orders of the state Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alabi

Sources said that the fracas started

when some Aiye members trailed a member of Eiye to a drinking joint at the Etegin waterfront.

The source said the gang was identified as one of those involved in the killing of one of their members.

Lagos police spokesman, Benjamin Hundeyin, could not be reached as he was said to be in a meeting.

Bandits killed 1, abduct 16 women in fresh Niger attack

By Abubakar Akote, Minna

One person has been reportedly killed while 16 women, including four nursing mothers, were kidnapped in Hayin-Magaji community in Kontagora LGA of Niger State.

City & Crime gathered that the bandits, in their numbers, raided the community, a few kilometers away from Kontagora town and conducted house to house search between 2am and 3am on Monday.

A resident of the community, who didn't want his name mentioned, said four people sustained various degrees of bullet injuries and were rushed to the hospital.

He said many people had fled their homes due to the attack and called on the government to come to their aid against insecurity.

"There are four babies who were taken alongside their mothers. The babies are still breastfeeding and their mothers could not drop them. Our village is not far from Farin-Shinge, a few kilometers away from Kontagora. Many people are in the hospital now and only God knows if they would survive," he said.

The Niger State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, did not respond to calls put across to him while Commissioner for Internal Security and Humanitarian Affairs, Emmanuel Umar, could not be reached as at the time of filing this report.

2 pregnant women rescued as accident kills 2 in Lagos

Operatives of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) have rescued two pregnant women and two children in a multiple accident which killed two persons in Ikotun, a suburb in Lagos.

LASTMA Director, Public Affairs and Enlightenment Department, Mr Adebayo Taofiq, in a statement on Tuesday, said that the accident occurred around 12:30 p.m.

"The accident involved a fully loaded container truck with

registration number JJJ 125 and three tricycles.

"The driver of one of the tricycle with one passenger died instantly.

"Those four rescued victims by LASTMA personnel were two pregnant women and two children," he said.

Taofiq said that LASTMA personnel immediately handed over those rescued victims to the policemen from Ikotun station who took them to the general hospital for treatment.

7 remanded over kidnap of Benue commissioner

A Makurdi magistrates' court on Tuesday remanded seven men at the Makurdi correctional centre for allegedly kidnapping the Benue State Commissioner for Housing and Urban Development, Mr Ekpe Ogbu.

The suspects: Nuhu Musa, Mohammed Danjuma, Yunusa Usman, Abubakar Usman, Usman Saleh, Hamza Sani and Monday Samuel, are of various addresses in Oju/Otukpo LGA.

They were charged with criminal conspiracy, illegal possession of firearms, kidnapping and acts of terrorism.

The prosecutor, Insp Jonah Uletu, told the court that the police received a signal on December 31, 2022, from the Operation Zenda Joint Task Force that its operatives had trailed and arrested the suspects following the kidnap of the commissioner on December 4,

2022. He added that it was discovered that the suspects were members of the kidnap gang terrorising Benue South and that one Beretta pistol was found on them.

Uletu said the suspects confessed to the crime during police investigation, noting that other members of the gang were still at large.

The Magistrate, Mrs Roseline Iyoshe, did not take their plea for want of jurisdiction, referred the case to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) and adjourned to February 22. (NAN)

Kano man who stood as surety for son, arraigned for screening him A 63-year-old man, Yohanna Usman, who stood as surety for his son, was on Tuesday arraigned in a Kano magistrates' court for allegedly screening his son and obstructing justice.

Magistrate Farouk Ibrahim-Umar, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N10m with two sureties in like sum and adjourned to February 7.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Mr Aminu Dandago, told the court that the defendant on May 20, 2022, at Gwale Quarters, Kano, knew that his son, Livinus, collected N23.6m belonging to one Alhaji Ahmad Badawi of Gwale Quarters Kano.

He said, "The defendant took his son (Livinus) on bail with the intention of screening him from legal punishment as they both absconded since then until December 19, 2022, when detectives from SCID visited his home and in the process he concealed his son and obstructed the police from arresting him, which made Livinus to escape."

The defendant denied committing the offence. (NAN)

'No state has 50% qualified teachers'

By Dalhatu Liman

A former Governor of Niger State, Dr Babangida Muazu Aliyu, has decried the deterioration of the education sector in the country, especially in the North, saying no state has up to 50 per cent of qualified teachers.

He said there were virtually non-qualified teachers, thereby making the teaching environment and classes overcrowded in which pupils sat on bare ground.

Dr Aliyu stated this during a special fund raising for the annual conference on education development organised by JIBWIS in Abuja on Sunday.

Speaking as the guest speaker, he said, "Many states do not pay teachers' salary: some owe them for one year, some six months. How much is the salary of a teacher that you will deprive him of that little thing and you expect him to teach your children well? No! You are wasting your time."

He thanked JIBWIS for its efforts towards education development, while calling on other movements to contribute in such initiatives.

On his part, the National Chairman of the Council of Ulama in JIBWIS, Sheikh Sani Yahaya Jingir, called on well to do Muslims to contribute to the development of education in the country.

He noted that JIBWIS had been running over 6,000 schools with more than seven million students across the country, hence the need for financial support to continue administering the schools.



Substances suspected to be hemp seized by the NDLEA recently

Woman bites off neighbour' leap, calling her witch

... Another stabs fellow sex worker

By Adam Umar

A woman has been arrested by the police in the Zuba area in the FCT for assaulting her female neighbour and



The victim

biting off her lip.

In an interaction with City & Crime at the Zuba police station, the victim, Victoria Ujah, said the suspect came to her shop and spit on the rice and beans she displayed.

"I left her standing in front of my shop and went into my compound to let the matter rest.

"She followed me into the compound, pushed me down, jumped over me and bit off my lower lip before a neighbour rescued me from her grip."

She further said that while she reported the matter to the police outpost in the community, the suspect went to the Zuba Division where she

allegedly had "connection" and filed a complaint against her.

In a related development, our reporter had an encounter with another assault victim, Gloria Moses, at the Zuba police station, who was stabbed on her face and chest by her fellow sex worker.

She explained that the incident happened while she was attempting to separate the suspect with another of their colleagues from fighting during "night hustling" inside their brothel around the Lagos Park area in Zuba.

She said, "She accused me of buying the matter, and in the process she broke a bottle of beer and stabbed me on the face and chest."

Police officers at the station prevented our reporter from speaking with the suspects even though one of them was said to have been granted bail.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Zuba, CSP Osor Moses, confirmed the two cases.

QUICK READ

Organisation to rehabilitate 10 drug addicts

The Vanguard Against Drug Abuse (VGADA) has pledged to support the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in the War Against Drug Abuse (WADA) by rehabilitating 10 drug addicts free of charge.

The Executive Director of VGADA, Dr Hope Omeiza, disclosed this when he led his team on a courtesy visit to the NDLEA Chairman, Brig Gen Buba Marwa (Rtd), on Monday in Abuja.

NAN reports that "VGADA Detox Centre" which began operation on February 4, 2022, is the treatment arm of VGADA, with a 100-bed space drug treatment and rehabilitation centre.

Omeiza explained that the centre was a mental health facility designed to provide treatment for drug addiction, mental illnesses and psychological disorders.

Responding, Marwa commended the organisation for the good works they had been doing, saying that the fight against drug abuse was not for the NDLEA alone, but all.

431 police constables deployed to Adamawa LGs

The police command in Adamawa State has deployed 431 newly recruited constables to boost security across the 21 LGAs of the state.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Sikiru Akande, told the constables on Tuesday that they must shun corrupt tendencies and acts that would tarnish the image of the police.

Akande also said they must strive to ensure the safety of communities and be good ambassadors of their families and the Nigeria Police Force (NPF).

He explained that the deployment was to strengthen community policing in line with the vision of the Inspector General of Police, Usman Baba. (NAN)

Kaduna new customs boss assumes duty

From Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba, Kaduna

A new Controller of the Federal Operations Unit (FOU) Zone B of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Musa Ibrahim Jalo, has assumed duty with a call on the officers to discharge their duties diligently.

Jalo took over from Abashir Hamisu following his promotion to the rank of Assistant Comptroller of Customs (ACG) and deployment as acting Commandant of the Customs Command and Staff College, Gwagwalada, Abuja.

Speaking shortly after assuming duty, Jalo promised to sustain the legacy of the former comptroller and urged the officials to be civil and professional.

In his remarks, ACG Abashir Hamisu, urged the officers and men of the FOU to extend the support given to him to his successor.



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BOLA TINUBU'S UNPRESIDENTIAL OUTBURSTS IN AKWA IBOM STATE

The unfortunate and very unpresidential invectives deployed by the Presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress, APC, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu against Akwa Ibom State Governor, Akparawa Udom Gabriel Emmanuel, has understandably drawn widespread condemnation from a broad spectrum of well-meaning Nigerians and political pundits across party lines.

Whereas, Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio being the apex sociocultural organization of the Ibibio ethnic Nationality is a nonpartisan group, we however share in the disappointments expressed by many on this condemnable goof by Bola Tinubu during his rally in Uyo, on Monday, January 30, 2023, whereat, he was quoted making the following incendiary remark: "Akwa Ibom, that Boy wey de call himself Governor, tell him enough is enough! He lives in my backyard in Lagos, If no be say we be one I would have driven him home. You see that mansion he is living, I would just use lizards, pigeons and scorpions and put inside."

We are still in shock that, rather than tell Akwa Ibom people what his blueprint is for the Nation, Tinubu resorted to use gutter language to demean the exalted Office of the Governor, an office he once occupied and cites profusely as his qualification to run for the Presidency of our great nation.

Apart from the unbecoming reference to His Excellency, Governor Udom Emmanuel as, 'that boy', he dismissed a sitting Governor as an impostor, by insinuation. Then he condescends with threats to forcefully evicting Governor Udom Emmanuel from his official residence in Lagos State. One joke taken too far, which could be misinterpreted by misguided supporters to breach the peace.

Whereas Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio is totally nonaligned to any political party and would ordinarily have wished to leave this to politicians, it is however our considered opinion that this disrespectful act is directed against a prominent Ibibio son and a revered member of our organization, who by the grace of God is the sitting Governor of Akwa Ibom State.

We accordingly consider this distasteful comment as smacking of intolerance, prejudice and ethnic jingoism which is capable of inciting strife between Ibibios and their Yoruba brethren with whom they have cohabited for decades without any rancour.

We condemn in very strong terms the veiled threats directed at our son and Governor of our State by Tinubu and charge him to be measured, circumspect and responsible in his utterances as a leader while campaigning.

Consequently, Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio demands an unreserved apology from Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the insult on our people, as an insult to our Governor is by extension an insult to Ibibio people and Akwa Ibom State.

Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio commends His Excellency, Governor Udom Emmanuel for his principled stand to stay on issue based campaign and not join issues with Tinubu despite the provocation.

Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio hereby calls on all political parties and politicians to conduct themselves peacefully and responsibly throughout the electioneering processes and avoid actions that will heat up the polity.

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BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

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

COMMODITIES PRICE (December 28, 2022)

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

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

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

NNPC meets marketers as CDS, police talk tough on alternative actions

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd (NNPC) on Tuesday met with marketers and security operatives over the prevailing petrol scarcity and price hike just as the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Lucky Irabor, threatened alternative action if the crisis is unresolved.

Most independent outlets now sell for over N300 per litre as against the N195/l approved recently for marketers.

Speaking during the meeting at NNPC Towers Abuja, the Group Chief Executive Officer of NNPC, Mele Kyari, said pricing was an issue and not petrol supply as NNPC has over 800 million litres of petrol on sea and over 700m litres on land across retail outlets, sufficient for 30 days.

He said, "We do have 24 day sufficiency for AGO (diesel) and the aviation we have 45 days of stuffiness for ATK aviation fuel," adding that there is fuel in every depot and evacuation is ongoing.

Kyari revealed that petrol smuggling is on the rise as over 67m litres of petrol has been evacuated daily but the crisis has prevailed.

The NNPC head also blamed the marketers saying they did not follow the official petrol price rate at the depots and increased prices arbitrarily as some depots sell from N172 to N260/l above the agreed price, saying the marketers cannot buy at that rate and sell at the official rate.



■ Fuel station

The Authority Chief Executive, Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), Farouk Ahmed, confirmed there were several pacts with the marketers and transporters but such pacts have not been followed through.

"But again, the more we agree, the more you lift the lever. We cannot continue like that."

FG may take alternative action – CDS

CDS Irabor, warned of alternative action. "It's a crisis of internal nature which security and police should lead but if it gets above that, there is an alternative.

"If there is no solution, let me reiterate that the government is not handicapped and there is an

alternative and we pray that we don't get to the level where the alternative will be activated," Irabor said.

The Inspector General of Police Usman Alkali Baba said the problem is in distribution and urged operators for increased monitoring of the process.

"I think it is our role to assist the NNPC in monitoring the process of distribution if that will help us leverage the problem"

Chairman of the Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria (MoMAN) Adetunji Oyebanji, urged members to work to ensure products are supplied at the official rate.

Chairman of the Depot and Petroleum Products Marketers Association of Nigeria

(DAPPMAN), Mrs Winifred Akpani, urged NNPC to only deliver products to depots (members) that will supply the right way, alleging that DAPPMAN does not regulate depot owners who are non-members.

"We have all determined to ensure that we can help where we can help," adding that profiteering is causing many problems to the country.

President, Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG), Comrade Williams Akporeha, said marketers have no right to increase the price because petrol is subsidized.

"Our position at NUPENG is that any depot or filling station that sells above the price must have the wrath of Nigerians to face."

Access Pensions, others top investment rankings for PFAs in 2022

By Sunday Michael Ogwu

Access Pensions and the Nigerian Police Force (NPF) Pensions closed 2022 as the top PFAs by investment returns across the four main retirement savings accounts funds.

This is according to a recent data released by industry analysts on Pensions in Nigeria.

Globally, 2022 was a difficult year for financial markets as rate hikes by global central banks drove bearish sentiments across most asset classes.

In Nigeria, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) responded to rising inflation with an increase in the key monetary policy rate from 11.5 per cent to 17.5% by the end of the year. Over the years, average pension fund returns across the four funds were 8.97%, 9.55%, 9.86%, and 10.22% for funds I, II, III, and IV respectively.

NPF Pensions is a special interest pension fund administrator dedicated to managing pensions for members of the Nigerian Police Force while Access Pensions was formed from the merger of the erstwhile Sigma Pensions Limited and First Guarantee Pensions Limited.

Among the open PFAs not dedicated to a special interest group, Access Pensions topped the pack with Leadway in second place and Crusader Sterling in third place.

In terms of returns, these three PFAs delivered returns above the peer average across their four main funds. 2022's top performance is a significant milestone for Access Pensions following the entry of Access Corporation into the pension space and these strong investment returns make it an attractive choice for those looking to invest in a well-managed pension fund.

In 2022, despite the difficult macroeconomic environment, aggregate pension assets under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) hit N15 trillion according to data from the National Pension Commission (PenCom).

The Nigerian pension industry has entered a period of heightened competition following the opening of the transfer window in 2020 and the development alongside the NGN5 billion recapitalisation exercise, resulting in a greater level of rivalry among players in the space with a focus on investment performance, service levels and brand visibility.

Urea now Nigeria's top non-oil export – Minister

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Niyi Adebayo, has stated that urea fertiliser has taken over sesame as Nigeria's top exporting non-oil commodity.

Speaking during President Muhammadu Buhari's Administration Scorecard 2015-2022 yesterday in Abuja, Adebayo said this has made non-oil exports to \$4.8bn (N2.2tr) in 2022 an increase of 40 per cent.

Daily Trust had reported that urea increased by more than 400 per cent in the first half of 2022 when compared to the same period in 2021.

According to the Foreign Trade in Statistics, released by

the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), urea moved to the third position of Nigeria's top traded exports with N208.3bn in the first quarter, N308.1bn in the second quarter and N133bn for third quarter, N649.5bn cumulatively.

But in the first half of 2021, the commodity named 'Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution,' was in the eighth position with N31.3bn exported in Q1 of 2021, N30.7bn in Q2, and 2021 (N62bn exported).

On the other hand, sesame exported from Q1 to Q2 of 2021 was valued at N63.5bn while in 2022, it reduced to N81.4bn.

The minister attributed it to the N50bn Export Expansion Fund Programme, stating that

to sustain the momentum, it launched the Zero-oil plan, "Nigeria's blueprint for non-oil export, which we expect will deliver 5-year cumulative earnings of \$150billion and lift to 20m citizens out of poverty."

He added that the government established an Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) during the covid pandemic to facilitate the flow of industrial and trade activities as well as to secure jobs.

He said the intervention resulted in saving over 20,000 jobs and ensured that items such as ventilators, Personal Protective Equipment and other key products were delivered where needed.

He added that the backward integration programmes

established in the country have led to \$1bn investment in the automobile industry and created the capacity to produce 400,000 units annually.

"With an eye to the future, we have also commenced initiatives to support the widespread adoption of electric vehicles with the establishment of three solar-powered charging stations in Lagos, Sokoto and Nsukka. Furthermore, when the draft automotive bill is passed into law, the full potential of this sector will be realised."

"With sugar, we have seen the creation of refining capacity in excess of local demand, while we continue to increase the pace of growing sugarcane for processing."

NEWS

By Zakariyya Adaramola

The Nigeria Data Protection Bureau has opened an investigation into allegations of data breach by two Nigeria banks; GTB and Zenith Bank.

A statement by the bureau on Monday said the investigations were triggered by allegations of unlawful disclosure of banking records to a third party and unlawful access and processing of personal data.

According to the directive of the National Commissioner and CEO, NDPB, Dr Vincent Olatunji, the investigation covers the data

FG probes GTB, Zenith Bank over data breach

governance practice of the banks in all their branches in Nigeria and extends to all third parties carrying out data processing activities.

The bureau notes with concern that many data privacy and protection regulations and best practices are hardly implemented down the organisational strata of major data controllers in Nigeria.

Similarly, it enjoins organisations to heed the federal government circulars and general compliance notice

directing them to send the names of their Data Protection Officers/Contacts to the bureau.

There are reports by the Nigeria Inter Bank Settlement System (NIBSS) which indicated that within 9 months of 2020, fraudsters attempted 46,126 attacks and they were successful in 41,979 occasions representing 91% of the time.

"This level of vulnerability to data breach is unacceptable and it can only be addressed through foolproof data security

and data privacy measures by data controllers/data processors in the industry," the NDPB statement signed by its head of legal enforcement and regulations, Babatunde Bamigboye, said.

It quoted the NDPB National Commissioner as enjoining all financial institutions to emulate the example of the Central Bank of Nigeria in compliance with the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR) 2019 and in creating a robust data governance system.

Flour Mills of Nigeria earns N1.1tr turnover in 9 months

By Dalhatu Liman

Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc (FMN) and owner of the iconic brand, Golden Penny, yesterday announced the release of its unaudited nine months of financial results with N1.1 trillion turnover.

The results showed that it achieved N1.114tr in revenue for the first time, demonstrating sustained momentum across all business segments compared to the previous year of N825 billion.

It further stated that the overall revenue grew by 35% across all business segments, with food, agro-allied and sugar all growing between

34% to 39% respectively.

And gross profit reached N103 billion in 9M' 23, up 29% compared to 9M' 22 and 33% quarter on quarter. Operating Profit grew by 28% in 9M' 23 with a 32% growth quarter on quarter.

Commenting on the Q3 financials, Boye Olusanya, the group managing director, said: "The Q3 earnings trend is a clear demonstration of the group's commitment to carrying out its overall long-term strategy of maintaining growth and sustaining profitability by significantly investing in the development of local content through product innovation across our core value chains.



■ Minister of Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Fashola (right), Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Mr. Muhammad Nami (middle) and Chief Finance Officer of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL), Mr Umar Ajiya (left) during a press briefing on the 44 Critical Roads Funded by NNPC through the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Tax Credit Scheme (Phase II) in Abuja on Tuesday

NNPC takes over 4 oil wells from Addax

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd (NNPC) said it has taken over the operation of Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for four oil wells from Addax Petroleum Development Nigeria Ltd.

In a statement on Tuesday, NNPC said it amicably terminated Addax 24-year PSC relationship.

It said three months after the execution of the Addax Transfer, Settlement, and Exit Agreement (ATSEA) for the PSC oil blocks, OMLs 123/124 and 126/137, operated by Addax all closing obligations have been concluded and the assets have been transferred to the Concessionaire, NNPC Limited.

"Consequently, NNPC has taken necessary steps to take over the assets and oversee a clean, amicable, and speedy exit for Addax Petroleum Ltd., operate the asset on interim basis as a first step and subsequently appoint a competent replacement PSC contractor while NNPC continues to remain the Concessionaire," it noted.

While the TSEA was signed in November 2022, the transfer of the oil wells to NNPC took place on Tuesday January 31, 2023.

NNPC Ltd has also appointed the Transition Team lead, Mr Sagiru Jajere, as the Managing Director of Antan Producing Ltd.

Addax and NNPC had a long running battle over the operation before the latest amicable settlement.

ITF unveils apprenticeship scheme to drive economic growth

By Philip Shimnom Clement

The Industrial Training Fund (ITF) yesterday in Abuja launched the framework for the National Apprenticeship and Traineeship System (NATS) targeted at curbing unemployment and driving economic growth.

Director General of the ITF, Sir Joseph Ari, said the scheme if implemented has the potential to drastically

reduce unemployment, while also affording the youths the opportunity to earn income while learning, enhance eligibility for financial assistance while on training, and also contribute meaning to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

He said: "National Apprenticeship and Traineeship System will ensure a structured approach to skills acquisition and certification leading to

an increase in the number of MSMEs and the expansion of existing ones, a reduction in unemployment, underemployment, social vices and crime rates, and improvement in the quality of services of technicians and craftsmen.

Above all, enriching the National Apprenticeship and Traineeship System with international certification for the various vocational trades will promote balanced employment and

competition among our youths, just as it will serve as a viable source of foreign earnings for the country through the export of skills."

The Director General of the Nigeria Employers Consultative Association (NECA), Mr Adewale Oyerinde, noted that the programme would strengthen Nigeria's business environment and it will be more competitive in the African region and globally.

Kano's 'Tier IV' data centre to boost GDP – FG

From Clement A. Oloyede

The Minister of Communications and Digital Economy, Prof. Isa Ali Pantami, has revealed that the Tier IV data centre commissioned yesterday in Kano State will among other things boost Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and consolidate the digital economy viability of the country.

He said this yesterday shortly after President Muhammadu Buhari had commissioned the

data centre and Galaxy Backbone regional office.

Pantami said, "This is the first-ever data centre in northern Nigeria. No data centre above this in the whole world because the Tier IV data centre is the best all over the world, and that is why the reliability is 99.999%.

"The significance of the centre to the digital economy is enormous as you know that the digital economy is the fastest growing economy in the country, even faster than the oil and gas sector. For

instance, this is the first time ICT will contribute three times more than what oil and gas contribute to GDP with 18.4 per cent in the third quarter of 2022 while oil and gas contributed about 6 per cent. By implication, the data centre will increase the revenue generation of the federal government and that of the private sector and increase the GDP of the ICT," Pantami noted.

Also speaking, the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr Cui

Jianchun, who applauded the collaboration of Nigeria and the Chinese government (through Huawei) in the area of Information technology development, disclosed a sustained working relationship with the government to build a global data system.

He said 5,000 youths would be trained in ICT knowledge through a Chinese own ICT firm, Huawei, stressed readiness to support Nigeria's cyberspace and data intelligence.

Banks must collaborate to fight illicit practices – Edun

By Faruk Umar

The Managing Director (MD) of First City Monument Bank (FCMB), Mrs Yemisi Edun, has advocated increased collaboration among banks, especially in information sharing, to effectively combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other illicit practices within the financial system.

She stated that information sharing would make it easier to stop criminals from abusing the financial system.

The bank chief made the call while declaring open the quarterly meeting of the Association of Committee of Chief Compliance Officers of Banks in Nigeria (ACCOBIN) hosted by FCMB in Lagos.

Mrs Edun noted that the recent bold moves

of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to redesign some naira notes and issue a revised Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF) policy was commendable.

She said, "The policies and actions demand serious attention from us in the banking industry - operators and regulators alike. They have come to change the face and mode of banking operations in Nigeria. It is a new day for all of us."

Also speaking, the Chairman of ACCOBIN, Mr Boye Ogunmolade, said, "As a professional association, we will continue to build the capacity and offer practical guidance to our members to better perform their functions of protecting their respective institutions and the banking industry."



KOGI STATE RURAL ACCESS AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETING PROJECT (RAAMP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR DESIGN AND SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR RURAL ROAD UPGRADING IN KOGI STATE

Reference No: KG/RAAMP/RR/04/1
Project ID: 63353
Issue Date: 1st February, 2023

The Federal Republic of Nigeria, through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, has received financing from the World Bank and the L'Agence Française de Développement (French Development Agency or AFD) and on-lent the financing to thirteen participating States (namely Abia, Akwa Ibom, Bauchi, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Ondo, Ogun, Oyo, Plateau and Sokoto) toward the cost of Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the financing will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Consulting Services.

The Consulting Services ("the Services") includes;

- (I) Carrying out Planning, design (preliminary/detailed) and supervision of upgrading of roughly 150km – 160km of rural roads to all-weather bitumen-surface standards, including cross-drainage structures on them, using a design-build method (about 20% of total road length) and remainder length using conventional FIDIC contract method following GON/IDA's guidelines which incorporates Environment, Social, Health and Safety (ESHS) measures;
- (II) Supervising and assisting SPIU/ILO in the supervision of construction works to ensure that these are executed in accordance with the General and Particular conditions of Contract, the Technical Specification, Engineering Drawings;
- (iii) Providing necessary support and advice to SPIU in optimizing the use of available material resources to minimize costs, achieving desirable work quality and expediting construction activities;
- (iv) Assisting SPIU in ensuring that works/contracts are constructed/completed within the agreed price and allocated time under the contract or any subsequent agreed amendments.

The Services are expected to extend over a period of 30 months, involving approximately 12 key persons as required in the TOR; The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for this assignment will be made available on request at the address given below.

The Kogi State Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) now invite eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Satisfactory experience of the firm in Project Preparation Activities such as
 - (i) Social and Environmental Safeguards
 - (ii) Preparation of detailed Engineering Design and Technical Specifications

- (iii) Procurement Support
- (iv) Project management support, and Construction Supervision of Roads;

2. Demonstration of effective organizational/managerial structure and availability of suitably experienced and qualified key personnel relevant to the assignment.
3. All interested firms are to submit the following documents;
 - (i) Evidence of registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).
 - (ii) Evidence of Company's current tax clearance certificate for the last three (3) years (2019, 2020 and 2021).
 - (iii) Company's audited account for the last three (3) years (2019, 2020 and 2021) duly stamped.
 - (iv) Well detailed company profile with managerial and technical structure, office address and functional contact details.
 - (v) For Joint ventures, Memorandum of Understanding must be attached.
4. Verifiable records establishing evidence of experience in design and supervision consultancy services for rural road upgrading of up to 10 references or more similar assignments;
5. Evidence of similar experience supported under multilateral donor Agency like The World Bank, AFD, AfDB, etc in the previous 10 years.
6. Evidence of Firm's/Consortium regional work experience in similar field within Nigeria and or Sub Saharan Africa.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Fourth edition Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **15th March, 2023**. Late Submissions will NOT be accepted. The Client is not bound to short-list any Consultant.

**The State Project Coordinator,
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Rural Access and Agriculture Marketing Project (RAAMP)
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APPRECIATION



His Excellency,
DR. ABDULLAHI UMAR GANDUJE, OFR
Executive Governor,
Kano State

I, Hon. Murtala Sule Garo, Deputy Governorship Candidate, on behalf of myself, and the good people of Kano state, wish to thank His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje OFR, for naming the Multibillion Naira Kano Cancer Treatment Centre after Her Excellency, wife of the governor, Professor Hafsat Abdullahi Ganduje; Professor Hafsat Ganduje Cancer Centre, Kano.

We are obliged and honored to express our profound gratitude to His Excellency who out of companionate ground named this edifice after Her Excellency's name in recognition of her enormous contributions to the development of Kano state.

We sincerely appreciate you for initiating and executing this gigantic project for the benefit of humanity.

The Centre which is the first of its kind in Nigeria is marvelous, as it will benefit not only the people of Kano but Nigerians and the Sub-Saharan African countries.

Once again, thank you Sir for the gesture done to Her Excellency and the people of Kano.

Signed:

Hon. Murtala Sule Garo
Deputy Governorship Candidate,
All Progressives Congress (APC).
Kano State.



Felicitations



I, Hon. Murtala Sule Garo, Deputy Governorship Candidate, on behalf of my family wish to felicitate with Her Excellency, the wife of the governor, Professor Hafsat Abdullahi Ganduje for naming the Multibillion Naira Kano Cancer Treatment Centre after her; Professor Hafsat Ganduje Cancer Center, Kano.

This singular gesture done to you, is a clear testimony that your fabulous contributions to the development of Kano state and humanity in general are not only being recognized but rewarded in style.

Your Excellency, you have done a lot to the people of Kano especially in the areas of women empowerment, girls' child education, skills acquisition and fight against child malnutrition among other areas of human endeavors.

I pray to Allah Almighty to reward you abundantly for all the goodies you did to the people of Kano and humanity.

Congratulations!!!

Her Excellency,
Professor Hafsat Abdullahi Ganduje
Wife of the governor, Kano State

Signed:
Hon. Murtala Sule Garo
Deputy Governorship Candidate,
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We expect justice over Nasarawa herders' killings – Emir of Lafia

From Umar Muhammed, Lafia

The Emir of Lafia, HRH, Justice Sidi Bage Muhammad (Retd), has said the people of the state will not engage in loose talks but expect justice over the recent airstrikes on Fulani herders in Rukubi in Doma LGA of Nasarawa State where over 40 herders were killed.

He spoke when Benue State governor, Samuel Ortom, visited the Nasarawa

State Government House in Lafia to condole with his counterpart, Governor Abdullahi Sule, who lost a son recently.

Daily Trust reports that the victims were killed in an operation suspected to have been carried out by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) while returning from Benue State where they had gone to retrieve their over 1,000 cows seized by the Benue Livestock Guards.

But Ortom, who absolved himself and his administration of complicity

in the attack, blamed the military for the attack.

He disclosed that he tried to enquire from the military what really led to the massacre in Rukubi but had yet to get a feedback.

Ortom, who noted that human life was sacred, called on the authorities to fully investigate the incident.

Responding, Sule said the people of the state expected justice to be done in the wake of the wrong perpetrated against the state.

The Emir, who stood in for the Gudi royal family and

the Nasarawa State Council of Chiefs, said since the incident occurred, leaders of the state had prevailed on the people not to take decisions on their own and not to spread falsehood but to remain calm and have self-control.

"We are people of the rule of law and we believe in justice and fair play. We believe that justice will be done because we were wronged one way or the other. I want to go by the rule of law; not making loose statements," he said.

Thunder strikes over 100 houses in Plateau

From Yusufu Aminu Ideg, Jos

A thunder storm has rendered over 200 residents homeless in Mangun village in Mangu LGA of Plateau State.

The thunder storm left the community in shock as there was no rain at the time of the incident.

A resident, Mafulul Ishmael, informed Daily Trust on phone that, "We counted more than 100 houses that were destroyed by the thunder. The incident was beyond the ordinary.

"The normal thunder strikes that I know do strike at once within a twinkling of an eye, and they occur mostly when it is raining. But this particular one came without rain, and was striking residential houses one after the other and was moving like a whirlwind.

"We heard it rained

in parts of the state the same day, but there was no rain in Mangun. All we saw was the anguish of a thunder that almost destroyed the entire village, including the only primary school in the village."

The local government Chairman, Minister Daput, who confirmed the incident, said he led a delegation to the community for an on-the-spot assessment on Monday.

He said, "The destruction is beyond description, it is an unusual natural disaster and alarming.

"Though no life was lost, about 150 households have been rendered homeless as a result of the havoc.

"Unless the people receive humanitarian interventions from the state and federal governments, the situation is beyond my control."



■ Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Pauline Tallen (M), with some students during the unveiling of the Gender Based Violence Reporting Application during the 3rd Annual Forum of the Women, Peace and Security Sector Reference Group in Abuja on Tuesday

Photo: NAN

NFVCB to sanction actress, filmmaker for portraying Islam negatively

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

The National Film and Video Censors Board (NFVCB) has said it will sanction a Nollywood actress, Kemi Afolabi, and a film producer, Bisi Obanla, for portraying Islam in bad light in a Yoruba movie titled, "Osuwon Mi".

The NFVCB Executive Director/CEO, Adedayo Thomas, told our correspondent in a telephone conversation on Monday.

A group in Osun State, Taawunu Human Rights Initiative, had written a petition to the board on the gross violation of the rights of women in purdah in the movie.

In a letter addressed to the petitioner, signed by NFVCB's Director

of Film Censorship and Classification, Deborah Malgwi, the board noted that it did not censor the film, saying that Afolabi and Obanla would be sanctioned to serve as a deterrent to others in the industry.

The board said appropriate action was being taken to withdraw the movie from circulation and pull it down from all streaming platforms.

Thomas further said the board would not approve any movie that ridiculed any religion or had the potential to encourage religious discrimination and violence in the country.

In the movie, Afolabi acted indecently as a Muslim woman in a veil known as niqob, playing an adulterous role.

Another container crushes 2, injures 4 in Lagos

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Two people were killed and four others injured in another incident involving a container truck yesterday in Lagos State. The injured are two pregnant women and two children.

The accident which occurred around 12pm at Ikotun involved a loaded container truck with registration number, JJJ 125, and four tricycles.

The accident happened 48 hours after nine people were crushed by a container truck onto a passenger bus

at Ojuelegba, Lagos.

Operatives of the State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) who rescued the victims confirmed that the driver of one of the tricycles and a passenger died instantly.

It was gathered that the rescued victims were handed over to policemen from the Ikotun Police Station who took them to hospital.

Spokesperson of LASTMA, Adebayo Taofiq, said preliminary investigation revealed that the container truck suffered a brake failure.

He quoted the General

Manager of LASTMA, Mr Bolaji Oreagba, as warning tanker owners and drivers to always ensure that their trucks were properly checked and in good conditions before embarking on any journey.

Meanwhile, the Muslim Rights Concern (MURIC) has bemoaned the Ojuelegba incident, urging the state government to formulate a sustainable and enforceable policy that would regulate the operation and movement of tankers and lorries on major roads.

Chairman of Lagos chapter of MURIC, Dr

Busari Muhammad Jamiu, in a statement, said the Ojuelegba incident was not the first, as Lagosians did witness myriads of tanker explosions and the falling of containers on road users.

The statement reads in part: "There must be a framework on how, where and when these trucks and lorries are loaded, parked and moved around in Lagos to avert incessant loss of lives and property of Lagosians. A stitch in time saves nine. Therefore, LASG must not wait until such a tragedy is recorded again before taking a proactive step. The time to act is now!"

Gombe gov approves N1.3bn for LG retirees' gratuity

From Haruna Gimba Yaya, Gombe

Gombe State governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, has approved N1.3 billion for the payment of the backlog of gratuity owed retired workers of local government councils of the state.

The state Commissioner

for Finance and Economic Development, Muhammad Gambo Magaji, disclosed this during a press conference at the state secretariat.

He said the governor also approved the sum of N1.7 billion for the payment of the backlog of gratuity owed civil servants that retired from the state civil service in 2017.

"The payment of the backlog of gratuity owed retired workers by this administration has gulped N7.9 billion. Governor Yahaya had earlier paid the backlog of gratuities owed for 2014, 2015 and 2016 state retirees and now for 2017," he said.

According to him, the local government workers' retirees were last paid gratuity in 2011.

Also, the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Dasuki Jalo Waziri, said the governor had approved the promotion of 26,085 local government workers across the eleven local government areas of the state with immediate effect.

He gave the breakdown as 6,738 staff of local government

councils, 16,739 teachers from the local education authority and 2,608 health workers from the primary healthcare centers of the 11 LGAs.

Dasuki revealed that the last time teachers were promoted in the state was in 2009 while promotions with financial benefits were last implemented in 2014.

Buhari mourns as Emir of Dutse dies in Abuja

By **Muideen Olaniyi (Abuja) & Ali Rabiu Ali (Dutse)**

The Emir of Dutse, Alhaji Nuhu Muhammad Sunusi, has died.

He died Tuesday evening at Cedar Crest Hospital, Abuja after a brief illness.

A reliable source said his body would be moved to Dutse today for burial.

Born in 1945 at Yargaba village in Dutse, the capital of Jigawa State, Dr Sanusi attended Dutse Elementary School from 1952 to 1956.

After his post primary education, he obtained a National Certificate in Education (NCE) from the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, and later a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts in International Business from Ohio University, United

States of America.

He further obtained a Post-Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Project Planning and Analysis from Bradford University, United Kingdom.

The emir was awarded an honorary PhD in Management by the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State.

He acquired substantial experience in agricultural consultancy and industrial and commercial management after working for several years.

Under his reign, Dutse Emirate metamorphosed from a sleepy town to a prosperous city where not only the economic fortunes of its people have increased remarkably, but also the level of educational and spiritual awareness rekindled.

Meanwhile, President

Muhammadu Buhari has mourned the death of the emir, describing him as an agent of modernisation.

Buhari said the emir who was the Chancellor of Sokoto State University before his death was recognised as one of Northern Nigeria's modernising leaders.

The President, in a statement issued Tuesday by his spokesman, Malam Garba Shehu, said the deceased was considered as an exemplary leader in the global quest for a sustainable living environment, and a lead advocate for afforestation and the green ecosystem.

"He was instrumental to the progress Dutse had achieved in the last three decades under his watch. He was a grassroots person who was loved by all," the statement said.

Gunmen kill DPO, 1 other in Benue

From **Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi**

Gunmen on Tuesday afternoon killed a divisional police officer (DPO), SP Mamud Abubakar, and one other in Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State.

Witnesses said the DPO was killed by the gunmen who laid a siege on the Naka-Makurdi dilapidated road at about 3:30pm.

The Chairman of Gwer West LGA,

Andrew Ayande, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on telephone.

He noted that the deceased who was in charge of Naka Divisional Police Station, drove alone in the vehicle and was going to pick up his men posted along the road on routine duty before the gunmen opened fire on him.

Ayande however said it was not yet clear whether other vehicles plying the route were entangled in the

seige but that efforts were going on to find out more details about the incident.

The council chairman also said one Terhemba Tion, was killed in the early hours of Tuesday by armed invaders who attacked his community in Gwer West LGA.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, confirmed the killing to our correspondent but promised to give details later.

Edo govt to arrest marketers over PMS price manipulation

From **Usman Bello, Benin**

The Edo State government has threatened to arrest any petroleum marketer or individual found guilty of Premium Motor Spirit price manipulation in the state.

Addressing journalists yesterday, the Commissioner for Mining and Energy, Ethan Uzamere, said to ensure availability of the product, the state government secured the supply of 780,000 litres of PMS for major markets.

He said the state

government would set up a committee to monitor the distribution and sales of the product so as to avoid manipulation of prices and cushion the hardship created by the scarcity of the products.

He said the committee that would be made up of officials of Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA), security agencies, civil society organisations, government officials and media would monitor fuel stations

regularly to avoid diversion and arbitrary hike in prices.

On his part, the Commissioner for Communication and Orientation, Chris Nehikhare, said Governor Godwin Obaseki was making sure that all the products allocated to the state would not be diverted.

Also speaking, the Special Adviser on Media to Edo State Governor, Crusoe Osagie, said the government would not accept deliberate hardship on the citizens through price manipulation.

Police nab 2 for kidnapping, rescue 2 in Kano

From **Salim Umar Ibrahim, Kano**

Kano State Police Command has arrested one Nura Auwal, 22, and Abubakar Lawal, 22, for kidnapping and rescued two victims at Bachirawa and Rijiyar Lemo areas of Ungoggo Local Government Area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP

Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, told newsmen that one Isyaku Salisu and Auwal Sale, residents of Bachirawa Quarters, reported that their children, Umar Isyaku, 3; and Aliyu Auwal, 4, respectively, were kidnapped.

He said handwritten letters with mobile phone numbers and bank account details were sent to them for

communication and payment of ransom while N20million was demanded but later settled at N2million.

Kiyawa added that upon preliminary investigation, the suspects confessed to having conspired and kidnapped the two children and sent letters to their parents with phone numbers and bank account details requesting a ransom



FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (SP), OYO

P.M.B. 1089, OYO, OYO STATE

Internal and External Advertisement of Vacancy for the Post of Provost

The Governing Council of Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo hereby invites applications from interested and suitably qualified candidates for the post of the Provost of the College. Candidates for the post must possess demonstrable evidence of strong academic and administrative leadership, initiative and creativity in policy formulation, management of human and material resources, good human relations and other positive managerial attributes and ability to attract funds to the College, both locally and internationally.

BRIEF ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo was established in October, 1977 with the sole mandate of training teachers for special needs education at the Primary and Secondary levels of education. The College also offers full-time, sandwich and part-time Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) programmes, Pre-NCE and degree programmes (in affiliation with Universities).

DUTIES OF THE PROVOST

- The Provost is the Chief Executive of the College and is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the College. The successful candidate would be expected to provide the required academic, administrative and professional leadership for the College in executing the broad policies laid down by the Governing Council for the achievement of the objectives for which the College was established.

Some specific duties of the Provost, among others, include being:

- the Chief Academic, Administrative and Accounting Officer of the College;
- the Chairman of the Academic Board that directs and oversees academic activities of the College;
- a member of the College Governing Council in charge of providing periodic reports on the progress of the College in terms of personnel, finances, infrastructure and ensuring that the decisions of Council are carried out promptly;
- responsible for ensuring meetings of Council and committees are serviced, etc;
- responsible for approving and authorizing all payments and expenditures of the College in accordance with the financial regulations, treasury circulars and Governing Council's decisions under sound financial discipline and management;
- The Provost shall foster good rapport with the relevant organs of the Federal Ministry of Education, National Commission for Colleges of Education and other professional bodies that would lead to the ultimate attainment of the status of a Centre of Excellence by the College.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

The candidate for the post should therefore be:

- A distinguished Academic Scholar of National and International repute with considerable experience at the top level of Management and Administration of Tertiary Institutions.
- A person of entrepreneurial and innovative pre-disposition with proven track record appropriate to the vision and mission of a fast growing College of Education.
- A person capable of inspiring the advancement of learning and reaching out to all persons without discrimination of race, creed or sex.
- A person of good conduct, possessing sense of discipline, dedication, drive, resourcefulness and ability to command respect and loyalty of the members of staff and the students of the College.
- He/she must be somebody who is not likely to foster personal, social, ethnic, political, religious and other sectional interests.
- A person capable of upholding the best traditions of the College of Education system
- A person of good health, pleasant disposition, charitable manners, unassailable integrity and strong moral character.

QUALIFICATION

Candidates for the post of the Provost should possess the following:

- A doctorate degree (Ph.D) in a field relevant to, at least, one programme in the College with a minimum of fifteen (15) years post qualification teaching/research experience in the College of Education System; and in addition must have held a senior teaching/research as well as holding top administrative leadership position in an institution of higher learning.
- At least five (5) year experience as a Chief Lecturer in the College of Education System.
- Must not be more than fifty-nine (59) years of age at the time of taking up the appointment.
- Evidence of good track record in result-oriented researches at national and international levels, as evident in scholarly publications.
- Evidence of professional standing and honours.
- Demonstrable evidence of proficiency in ICT (packages and capabilities). Demonstrable evidence of good conduct, discipline, dedication, drive, resourcefulness and ability to command respect and loyalty of members of staff and students of the College. Candidate shall not foster personal, social, ethnic, political, religious and other sectional interest.
- Possession of Professional Teaching Qualification, a minimum of Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) or Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), including registration with the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) is mandatory.
- Evidence of community services at both local and national levels.
- Candidate must be a person of vision, a goal getter, and one that can produce and execute a strategic plan for the College.
- Certification in Special Education as well as working knowledge of provision of Special Education will be an added advantage.

Terms and Appointments of Service

The appointment is for a period of four (4) years in the first instance and re-appointment for a second and final term of four (4) years subject to satisfactory performance. The salary and fringe benefits attached to the post are as applicable to the post of a Provost in all Federal Colleges of Education in Nigeria and as may be determined from time to time by the Federal Government.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates are requested to follow the link jobs.fcesoyo.edu.ng to submit their applications (including credentials and curriculum vitae) online in the following order:

- Full Names (Surname underlined)
- Marital Status, Number and Ages of Children
- Mobile Phone Number(s) and E-mail Address(es)
- Date and Place of Birth, Local Government Area and State of Origin
- Educational Institutions Attended with Dates
- Academic and Professional Qualifications and Distinctions with Dates
- Membership of Professional Associations/Bodies with valid evidence
- Work Experience in chronological sequence
- Present Employer - Status and Salary
- Date of last Promotion
- Extracurricular activities
- Publications in Standard APA format
- ICT Proficiency Compliance (with valid evidence)
- Societal linkages and contributions to local, national and international lives
- Fund/Research Grants attracted over the years (with evidence).
- Medical Fitness (supported by a report from a Recognized Government Hospital)
- Names and e-mail Addresses of three (3) Referees, one of whom must be the Present Employer
- Signature and Date.

- The application should be accompanied with a two-page statement of the candidate's mission and vision for the College.
- Closing Date: Tuesday, 14th March, 2023.**

REFEREE REPORTS:

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INTERVIEW:

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Muhammadu Buhari GCFR,
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Dear Mr. President,

THE AKWANAJA MASSACRE AND OTHER RELATED KILLINGS OF PASTORALISTS IN BENUE AND NASARAWA STATES

With sorrow and pain, we write this open letter to bring to your notice yet again another barbarous act of killing innocent Nigerian pastoralists at Akwanaja, Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, by drones of the Nigerian Air force on Tuesday 24th January 2023.

The killings have been reported by local and international media organizations. The notorious Benue State Livestock Guards is suspected to be linked to the massacre as since their formation, the killing of pastoralists has become common in Benue State and across the border in the neighboring communities of Nasarawa State.

While the Benue State Governor has not hidden his genocidal intentions and actions against Fulani pastoralists using the Livestock Guard militia which he has armed with military grade weapons, the unabated involvement of armed security agents of the Federal Government in the killings and human rights abuses is the most shocking. That military jets and drones will be continuously used to target innocent civilians in a conflict free area of Nasarawa State, questions the commitment of this government to human rights and its constitutional responsibility of protecting the lives and property of its citizens.

As at the last count of Tuesday 24th January massacre in Akwanaja, the Nigerian Air Force has bombed and killed innocent herders 5 times in Keana (twice), Awe (once) and Doma (twice) all LGAs, in Nasarawa State, killing hundreds of livestock and dozens of herders in the process. From our records since 2017 when you permitted the Benue State Governor to enforce his Anti-Open Grazing Law in the State, over 600,000 pastoralists have been displaced from the state and over 300,000 cattle either killed or rustled. In the same period, over 3,000 herders have been murdered in cold blood with thousands more sustaining injuries, many incapacitating.

These crimes cannot continue unstopped by the Federal Government whose responsibility it is to protect the lives and property of all Nigerian citizens. It is with the hope of doing the needful that we address this letter to you, perchance our prayer for your constituting a judicial commission of enquiry to investigate the Akwanaja massacre and other killings of innocent pastoralists involving the Nigerian Air Force and the Benue State Livestock Guards will be heard. But before we submit the prayer, kindly allow us to briefly recount for you how the killings at Akwanaja last Tuesday took place.

THE AKWANAJA MASSACRE

On Tuesday 24th January 2023 at about 5:20pm in Akwanaja village of Rukubi Ward, Doma LGA of Nasarawa State, a fighter jet believed to belong to the Nigerian Air Force flew at low altitude and strafed a group of innocent Nigerians, majority of whom were herders offloading trucks of cattle freshly ransomed from the livestock detention facility in Naka, Gwer LGA of Benue State. In the attack, 37 Fulbe pastoralists and some Hausa drivers and truck assistants were murdered in cold blood. Another unspecified number sustained various degrees of injuries; some life threatening.

In the preceding five days, members of the armed Benue State Livestock Guards organized another of its now regular raids in Nasarawa-Benue border communities, this time in Rukubi ward of Doma LGA of Nasarawa State where

a total of 1,254 cows were confiscated. As per its practice, the cattle so brazenly kidnapped were trucked to Makurdi and Naka, headquarters of Gwer East LGA of Benue State, one of the holding points for livestock kidnapped by the Guards. As usual, the herders went there to pay the ransom imposed by the government. A negotiated ransom of twenty-nine million naira (N29,000,000) was agreed between the Fulbe owners of the kidnapped cattle and Benue State Government. Please see some payments receipts attached.

After payments, the cattle were released to the owners and other community members and their leaders. The next challenge was moving the herds back to their homes in Nasarawa State. The herders who were not permitted to move the cattle on foot back to Rukubi or use the State Government's vehicles regularly deployed for the purpose started by renting 9 commercial trucks from Makurdi. The 9 trucks were loaded at about noon on Tuesday 24th January 2023 from Naka and headed to Akwanaja.

The trucks arrived Akwanaja at 4:50pm same Tuesday and offloading started. While this was happening, survivors narrated that they saw a fighter jet hovering over the area for several minutes. Since this is a usual occurrence in the area considering its proximity to the Nigerian Air Force Base in Makurdi and the fact that no civil unrest had occurred in the area in recent times, no one paid any attention to the aircraft as the business of offloading their cattle continued.

Things, however, took a turn for the worst. As the offloading the first truck was completed, survivors and neighboring communities reported hearing a loud explosion and what sounded like repeated gunfire. Over 37 people were instantly killed, some mutilated and incinerated beyond recognition (see attached photos) while several others lay in pools of blood with various degrees of injuries. Two of the trucks parked near the point of impact and their livestock content were completely burnt. Victims of this senseless, inhumane violence have since been buried according to Islamic rites while the injured are treated in clinics and homes in the State.

DISAPPOINTMENT

That this extreme violence will be repeatedly committed by agents of government on its own citizens under your leadership is beyond our comprehension. That two days after this tragedy, neither you nor your spokesperson or any agent of the Federal or state government deemed it appropriate to even offer an explanation or consolation smacks indifference difficult to believe.

Your Excellency, given your record of service, we are pretty sure you understand the consequences of these repeated state-sanctioned violence on innocent citizens. The Fulbe herders in Benue and neighboring states have been pushed to the wall. They have been murdered, their property confiscated with reckless abandon, their homes burnt and razed to the ground, their basic rights trampled upon by the agents of both Benue State Government and the Federal Government.

Your Excellency, it is also important we draw your attention to other similar incidences in Kaduna, Niger and Taraba States:

GIWA LGA OF KADUNA STATE:

On the 3rd of December 2022 pastoralists were rounded up early in the morning by armed soldiers in Rugan Waziri, at Rafin Sarkin Fatika village.

They didn't run because they have been living peacefully in that village for over 40 years. They were not criminals at all. The soldiers killed 10 of them on the spot including women and children and injured 8 others. Their houses were not spared as over 10 houses were burnt down by the rampaging soldiers. These are verifiable facts. Why on earth should this be happening to innocent pastoralists?

NIGER STATE:

On the 11th of October 2022, in Rafi LGA, over 200 cattle were bombed by an aircraft belonging to the Nigerian Air Force.

Similarly on the Saturday 22nd of October 2022, in Shiroro LGA, 3 pastoralists were killed and over 200 cattle rustled.

Fulbe pastoralists in the following Local Government Areas of Niger State are victims of killings and cattle rustling. RAFI, SHIRORO, MUNYA, MASHEGU and BORGU LGAs.

Between October 2022 to December 2023, a total of 75 pastoralists were killed, while over 900 cattle were rustled.

TARABA STATE:

It is no longer news that Taraba State has been on the front burner where Vigilante Groups seemingly on the payroll and support of the State Government are on a killing spree from October 2022 to date.

Reports and data at our disposal indicate that 314 pastoralists were killed between October 2022 to 16th January 2023, over 5000 cattle rustled, houses/

settlements burnt down, and agricultural produce looted. The silence from the government and relevant agencies is deafening.

We fear that failure of government to act responsibly will leave the survivors of these crimes with no option than to one day exercise their right of self-defense by whatever means available, something we believe can be averted if your government takes the appropriate steps to stop future occurrence.

PRAYERS

Your Excellency, on behalf of our victim brothers, we pray that your government will undertake the following immediately:

1. Admittance of responsibility by the Nigerian Air Force, tendering of unreserved apology and condolence to the families of the victims.
2. Empanelling of an Independent Judicial Commission of Enquiry to investigate, identify, arrest, and prosecute all individuals, officials, forces, and agencies involved in the murder, expulsion, cattle rustling and extortion of pastoralists in Benue and neighboring States since 2017 when the Anti-Open Grazing Law was enacted and enforced by the Benue State Government.
3. Immediate intervention to release thousands of livestock and innocent Fulbe herders illegally held captive by the police for extortion and torture by the Livestock Guards.
4. Identification, rehabilitation, and payment of compensation to all victims whose rights have been violated while enforcing the Anti-Open Grazing Law in Benue State.
5. Preventing the Livestock Guards from operating unconstitutionally outside the borders of Benue State and the abrogation of the body if found guilty of crimes against citizens.
6. Restoration of dialogue and communal harmony between herders and farmers in Benue, Nasarawa and Taraba States as a panacea for lasting peace in the affected States.

Above are our concerns on the subject matter. Please accept the assurances of our highest regard.

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| <p>ORJI: This is to inform the general public that SOMTOCHUKWU ORJI, TOCHUKWU ORJI and ORJI TOCHUKWU FRANKLIN, refers to one and the same person, now wish to be known and addressed as ORJI TOCHUKWU FRANKLIN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known and addressed as SUNDAY ELLA now wish to be known and addressed as ELLA SUNDAY with date of birth 06/06/1990. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known and addressed as OGUNDIPE DANIEL STANLEY now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNDIPE FEMI DANIEL. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p> | <p>NKECHINYERE: I formerly known as Ugwuoke Jessica Nkechinyere, but now wishes to be known and addressed as Ezeoyiri Jessica Nkechinyere. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> |
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| <p>MUSA: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM SAMSOM, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM SAMSON MUSA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>UMORU: This is to notified the general public that my name was wrongly capture as UMORU ABUFATAHI AKOKHIA instead of UMORU ABDULFATAI AKOKHIA. Now wish to be known as UMORU ABDULFATAI AKOKHIA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and public to take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known and addressed as STELLA OGECHI WALKER now wish to be known and addressed as STELLA OGECHI NWOKOCHA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.</p> | <p>MLAHA: I FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS Mlaha s Bem NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS Mlaha Solomon Bem. ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. ALL RELEVANT AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE</p> |
| <p>ONAH: I, formerly known as ALI CHRISTOPHER, now wish to be known and addressed as ALI CHRISTOPHER ONAH. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>MUSA: I formerly known and addressed as HALIRU SURAJU. Now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA DONSUJI SURAJ. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p> | <p>OKOLOISE: I formerly known and addressed as OKOLOISE IBHADE OSAREMEN. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKOLOISE IBHADE PRISCILLA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.</p> | <p>ORNGU: I formerly known as Ama Ijeoma Ukpai, now wish to be known as Orngu Ijeoma Doofan Kennedy. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p> |
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| <p>CHRISTIANA: I formerly known as ALFREDA CHRISTIANA, now wish to be known and addressed as EKE CHRISTIANA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as ABDULSALAM ABULGAFAR BOLAJI now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULSALAM YUSUF BOLAJI. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>SANI: I formerly known as SANI GALADIMA UMAR now wish to be known and addressed as SANI UMAR GALADIMA. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p> | <p>CHANGE OF NAME: MICHAEL: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS ABDULRAHEEM FATIMA OMOYENI NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS MICHAEL BLESSING OPEYEMI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p> |
| <p>ENE: I, formerly known as ENEH MARYAM AUDU AHMED, now wish to be known and addressed as ENE MARYAM AHMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as SALAMAT ABDULGAFAR BOLANLE now wish to be known and addressed as SALAMAT YUSUF BOLANLE. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>SULE: I formerly known as SULEMAN GARBA now wish to be known and addressed as SULE GARBA PARET with DOB:21/04/1967 not 16/04/1967. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p> | <p>IGBA: I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS IGBA BENJAMIN TERSEER NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS IGBA TERSEER. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.</p> |
| <p>OLUCHI: I formerly known as OLUCHI NWOCHIRI O, now wish to be known and addressed as OLUCHI CHUBA OJIBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as KHADIJAT ABDULGAFAR BIOLA now wish to be known and addressed as KHADIJAT YUSUF BIOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>SALIHU: I formerly known as UMAR SALIHU ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and addressed as SALIHU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note</p> | <p>KWAGHMOM: I formerly known as JESSICA DOOYUM, now wish to be known as KWAGHMOM DOOYUM JESSICA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p> |
| <p>KASIMU: I was formerly known as KASIMU RAJI now wish to be known and addressed as KASIMU ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. General Public and Authorities Concerned should take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known and addressed as AUWALU ALH RABIU and MOHAMMED AUWAL RABIU, now wish to be known and addressed as AUWALU RABIU MY CORRECT DOB 10-10-1979 not 6-6-1979. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and the general public to please take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN ISHAQ, now wish to be known, called and addressed as ABDULRAHMAN ISHAQ KAROFI, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.</p> | <p>UDEZE: I formerly known as IGBOANUGO CHINENYE MAUREEN, now wish to be known as UDEZE CHINENYE MAUREEN. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p> |
| <p>DEBORAH: I formerly known as DEBORAH MADU, now wish to be known and addressed as DEBORAH EKE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known and addressed as JERRY JONATHAN GALADIMA now wish to be known and addressed as JERRY JONATHAN D.O.B 10/11/1983. All former document remain valid. General public authority concerned to take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known as ABUBAKAR ZAKI YAURI now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ZAKI. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note</p> | <p>I formerly known as FATIMA ABUBAKAR DAGONA, now I wish to be known as FATIMA ABUBAKAR DAGONA. All my documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note please.</p> |
| <p>LOVETH: I formerly known as LOVETH EBENYIN ANYOR now wish to be known and addressed as LOVETH EBENYIN ODAMA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>I was formerly known and called: ANDREW ITYONDO and now wish to be known and addressed as: ATUMBU TERSOO, All former documents remain valid, banks and general public should take note of this development.</p> | <p>SANUSI: I, formerly known as SANUSI UMAR TUNGA now wish to be known and address as SANUSI UMAR ALIYU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.</p> | <p>MODIFICATION OF NAMES: I formerly known as ONYECHE ANNA SAMSON, now wish to be known as ADAKOLE ANNA ONYECHE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p> |
| <p>I, Formerly known as MOHAMMADU AYUBA and MOHAMMED AYUBA now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD AYUBA. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as SURAJO LAURATU DAMARI now wish to be known and addressed as LURATU AHMAD all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> | <p>I formerly known as MUHAMMED AUWAL DOB 23/09/1977 now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD AUWAL ABDULLAHI DOB 13/06/1977 All former documents remain valid General public take note</p> | <p>I formerly known as MOHAMMED BALKISU ISA now wish to be address as MOHAMMED AISHA ISA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should take note.</p> |
| <p>CORRECTION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH: During account opening and registration of my B V N. My name was wrongly captured as OLUDARE KINGSLEY OLUBODE instead of OLUDARE KINGSLEY. The actual date of birth is 15th-3-1985 not 11th-2-1985. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p> | <p>CORRECTION OF NAME AND ACTUAL DATE OF BIRTH: During account opening and registration of my B V N. My name was wrongly captured as OLUDARE KINGSLEY OLUBODE instead of OLUDARE KINGSLEY. The actual date of birth is 27th-10-1979 not 27th-10-1974. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known and addressed as YASIR HARUNA now wish to be known and addressed as YASIR AYUBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.</p> | <p>CHANGE OF NAME: I formerly known as HABIBA HILDI OBIIDIAH, now wish to be known as HABIBA KWSHU OBIIDA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> |
| <p>I formerly known and addressed as DANMALAM MOHAMMED but now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED DANMALAM. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.</p> | <p>FATIMAH: I formerly known as FATIMAH SURAJA DADA, now wish to be known as FATIMAH TALATU MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>MOHAMMED: I formerly known and addressed as DANMALAM MOHAMMED but now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED DANMALAM. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.</p> | <p>YAKUBU: I formerly known and addressed as LIDI ZAKARA but now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB YAKUBU. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.</p> |
| <p>I formerly known as ISMAIL YAKUBU, now wish to be called SAMAILA HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known as MAMUDA SABO now wish to be called MAMUDA SABO ZADAWA I. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p> | <p>OGALAGU: I formerly known as BARTHOLOMEW TOOCHUKWU OGALAGU, now wish to be known and addressed as TOCHUKWU BARTHELOMEW OGALAGU. All former documents should remain valid, general public should please take note.</p> | <p>RUTH: I formerly known and addressed as RUTH MICHAEL but now wish to be known and addressed as RUTH MICHAEL. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned should take note, please.</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>TIJJANI: I formerly known as *TIJJANI MOHAMMED* now wish to be known and addressed as *TIJJANI MUHAMMAD* All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as GARBA ADAM now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR ADAMU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I formerly known as ISMAIL YAKUBU, now wish to be called SAMAILA HUSSAINI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I formerly known as ADEGOKE ISRAEL, now wish to be known as, ISRAEL ADEMOKUN ADEGOKE, all former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public to take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as RABI'ATU MUHAMMED, now wish to be known and addressed as RABI'ATU MUHAMMAD all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as RAQAYYA MUSA now wish to be known and addressed as RAKIYA MUSA all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as MUSA ISAH now wish to be known and addressed as MUSA SULAIMAN SANI all former documents remain valid. General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as NANA FIDDAUSI now wish to be known and addressed as NANA FIDDAUSI SALISU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as NANA FIDDAUSI now wish to be known and addressed as NANA FIDDAUSI SALISU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as NANA FIDDAUSI now wish to be known and addressed as NANA FIDDAUSI SALISU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |
| <p>I, formerly known as AMIRA SHAZALI, now wish to be known and addressed as AMIRA NAZIRU. All my former documents to remain valid. General public, financial institutions and all authorities concerned should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as JUSTINA NWACHUKWU. Now wish to be called and addressed as NWACHUKWU JUSTINA OKWUCHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should take note.</p> | <p>JOSEPH: I formerly known as BWAMBA KANDE JOSEPH. Now wish to be called and addressed as JOSEPH COMFORT. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.</p> | <p>I, formerly known as NANA FIDDAUSI now wish to be known and addressed as NANA FIDDAUSI SALISU all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note</p> |

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YUNUSA: I formerly known as **YUNUSA USMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUNUSA SHEHU USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public should please take note.

REMOVAL OF NAME: I Formerly known as **LINUS LUKA LA, AH** Now wish to be called and addressed as **LINUS LUKA**. All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **KUBOYE OLUWAFEMI SAMUEL**. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **KUBOYE OLUWAFEMI**. That I swear to this affidavit that my new and correct name is **KUBOYE OLUWAFEMI**. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

ALABI: I, formerly known as **MISS AJAYI KEHINDE TOYIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. ALABI KEHINDE RUTH**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.

LAWAL: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADEKUN MARIAM ARIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs LAWAL MARIAM ARIKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I, formerly known as **YUSRA MOHAMMED KABIR** now wish to be known and addressed as **YUSRA ISHAQ KURFI** all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

JAMES: I formerly known as **WOGAMSO PAUL** now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMES PAUL**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public should please take note.

MANYA: I formerly known as **CHOSEN MANYA LOHVEN** now wish to be called and address as **MANYA LOHVEN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH **I, TOSE SEVAN CHRISTIANA**. That my name was wrongly written on some of my documents as **TOSESE CHRISTIANA SEVAN** instead of **TOSE SEVAN CHRISTIANA**. That I swear to this affidavit that my correct name is **TOSE SEVAN CHRISTIANA**. That my date of birth was wrongly written on some of my documents as 4th day of May, 1971 instead of 1st day of March, 1967. That I swear to this affidavit that my correct date of birth is 1st day of March, 1967. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public please take note.

AKINDELE: I, formerly known and addressed as **ILORI BOLA MONSURAT**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AKINDELE BOLA MONSURAT**, due to marital status. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLAWUNMI MONIOLA TEMIYE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS OLAWUNMI MONIOLA EDET**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

BARIYA, I formerly known as **PHINA C BARIYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BARIYA PHINAH**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

MUHAMMED: I formerly known as **MOHAMMED AUWAILU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED AUWAL IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public should please take note.

SAMSON: I Formerly known as **ISRAEL SAMSON** Now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMSON ISAAC** All Former documents remain valid **ACCESS/DIAMOND BANK PLC** Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME/DATE OF BIRTH **I, CHIKENDU AMAKA PATRICIA**. That on my Bank Account details my name was wrongly written as **CHIKENDU AMAKA PATRICIA** instead of **CHIKENDU AMAKA PATRICIA**. That I confirm my correct name is **CHIKENDU AMAKA PATRICIA**. That my correct date of birth is 20th day of September, 1981 and not 20th day of September, 1982. That all my documents remain valid. General public take note.

CHANGE OF NAME That during my BVN enrollment, my name was registered as **PETER THEODORA**. That henceforth, my correct name is **ADEROGBA THEODORA OLUWADAMILARE**. That the reason for the change of name is due to personal reason. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

EDE: I formerly known and addressed as **UKPAI OLEDI NKATA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **EDE OLEDI NKATA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

VERONICA: I formerly known as **VERONICA EDDIONG DANIEL** now wish to be known and addressed as **VERONICA DANIEL KALU**. All former documents remain valid. ECO BANK, FIDELITY BANK PLC And General Public should please take note.

HAJARA: I formerly known as **HAJARA ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HAJARA ADAMU MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. NIMC And General Public should please take note.

Arrangement of Name: I Formerly known as **RIFKATU AKAPSON ANDREW** Now wish to be called and addressed as **RIFKATU ANDREW AKAPSON** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

That I was formerly called, known and addressed as **DOMINIC EUNICE BOSE**. That I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **ADAMAH EUNICE BOSE** due to marriage. That all former documents remain valid, General public take note.

ODUNTAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ODUNTAN ROLLEN ADELAJA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ODUNTAN HAPPINESS ADELAJA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ROSEMARY: I, formerly known and addressed as **ROSEMARY UGBE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ROSEMARY DAVID ONIEMOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

YUSUF, I formerly known as **YUSUF YUSUF SULEIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **YUSUF SULAIMAN YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

BABANGIDA: I formerly known as **BABANGIDA ILIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BABANGIDA ILIYASU**. All former documents remain valid with **DOB 05/12/1979**. **POLARIS BANK PLC** And general public should please take note.

HUSSAINA: I, formerly known as **ADAMU HALIMA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINA HABIBA LAMI D.O.B: 1/1/1995** All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known and addressed as **BENJAMIN OLUWASINA JUNIOR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM OLUWASINA UTHMAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AFOLAYAN: I, formerly known and addressed as **ADEGBOYEGA OLABISI RACHEAL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AFOLAYAN RACHAEL OLABISI**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I was formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLURANTI TOSIN ODUNAYO**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. ADELEYE TOSIN ODUNAYO**. All former documents remain valid, concerned authorities and general public should please take note.

MUSA, I formerly known as **MUSA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUSA AUDU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR SULE 27/03/1992** now wish to be known as **SULAIMAN ABUBAKAR 27/7/1997** All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note

AUDU: I, formerly known as **AUDU VERONICA EUCHARIA**, now wish to be known and addressed **AUDU VERONICA NWEKE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

OWOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as **OWOLE KATE NKOSANYE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OWOLE NKOSANYA KATHERINE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

KEHINDE: I, formerly known and addressed as **KEHINDE MINAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KEHINDE AMINA BUKOLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **ADEKWU JOSEPH OTANWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OTANWA JOSEPH ADEKWU** and my correct date of birth is **05/06/1960**. All former documents remain valid. Public notice take note.

I formerly known as **ya'u mohammed** now wish to be called and addressed as **ya'u hashimu muhammed**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **MARWANA IBRAHIM** now wish to be known as **MARWAN IBRAHIM HARUNA** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note

AISHATU: I, formerly known as **AISHA SANI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU UMARU MAIGANA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

IBRAHIM: I, formerly known and addressed as **OROLEYE FATIMA OLANIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM FATIMA OLANIKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADENIJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OLATUNJI RASHEEDAT OLANIKE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADENIJI RASHEEDAT OLANIKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known as **NWORGU SCHOLASTICA CHIAMAKA**. now wish to be called and addressed as **EZE SCHOLASTICA CHIAMAKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

I formerly known as **Fatima Aliyu** now wish to be called and addressed as **Fatima Adam Aliyu**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

I, formerly known and addressed as **Halima Suleiman**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Halima Rabi'u Suleiman**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

NEHEMIAH: I was formally known as **NEHEMIA SHEBA** Now wish to be called **NEHEMIAH SHEBA** and address as former documents remain valid general public, all authority concern should take note please.

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as **CHIDINMA FAVOUR ASHIOMA**. That I now wish to be known, called and addressed as **IZAH FAVOUR ASHIOMA**. That all documents bearing **CHIDINMA FAVOUR ASHIOMA** remains valid, the Public and Authority Concerned should take note.

AROBANI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss RASHEED FEYISHOLA FATIMAT**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs AROBANI FEYISHOLA FATIMAT**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BUKAR: I formerly known as **BUKAR MODUBE GANA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BUKAR MODU MODUBE**, All former document remain valid. With correct **DOB 01/01/1999 NOT 07/03/1997**, General public should please take note

AHMAD, I formerly known as **IDRIS UMAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **AHMAD UMAR IDRIS**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMADU-AMIRU IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

HASSAN: I, formerly known as **HASSAN SHAIBU FFA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HASSAN SHAIBU**. All former documents remain valid. the general public and any authority concerned to please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS YUSUF HALIMAT OTOYOTOSI. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS MRS BADMUS-YUSUF HALIMAT OTOYOTOSI. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. BANK AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

I formerly known and address as **OTOR STEVEN OGHENEKARO**. Now wish to be known as and address as **EDAFE STEVEN OGHENEKARO**. All former documents remain valid, General public should take note.

ZANGINA: I formerly known as **ZANGINA MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD ZANGINA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as **SADIQ GARBA SALEH** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR GARBA SALEH**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **HALIMA MOHD ISAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALIMA ISAHAH MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

HABIB: I, formerly known as **NAJIB IMAM**, now wish to be called and addressed as **HABIB IMAM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

PATRICK: I, formerly known and addressed as **AKOR PATRICK MICHAEL**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **PATRICK OYARE MICHAELKAILOR**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNBUNMI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ABOSEDE OLUFUNMILAYO OLOYEDE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OGUNBUNMI OLUFUNMILAYO AJOKE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

HUSSAINI: I formerly known and addressed as **BASHAYI GANA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MALLAM BABA HUSSAINI**. All former documents remain valid. With correct **DOB 15/07/1977 NOT 18/09/1979** All concern authority And General public please take note.

MARYAM, I formerly known as **MARYAM BASHIRU SULAIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARYAM INUWA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AISHA YAKUBU ALIYU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AISHA YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

GRACE: I Formerly known as **GRACE KPOP** Now wish to be called and addressed as **GRACE KPOP DOMINIC** All Former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

CORRECTION ON MY DATE OF BIRTH/NAME ON BVN AND ACCOUNT **I, ABBAS ABDULAZEEZ**. That there was a mistake on the writing of my date of birth, instead of 13th July, 1980. It was wrongly entered as 13th July, 1981, and also my name was also wrongly entered as **ABBAS ABDULAZEEZ**, it was wrongly entered as **ABBAS AZEEZ ABDUL**. That my correct date of birth is 13th day of July, 1980 and with correct name as **ABBAS ABDULAZEEZ**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

ADESEUN: I, formerly known and addressed as **JACOB MAHUYON AISSO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADESEUN JACOB AYOMIKUN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIM: I formerly known as **BALKI MUHAMMED DAHIRU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BALKI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

HALIMA, I formerly known as **HALIMA YAHAYA IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **HALIMA YAHYA YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **ADO MARWA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADO ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

ODUNLAMIE: I, formerly known and addressed as **BALOGUN RUKAYAT BOSE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ODUNLAMIE RUKAYAT OMOHALWE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as **JOSEPH COMFORT OMANAME**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OKOLI COMFORT OMANAME**. All former documents remain valid, Banks and General public should please take note.

FARONBI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss SHODIYA OPEOLUWA BEATRICE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs FARONBI OPEOLUWA BEATRICE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUSTAPHA: I formerly known as **MAINA KOFURE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA MUSA**, All former document remain valid. With Correct **D.O.B. 13/07/1999 NOT 01/01/1996** General public should please take note

ALHASSAN, I formerly known as **ALHASSAN ABDULLAHI TATAKORE** (with date of birth 24/03/1965 now wish to be called and addressed as **ALHASSAN MAIKAHO** with date of birth 30/06/1988. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **RACHAL PETER** now wish to be called and addressed as **RACHEAL PETER**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

I formerly known as **CHIAMAKA UMANZE** and **UMANZE UDODIRI AMAKA UGOCCHI**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **ONYENATUGA CHIAMAKA**. All documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MBAWUIKE: I was formerly known and addressed as **MISS UKAEFI MERCY CHINYERE**. Due to marital status, henceforth I wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. MBAWUIKE MERCY CHINYERE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concerned and general public should take note.

OMOBOYE-KOLEOSO: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss OMOBOYE OMOBISOYE HELEN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OMOBOYE-KOLEOSO OMOBISOYE HELEN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

NEHEMIAH: I formerly known as **AMIAN NEHEMIA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NEHEMIAH A. UMARO**. All former document remain valid. General public should please take note

KABIRU, I formerly known as **KABIRU DANLADI IDRIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **KABIRU IDRIS** with date of birth **1-1-1972**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MOHD HAMISU 01/09/1979** now wish to be called and addressed as **MOHAMMAD HAMISU**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note **DOB: 01/01/1984**.

BABAYALE: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss ADESHINA SEKINAT IDOWU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs BABAYALE SEKINAT IDOWU ADESHINA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OGUNIFE: I, formerly known as **MISS IDOWU ABIODUN OLUWAFUNMILAYO**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. OGUNIFE ABIODUN OLUWAFUNMILAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

NURENI: I, formerly known and addressed as **OGUNREMI AISHAT OMOBOLANLE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs NURENI AISHAT OMOBOLANLE**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

SANI I formally know **MUHAMMAD YUSUF UMAR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMAD SANI YUSUF** All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

USMAN, I formerly known as **NURA USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **FATIMA TAHIR MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concern and general public to note

CORRECTION OF NAME That on my Bank Account Details my name was wrongly arranged as **AMUSA KASEEM** instead of **AMUSA KAZEEM**. That I confirm my correct name to be **AMUSA KAZEEM**. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

ADEWUMI: I formerly known as **Miss Ola Moyinoluwa Bisola**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs. Adewumi Moyinoluwa Bisola**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

IJI: I, formerly known and addressed as **IDJI SOUROU FIACRE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IJI SURU OLUWASEUN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FARUQ: I Formerly known as **FIRST NAME: FARUKU MIDDLE NAME: KOKO SURNAME: AZZIKA DOB 01-01-1992** NOW wish to be known and addressed as **FIRST NAME: FARUKU MIDDLE NAME: BASHAR SURNAME: AZIKA DOB 22-04-1992** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I, formerly known as **KABIRU ABUBAKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KABIRU ABUBAKAR KABO**. all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I was formerly known as **SAUDATU MUKTAR ELHUSAIN** now wish to be known and called as **SAUDATU DAHIRU HUSSAIN**. All my former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note

CHANGE OF NAME AND CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH That I was formerly called, known and addressed as **OGO ADEBAYO OLUORUN**. That I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **OLORUNSOGO OLATUNDE ADEBAYO**. That my correct date of birth is 3rd day of February 1972 and not 11th day of March 1970. That all my former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ABDURAFIU: I, formerly known as **Jimoh Onaara Fatimoh**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDURAFIU ONAARA FATIMOH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

SALAKO: I, formerly known and addressed as **SALAKO ADENIYI**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAKO ADENIYI FIDELIX**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IBRAHIM: I Formerly known as **First name: Muhammad Middle name: Lamaras SURNAME: Ibrahim** NOW wish to be known and addressed as **FIRST NAME: Muhammad SURNAME: IBRAHIM** All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

I, formerly known as **SHEHU ABUBAKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **SHEHU ABUBAKAR SULAIMAN**. all former documents remain valid, General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known as **MAHAMAN OUSMANE SALEHSALEH** now wish to be known as **MOHAMED. USMAN SALEH SALEH** All former documents remain valid Authority concerned about and general public should please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH **I, OHAZIRU MARY OGAGUA**. That my date of birth was wrongly written on my National I.D Card as 2nd day of February, 1978 instead of 4th day of February, 1978. That I swear to this affidavit that my correct date of birth is 4th day of February, 1978. That my name was wrongly written as **OHAZIRU MARYANN OGAGUA** instead of **OHAZIRU MARY OGAGUA**. That I swear to this affidavit that my correct name is **OHAZIRU MARY OGAGUA**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

AINA: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS NNODIM ONYEKA OYINKANSOLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AINA ONYEKA STELLA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLABISI: I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss KOROLE HANNAH TITILAYO**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs OLABISI HANNAH TITILAYO**. All former documents remain valid, Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABBA: I formerly known and addressed as **ABBA JANGA ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABBA MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

Classifieds made easy

FANTAMI: formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED MALA YUSUF** now wish to be known and addressed as **FANTAMI MAKKI MARTE**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

LAHAGA: I, formerly known as **LAHAGA JENNIFER MYANYI** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAHAGA JENNIFER**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, Formerly known and addressed as **OBIDIKE AMAUCHE FAITH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ONWUGBUFOR AMAUCHE FAITH**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

MATTHEWS: I, formerly known and addressed as **OKWELOGU EBERE JULIAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MATTHEWS EBERE JULIAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

My name was wrongly Written as **ABARA MONICA A., INSTEAD OF ABARA MONICA ADANMA** which is the correct name. All Documents Bearing my former name still Remain Valid, Banks and General Public please Take Note.

I, formerly known as **ZENITU SHEHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZINATU SHEHU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

MARY: I formerly known as Miss Yusuf Omenek Mary now wish to be called and addressed as Mrs Abu Omenek Mary. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note

MRS. ETIMBUK = I, formerly known as **MISS ETIMBUK MICHAEL SAM**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS. ETIMBUK LNI-OBONG EDET**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

ANDEH: I, formerly known and addressed **UDEKWE CHINEDU FAVOUR**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ANDEH CHINEDU FAVOUR**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public take note

That during **BVN** registration my name was written as **GILBERT STELLA** instead of **GILBERT BUABARI STELLA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GILBERT BUABARI STELLA**. My correct date of birth is 28th November, 2000 not 16th November, 1999. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

MRS. MARIZU: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OGE NNE EJITU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. MARIZU NNE ROSELINE**. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note

I formerly known as **HARUNA IBRAHIM MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED IBRAHIM HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

FALDA: I formerly known as Miss Tolmas Falda timothawus now wish to be called and addressed as Mrs Falda Nicodemus Tolmas. All former document remain valid. Authority concern and general public to take note.

AMARACHI* I,** formerly known as ***MISS. IHUNDA AMARACHI. Now wish to be known as ***MRS. AMARACHI CHILE OGWUTUM***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MRS. BENSON: I, formerly known as **MISS OBA TOVIE BODEISE-ERE**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. BENSON, TOVIE BODEISE-ERE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid and the general public take note

AMADI: formerly known and addressed as **OKEAH JOY** and **AMADI JOY**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **AMADI UCHECHI JOY**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

MRS. IBIWARI: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS. GLADYS IBIWARI STEWART**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. IBIWARI SUNDAY PETER**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

I, formerly known as **BELLO GARB ALHAJI SADA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BELLO G. A. SADA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

ADAMU : I formerly known as **SHAIBU AYUBA** now wish to be known as **ADAMU AYUBA**. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

NWFURU* I,** formerly known as ***NOMEH SOLOMON CHUKWUDI. Now wish to be known called and addressed as ***NWFURU SOLOMON CHUKWUDI***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

TOBIN: I, formerly known as **JOSIAH PROMISE FRIDAY**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **TOBIN, PROMISE JOSIAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

MRS. NWEKE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OBASI ONYINYECHI DESTINY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. NWEKE ONYINYECHI DESTINY**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

MRS. JUSTICE: I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS MARY ENOCH ABBEY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. MARY IDAKUBIE JUSTICE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

I, formerly known as **JADA ALHAJI SANI** with **D.O.B 02-04-1997** now wish to be known and addressed as **SANI HARUNA** with **01-01-2000**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

I, NASIRU BAPPAYO do solemnly declare that: the names **NASIRU BAPPAYO** and **NASIRU BABAYO** are referred to me, as I used to answer either of the names. Now I wish to be known and called **NASIRU BAPPAYO** with **12/02/1987** as **D.O.B**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and public to note.

HENRY* I,** formerly known as ***MISS. AGBAJEREONYE BEAUTY CHISOM. Now wish to be known called and addressed as ***MRS. HENRY BEAUTY CHISOM***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

IDAEREFAGHA: I, formerly known and addressed as **SIDNEY BENSTOWE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **IDAEREFAGHA M. BENSTOWE**. All document bearing my former name remain valid. General public take note

NGOZICHUKWU: I, formerly known, called and addressed as **ANUNTU VALENTINA NGOZI**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ANUNTU VALENTINA NGOZICHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

I, formerly known as **BASHAR DAUDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULKARIM DAUDA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

OKOYE: I, formerly known as **AUGUSTINE OKOYE** now wish to be known and addressed as **CHUKWUMA AUGUSTINE OKOYE**. All former documents remains valid. General public should take note.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME* I,** ***NWFURU* I,** formerly known as ***NOMEH SOLOMON CHUKWUDI, wish to confirm that the name ***NWFURU SOLOMON CHUKWUDI*** and ***NWFURU SOLOMON CHUKWUDI***. Belongs to one and the same person ***NWFURU SOLOMON CHUKWUDI***. All documents bearing the above names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MIRACLE: I, formerly known as **ONYEBUCHI CHRISTOPHER NWAUBANI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MIRACLE CHRISTOPHER BROWN**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public take note

KENNETH: I, formerly known and addressed as **DIKE CHIDI** now wish to be known and addressed as **DIKE CHIDI KENNETH**. All former documents remain valid. the general public should please take note

THE DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN
CAC/IT/NO. 10704

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT ABOVE NAMED BODY HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC), ABUJA FOR CHANGE OF ITS TRUSTEES UNDER PART 'F' OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT (CAMA), 2020.

OLD TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ALHAJI (DR.) LEMA JIBRILU, OFR	- CHAIRMAN (RETAINED)
2. PROFESSOR BABAYO DUKU MUSA	- RESIGNED
3. DR. ELI BABAJIRA MAMA	- RESIGNED
4. MRS. BRENDAN WOODNAM	- RESIGNED

NEWLY APPOINTED TRUSTEES ARE:

1. MRS. AISHATU PAMELA SADAUKI	- APPOINTED TRUSTEE
2. HON. MUHAMMAD USMAN	- APPOINTED TRUSTEE
3. MRS. JOSEPHINE MOHAMMED	- APPOINTED TRUSTEE/SECRETARY

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: SECRETARY

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

The General Public is hereby notified of the Loss of the Original Land Documents with the name ENGR. BABA SHETTIMA "M" of Reside at NO. 12 CIRCULAR OLD GRA MAIDUGURI BORNO STATE, on 30/01/2023, GRANT with BOSA/44G Plot No 255 Residential 450sqm meter was partially burnt by fire as attached. That I wish to be replacement by the management of BOGIS and all necessary fess have paid accordingly. That I also attached all necessary Documents for your perusal and as required. That I also collected FIRE SERVICE REPORT in respect of the fire incident that resulted to the partial burning of the Grant is hereby attached. That for all intents and purposes this affidavit is for the fact that I am honest and person of unimpeachable character and all the statement the above attached documents were given to me due to the fact that the said GRANT was burnt and no certificate was issued to me by the defunct Land and Survey hence this affidavit. That all the information I started above are true, correct and in accordance with Oath 2004 and all efforts made to trace the original documents proved abortive. The general public is hereby notified.

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHEIKH FAZZA CHARITY FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration as Incorporated trustees under part F of the Companies and Allied Matters Act Cap C20 LFN 2020

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. ABDULLAHI BASHIR ISHAQ - (TRUSTEE/CHAIRMAN)
2. UMAR SHEHU ZUBAIRU
3. SANI AL-AMIN DAN ADALA (Trustee/Secretary)

The Aims and Objectives of the organization are:

1. TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION OF ORPHANS, WOMEN AND POOR COMMUNITIES THROUGH GIVING TRAINING, EDUCATION, MOTIVATION AND EXPOSURE TO LIFE-CHANGING INNOVATIONS.
2. TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES AND ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN
3. TO ENSURE THAT ORPHANS AND WOMEN ARE SAFE, HEALTHY AND PROTECTED AT HOME, IN SCHOOLS AND NATIONS
4. TO FACILITATE REHABILITATION OF WEAK CHILDREN THROUGH SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PROVIDING THEM WITH EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL AMENITIES.
5. TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-LED PROJECTS WITH A FOCUS ON THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT.
6. TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY AND AWARENESS OF ORPHANS, WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES ABOUT SEXUAL REPRODUCTION HEALTH, RIGHTS AND OTHER PREVENTABLE DISEASES SUCH AS HIV AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General of Corporate Affairs Commission, PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja within 28 days of the publication.

Signed:
Secretary

PURPOSEFUL FELLOWSHIP OF VIRTUOUS WOMEN WITH VISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC) FOR REGISTRATION OF ITS TRUSTEES UNDER PART C OF COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT OF 2020

NAMES OF TRUSTEES

1. GABRIELS JULIET CHINENYE
2. EMMANUEL CHINELLO
3. DAVID MARY
4. UGBOJI VICTORIA IRE
5. UMEH PATIENCE CHIAMAKA
6. AKPOMIE ESE LINDA

AIMS AND OBJECTIVE

1. TO EDUCATE AND EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH SELF DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING
2. TO REACHING OUT TO THE NEEDY SUCH AS WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILD'S.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET MAITAMA ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION

SIGN BY CHAIRMAN

MASJID BILAL BIN RABAH ISLAMIC RESOURCE CENTER.

This is to inform the general public that the above name has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under Part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020.

TRUSTEES:

1. AHMED BASHIR - CHAIRMAN
2. SANI MUSA - SECRETARY
3. MOHAMMED IMAM MAHMUD
4. UMMAR ABUBAKAR
5. HARUNA ISMAIL GAMBO
6. ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Masjid
2. Islamic education resource center.
3. To help the orphan and less privileged persons.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Secretary

TEWE-TEGBO TRADITIONAL HERBAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC) ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART F OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT NO 3. OF 2030

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. BUSARI ISMAIL BOLANLE
2. TATA TIAMIYU
3. KAREEM ALIMOT MOTUNRAYO
4. YINUSA SEFYA BOLATITO
5. OJEGHILE LUKUMAN
6. EEGUNBIYI YINUSA OYEWALE
7. MUHAMMAD SAHEED
8. OJO KOLAWOLE

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO PROVIDE HERBAL TRADITION-MEDICINE FOR OUR SOCIETY
2. TO PROMOTE THE CULTURAL HERITAGE
3. TO PROVIDE TRADITIONAL HERBAL MEDICINE

ANY OBJECTION TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSE STREET P.M.B 298, MAHATMAS ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED
EEGUNBIYI YINUSA OYEWALE

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

COMPANY REGISTRATION

CHANGE OF NAME

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION OF KADUNA STATE

WHEREAS the person whose name and address are set out in first column here under died intestate on the date and place in the said column AND whereas the person whose addresses are set out in the second column here under claimed the relationship to the said deceased and has applied to the above Court for a grant of 'LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION' of personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the said LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION will be granted to such persons unless notice to PROHIBIT the grant thereof is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Kaduna State within (Twenty one days) from the date of publication of this notice.

NAME & ADDRESS OF DECEASED ABENEGO HARUNA LATE OF GONIN GORA FEDERAL HOUSING, KADUNA WHO DIED ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2022 AT GRACE LAND HOSPITAL BARNAWA	NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: ABRAHAM HARUNA NDANDOK AND TALATU ABENEGO HARUNA OF NO. 7 RUBADU ROAD ANGWAN RIMI, KADUNA
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DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023

Signed: PROBATE REGISTRY
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KADUNA, KADUNA STATE.

ROYAL- MINDS GENTLEMEN SOCIAL CLUB OF PORT HARCOURT

The general public is hereby informed that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- 1) EZENNE CHIEDU BONAVENTURE - CHAIRMAN
- 2) ORDU JOHN BROWN - SECRETARY
- 3) OKENYEKA EBUKA MADUABUCHI - TREASURER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote the welfare of members
2. To foster and encourage the spirit of oneness and companionship among members and between the club and other friendly associations;
3. To act as a forum for discussing matters affecting the progress and well-being of members and their immediate families.
4. To organize such activities as may be deemed necessary for the attainment of any of the objectives contained herein;
5. To provide for and engage in acts of philanthropy in favour of the needy members of the society at large
6. To provide financial assistance to members on occasions accepted by members as provided in the Constitution

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: ORDU JOHN BROWN - SECRETARY

SPORT



■ Players of Bendel Insurance celebrate after scoring a goal in the ongoing Nigeria Premier Football League season

29 Nigerian referees to receive FIFA badges today

By David Ngobua

A total of 29 Nigerian referees will this morning receive their badges to operate as FIFA match officials for the year 2023, at a special ceremony inside the NFF Secretariat, Moshood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja.

A total of seven of them will be badged as FIFA referees while another seven will be decorated as FIFA assistant referees. Four are FIFA women referees and three are FIFA women assistant referees. Four are FIFA beach soccer referees while another four are FIFA futsal referees.

Only two of the arbiters are new to the topmost rank: Muhammed Yakubu and Tijjani Ahmad, who will operate as FIFA assistant referees.

FIFA Referees: Ogabor Joseph; Nurudeen Abubakar; Quadri Adebimpe; Kassim Abdulsalam; Abdullahi Abubakar; Bashir Salihu; Grema Mohammed

FIFA Assistant Referees: Samuel Pwadutakam; Usman Abdulmajeed; Efosa Igudia Celestine; Hope Igbo; Tejiri Digbori; Muhammed Yakubu; Tijjani Ahmad

FIFA Beach Soccer Referees: Jelili Ogunmuyiwa; Fawole Olawale; Olayinka Olajide; Rabiuh Ahmad

FIFA Futsal Referees: Bello Zuru Alhassan; Musa Dung Davou; Paul Umuago; Uyah Ndubuisi

FIFA Women Referees: Ndidi Patience; Hannah Eliagwu; Olufunmilayo Alaba; Yemisi Akintoye

FIFA Women Assistant Referees: Mfon Friday Akpan; Beauty Kabenda Terah; Abibat Yusuf.

El-Kanemi Warriors poised to end Insurance unbeaten run

By David Ngobua

...As Rangers, Wikki, Nasarawa, Rangers seek first victories

El-Kanemi Warriors of Maiduguri are determined to end the unbeaten run of 'invincible' Bendel Insurance when they host the Group A table toppers this afternoon in their Week Five fixture of the 2023 abridged Nigeria Premier Football League (NPFL) season. Bendel Insurance in imperious form have won all four matches to remain the only club with a hundred percent record so far this season.

Without doubt, leading goal scorer, Imade Osarenkhoe of Bendel Insurance who has scored a goal in each of the four matches is the man to watch

in this potentially explosive encounter.

However, El-Kanemi Warriors who suffered a slim 0-1 loss at 3SC over the weekend also fancy their chance of ending Bendel Insurance unbeaten run.

Meanwhile, Kwara United, Rangers, Wikki Tourists and Nasarawa United who are yet to taste victory this season will be seeking for first victories in their midweek matches.

In Group A, Nasarawa United who are having a torrid time will host Plateau United at New Jos stadium which also serves as the home ground of their

opponents, Kwara United who were hammered 3-0 by Enyimba will aim for their first victory as they host in-form Akwa United in Ibadan.

And 3SC who picked their first win in a slim 1-0 win over El-Kanemi at the weekend will travel up north to battle Gombe United while Remo Stars whose unbeaten run ended after a 3-0 thrashing by Bendel Insurance in Benin City will hope to bounce back to winning ways when they host Enyimba in Ikenne.

Elsewhere in Group B, high-riding Lobi Stars who are yet to taste defeat after their opening

day loss at Rivers United will welcome unbeaten Sunshine Stars in Jos, winless Wikki Tourists are in Port-Harcourt where they face an uphill task against reigning champions Rivers United just as Rangers who forced Niger Tornadoes to a 0-0 draw in Kaduna will host Dakkada FC who lost 1-2 at home to Rivers United.

After a crushing 0-3 loss to Lobi Stars, Bayelsa United will seek redemption against Doma who forced neighbours Wikki Tourists to a 0-0 draw in Bauchi while Abia Warriors who appear to have lost form seek revival at home against Niger Tornadoes.

Wikki Tourists coach, Dogo resigns, demands unpaid salaries, bonuses

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

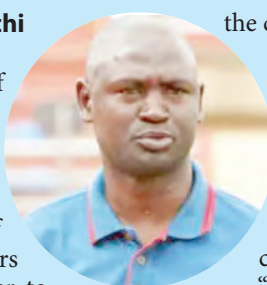
The Technical Adviser of Wikki Tourists of Bauchi, Kabiru Dogo, has resigned his appointment with immediate effect.

The former coach of Nasarawa United and Lobi Stars tendered his resignation letter to the management of the club yesterday citing undue interference and lack of support as main reasons for leaving his position.

It will be recalled that following the poor run of Wikki Tourists in the ongoing season, the gaffer and members of his technical crew were given a two-match ultimatum to improve the fortunes of the club or be sacked.

After recording only one draw out of four matches played so far, Wikki Tourists are last on the Group B table.

Dogo, however, said he was not responsible for the poor performance of



the club.

In his letter of resignation, he said "I also wish to state here for a record purpose and for the club, its fans and other stakeholders of the club that at no time was I issued an ultimatum by the club management.

"I only got to learn about such information from social media and other third parties and for this reason, amongst other reasons, I tender my resignation."

While expressing his profound appreciation to the Governor of Bauchi State, Senator Bala Mohammed and the Chief Imam of Bauchi, Dogo demanded payment of all his unpaid entitlements and those of his assistants and driver.

When contacted, the Media Officer of the club, Nasiru Kobi, confirmed Dogo's resignation and said the management had accepted it and wished the coach well in his future endeavours.

Rugby legend, Mtawarira, wants to develop game in Nigeria

From Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

A member of South Africa's 2019 Rugby World Cup winning squad, Tendai Mtawarira, has revealed that African countries need to invest more in developing the game of rugby.

He also said he would love to help in developing the sport in Nigeria.

In this exclusive interview, the Zimbabwe-born Rugby legend who had 117 caps during his stint with Springbok before his retirement, advised that African countries need to create a conducive atmosphere for the game to thrive, saying that South Africa gives more attention to the game.

"I was privileged to play at the highest level in South Africa for 15 years and I got to win a World Cup title. I understand rugby plays an important role in South Africa. We are blessed to have young people coming through the pipeline," he said.

Mtawarira, the Brand Ambassador of



Health Grade in Nigeria, explained that growing the sport from school and especially at the grassroots level will help in producing star players for the country.

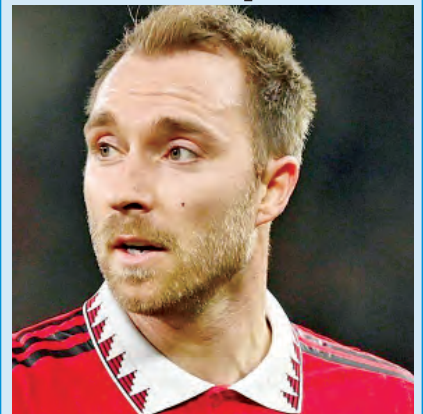
"If you want to grow the game, you go to the grassroots which is the school, so that is where you have to start investing and you start teaching the young people and then they will go through the level and then you get better.

"I would love to come to Nigeria and introduce rugby, especially to schools, youths, and do some coaching. I will also bring along some of my friends who are also world champions.

"I have seen a lot of Nigerians in American football which is great but I just think that there are so many young people here that are interested in rugby. With them, Nigeria can be a star team in the future," he said.

SPORT REPORT

Man United's Eriksen injured for 'extended period'



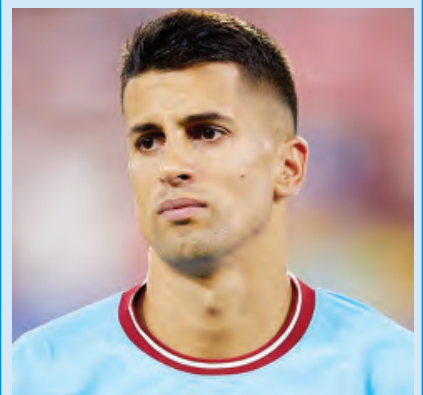
■ Christian Eriksen

Manchester United midfielder Christian Eriksen has been ruled out for up to three months with an ankle injury, dealing a significant blow to the Premier League club's hopes for the remainder of the season.

The Denmark player, 30, had to come off in United's 3-1 win over Reading on Saturday in the FA Cup fourth round following a foul by Andy Carroll and a statement from the club on Tuesday said he was "likely to be out until late April or early May".

That means he will miss the start of Denmark's European Championship qualifying campaign with matches at home to Finland and away to Kazakhstan in Group H in late March.

Bayern sign Man City's Cancelo on loan to plug injury gaps



■ Joao Cancelo

Bayern Munich have signed full back Joao Cancelo on an initial loan deal from Manchester City for the rest of the season with an option to buy the Portugal international, the Bundesliga club said on Tuesday.

His arrival completes a trio of winter signings for Bayern, who face Paris St Germain in the Champions League last 16 in two weeks, with keeper Yann Sommer and defender Daley Blind.

They were brought in to replace long-term injured goalkeeper Manuel Neuer and defenders Lucas Hernandez and Noussair Mazraoui.

Cancelo made only 16 league starts for City this season.

prospects of his party through these ill-timed policies and programmes may be an attempt to demonstrate his self-serving nature to Tinubu, but it has also revealed him as a false progressive who merely feigned support for the masses. Despite this, the masses were too consumed by sectarian sentiments to see through his true intentions, which are now becoming increasingly evident.

The blade Buhari brandishes at Bola Tinubu is a two-faced weapon. Despite being willing to play down the electoral ramifications and cast aside his former ally, the other side of this weapon cuts open his true nature: a selfish and entitled individual who exploits the suffering of the less fortunate without any genuine intention of alleviating their hardship. The notion that he stands in solidarity with the masses has been nothing more than a facade, and it is shocking that it has taken until now for the truth to become apparent to a majority of the population.

The protesting youths who, according to reports, pelted Buhari's motorcade and chopper with stones during his visit this week to Kano chose the wrong time, medium, and avenue to demonstrate their anger. The North, unfortunately, has no moral justification to hold Buhari to account with only a few months left in his eight-year reign. His trademark indifference to national tragedies and grievances now is as dreadful as it was ahead of the 2019 elections, and, despite that, he was given a second chance overwhelmingly across the region. It's one perplexing case of Stockholm Syndrome that is now coming to a close.

Buhari's misreading of the Nigerian room cannot be attributed solely to the idolising support from the North, including the youthful protesters in Kano. It must be shared among those who have allowed his actions to go unchecked and excused his excesses. This enabling attitude is the reason he's operated in an insulated environment, oblivious to the pleas, frustrations and cries of a nation that yearns for his presence and voice when they matter. Buhari's last dance is painful to watch because he's not the same advertised ascetic his enablers met in 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019. This Buhari no longer dances to impress. So, the protest in Kano is as ill-timed as recolouring the Naira. The youths in Kano were merely asking to board a plane that had long taken off.

Tinubu's good fortune in this long and winding road to Aso rock lies not only in his ability to recognise President Buhari's self-interest before he officially announced his intention to succeed him, before reminding his party that it's "Emi lo kan" season," but also in his prior establishment of a strong network of allies and a formidable political pedigree to lock horns with his major challenger, Atiku Abubakar of the PDP. He's not the only individual in Nigeria having a bitter taste of Buhari's peculiar loyalty, the vast majority of Nigerians are also left to regret their unwavering support for his serial presidential dreams.

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Tinubu's coldest war

In June 2022, Senator Bola Tinubu took to the stage in Abeokuta, Ogun State, amidst rumours of a conspiracy to eliminate him from the APC presidential primaries. The former Lagos State governor addressed the gathered delegates with a confident "Emi lo kan," emphasizing his contributions to the party and asserting his deserving position as a potential presidential flag-bearer of the party. This audacious display, paired with the fervent endorsement from his would-be running mate, Senator Kashim Shettima, in a widely-analysed Channels TV interview, set the tone for an election predicted to be hijacked by certain powers in Abuja. Their resort to blowing the whistle before the crime was, at first, dreaded as the end of the road for them, but it garnered the intended sympathy, resulting in a convincing victory against formidable odds.

The same historic town is the venue of Tinubu's enigmatic declaration last week, while canvassing for votes ahead of the forthcoming elections. He aimed his words at "the traitors who wanted to contest with us," reminding his audience of his innocence in their economic struggles. "Let them increase the price of fuel," he declared, adding that "only they know where they have hoarded it." In reference to the timing of the Naira redesign, Tinubu proclaimed with confidence, "Their plans will come to nothing. We are going to win." With his bold words and unwavering resolve, Tinubu sought to rally the voters of Abeokuta to his cause.

Tinubu's actions and words in Abeokuta were a response to the prevalent attempts to thwart his political aspirations. These events brought to light the perceived lack of gratitude for the sacrifices he made in support of President Buhari, including using his extensive resources to secure Buhari's victory in the 2015 primaries held in Lagos, where Tinubu held significant influence. Additionally, he stood steadfastly by President Buhari in the face of the formidable challenge posed by Atiku Abubakar of the PDP in the 2019 elections.

But the most significant obstacle in Tinubu's political journey remains unnamed, for political expediency. This individual, none other than President Buhari himself, seems to have been at Cold War with Tinubu. Despite Tinubu's support for Buhari in previous elections, the president failed to repay the favour ahead of the presidential primaries last year. Moreover, Buhari's recent implementation of policies and programmes that negatively impact the masses, seemingly done with ease, can be

attributed to his lack of presence on the ballot paper this year and his motives are not difficult to discern.

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During the midpoint of President Buhari's first term, there was an expectation for him to sign the Electoral Act Amendment Bill into law. However, he hesitated, as some of the provisions in the bill could potentially harm his chances of re-election. He waited until after he was re-elected before giving his assent. The fuel subsidy regime was also on the brink of ending due to the global instability of oil prices, but as Buhari had an election to win, he refrained from removing the subsidy.

President Buhari is well aware of the impact of anti-people policies on elections. However, as this particular election does not directly involve him, he has displayed a marked indifference towards its outcome. His sudden disregard for the electoral