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It is better to walk than to curse the road

(Zambia)

Source: BBC collection of listeners' proverbs

FOOD FOR THOUGHT >>

Africa's story has been written by others; we need to own our problems and solutions and write our story



- Paul Kagame

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■ Lagos residents on their normal daily businesses without coronavirus precautions at Ikotun roundabout Lagos yesterday

Photo: Benedict Uwalak

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CITIES	FAJR	DHUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
ABUJA	5:40	12:49	4:04	6:34	7:39
ENUGU	5:42	12:47	4:02	6:29	7:34
KADUNA	5:39	12:48	4:03	6:32	7:37
KANO	5:34	12:43	3:58	6:28	7:33
KATSINA	5:36	12:49	4:04	6:36	7:41
LAGOS	5:57	1:05	4:20	6:47	7:52
MAIDUGURI	5:17	12:26	3:41	6:10	7:15
P/HARCOURT	5:53	12:57	4:12	6:34	7:39
SOKOTO	5:47	12:57	4:12	6:40	7:47

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna

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GAINERS	ACADEMY	MAYBAKER	MRS	CHAMPION	UPL
OPEN	0.44	4.01	12.30	2.14	1.37
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CHANGE	-10.00	-10.00	-9.78	-9.47	-9.09

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No quit notice to Fulani in S/West – Governors

From Bola Ojuola (Akure),
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(Abeokuta), Raphael Ogbonnaiye
(Ado-Ekiti), Hameed Oyegbade
(Osogbo), Maureen Onochie, Idowu
Isamotu & Faruq Shuaibu (Abuja)

The Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) yesterday declared that nobody has the right to ask herdsmen to leave any part of the country.

The forum warned against ethnic profiling and urged all stakeholders to coalesce into a single force and tackle insecurity in the country.

It said the order of the Ondo State Governor Rotimi Akeredolu was misconstrued and misrepresented by a section of the media.

At a meeting with officials of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in Akure, Ondo State, led by Ekiti State Governor, Kayode Fayemi, who doubles as chairman of the forum, all agreed to work together to give peace a chance.

While governors from the South West agreed that there was no quit order for legitimate herdsmen, MACBAN assured cooperation in fishing out bad eggs among Fulani cattle herdsmen.

Daily Trust reports that there had been claims and counterclaims in the last few days, including threats in the South West especially in Ondo and Oyo states over the spate of insecurity with accusing fingers being pointed at Fulani herdsmen.

While some herdsmen and their leaders were attacked in Oyo following an eviction order by a purported freedom fighter, Sunday Igboho, there were conflicting versions in Ondo.

Fulani leaders in the state had last week said they met with Governor Akeredolu and agreed to work towards exposing criminal elements in the forests, but a message on the Twitter handle of the governor gave a one-week ultimatum to “criminals masquerading as herdsmen to vacate all Ondo forest reserves within one week.”

Our correspondents report that the ultimatum ended yesterday, a few hours to the meeting of the governors and MACBAN officials.

After the meeting, the governors’ forum said Akeredolu only ordered people “illegally occupying the forest reserves in the state to quit,” while advising genuine herdsmen to register with relevant authorities.

Those in attendance included Governors of Jigawa, Muhammad Badaru Abubakar; Kebbi, Atiku Bagudu; Ekiti, Fayemi; Osun, Adegboyega Oyetola; Oyo, Seyi Makinde and Akeredolu of Ondo State.

In his opening remarks, Fayemi noted that Akeredolu had not ordered the Fulani to leave Ondo State.

“Many members of MACBAN

were born in the South West. So, Akeredolu cannot ask Fulani to vacate Ondo State. The area concerned is the forest reserves and it is about registration and not to work in line with the law,” he said.

In a communiqué issued at the end of the meeting, the governors including MACBAN officials reiterated that the security and welfare of the people of Nigeria remained the primary purpose of government as enshrined in the 1999 Constitution as amended.

“Insecurity is a national challenge and not peculiar to any tribe or region but must be addressed by the cooperation of all.

“The order of the Ondo State governor was misconstrued and misrepresented by a section of the media. He only ordered those occupying the forest reserves in Ondo State illegally to quit.

“Criminals should be apprehended and punished, no matter their origin, class or status.

“There is the need to build a partnership for peace and security with MACBAN and jointly wage war against criminality. No one had sent anyone away from any state or region but all hands must be on deck to fight criminality,” the communiqué said.

The meeting further agreed that MACBAN is a peace-loving, law-abiding organisation, which does not harbour or condone criminals and reiterated its readiness to resolve contentious issues saying night grazing should be banned henceforth.

“MACBAN also suffers insecurity and kidnapping and thus desire peaceful coexistence. MACBAN is ready for any peaceful move by the states to engender security. There must be an enduring framework with MACBAN in a way that will help address security issues.”

The attendees concluded that a standing committee comprising of farmers, MACBAN and the government should be set up in each state (where they don’t exist) to ensure synergy and result.

Akeredolu in his speech said over 70,000 farmers had registered with the state government and urged genuine herdsmen to do same.

According to him, the government must identify those in the forest to be sure criminality was tackled.

We welcome agreement

In his reaction, MACBAN’s National Secretary, Usman Baba Ngelzarma, told *Daily Trust* that the association welcomed the agreements reached during the meeting.

“We are going to stay back in Akure and meet with the governor and state government officials to discuss the framework for the implementation of the terms of the agreement reached,” he



■ Security officials at the meeting

said.

Meanwhile, a source at the meeting, who spoke in confidence, said the decision to issue an ultimatum for the vacation of forest reserves by the governor followed an intelligence report of the movement of a large number of strange people into the area.

“Recently, the Ondo State officials had stopped trailers load of strange-looking people moving into the state who could not explain where they were going and what was their mission in the state.

“The people were subsequently asked to turn back but were later found to have sneaked back into the forest. Intelligence reports showed that they had acquired arms and were carrying out criminal activities in the area,” he said.

Yoruba leaders kick

Yoruba leaders yesterday asked the six South West governors not to negotiate with the Miyetti Allah.

Speaking under the aegis of Yoruba World Assembly, the leaders said herdsmen should not be allowed to remain in Ondo forests.

Secretary-General of YWA, Dr Victor Taiwo, who spoke on behalf of the group, which represents 15 other Yoruba entities, also warned the federal government against arresting Sunday Igboho, who on Friday chased away Fulani herdsmen in Iangan Ibarapa, Oyo State after giving them a seven-day ultimatum.

Taiwo, who spoke with newsmen ahead of a security summit fixed for Ibadan, in February, called on all governors in the zone to see the issue as a collective struggle devoid of political colouration.

He said the same method used in 1840 when Fulani from Ilorin were allegedly repelled by combined Yoruba forces, drawn from all supporting towns of Oyo Empire, in line with the defence arrangement perfected by Yoruba leaders, led by Alaafin Atiba, should be adopted.

Taiwo said, “It is too late to cry when the head is off. We have had enough of Miyetti Allah people. We don’t think anything good can come out of it.”

Meet with stakeholders, NEF tells Buhari

On its part, the Northern

Elders Forum (NEF) yesterday asked President Buhari to convene a meeting with state governors particularly those from the South West region to de-escalate rising tension across the country.

A statement signed by the Director, Publicity and Advocacy of the forum, Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed, said: “Events in the South West are assuming national dimensions and only a national approach will provide short and long term solutions.”

According to the statement, “NEF expressed optimism that the meeting would achieve its objective of finding lasting solutions to kidnapping in the region and legitimate Fulani would be allowed to enjoy their constitutional freedom.”

Calm in South West as police deployed in Hausa communities

There is relative peace and calm in the South West as residents go about their businesses without hindrances.

Anti-Riot and regular Policemen from Lagos State Police Command have been deployed to patrol Hausa communities in the state.

It was gathered that the decision to deploy security operatives to areas such as Ketu, Ifire, Agege, Ijora and Alaba was to forestall any act of violence.

The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Hakeem Odumosu, on Monday held a security meeting with the newly trained Community Policing Special Constables drawn from all the local government councils in the state on the Ethics and Standard Operating Procedure of the Community Policing Project.

In Oyo, the Commissioner of Police, Mrs Ngozi Onadeko, while addressing the people of Ibarapa, assured them of their safety and maximum security presence in the area.

She appealed to the youths and traditional leaders to allow peace to reign.

Except for some pockets of controversy in Ketu Communities of Yewa North Local Government Area of Ogun State over alleged connivance of soldiers with herdsmen to harass villagers in their communities, there has been no tension in the state over the quit notice order, *Daily Trust*

reports.

The traditional rulers in the areas had last week claimed that the Fulani herdsmen and soldiers numbering about 10, from the 35 Artillery Brigade, Nigerian Army, Alamala, Abeokuta, Ogun State, invaded Iselu, Ibeku, Agbon-Ojodu and Asa villages in Ketu communities and brutally meted out unwarranted assault against the villagers.

Our correspondent reports that the Commissioner of Police in the state, Edward Ajogun, had visited the communities to sue for peace and douse tension in the area.

There was calm in Sabo in Abeokuta, Ogun State where most Hausa and Fulani reside when our correspondent visited the area yesterday.

The Special Assistant to the governor on Inter-Ethnic Affairs, Hadi Sani, in a chat with *Daily Trust*, said, “We have a committee on farmers and herdsmen and there has been a synergy. We are monitoring events as they unfold and all stakeholders are being engaged.”

The Sarikin Hausawa of Egbaland, Alhaji Ibrahim Hassan Hassan said there was no cause for alarm, saying the leaders had always been proactive towards avoiding clashes in the state. In Ekiti State, our correspondent observed relative peace as Hausa/Fulani traders were seen at Sha-sha Market going about their trade without tension.

Security remains our priority - FG

The Minister of Information and Culture, Lai Mohammed, at a press conference yesterday in Abuja, assured that military and political leaders would remain focused on addressing the security challenges in the country.

On the deteriorating security situation in the South West, the minister said: “Yes, we have challenges in the South West, but I can assure you, it is being taken very good care of.”

Responding to a question on the quit notice to Fulani, he said: “We should lower the temperature and stop politicising security matters. We should stop bringing ethnicity or religion to purely security issues.

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“And if you look at the number of lives that were lost before then and today, there is no doubt that yes, we have challenges, but we are much better than it was,” he said.

The untold story of controversial Yoruba youth leader Sunday Igboho

From Farouk Shuaibu

Chief Sunday Adeyemo, aka Sunday Igboho, is a different person to different people. To many, he is a thug. Igboho is a traditionalist to some and a Christian to others.

Many see him as a human right activist, some call him a politician while others describe him as a businessman, for operating under the registered business name, Adeson International Business Concept Ltd.

His two wives live in two different parts of the globe - Germany and Canada - while he has three professional footballers playing in Germany as children.

On different occasions, Sunday Adeyemo had reportedly used guns to fight his enemies. This is said to be something he inherited from his grandfather.

Sunday Igboho is allegedly harbouring thugs in his Ibadan residence, using them to grab lands from their owners across the Southwest states.

Igboho went through the tutelage of Chief Lamidi Adedibu, the strongman of Ibadan politics. He was one of his most reliable and trusted thugs.

At a point in their relationship, Adedibu began to suspect he was getting too powerful and independent. Adedibu then invited him to a meeting and told him he should run for the chairmanship of a local government in Oyo State.

Igboho in a recent interview said he knew it was an attempt by Adedibu to bench him so he told him he was not educated, could not speak English and could therefore not be chairman of a local government.

Igboho said: "Adedibu then looked at me and barked an order 'STAND UP!' I stood up. 'SIT DOWN!' I sat down. Adedibu then said "and you claim not to be educated. Whatever is left we shall add it unto you."

In 2006, he assisted a former governor of Oyo State, Senator Rasidi Ladoja, to miraculously leave Akure, the venue of the PDP rally when he lost the party ticket to his deputy, Chief Adebayo Aloa-Akala.

Adeyemo was born in Igboho, Oke-Ogun in Oyo State but his father relocated to Modakeke in Osun State where he grew up. He started off as a motorcycle mechanic and then ventured into sale of automobiles, from where he started Adeson Business Concept.

He became famous after the part he played in the Modakeke/Ife war, between 1997 and 1998, where he was a defendant of the Modakeke people. He thereafter relocated to Ibadan where he met former Oyo State governor, Lam Adesina, through a courageous step while trying to defend the rights of the people at a fuel station during fuel scarcity.

He also worked with former Governor Rasheed Ladoja and became one of his most trusted aides.

Born on October 10, 1972, Igboho, however, got it wrong in January 2021 for daring to confront and give an eviction notice to Fulani herders in Iganggan, Ibarapa area of Oyo State after the killing of Dr. Aborode.



■ Sunday Igboho

Fulani people being Nigerians, many Nigerians including Oyo State Governor Seyi Makinde, decried the quit notice given to the Fulani in the state. Igboho insisted that the Fulani must leave Yorubaland. He accused the Fulani community in the area of masterminding abductions, killings and other criminal activities in the area.

The chairman of Miyyeti Allah in the state, Alhaji Ibrahim Jiji, asked the federal government to investigate and ensure Sunday Igboho faced the full wrath of the law for burning the house of the Seriki Fulani of Oyo State, Alhaji Saliu Abdulkadir and other

neighbours.

One of his childhood friends, Prince Adeoye Alimi, told Daily Trust: "Our family houses are not far apart. In fact, he is like an elder brother to me."

"When he was growing up at home, he would assemble us and we would follow him to play around the town. From childhood when he was attending Community Primary School, Modeke, he cultivated the idea of leading a group of people."

"He was a comedian when he was young. I remember that regularly, he did things that made people laugh. One of them was that during the weekend, he would dress like a

pregnant woman by putting a lot of clothes under his shirt. He would then instruct one of us to beat a drum while he danced around the town.

"Wherever people gathered to relax, he would go there to dance and make them laugh. He was a restless and lively person as a young boy."

Adeoye, who is now living in Igboho, Oke-Ogun area of the state, said Sunday Igboho usually defended his mates whenever they had challenges with their teachers.

He noted that Sunday Igboho appeared as a 'warrior' whenever he visited home, with a fleet of cars and an entourage, giving money to his friends and kinsmen.

He further said; "I also remember that in those days, when pupils were sent home from school for one reason or the other, they would head to Sunday Igboho's house instead of going to their different homes."

"He eventually left Igboho. But he was visiting the town regularly. Whenever he comes home till date, it's always like a carnival; everyone will know that Sunday is around because he enters the town like a king. Many people will pay him a visit. In turn, he will also pay visits to his friends, the town's traditional rulers and other leaders."

"He also paid visits to leaders of all religions in the town. That is why it is difficult to know his religion because he identifies with all religious groups and contributes to all their activities."

His source of 'metaphysical' power

When asked how his friend got the metaphysical power he claimed to possess, Adetunji said Sunday Igboho's grandfather was known to possess some forms of power. He, however, said Sunday could have had the power after leaving the town.

"The metaphysical power he has is beyond imagination and we don't really know how he got it. Igboho town is not known for such power. I can't say if he got the power before he left the town or from one of the places he visited after leaving the town."

"However, what I know is that his grandfather was well known to possess some powers. Everyone who lived in the town before his death would know of the power of Sunday's grandfather. I knew the man well because we usually passed his house every day. He was around 95 years old at the time. From stories we heard, many people visited him to seek his blessing. What I also heard from elders of the town is that if he cursed anyone, it would come to pass."

"Oke Ogun is an ancient town and we have scholars in the town", Adetunji stated.

On the allegation that Sunday Igboho amassed wealth from land grabbing, his friend said he was aware that Sunday helped those who lost their lands to land grabbers in many parts of the state.

He said, "Sunday has played big roles in the development of Igboho, oftentimes, he mediates in disputes between communities in the town."

"He helps people repossess land forcefully taken by land grabbers in Ohio, Moniya and other areas. All he needs is enough proof of ownership."

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Why we were attacked by Yoruba youths - Ibrahim Sarki

By Abbas Dalibi (Ibadan)

There was a crisis between the Fulani and the Yoruba in Oyo State recently; what happened?

Let me give you a background. I am the Chairman of the Oyo State chapter of Miyetti Allah Kautal Hore. My people have lived in Oyo State for over 60 years without any problem, to the extent that some people in my family don't speak Fulfulde; they only speak Yoruba. We are more Yoruba than Fulani because we were born and brought up in Yorubaland. I was born here and went to primary and nomadic schools here; even high school, before I read Estate Management at the Ibadan Polytechnic. I further read Estate Management at the university and served during my NYSC in Enugu.

With your long and peaceful stay, what then led to the attack on your community?

I don't know, but it seems there is an agenda which the Yoruba youths want to execute, because there is nobody in Ibarapa land that doesn't know Sarki, including his sons, daughters, relatives and people. Ibarapa comprises of seven towns. We have been living happily, though with some little misunderstanding which we sit down and settle amicably.

However, to our surprise, in the last two years in the whole of the Southern part of this country, the issue of Fulani herdsmen came up. Unfortunately, we the

Salihu Ibrahim Dende Abdulkadir is a son to the Sarkin Fulani of Oyo, Alhaji Salihu Abdulkadir. In this interview, the prince who revealed that the Fulani have been living peacefully for over 60 years in the state, speaks about how his people were attacked last week

herdsmen lack access to media and social media. Whatever happens, the blame is placed on the Fulani herdsmen. Armed robbers will attack banks in Lagos and Ogbomoso and nobody will tell you they are Yoruba.

Same thing in Ibadan and Okene, nobody will say it is Yoruba or Igbo or Igala, but when it comes to issues relating to cows they will say it is Fulani.

The truth is that if you want to know the facts of the matter here in Iganga, go to the Ayete and Igboora police stations and make research about the last two years; whether there is any Fulani that was arrested for rape, but whenever you read newspapers, this is what you will be reading; so there is an agenda.

The Fulani in Ibarapa land have also been accused of kidnapping incidents, what can you say about that?

Frankly, the Yoruba are the ones leading kidnapers in Ibarapa land. There is one Tunji Omolewo popularly known as Jabile; he is one of them. He is their leader. He is also a smuggler who has been terrorising Ibarapa land. We didn't want to say it, but we have to say it now. He is the one dealing in arms and ammunition. He is also a political thug who everyone fears.

There was a time we



■ Abdulkadir

arrested four kidnapers: two Yoruba and two Fulani. This Jabile was the one who bought a Honda car for them. His boys are all over kidnapping and committing all kinds of crime.

His boys are not only Yoruba, they include Fulani. We have a list of 21 Fulani who were kidnapped in Ibarapa, Igboora and their environs. One Alhaji Umaru Janlankiya was kidnapped and he paid N3.5m ransom. His younger brother, Alhaji

Musa Janlankiya, was also kidnapped and killed. Alhaji Zumba in Iganga was kidnapped and a ransom was paid, among many other Fulani. So the victims of kidnapping are both Fulani and Yoruba and also the kidnapers are from the two tribes.

After the Yoruba youths attacked our community; as I was running for my life in the bush, I saw a Yoruba man carrying amala (food) with soft and hot drinks at

midnight. I asked him where he was taking them to and he pretended as if he was making calls with his phone. Then he told me that he was waiting for Amodu. So you can imagine where he was taking the food to.

Why do you think people are in support of one Sunday Igboho who purportedly issued the Fulani a quit notice?

No responsible Yoruba man will support Sunday Igboho; who is he? He is a car dealer. The Yoruba call him Ajaguta. Anywhere people are fighting over land he will go and make noise so that they will go and settle him. Even on our current matter, this Jabile I spoke about called me. I went and met with him at Apata where he said we should go and beg Sunday Igboho and pay him some money so that he can forgive us and settle the matter.

What did you do when you received the quit notice from Sunday Igboho?

We wrote a petition to the federal government and copied to the National Assembly and to the Inspector General of Police (IGP). We also wrote to the state governor and DSS.

They were all aware of what he was doing on Facebook, but they did not take any action.

Prove my complicity in Oyo kidnappings - Sarkin Fulani

From Abbas Dalibi, Abeokuta

The Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State, Alhaji Salihu Abdulkadir, yesterday denied negotiating ransoms with kidnapers at Igangan community in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of the state.

He was reacting to media reports which quoted community leaders of accusing him of being complicit in the negotiations of ransoms for abductions done by herdsmen in the community.

The community leaders had made the accusations on Sunday when a delegation of the state government visited the town on a peace mission.

Youths of the community had last Friday razed Abdulkadir's house, alleging that the Fulani community was involved in kidnappings and killings of the people of the area.

Speaking to our correspondent yesterday, Abdulkadir challenged those making the allegations to prove that he was complicit.

"I never collected anything from kidnapers or their victims, it is a mere allegation. Let them present their evidence. They had been saying this before, and I have responded to their baseless claims on several radio programmes.

"Let them provide the evidence to the police and let police (take action) if it is true.

"I have been aiding the security agencies in tackling kidnapping in the area. We have the police who have arrested many kidnapers in that region with our aid."

The Sarkin also stated that Yoruba boys, working for a popular thug, were among some kidnapers arrested in the community.

"The kidnapers arrested

were both Fulani and Yoruba. Among they were Taye and Keyinde, and they are the boys of a popular political thug. Their record is with the police," he said.

The Sarkin Fulani also denied having armed guards. He said neither was Sunday Adeyemi, popularly known as Igboho, shot at his (Abdulkadir's) residence.

"Let them produce the evidence as well. If I have guards who bear arms, the police are in the best position to say this. 15 policemen that were deployed to my house after the quit notice. If I have guards, they (guards) would have resisted the youth that attacked us.

"We don't bear any arms, we are law-abiding citizens. Let them provide the evidence of their allegation. I am ready to face them at the police headquarters or at the court of law," he stated.

..You conspired with kidnapers to collect ransoms - Igboho

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho, also yesterday alleged that the Sarkin Fulani of Oyo State, Alhaji Salihu Abdulkadir, on many occasions conspired with kidnapers to collect ransom.

Featuring on Rave FM in Osogbo, Osun, during a talk show programme, 'Frank Talk', he said: "Those herdsmen 'rape' my people who can't pay the ransom. They even killed some people who challenged them. This is very unfair."

Igboho, who had last weekend issued seven-day ultimatum to herdsmen to leave Ibarapa community of Oyo State following kidnappings and killings, said: "I'll soon visit Osun, Ekiti, Ogun, Lagos, Ondo and Kwara. Anywhere the

criminal herdsmen reside to sack them.

"We shall no longer live like slaves on our land. Many of our people who are abroad can't come home because their security is not guaranteed."

He said Yoruba traditional rulers and other leaders in Nigeria were backing his move to sack criminal herdsmen from Yoruba land.

He said: "I have the backing of Alaafin, Ooni, Ataoja, and other kings in the southwest. Some other leaders in the country like Fani Kayode, former governor of Ekiti State, Ayodele Fayose, Femi Falana (SAN) among others are backing my actions.

"I'm receiving support from Amotekun corps, Odua People Congress, hunters... to ensure that we get rid of criminal herdsmen from the southwest.

UK variant of coronavirus now in Nigeria - FG

By Abbas Jimoh

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation and Chairman, Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, Boss Mustapha, yesterday confirmed a new variant of coronavirus in Nigeria.

Speaking in Abuja at the briefing of the PTF, Mustapha said Nigerian scientists had been sequencing the variants of coronavirus.

"There have been reports of cases with the B117 variant strain, first reported in the UK, found in Nigeria. Three of these were in travelers out of Nigeria and one in a resident," Mustapha said.

He said the daily statistics for Nigeria as of January 24 showed 121,566 cases, 1,270,523 tests, 22,834 active cases, 97,228 discharged and 1,504 deaths.

"All these numbers represent increases from the previous seven days and we are looking at taking further public health containment measures in local government areas that are considered high burden," he said.

He advised all Nigerians to take responsibility and stay very safe.

He also urged parents, grandparents and everyone with underlying factors, particularly school proprietors, that all precautionary measures be taken at home and in the schools when managing the pupils and students.

He also disclosed that in view of the fact that the nation's numbers of coronavirus cases were not abating, all extant measures prescribed in these guidelines were (subject to some modifications) extended by a period of one month with effect from today.

He cautioned Nigerians against patronising unapproved vaccines for the COVID-19 and other ailments.

Mustapha said the effort to access and deploy vaccines was progressing and as already announced by COVAX, the initial 100,000 doses Nigeria was expecting would now arrive in the early weeks of February.

"We wish to assure all Nigerians that the vaccine will be safe and effective when eventually it is deployed. We enjoin everyone to join in the campaign to eliminate vaccine hesitancy.

"I've to however advise

- Extends eased lockdown by 1 month
- 600 S/Arabia deportees arrive Nigeria Thursday

all Nigerians that the only source of vaccines that is safe and effective in Nigeria is through the channels of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency. Please do not patronize any one hawking or marketing vaccines," Mustapha said. He also expressed concern

that over the last few weeks, the PTF has been closely following the rising number of infections reported daily in Nigeria and in other jurisdictions.

The SGF added that Nigeria was currently working with the Government of Saudi Arabia on the deportation of

600 Nigerians.

He said the deportees were expected to arrive in two batches on the January 28 and 29.

"All necessary arrangements to ensure that these Nigerians are properly received are being put in place," Mustapha said.

... threatens to shut NYSC orientation camps

The Minister of Youths and Sports, Sunday Dare, yesterday said the government would shut down any National Youth Service Corps' orientation camp where COVID-19 protocols were not complied with.

The minister said this in Abuja at the joint national briefing of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19.

He said this became necessary in view of the discovery that over 700 serving corps members had tested positive for COVID-19.

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Two days in Biu:

How Zulum shared N300m to 5,000 small business owners, gave out 80 vehicles, opened projects, banned political thuggery

Before his planned tour of Southern Borno was cut short by the demise of Shehu of Dikwa on Saturday, Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, was in Biu from last Friday morning to Saturday afternoon during which he undertook key programmes and declared a policy.

Traveling by road from Maiduguri to Biu, Zulum stopped in Buratai town and commissioned a 50-bed primary healthcare centre meant to improve medical access for residents of the town located in Biu Local Government Area.

On arriving Biu town, Zulum commissioned a new central mosque which his administration began in January 2020. The first juma'at service was then held with the governor, his deputy, Umar Kadafur, the Emir of Biu and many top dignitaries leading a crowd of worshippers to the historic event.

N300m to 5,000 business owners

After Friday prayers, Governor

Babagana Umara Zulum, in Biu, led the distribution of N300m as economic support for 5,000 owners of small and medium businesses.

From the fund, 20 business owners, who create jobs, received N1m each, 40 of similar category received N500,000 each, 500 small business owners received N200,000 each, another 1,000 individuals got N100,000 each; while 2,000 more individuals received N30,000 each.

Funds were allocated based on business type, estimate of customers and capacity to generate direct and indirect employment.

The N300m shared in Biu was part of the N1 billion economic intervention launched by Zulum for thousands of small business entrepreneurs from six local governments of Biu, Gwoza, Ngala, Monguno, Mobbar and Maiduguri Metropolitan Council.

The Borno State Government, in collaboration with the Bank of Industry, equally raised the N1bn for disbursement to entrepreneurs in form of interest-free loans. Each party brought N500m.

From that N1 billion and other sources, Zulum had, in December 2020, disbursed N154m to a large number of small business owners in Maiduguri. Before them, N515m had been disbursed in 'cash for work' programme in which 2,862 members of "Ecomog", an outlawed political thuggery group, were paid N30,000 each month for half of the year. The youths received payments for cleaning the streets. Earlier in December 2019, N384m was distributed to empower street beggars in preparation to ban street begging.

80 vehicles, tricycles in Biu

Aside the N300m entrepreneurial economic support, Zulum distributed over 80 commercial vehicles and tricycles (Keke Napep) to different groups and individuals as part of social protection and livelihood support also in Biu.

Zulum charged beneficiaries of all economic supports to make proper use of empowerment packages distributed.

Ban on political thuggery in Biu

In another development, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum, at the weekend extended his ban on political thuggery to Biu. Zulum had, in 2019, outlawed the famous "ecomog" political thuggery group in Maiduguri where the group had a terror record since 2003.

With similar terror becoming a major problem amongst political active youths in Biu, Governor Zulum directed security agencies to arrest anyone parading himself or herself as a political thug terrorizing citizens.

"The Commissioner of Police, the Director SSS and all the security establishment are hereby directed to arrest anyone that parades himself as ECOMOG as from 6:00 am tomorrow (Saturday)", Zulum said last Friday.

The governor also sounded a strong warning: "any politician who is sponsoring such thugs shall be dealt with accordingly".



■ Clockwise: Photos from Governor Babagana Umara Zulum's presentation of cheques to a sample of small and medium business owners in Biu on Friday. Governor Zulum commissioning a 50-bed primary healthcare in Buratai town, also on Friday.

Restructuring: Why? When? How?

By John Nnia Nwodo

I am delighted to be here today to join very notable Nigerians to discuss a topic of great importance to our country at this point in our history. I thank the management and staff of Daily Trust Newspapers for this opportunity.

Because of the limited time available to speakers for this topic, I shall adopt a very simple question and answer format in dealing with my presentation.

Why should we restructure?

We should restructure because the constitutional history of Nigeria shows that the only constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria made by all the ethnic groups in Nigeria was the 1960 and 1963 Constitutions. In 1954, the Lyttleton Constitution made regional governments independent of the central government in respect of subjects and legislative powers allocated to them. It also established a unicameral legislature for the federal government and each of the three Regional governments. Lagos was taken out of the control of any Regional government and made the Federal Capital Territory. Regional public services were established in each of the three regions; the judiciary was reorganised so as to establish regional judiciaries while autonomy was granted to the Southern Cameroons, which up till 1954 was part of a larger Nigeria and the Northern Cameroons. For the first time, ministers were given specific portfolios. The Lyttleton Constitution thus became the transition instrument to Nigeria's independence in 1960 under a federal structure with democratically elected federal and regional legislatures.

From July 25th to 26th, 1963, a national constitutional conference was held in Lagos. This conference led to the enactment of the 1963 constitution. The constitution replaced the position of the Governor-General appointed by the British Monarch under the 1960 arrangement with the position of a president elected directly by members of the Nigerian Federal Legislature. In place of the Privy Council, the Federal Supreme Court became designated as the final appellate judicial authority over any person or matter in Nigeria.

1979 - 1999

Nigeria's democracy was overthrown in a military coup in January 1966. Between January 1966 and October 1979 Nigeria was ruled by three military regimes. The

last one under General Obasanjo bequeathed Nigeria with a Presidential constitution, which overthrew our Parliamentary system of government. The Constitution was drafted by 49 members out of fifty members of the Constitution Drafting Committee. Their final draft was reviewed and amended by the Armed Forces Ruling Council that issued a decree enacting it into law.

During Generals Babangida and Abacha's military administrations, there were some amendments to the Constitution, which were not carried into a civilian democracy until General Abdulsalami Abubakar assumed office and appointed a Justice Niki Toby committee, which after a tour of the country made a draft Constitution, which the Supreme Military Council of 24 officers (chosen without recourse to geographical representation) amended as they pleased and promulgated into law. That constitution is now the law that is in use in Nigeria.

This 1999 Constitution is adjudged by many legal experts as not autochthonous. This means that it is not derived from the people. It was not made by their elected representatives, it was not subjected to a plebiscite or referendum. In law, it is not cognisable as a legal Constitutional document, yet it remains our ground norm, our source of binding authority as to how our country should be governed.

The 1999 Constitution overthrew the sovereignty of the regions over their national resources and domestic security unleashing in the process an unprecedented fall of educational standards, domestic security and economic wellbeing.

Under the 1960 constitution, the three and subsequently four regions of Nigeria were viable and promoted sustained development in all sectors of the economy. In Northern Nigeria, groundnut pyramids grew exponentially, cotton mills, tin, animal husbandry and grains thrived. Ahmadu Bello University grew into a reputable University boasting of one of the best architectural faculties in Africa.

In Western Nigeria, Cocoa production flourished and financed free education at all levels leading to the establishment of the University of Ife with internationally renowned Pharmacy Department. The first television station in Africa was established at Ibadan and the first stadium in Africa in the same Ibadan. Import substitution industries grew, extending



■ John Nnia Nwodo

to Lagos which increasingly became the industrial hub of West Africa.

In Eastern Nigeria, the first Iron and Steel factory in Black Africa was built in Enugu, the second cement factory at Nkalagu, the first gas factory in Emene, the second beer brewery in Umuahia and two soft drink plants in Onitsha and Enugu. An American oriented University of Nigeria, Nsukka grew, threatening the pioneer status of University College Ibadan, then a campus of The University of London. Military rule and the imposition of a nonfederal constitution changed all that. The unitary system of government destroyed competition among regions. It led to a scramble for our collective resources and the foundation of unbridled corruption in government.

Quota, as opposed to merit, became the primary consideration for appointment to public offices. States and local governments, which did not reflect any demographic equality was created and used as a yardstick for representation in the legislature and the executive.

Nigeria began to slide. The following examples will jolt you.

Last year, the World Poverty clock described "Nigeria's population in extreme poverty as rising by 5.7 people per minute" and as the country with the most people living in extreme poverty in the world at 82 million (people living in extreme poverty) thereby overtaking India, which was previously the world's country with the most extreme poverty".

The Nigerian economy has grossly underperformed

relative to her enormous resource endowment and her peer nations. It has the 6th largest gas reserves in the world. It is endowed in commercial quantities with about 37 solid mineral types and has a population of over 170 million people. Yet economic performance has been rather weak and does not reflect these endowments, compared with emerging Asian countries, notably Thailand, Malaysia, India, China and Indonesia that were behind Nigeria in terms of GDP per capita in 1970. These countries have transformed their economies and are not only miles ahead of Nigeria, but are also major players in the global economic arena".

In 2017, Oishimaya Sen Nag, Ph.D., an Indian writing in *worldatlas.com* ranked Nigeria as the world's greatest producers of cassava with 47,406,770 tons followed by Thailand with 30,227,542 tons, Indonesia with 23,936,920 tons and Brazil with 21,484,218 tons (3) Cassava is the basis of a multitude of products including, food, flour, animal feed, ethanol, alcohol, starches for sizing paper and textiles, sweeteners, prepared foods and bio-degradable products. In none of these exports is Nigeria a leading exporter. Instead, Nigeria is a huge importer of ethanol.

Nigeria is the second-largest grower of tomatoes in Africa, coming after Egypt. Notwithstanding this, we are the highest importer of tomato puree in Africa.

Nigeria is the third-largest grower of cattle in Africa and the largest grower in sub-Saharan Africa with an estimated annual production of 19,830,000 cattle. Cynthia Egboboh, writing in *BUSINESS DAY*

on July 6th, 2019 reports that Nigeria spends \$1.3 billion annually on importation of dairy products like milk, yogurt and cheese. She quoted Bello Umar, Nigeria's Permanent Secretary, and Ministry of Agriculture, who at the 4th Global Dairy Congress, Africa in Abuja said that "Nigeria produces 13% of dairy in West Africa and 0.01 percent of global dairy at a production capacity of 50,000 litres daily, less than 20% of local potential".

Nigeria is also the world's sixth producer of crude oil in the world. In spite of this, NNPC reported that "Nigeria consumes between 55 million and 60 million litres of petrol every day and that the federal government is expected to spend N750.81 billion on petrol subsidy in 2020.

On March 5th, 2019, Punch Newspapers published that Nigeria spent N2.95 trillion to import premium motor spirit, also known as petrol in 2018. This was an increase of 50% from the previous year. Data from the Pipelines and Product Marketing Company, a subsidiary of NNPC indicate fluctuating monthly consumptions. In January 2018, PMS import averaged 56.5 million litres per day, in February, it jumped to 86.4 million lpd. In March, it stood at 66.8 million lpd. In April, 70.7 million lpd, May, 36.7 million lpd, 34.5 million lpd in June, 36.5 million lpd, in July, 58.4 million lpd in August and 59.8 million lpd in September.

These fluctuations had nothing to do with changes in domestic demand. They were largely attributable to cross border smuggling because of dishonesty, poor border security and the differential in price between Nigeria and other neighbouring countries making it difficult to sanitize our fuel supply and distribution matrix.

This high cost of importation and high subsidy payments to make pump price affordable is a sad story of a country that in spite of being the sixth largest producer of crude oil cannot produce petrol at an affordable price nor prevent subsidised and imported fuel from being smuggled into neighbouring countries and sold at higher costs.

Looking at our economy holistically the following indicators between 2014 and 2018 tell our performance history.

What general deductions can we make here?

External debt accumulation has seen federal government external debt grow from \$10.7bn in 2015 to \$21bn in 2018 up by \$10.3bn. 135% growth rate.

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Domestic debt has also moved from N8.83tn as at Dec 2015 to N12.77 trn in Dec 2018 - a whopping 44% in 3 years.

The cost of servicing federal government debts have grown from 32.72% in 2015 to 61.59% in 2017.

Our daily production of oil has moved from 2.8 million barrels per day in 2011 to 1.174 million barrels in Dec. 2020.

America has discovered a new oil production technology - called shale oil production based on the liquefying of rocks and similar solid hydrocarbons. Similarly energy production from solar and waste has improved exponentially over the last two years. China and OECD countries have also put a dateline of 2020 - 2024 for the cessation of production of machines dependent on fossil oil. Right now in Germany and China, demand for electric cars have surpassed the demand for cars operated on fossil oil.

Bloomberg predicts that in the next six months American production of shale oil will increase to 12 million barrels a day if it survives the low demand occasioned by the Cardio-virus crisis. It also predicted last year that, following the price war between Russia and Saudi Arabia, World oil price will fall to \$30 per barrel. It fell to \$30 per barrel following the COVID-19 crisis but has risen to \$50 following the present winter season.

In the face of this grim economic reality, the population reference Bureau predicts that Nigeria will in 2050 become the world's fourth largest population with a population of 397 million coming after China, India and the United States of America. This is only 30 years away!!

Any other country in our situation would have declared a state of emergency long ago to plan for the day oil price will fall!!!

Saudi Arabia is investing \$110 billion to develop its estimated 200 trillion cubic feet of wet gas by 2036. When completed it will provide \$8.6 billion annual income and add \$20 billion annually to its gross domestic product. This is apart from the production boost its economy will receive from an increased, cheaper and diversified source of energy.

Right now, research has reached an advanced stage in the United States on a new all-solid-state hybrid solar cell based on organic-inorganic metal halide called PEROVSKITE (CH₃NH₃PBX₃), which using solar power technology has the capacity of turning sunlight into energy and expanding the science of medical imaging in newer and more profound dimensions. The photoelectric power conversion efficiency of the Perovskite solar cells has increased from 3.8% in 2009 to 22.1% in 2016, making Perovskite solar cells the best potential candidate for the new generation of solar cells to replace traditional silicon solar cells in the future. Light absorption and photoelectric conversion has become better, more efficient and a threat to oil-based economy!!

Research is also advanced in the US and Europe on 5G telecommunications, which will achieve improved quality and speed of internet communications that will promote new models of self-driven cars, better movies downloads, improved road navigation and a new medical diagnostic tool called the Tricorder. China is already deploying 5G technology through its mega telecommunication company called Huawei.

A new cellphone battery called



■ Former INEC chairman, Attahiru Jega; former President Goodluck Jonathan; former President General of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, John Nwodo and Chairman Media Trust Ltd, Mallam Kabiru Yusuf, during the 18th Media Trust dialogue in Abuja on Thursday

Graphene batteries will be developed soon to replace lithium batteries. These graphene batteries will charge in 20 minutes instead of the average 90 minutes for conventional lithium batteries. It can stand 1,500 charge cycles instead of the 300-500 cycles of lithium batteries.

Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, recently informed the world of his country's new digital explorations. Apart from discovering the cure for cancer and the capacity to make life interminable, Israel can by drone technology determine the chemical deficiency of a plant in a farm without setting foot on the farm. It can also cure the deficiency by drone technology without entering the farm.

The USA has also advanced drone technology with the capacity to go to war and shoot from self-driven drones and kill decisively without risking any human life in the field. Recently this technology was used to exterminate an Iranian General considered a huge security threat to the United States. These discoveries underline the importance of education in national development.

According to UNICEF, one in every five of the World's out of school children is in Nigeria. Even though primary education is officially free and compulsory, about 10.5 million of Nigeria's children aged 5 - 14 years are out of school.

BBC Hausa editor, Jimoh Sale after meeting with Adamu Hussaini, Nigeria's Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Education declared that Nigeria has the largest number of children in the world who are not being educated. Mr. Hussaini said that the most affected were girls, street children and children of nomadic groups.

The BBC editor concluded that government-funded schools in Nigeria have practically collapsed over the years because of poor funding. UNICEF claims that 60% of the children out of school in Nigeria come from Northern Nigeria.

We must restructure to revamp our agricultural potentialities. When I speak of restructuring, some of my Northern Nigerian friends have suggested to me that I do not want the North to partake in the oil revenue of Nigeria. Well, I have just outlined the indisputable fact that oil is a fast-drying resource for earning foreign exchange. The truth is that the most reliable source of revenue now is agriculture

Netherlands is today the largest exporter of food in the world. Its cross-sectional area is about half the size of Niger State. It is the world's largest exporter of potatoes. Its revenue

from vegetables and dairy contribute more than \$100 billion annually to its economy. The secret is education, better mechanised farming, growth of green farm technology, drone monitoring systems and land reclamation by building of dams.

Northern Nigeria is Nigeria's greatest treasure in Agriculture. Northern Nigeria is blessed with diverse livestock production with its capacity for dairy production. It has various tubers of potatoes, yam, cassava and cocoyam. Its poultry growth is rich and its vegetable and fruit production in Nigeria's different weather conditions are outstandingly plentiful. Under a restructured Nigeria, Northern Nigeria will earn more from food production than the Netherlands.

We must restructure because our current electoral system is dysfunctional and does not elicit confidence.

I watched with complete and utter disappointment social media films of underage children voting in the last local government elections in Kano State last week. No reasonable government will tolerate this kind of brigandage. If we had stronger regional governments, it will be perhaps better to manage such infractions.

Nigeria is the only country where you have to wait for sometimes up to one year to have an electoral dispute resolved in the courts. We have unwittingly dragged the credibility of our law courts into disrepute so much so that journalists and lawyers alike cast aspersions at them.

We must restructure to reduce insecurity in our country. Whilst I was working on this speech on Monday, 18th January 2021, I paused to read the news for the day. I saw the following headlines

- Bandits kill octogenarian, 14 others in Zamfara, Kaduna attacks
- Cops arrest Police Sergeant for robbery in Port Harcourt
- Robbers kill 22yr old IT prodigy in Lagos
- Gunmen hack Catholic priest to death, kidnap brother in Niger State.
- Bandits abduct 17 persons in Niger State

All these in one day!!

While several other crimes may not have been reported, the continued menace of the Boko Haram in the North East and consequent decapitation of our civilians and soldiers continue unabated.

The influx of Fulani insurgents in North West Nigeria and numerous kidnap of leading personalities there

appear beyond redemption. Now a state government, Zamfara has taken over the mining of minerals and sells gold to the Central Bank not minding the unconstitutionality of the exercise.

Modern philosophy for security is local policing. In Europe and America, the local authority police are the first responders to any crime. This is because they understand the terrain and the local usages. It is only when there is a threat that their numbers may be overwhelmed that the federal authorities intervene.

Our civil services rules have now been thrown overboard and Service Chiefs can now overstay their tenure notwithstanding its consequences to morale and upward nobility of serving officers.

When do we restructure?

We must do all we can to restructure before the next election in 2023 because of the level of dissatisfaction in the country as evidenced by the last EndSARS protest gives one the impression that any delay may lead to a mass boycott or disruption of the next elections to the point that we may have a more serious constitutional crisis of a nation without a government.

How do we restructure?

To restructure Nigeria, we need a constitutional conference of all the ethnic groups in Nigeria. To use the current National Assembly as the forum for constitutional amendments grants a tacit recognition of the overthrow of our democratic norms by the enthronement of a military constitution by which they are composed.

The outcome of the constitutional conference must be subjected to a public plebiscite in which all adult Nigerians shall have the right to vote. This process should be open, it should be supervised by international agencies to validate its transparency and thereafter usher new elections based on its provisions and structure.

This process in my view will ultimately refocus our country, breed a democratic culture that emphasises more on selfless service rather than individual enrichment, promote genuine unity instead of ethnic bigotry and challenge our capacity to exploit our abundant potentialities to make life more abundant for our people.

I thank you for your kind attention.

Nwodo, a lawyer, economist, and former minister and the immediate past President-General of the Ohanaeze Ndigbo, delivered this speech at the 18th Daily Trust Dialogue, Thursday, January 21, 2021, in Abuja.

'Stop tagging Fulani as only kidnappers'

From Adama John, Lokoja

Security agencies operating in Kogi state have advised Nigerians from making the erroneous mistake of tagging Fulani as the only tribe involved in the criminal activity of kidnapping in the country.

The agencies were speaking at the seminar on peaceful coexistence and reducing crime and criminalities in Kogi state jointly organised by Christian Association of Nigeria and Jama'atu Basil Islam.

Speaker after speaker who spoke represented their organisations maintained that

a herder does not necessarily mean a Fulani in the Nigeria context and Nigerians should stop christening them as kidnappers.

Participants at the seminar made up of four Fulani herdsmen and an equal number of farmers were drawn from the twenty one local government areas of the state for an interface among them to boost cordial relationship.

The security agencies pointed out that all tribes in the country have bad elements among them, stressing that it was incongruous to attempt to tag a particular tribe as breeding

criminals in the country.

They urged landlords, individuals and traditional rulers to identify criminals in their midst and report them to security agencies with a view to meting out appropriate punishment to them.

The secretary to the state government Bolashade Arike who represented the state governor, Yayaha Bello said that the governor who wanted a crime free state was not prepared to seat with criminals and negotiate.

She said that the governor was prepared to deal decisively with any criminal as the case arose.

1,196 Kano teachers receive teaching, learning materials

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

Kano state Literacy and Mathematics Accelerator (KaLMA), a UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) funded project, yesterday flagged-off the distribution of teaching and learning materials to 255 head teachers, 1,196 class teachers and 28,544 pupils in 181 schools in Dawakin Tofa and Wudil local government areas of the state.

In his address during the exercise, Malam Habeeb Saleh of KaLMA stated that the project aims to build foundational Mathematics, Hausa and English literacy skills for 46,450 primary 4 to primary 6 pupils in two local government areas of Kano state.

He also said it was intended to test the scalability of one

model including English and another pre-service teacher training adding that in both models, pupils were assessed on foundational skills and grouped by learning level rather than age or grade level for two hours per day, with a focus on acquiring a foundation in reading and arithmetic.

According to him, in 2020 the programme had produced and distributed teaching and learning materials to all primary 4 to primary 6 teachers and pupils.

Chairman, Kano State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) Dr Danlami Hayyo revealed that, with the excellent records so far achieved under the project, Kano state government would expand coverage of the programme to all the 44 local governments of the state by 2022.

Market fire: Gambari leads delegation to Sokoto

From Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

The Chief of Staff to President Muhammadu Buhari, Professor Ibrahim Gambari on Monday led a 5-member federal government delegation to Sokoto over the recent market inferno.

Among the delegation, were the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Faruk and the Minister of Communication and Digital Economy, Dr. Isa Ali Pantami.

Others were the Minister of Police Affairs, Muhammad Maigari Dingyadi and Senator

Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko.

Gambari said they were sent to Sokoto by President Muhammadu Buhari to sympathise with the government and the people of the state over the recent fire disaster that gutted the Sokoto Central Market.

He said the President was extremely touched by the monumental loss incurred by the affected marketer, adding that the federal government would support the state towards a speedy restoration and reconstruction of the market.

Also speaking, Senator Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko said

President Buhari was deeply concerned about the incident and its impact on the people of Sokoto state.

Responding, Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, said that they were highly consoled and delighted by the visit of the delegation noting that they were doing their best to support and reconstruct the market.

While appealing to the federal government for its support, Tambuwal described the inferno which he said was caused by an electrical fault from a transformer, as a great loss not to the people of the state but to the West African sub-region.

9,000 registered for contributory health care in Niger

From Romoke W. Ahmad, Minna

Niger state government on Monday announced that about 9000 people from the informal sector have registered for the state contributory health care programme. The state commissioner for Health, Dr. Muhammed Makusidi said this on Monday while speaking in Minna. Makusidi disclosed that "9000 people in 90 informal groups have enrolled for the

Niger state Contributory Insurance Scheme (NiCare), stressing that the scheme would cover 52 different diseases and 171 health facilities have been accredited for the kickoff of the scheme. He said the goal was to establish a contributory health scheme that prioritise the health care service for all particularly the vulnerable as he expressed dismay over low lives expectancy due to poor health system in the country.

OPEN LETTER TO NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE CARETAKER COMMITTEE OF THE ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS (APC), ALHAJI MAI BALA BUNU

Dear Chairman

I'm constrained to write this letter to you to express my concern over an issue that can earn us negative moral ratings as a political party and as Nigerians in general.

The prevailing Pandemic situation in Nigeria and the fact of being a COVID-19 Survivor have compelled me to write this letter to you as a loyal and committed party member and a patriotic Nigerian.

I want to state categorically here that the contents of this letter are my personal opinions based on personal experience, interaction with people and observation of events happening around us daily.

Personally, I felt the decision to revalidate and conduct new registration of members is a laudable and commendable one. Because as we move towards another general elections in 2023, the need to update our membership register could not have come at a more opportune period.

However, laudable as the Registration plan may be, what about the TIMING of the exercise? With due respect sir, it is my considered opinion that the timing is not appropriate at this time, especially given the renewed surge in the spread of Covid as it is being reported on daily basis by the Presidential Task Force. Some states are already over stretched in oxygen supplies and care.

Our Government has for some time given directives to the Religious bodies to reduce congregational attendance at both Churches and Mosques. So many states have cancelled social gatherings. While others are compelling the use of face masks to reduce the rate of infection and fatalities. So why must we go into an exercise that will certainly draw large crowds across the various states?

The stage is set for the exercise and I must confess that I'm personally impressed with the preparations and logistics put in place for the exercise. I have no doubt in my mind that it will be a resounding success for us and will be a springboard for achieving

one strong, united party.

However, the situation in the country occasioned by the coronavirus pandemic have compelled me to have a rethink on the desirability of continuing with the exercise as planned.

Mr Chairman, I'm strongly of the opinion that this exercise should be put postponed till a more appropriate time. Personally, I believe this will not only shore up the image of our great party but will also save lives of Nigerians.

There is no doubt that the second wave of COVID-19 has proven to be more dangerous and deadly.

The Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Covid-19, Mr Boss Mustapha had warned that the second wave of the pandemic would be more dangerous and deadly. Events since the beginning of the year have proven him right. Mustapha himself was struck by the deadly virus and yours truly also tested positive to the virus recently. Mustapha, Others and I are lucky to survive. But several others did not.

Mr Chairman, let me give you a grim statistics of COVID-19 in January 2021.

Between January 1st to January 22nd, a total of 196 deaths were recorded from COVID-19. This amounted to 13.2% of the whole total of 1,485 fatalities recorded throughout the country. This is also means that an average of nine people died daily of COVID-19 between January 1st and 22nd.

Between January 19 and 22, a total of 6,134 people tested positive to COVID-19 and the number of infections continue to grow higher and higher prompting the Federal Government to even consider another lockdown.

Already, places of worship are operating in half capacity while in some states, most civil servants are working from home.

All these measures were put in place to control the spread of the deadly virus, my question is do we need to aggravate the situation by going ahead with our registration and revalidation exercise?

The exercise is meant to register millions of our members across the federation and I foresee two scenarios: it's either we have our members coming out in multitude to register or most deciding not to come out at all for fear of being infected. The two options are not good enough for us as a party.

If our members come out to register in high numbers, then the possibility of increase in the number of COVID-19 cases might be high and ultimately lead to increase in the number of fatalities. If our members refuse to come out for fear of being infected, then we will have lesser numbers of members to be registered for our party. Either way, God forbid, we lose.

We are the ruling party and we must be in the forefront of promoting the welfare of our people, pushing this exercise forward will rather add to our popularity rather than reducing it. We can afford to do this because we presently don't have any particular election to deal with.

The second variant of COVID-19 is ravaging the world and most countries of the world have entered a second lockdown.

There is a Federal Government directive that we should avoid large gatherings of people and that social distancing should be maintained at all times and personally, I don't believe we can achieve adequate social distancing if the registration and validation exercise is allowed to go ahead.

I'm a survivor of COVID-19 and I knew the harrowing experience I went through which I would not wish even for my bitterest enemy.

My humble opinion and suggestion is we should postpone this exercise to a time that is conducive, when the coronavirus situation in the country would have improved.

Thank you and God bless.

Honourable James Abiodun Faleke
Member representing Ikeja Federal Constituency
Chairman, House Committee on Finance



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO AUN PROPERTIES

The American University of Nigeria (AUN) is a private university in Yola, Adamawa state of northeastern Nigeria that offers the American style of higher education programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels. Founded in 2004, it is the first American-style University in sub-Saharan Africa. AUN is accredited by the National Universities Commission and consists of six schools namely:

- School of Arts & Sciences,
- School of Business & Entrepreneurship,
- School of Information Technology & Computing
- School of Law,
- School of Engineering,
- School of Graduate Studies.

AUN is a residential campus situated on 2,400 hectares. It is home to approximately 1,200 undergraduate students and 800 faculty and staff members.

The university is seeking the services of qualified Facility Management Services providers for its campus and residence quarters in Yola North and South, Adamawa State.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

The university comprises the following: 138 units of studio flats, one-bedroom flats, two-bedroom flats and three-bedroom fully detached bungalows at the residences and 51 buildings on campus with the following ancillary infrastructure:

- 1.Transformers- (28)
- 2.Generators- (35)
- 3.Electric poles
- 4.Borehole facilities
- 5.Overhead water storage tanks
- 6.Road network
- 7.Gatehouse/Security
- 8.Perimeter fencing
- 9.Streetlights

SCOPE OF WORK

- i. Provision of onsite Facility Manager who will coordinate and manage the service level agreements, that will be based on the terms of reference provided, and to manage a helpdesk and permanent monitoring of the technical facilities;
- ii. Maintenance of electrical systems: HV/LV transformers (630 KVA substation KVA), LV distributions boards and circuits breakers (Schneider Electric), surge protection, switch sockets outlets, isolators, cables and accessories earth wires, lighting, IT structured cabling (cat 6A UTP cabling, RJ 45 network Data points, etc.) and shredders;
- iii. Maintenance of fire and smoke detection systems and mobile extinguishers;
- iv. Operations of the central HVAC System: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System. including fridges and dispensers
- v. Operation of Generators (35 Generators of 60 to 2000 KVA)

- vi. Maintenance of the Plumbing services: water reticulation, sanitation and drain pipes, sanitary ware and equipment, Water Treatment, Supply, Distribution & Treatment etc;
- vii. Maintenance of the Building works: locksmith, carpentry, walls, windows, glass, ceilings, roofs, gates, fittings waterproofing and damp proofing, etc.
- viii. Monitoring of Meters for Water and Electricity Utilities; Landscaping, Vermin and Waste Management.
- ix. Provision of a handyman services (furniture) for movement of furniture as well as minor repair of furniture, door, etc. as and when required.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES AND FORMAT

The proposal shall include:

1. Company Profile
2. Approach and strategy
3. Experience in past projects
4. Financial (Consultancy Fee)
5. Conflict of Interest Statement : Submit a

statement regarding any activities or relationships of the responder that might create a conflict of interest for the responder or AUN, and, if such activities or relationships exist, a description of the facts, legal implications, and possible effects sufficient to permit AUN to appreciate the significance of the conflict and react as appropriate

- 6.Exceptions: Note any exceptions to the RFP requirements in their entirety.
- 7.Supportive Information: This section may

include graphs, charts photos, maps, references, etc., in support of the respondent's qualifications and competence.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMPANY AND PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION

- Extensive experience and a proven track record in the facility management business
- Reliable coverage services
- Sound experience in similar projects
- Ability to provide 24-hour service
- Real time administrative support systems
- Ability to respond immediately to emergency situations, whilst maintaining high quality standards of service delivery.

Technical Proposal: Format and Content

The Technical Proposal shall provide the following information.

(a) A letter duly signed by an authorized signatory of the Consultant; The letter should include contact name, mailing address and telephone number of the Consultant. The cover letter shall include a statement acknowledging the conditions stated in the RFP, referencing any exceptions contained in the response, and be signed by the Consultant..

(b) A brief description of the Consultant's organization and an outline of recent experience of the Consultant and, in the case of an association by each partner, on assignments of a similar nature. For each assignment, the outline should indicate the names

of sub-Consultants/Professional staff/experts who participated, duration of the assignment, contract amount, and the Consultant's involvement. Information should be provided only for those assignments for which the Consultant was legally contracted by the Client as a corporation or as one of the major firms within an association. Assignments completed by individual Professional staff/experts working privately or through other consulting firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the Consultant, or that of the Consultant's associates, but can be claimed by the Professional staff/experts themselves in their CVs. Consultants should be prepared to substantiate the claimed experience if so requested by the Client.

Taxes

The Consultant is subject to local taxes on amounts payable by the Client as per the Applicable Law. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to be familiar with the relevant laws in Nigeria, and to determine the taxes amounts to be paid.

Proposals shall be printed double-sided, submitted on standard A4 paper, with easy to read font size and style. Pages shall be numbered and bound (spiral/ three-ring binder). Tabbed dividers should separate and identify the response items described below. Respondents must submit one signed original, and one electronic copy of the proposals to procurement @aun.edu.ng. Submission is due 19th February 2021, 12 noon.

SUBMISSIONS

- Each bidder may have their own proposal version, but the technical proposal must be submitted as a separate document from the financial proposal. Only proposals that fully address the mandatory services listed in the bidding requirement will be evaluated.
- Due date of submission: 12/02/2021 by 12 noon. Proposals submitted after the stated date and time will not be accepted.
- Short-listed bidders may be invited to make presentations to the evaluation team.
- Bidders that require visits to the site prior to submission should send an email to request for directions and contact information- purchasing@aun.edu.ng

Introductory Letter

The introductory letter should be addressed to:

The Director
Department of Procurement and Strategic Sourcing
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Lamido Zubairu Way, Yola By-pass,
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Steering Committee of the MSME Survival Fund and the Guaranteed Offtake Scheme Chaired by the Hon Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Ambassador Mariam Katagum wishes to inform the Public that the MSME Survival Fund Payroll Support Portal will be exceptionally reopened for States that have not met their quota. **The Portal will be open from 27th January to 2nd February 2021.**

The payroll Support Track of the MSME Survival Fund Scheme which was flagged off on the 21st of September 2020 is aimed at supporting vulnerable MSMEs in the payroll obligations of over 500,000 employees for a period of 3 Months.

To date, the following States have met their quota and are consequently NOT ELIGIBLE to participate in the reopening exercise. The States are: **Benue, Plateau, Bauchi, Kano, Kaduna and Rivers and the FCT.**

The public is reminded of the qualification requirements listed below:

- ❖ **Businesses must have CAC registration.**
- ❖ **Businesses must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 50 staff.**
- ❖ **Business must be owned by Nigerians.**
- ❖ **Must have verifiable BVN.**
- ❖ **The Scheme provides for 45% female participation and 5% Special Needs participation.**

For further details please visit www.survivalfund.gov.ng

Kindly note that registration for this scheme is **FREE**. Beware of Fraudsters.

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Insecurity in Oyo and Ondo states – The sun setting slowly?

There is an adage that it isn't possible to see a flower grow because it happens so slowly, however, the sun setting slowly can be observed. A growing flower is associated with development, while the setting sun is associated with retrogression. Anyone paying serious attention to the mismanagement of the Nigerian nation should be apprehensive that the sun may be slowly setting. The nation is full of sad and dispirited people experiencing an economy in free fall, massive unemployment and a breakdown in law and order.

Even as Nigerian politicians busy themselves promoting their self-interest through various forms of treasury looting and assorted unprincipled behaviour, the nation's federal structure is being severely tested by the outrageous and atrocious level of insecurity. The federal government's failure to effectively tackle insecurity has given rise to more people like Sunday Adegunro in Oyo State and more can reasonably be expected to follow. Popularly known as Sunday Igboho, he is merely filling the void created by government's abysmal security record.

Igboho blamed Fulani "herders" for unsolved killings and kidnappings in Oyo State and gave them seven days' notice to leave. Upon expiration of the notice he and his "supporters" moved to Ibarapa, and allegedly launched attacks on a Fulani community. This should have come as no surprise to anyone. There had been enough warnings. In a situation in which the leadership at federal level shows no respect for the opinions of state governors, council chairmen and traditional rulers, private individuals will gain the support of citizens and act as they please.

There is no disputing that Igboho doesn't have any authority to do what he is doing, but the simple truth is that his people are tired of being murdered or kidnapped with nobody being held responsible or found guilty. Whenever the state fails in security, people will resort to self-help leading to a breakdown of law and order. It's called "self-defence". Igboho is popular amongst his people for showing concern for their lives while unprincipled politicians concentrate on promoting their own selfish-interests. The Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, must tread carefully on this matter. If he arrests Igboho it would probably lead to escalation and possible insurrection in his own state where no single Fulani has ever been convicted of breaking the law.

There is no gainsaying that if Makinde didn't say what he said, there would be a suspicion that he is probably the force behind Igboho. However, he must be careful not to inflame passions by ordering non-Yoruba soldiers to potentially kill his kinsmen. Makinde is the opposite of Ondo State Governor Rotimi Akeredolu who has sided firmly with his people and ordered all the Fulani out of the bush. This is the reality of the botched security processes in Nigeria of today. Meanwhile for reasons best known to them the "herdsmen" committing the atrocities, the majority of whom are allegedly not from Nigeria, are issuing emboldened threats to genuine Nigerians.

Claiming quite ridiculously that they own all the land in Nigeria they ignore the fact that by Nigerian law land is vested in state governments, individuals and communities and can only be used through rent or purchase otherwise it is trespass. The Constitution doesn't bestow the "power to live" in any part of the country, rather it gives "freedom to reside". Residing has legal connotations, of paying rents or owning the land. The fallacy that not being educated and roaming around following cattle is the "Fulani way of life" is debunked by the number of Fulani elite

residing in the most affluent parts of Nigeria like Maitama, Asokoro in Abuja, or Victoria Island in Lagos.

How come they are living in luxury and educating their children overseas instead of roaming the bush in poverty and illiteracy? The increasing bellicosity of "herdsmen" can only lead to the conclusion that they have support from high places. There can be no disputing that the federal government's reluctance to prosecute Fulani "herdsmen" arrested by police, or show requisite compassion for the victims of their routine and commonplace brutality has enhanced suspicion of ulterior motives. It is trite that when political leaders fail to listen to people on how to solve a problem, non-state actors will fill the space. Hence the likes of Sunday Igboho are becoming increasingly popular.

With the virtual collapse of the security system and in the absence of any sensible generally accepted actionable plan by the federal government, Nigerians, nationwide, are becoming disillusioned with the nation. The saddest aspect of the current troubles with Fulani is that Nigerians seem to accept militant and usually criminal behaviour from elements from the ethnic stock of whoever is President at the time. President Obasanjo's tenure experienced OPC agitation, President Jonathan's era was virtually synonymous with Niger-Delta militants' activities, and now President Buhari's era is renowned for unparalleled insecurity through Boko Haram, Miyetti Allah and Fulani herdsmen.

Perhaps the most regrettable yet significant aspect of the matter is that the federal government responds to every issue that has to do with "herdsmen" by supporting their lawlessness. It's a sure sign of the imminent collapse of a state when government is reduced to bargaining with criminals while brutalising the law abiding protestors. While top political leaders and those who can afford the "rental fee" protect themselves with at least four armed policemen each, ordinary citizens have to cope with robbers, kidnappers "herdsmen" roaming freely while extorting and killing daily.

Most disappointingly top officials in the security apparatus spend their time issuing threats against law abiding Nigerians who express concern or disappointment, while they take no action against those who wilfully break the law. This has led to suspicions that heavy economic gains are accruing to security officials and militant groups while little attention is paid to the welfare of those affected by their inglorious deeds. Paradoxically the lethargic federal government is on fire from both sides of the chasm.

In addition to all the condemnation from human rights activists, Myetti Allah spokesperson on behalf of the "herdsmen" have said openly that President Buhari has done nothing for them except create enemies! Indeed, the present administration definitely has misplaced priorities. They routinely concern themselves with so called "developmental programmes" while patriotism amongst Nigerians is justifiably diminishing. It's a shame how they serially fail to find appropriate solutions to internal policy matters. They are fighting COVID-19 with all "seriousness" (and unjustifiable expenses) while citizens are being murdered and brutalised daily! Increasingly Nigerians see little benefit in remaining together. The British who amalgamated Nigeria have voted to leave the European Union in their best interests. An increasing number of Nigerian ethnic groups feel the same way. If the federal government doesn't wake up to its responsibilities then maybe the sun is truly setting on the nation.

Revolutionising Nigeria's educational landscape in a pandemic

By Nora Agbakhamen

"Only the educated are free" - Epictetus C. 100 C.E

From Mali to Mexico, Japan to Jamaica, education has been widely acclaimed as the clearest path to lasting freedom. Indeed, Epictetus who penned those poignant words was himself a slave who acquired education, empowered himself and eventually rose out of an impoverished state.

Recognising the role of education in peace and development, in December of 2018, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed January 24 as the International Day of Education. This day seeks to enlighten the public on issues of education, mobilise public and private sector cooperation as well as celebrate and reinforce educational milestones so far attained. This year, the day was marked on Monday, January 25 with the theme: "Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation."

Education has been a key player in poverty reduction, greater equality, improved standards of living and the elimination of prejudice. Thus without education, nations would be neck-deep in poverty and mortality rates would be at an alarming high, not to mention widespread anarchy.

To ensure that every child has the right to education and self-development, various legal frameworks have been set up in this regard. These include the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 26 of this treaty states: "Everyone has the right to education." It goes further to say that education is to be focused on an individual's full development and it be directed at promoting respect for human right, understanding among peoples of the world and peace among nations.

Similarly, article 28 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states that children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are: regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee. It further says that primary education should be made free and compulsory to all. This treaty has been ratified by almost all countries of the world.

In spite of these frameworks, UNESCO reports show that some 258 million children and youth still do not attend schools, 617 million children and adolescents cannot read and do basic math, less than 40 per cent of girls in the Sub-Saharan African complete lower secondary school and over four million children and youth refugees are out of school which violates their right to education.

Another report from UNICEF reveals that one in every five of the world's out-of-school children is in Nigeria. This represents a staggering 20 per cent of the total global out-of-school population.

The situation in Northern Nigeria is a lot bleaker as a number of socio-economic and cultural factors nosedive the education system there. Factors such as insurgencies, early marriages, poverty, child labour and gender further serve to widen the divide.

Early last year as government and various bodies were trying to ensure quality education, Nigeria's educational system experienced a disruption. On March 19, 2020, the Federal Ministry

of Education directed the closure of all schools in a swift response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bleak as it may have seemed for Nigeria's educational landscape, this move birthed more innovative methods of learning as a number of schools adopted the digital and online methods of teaching.

In Lagos State for instance, the ministry of education released a schedule of radio and television lessons for students in public schools and a number of private schools used applications like Zoom, WhatsApp, Telegram, Skype and other video sharing platforms to ensure continued learning.

These innovative methods of learning will continue to be in use during and beyond COVID-19, as they are obvious reminders that education should not be paused. In the midst of a pandemic, education has given hope, support and employment to students as well as educators.

The gains of education during this pandemic cannot be over emphasized. No wonder it is at the heart of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals 4 (SDG4). This goal aims "to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all." Indeed, it is believed that with education, over four million people could be lifted out of poverty.

Despite the revolution in the digital learning space, a number of children and youths are left behind as they are not fully equipped to transition to the new methods of learning. A huge number simply do not have the financial strength to purchase or the technical know-how to use the tools needed to learn online. These include television and radio sets, computers and great internet connection often needed to hook up to LIVE trainings or lectures.

This brings to the fore the need to revitalise education by adopting policies and frameworks that will target the challenges facing the system. These could be in the form of:

- Empowering poorer household through scholarships, subsidies or cash donations so that children and wards can access e-learning tools and services.
- Ensuring that teachers and educators receive continuous training on best practices in digital methods of teaching.
- Prompt and improved remuneration to further motivate these trainers during and beyond the pandemic.
- Increased public private partnerships to revolutionise the e-learning space.
- Parents providing and enabling environment for the education of their wards, enrol them in school at the right age and in a safe environment.
- International donor agencies should provide funding, mentorship and training to ensure that children in humanitarian situations access quality education in a timely manner.

While there is no telling when the pandemic will be over, all stakeholders can and should ensure that education is not paused. Every contribution towards revolutionising educational systems should be viewed as a huge investment in human capital development because education will remain a potent tool in personal and societal development.

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CARTOON by AKILA JIBRIN



Is Nigeria now truly a jungle?

No contemporary national heroes, no national values. The Nigerian state has not been fair to its citizens so the citizens do not feel obligated to the state.

So at the slightest opportunity, the citizens undermine the state by cutting corners in payment of taxes and other public utilities payments, vandalism of public property, official corruption and graft in offices at all levels, compromised security personnel for material benefits and very loaded with a very corrupt clergy, traditional and community leadership.

Corruption and graft are elevated to a national way of life and well celebrated and national awards bestowed on national looters.

Falling standards of education because of poorly trained, remunerated teachers producing uncommitted and ineffective graduates.

Education, like security, has collapsed.

We have poorly paid civil servants, despite the enormous wealth of the country. The public servants help themselves to the maximum with the resources kept in their care.

Poorly trained and poorly remunerated members of the armed forces with their promotion not based on merit but on some extraneous and primordial consideration.

An armed forces with a low morale, poor equipment and poor training and a dislocated "esprit de corps".

Roguish and thieving politicians and community leaders are hailed and given high places at public functions and corrupt men determine the fate, the rate and pace of the nation's development.

Decent men and women are taunted for opting to keep their integrity and refusing to join the filthy fray.

These "everything goes" chaps are supposed to be the role models for the youths.

Everywhere in our society, merit has taken exit through the window while the front door is wide open admitting criminality, mediocrity, nepotism and all manners of vices.

Our African tradition destroyed, education destroyed, morality destroyed, religion destroyed, family values destroyed, community life destroyed, interfaith and interethnic harmony destroyed.

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We are now harvesting the fruits of the jungle we have been creating gradually and nurtured over the years and we now have a full blown and mature jungle with all the trappings of life in the jungle.

Dr PJ Deshi writes from Abuja

Late Shagari deserves to be honoured

Recently, there was widespread outcry on the social media over the unfortunate disconnection of the house of former President Alhaji Shehu Shagari by an electricity distribution company. Many people lamented the action as well as the seeming neglect of the one-time number one family by the concerned authorities.

It is a well-known fact that the federal government is responsible for the basic needs of past presidents. Whether that also extends beyond their lifetime, by which authority and for how long, it is not sufficiently clear to the lamenting citizens, as the concerned authorities keep mute in providing the necessary information.

It is probable that these questions may likely fall within some of the gaps as regards legal provisions on the welfare of Nigeria's past presidents after their death. In any case, the unfortunate incident may likely trigger thought and likely policy provisions to prevent future occurrence. The timely intervention by the Presidency over the matter is however commendable.

Important as the incidence and its aftermath may be, there is quite more important matter, which is supposed to engage the attention of Nigerians as regards to either conscious or unconscious neglect, the late president suffered from the Federal

Government of Nigeria.

It has been the usual practice by the federal government, like elsewhere around the world, that whenever a senior citizen, like a former president dies, steps are usually taken to immortalise him. It is usually a mark of honour and appreciation for his service to the nation and humanity. The common and easiest practice has been to name certain public institutions/ places after him.

It is unfortunate that more than two years after his death, the government has not done anything to immortalise him despite the promise by President Muhammadu Buhari. I believe Mr President has likely forgotten, but one must be puzzled by the insensitivity of the ministry or agency concerned, thus leading to this expensive oversight.

It was on record that after the death of late Chief Alex Ekwueme, Vice President to late Shagari, he was accorded state burial and immediately immortalised by naming a federal university after him by the current administration of President Muhammadu Buhari. However, more than two years after the death of his boss the same administration has consciously or sub-consciously failed to take any step towards immortalising him.

If there is anything worth

lamentation by the citizens, it should be this unfortunate neglect not the regular payment of electricity bill for the house of former President Shagari.

On its part, the Sokoto State Government has started doing its part by upgrading the Shehu Shagari College of Education, Sokoto to a university and retaining the name of late President Shagari (Shehu Shagari University of Education Sokoto). This is commendable.

But still, I wish to suggest that the Sokoto State Government's House be named 'Shehu Shagari House'. The Government should also facilitate the taking over of the Shehu Shagari World Institute for Leadership and Good Governance by the Sokoto State University, Sokoto in addition to instituting/ endowing a Professorial Chair of Political Science in the same university, in his name.

I will like to humbly suggest to the federal government to consider naming the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos and Kaduna Airport after the late president.

May Allah forgive late President Shehu Shagari his mistakes, continue to bless his family and grant him Jannatul firdaus.

Attahiru Ahmad Sifawa, Sokoto State University, Sokoto

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Dialogue between Fulani and Yoruba

I very much welcome this meeting to find a solution to the crisis between the Yorubas and Fulanis in Ondo State. This is the only solution. Nigeria is one nation and we need unity.

Muktar Ibrahim, Saulawa, Katsina - 07066434***

Calling on Dangote

I would like to call on Alhaji Aliko Dangote to stop the rising price of cement in the country. Please help

Nigerians.

Lawal Muhammad - 08060782***

Bravo Zamfara House of Assembly

The Speaker and members of this Assembly deserve commendation for exhibiting concern about the welfare of their citizens. Their decision to reverse the directive asking all local government pensioners to come to Gusau for verification is welcomed. This shows their concern for the lives of

the people they represent.

Abba Dankande - 08066011***

Tough time for FCTA ministry staff

Things are not looking good for the staff of the Ministry of the Federal Capital Territory. Overtime allowance has been stopped and promotion arrears have not been paid since 2016. They only receive their salary, which is meager.

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Still on *Almajirai* repatriation

In its response to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in parts of the country, the Nasarawa State government recently repatriated 40 *Almajirai* to their various states of origin. The Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development in the state, Halima Jabiru, disclosed this last week Monday in Lafia while addressing the *Almajirai* before their departure to their respective states. She said, "Your repatriation back to your home states was a collective decision of all the Northern States Governors in a bid to ensuring children are saved from the streets."

Jabiru decried the attitude of some teachers who hid some of the children during the repatriation exercise and returned them to the streets later. Such teachers, she said, were taken to court and tried in accordance with the Executive Order recently signed into law by the governor. At the height of the first wave of the coronavirus, Nasarawa State government repatriated 788 *Almajirai* to their various home states on Sunday May 3, 2020. The repatriation then followed instances of the *Almajirai* testing positive to COVID-19 in some states of the federation.

Before the latest evacuation of *Almajirai* from Nasarawa State, a joint task force of security personnel including the military and police raided the residence of Sheikh Dahiru Usman Bauchi in Kaduna at midnight on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and evacuated over 100 Qur'anic school pupils. The action, according to Kaduna State government, was meant to forestall the spread of the coronavirus. The pupils, who it claimed violated the state's school closure order, were first taken to the Hajj camp in Kaduna before their transportation to their respective places of origin. But if any *Almajiri* tested positive to the COVID-19, an isolation centre should be his destination, not his home state.

While efforts by state governors to ban street begging, which over the years became an integral part of the Qur'anic school system, especially in the northern part of the country is commendable, the manner in which they are going about it is unwelcome. The deportation of *Almajirai* that followed the outcome of the Tuesday, April 21, 2020 teleconference meeting by governors of the 19 Northern states which banned street begging was ill-timed. Such a measure is better carried out when the country is not under any health emergency such as the COVID-19. Their repatriation in this period subjects them and others to the risk of contracting the coronavirus.

The same mode of evacuation in the second wave of the coronavirus is yet condemnable. The inhuman treatment of the *Almajirai*, including transporting them in trucks or crammed in buses, is unacceptable. It was scandalous to wake up, evacuate and dump vulnerable children at a hajj camp; worst still, at the wee hours of the night. Like other children, the *Almajirai* are entitled, under the country's Child Right Act, to some basic human rights, including the right to education and the right to dignity of their persons. As victims of parents' dereliction of their duties and government's abdication of its social responsibility, the *Almajirai* deserve fair treatment. The lackadaisical management of the *Almajiri* phenomenon in Nigeria is a shameful reflection of how government, which has solutions to the problem, has failed this vulnerable group of Nigerian children.

A recent media report indicates that the *Almajirai* repatriated in May 2020 have again returned to the streets. This is not unexpected because neither was a legal framework put in place to stop the practice nor concrete arrangements made to reform and provide the *Almajirai* with the education they are seeking. To reform the Qur'anic school system of education bedevilled with operational crises in Nigeria, former President Goodluck Jonathan built Tsangaya Model Schools in parts of the country. Regrettably, most of these schools have been converted into other uses where they have not become pens for sheep.

Coming from the region where this system of education is famous, President Muhammadu Buhari is better disposed to leading the 19 Northern governors in genuinely ending the menace associated with Tsangaya education once and for all. Government must show commitment to the Tsangaya model of education by providing necessary legal, institutional, and infrastructural framework required for its success.



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The Sunday Igboho I knew

By Senator Babafemi Ojuda

It was in 2009. The Appeal Court sitting in Ilorin ordered a rerun in a number of polling units in the election between Segun Oni of PDP and Dr Kayode Fayemi of ACN.

Oni had in the main election and the election petition tribunal that followed been declared winner of the gubernatorial contest. Our party, ACN contested this, hence the declaration of a rerun.

The election which came three months after the Appeal Court judgment was like war. The PDP ruling at the federal level, did not want to lose Ekiti while the opposition ACN led and financed by Bola Ahmed Tinubu wanted to take Ekiti by all means.

A few days to the election, we got an intelligence report that the PDP bigwigs had perfected a plan to unleash thugs recruited from across Yoruba land on Ekiti. Tinubu summoned me to Lagos and said "Femi, I have conducted a scientific opinion poll. You people can win this election. The only snag, however, is they are deploying state security as well as thugs against you. How do you handle thugs?"

I then suggested we dissuade them by engagement and inducements. We reached out to both Ade Basket in Akure and Fada Geri in Ondo. Both were dreaded in political circles. We had a series of meetings with them and were able to squeeze an agreement with them that they will not make themselves available to PDP for hire. The biggest headache for us then was Sunday Igboho who we learnt has been hired and paid by a senator from Osun to come and cause mayhem in Ekiti.

Six days to the election we began our search for him. Eventually we met someone who had his number. I put a call through to him and he agreed to meet with me in Ibadan. We scheduled an appointment and had a meeting at a small hotel not far from Premier Hotel.

Tinubu, I told him, has sent me to him that he will like to have a meeting with him. He said he will love to meet him as he has heard a lot of good things about him too. The problem he said is he is PDP and not ACN. I said that precisely is the reason why he wanted to meet with him. He asked if I could keep this a secret, I said why not. Papa Adedibu, and our Osun Senator, he said, must not learn about his meeting Tinubu. I told him there is no way they will know except it leaked from his side.

He agreed to a meeting on Thursday preceding the

election. I reported back to Tinubu who then relocated from his base in Lagos to Sunview Hotel in Akure. Igboho drove down alone at about 10 pm. I and Tinubu had a dialogue with him.

"Igboho," Tinubu said, "I have heard a lot about your bravery. The Ekiti people have suffered too long under the rule of PDP. They are looking for change. I learnt you have been hired to make this impossible. I have invited you to plead with you to allow the poll to be conducted peacefully. If after that the PDP wins fine. If the ACN wins, all well and good".

Tinubu went on lecturing him on the beauty of democracy and unencumbered electoral process. By the time Tinubu finished with him, he became sober and contrite. "Baba", he said, "I have heard you and I am pleased with what you have said. Whatever you want me to do I will do even though I have collected money from the other side".

This was the extent Tinubu went to secure Ekiti for his party, ACN. Most of this the candidate, Fayemi, himself was not even aware of.

Tinubu then beckoned me to follow him to the bedroom of the suit he occupied in the hotel. "Femi this guy appears sincere. It does appear we have dissuaded him."

"Thank you Baba" Igboho said with a smile across his face as soon as he received a golden handshake for agreeing not to destroy in Ekiti as they had planned.

He then said that he will be in Ekiti on the eve of the election but when it is 2 am I should put a call through to him. He will put his phone on speaker and I should tell him I am a police AIG and that the police has discovered his presence in Ekiti and will be raiding in 30 minutes time. With that call he will tell his minders he can no longer stay. He will pack his boys and their lethal weapons and leave town.

Tinubu ordered food and drink for him. He will touch neither. He, however, over time became comfortable in our midst and regaled us with several anecdotes from his career as a political enforcer. One particular anecdote stayed locked up in my memory till today because it was so funny.

According to Igboho he went through the tutelage of Chief Adedibu, the strongman of Ibadan politics. He said he was one of his most reliable and trusted thugs. At a point in their relationship, Adedibu, he said began to suspect he was getting too powerful and independent. Adedibu, he narrated, then invited him to a meeting and told him he will like him to

run for the chairmanship of a local government.

He said he knew that was an attempt by Adedibu to bench him and he therefore told Adedibu that he was not educated, not able to speak English and could, therefore, not be chairman of a local government.

Adedibu, he said, looked at him and barked an order STAND UP! He stood up. "SIT DOWN!" He sat down. Adedibu then said "and you claim not to be educated. Whatever is left we shall add it unto you".

A week before the election, we had reserved and paid for all the rooms in all the hotels in Ekiti. The money ran into several millions. Tinubu, as usual, paid for this. The strategy was to ensure no thug or any undesirable element had a place to stay in the state. Security men and INEC officials had to appeal to me, sometimes through Tinubu, to release some rooms to them to stay. With this we knew who was staying where. And we closely monitored them and their activities.

Thus, when Igboho and his band of 50 thugs arrived Ado Ekiti that Friday we were able to monitor them till they were taken to be accommodated overnight in government house due to lack of hotel accommodation in the state.

This was the situation when at 2 am I did exactly what Igboho instructed me to do and he and his men fled town. Two hours after leaving, I got a call from him. They did a head count and found out two of their men were missing. Interestingly, they found out the two had gone to town in search of women. Igboho pleaded with me to help retrieve them and get them out of town the following morning.

We had the re-run elections. It wasn't entirely peaceful. But thuggery and violence was largely reduced.

This was my encounter with Sunday Adeyemo alias Sunday Igboho, lately crowned a hero in Yoruba land, by the reign of terror by herders and bandits.

He has that occasional conscience you can appeal to. Let those who can rein in the herders do so and make the forests and highways safe again. Let farmers be able to carry out their occupation without fear of kidnap, murder and rape. Let us find a modern and permanent solution to this issue of itinerant herding that pitches a group of Nigerians against the other. Let us not ethnicise criminality. A criminal is a criminal and a crime is a crime.

We should do everything possible to stave off this crisis and stop beating the drums of war.



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NATIONAL MALARIA ELIMINATION PROGRAMME AND NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Federal Republic of Nigeria
Immunization Plus & Malaria Progress by Accelerating Coverage And
Transforming Services (IMPACT) Project
Health Sector
Credit No. 6539
Project ID No. P167156

The Government of the **Federal Republic of Nigeria** has received financing in the amount of US\$ 650 million equivalents from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Immunization Plus & Malaria Progress By Accelerating Coverage And Transforming Services (IMPACT) Project**, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will not be jointly financed by any agency.

The project will include the following components: **Component 1**-Malaria Control; **Component 2**-Immunization Plus; **Component 3**- Knowledge for Change; and **Component 4**- Contingent Emergency Response Component.

Major procurements under the project include the procurement of Artemisinin based Combination Therapy (ACT)- (Public and Private); Procurement of Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs); Artesunate Injection; Sulphadoxine/ Pyrimethamine (SP); Amodiaquine/ Sulphadoxine/ Pyrimethamine (SPAQ); Sharp Boxes; Microscope commodities and Procurement of Long-Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (Mass Campaign & Routine Distribution) through open international competition. Other major procurements are for consultancy services such as NGOs Service Contract (for 5 states); Operations research on disease vector mapping; Procurement of operations research services; Engagement of Technical assistance management firm; Engagement of Independent Verification Agency, Procurement of services for GIS imagery and microplanning; Procurement of Social Behavior Change

Communication (SBCC) services; and Contracting of direct facility financing firms, all are to be procured through open international competition.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016) revised on November 1, 2017 and on August 1, 2018 (Procurement Regulations), and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the Procurement Regulations. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business online, on the World Bank's external website and www.nphcda.gov.ng; www.nmcp.gov.ng and a newspaper of national circulation in the Borrower's country and official gazette i.e the Federal Tenders Journal, www.etenders.com.ng

Prequalification/Initial Selection of suppliers and contractors will be required for the following contracts: **NA**

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

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BUSINESS

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIYAL	CFA
Buying	379	514.22	464.57	58.57	101.02	0.69
Central NGN	379.5	514.90	465.07	58.65	101.15	0.70
Selling NGN	380	515.58	465.69	58.73	101.29	0.71

COMMODITIES PRICE (Jan. 18, 2021)

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$56.36
GOLD	\$1,848.88
SILVER	\$25.43
NATURAL GAS	\$2.70

BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N460	N560	N620
SELLING	N470	N573	N630

By Simon Echewofun Sunday

The inflow of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) to Nigeria dropped to \$2.6 billion in 2020, about \$700 million (about N267.4bn) lower than the \$3.3bn recorded in 2019.

According to the latest Investment Trends Monitor published by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Nigeria was so affected due to the drop in crude oil prices, closure of oil development sites when the COVID-19 set in during the lockdown.

The report also said the global FDI flows dropped by 42% in 2020 as it projected that there will further weakness in 2021 which could jeopardise sustainable recovery after a long struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic.

FDI inflow to the sub-saharan Africa dropped by 11% to about \$28bn. FDI flows to Africa entirely, dropped by 18% to an estimated \$38bn, from \$46bn in 2019.

Nigeria's foreign investments dropped by N267bn in 2020

● Global investments plunged by 42%

Greenfield or fresh projects fell by 63% to \$28bn from \$77bn in 2019. The COVID-19 impact on FDI was felt on low prices and low demand for commodities.

Analysis shows that Egypt topped FDI flow in Africa in 2020 despite its -39% inflow drop to about \$5.5bn.

At the global level, FDI collapsed in 2020, falling by 42% to about \$859bn, from \$1.5 trillion in 2019. The FDI finished 2020 more than 30% below the trough after the global financial crisis in 2009.

The decline was concentrated in developed countries where FDI flows fell

by 69% to an estimated \$229bn. Flows to Europe dried up completely to -4bn while a sharp decrease was recorded in the United States (-49%) to \$134bn.

The decline in developing economies was relatively measured at -12% to an estimated \$616bn. The share of developing economies in global FDI is 72% being the highest share on record. China topped the ranking of the largest FDI recipients.

According to the report highlight, the FDI fell by -18% in Africa, -4% in developing Asia, -37% in Latin America, among others.

Coys, agencies get March 15 to file data audit report

By Zakariyya Adaramola

Banks, telecom operators, and all data collecting agencies of the federal government have been given March 15 to file their data audit reports or face sanction, the Director General of National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, said.

Abdullahi disclosed this in a virtual press conference held on Monday to kick-start this year's Data Protection Week in Nigeria.

"I want to use this opportunity to remind all data controllers and processors that the deadline for the filing of their annual data audit report is 15th March, 2021.

"Non-filing is a punishable offence and we are set to fully enforce this provision this year", the NITDA said.

He said NITDA had inaugurated a Data Breach Investigation Team (DBIT) made up of IT professionals, lawyers and the Police

"Their assignment is to investigate allegations of breach and make recommendations of actions to be taken on each case, through the Implementation Committee. The Police team is also empowered to invite, arrest, interrogate and prosecute erring offenders."

Abdullahi also said NITDA would engage vigorous and experienced Nigerian based institutions to standardize and accredit data protection and information security training and certification.

"We hope to develop a multi-billion naira sector that would create thousands of jobs for trainers, content providers and other professionals.

"We are also going to rejig our enforcement mechanism to improve compliance," he added.



■ From left: The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Timipre Sylva and the Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Mele Kolo Kyari, at the National Assembly in Abuja for a public hearing on the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB 2020) yesterday.

N/Assembly to pass PIB this year – Lawan

By Abdullateef Salau

Senate President Ahmad Lawan, has said the lawmakers will pass the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) this year, noting that it's a promise to Nigerians.

Lawan who spoke on Monday at a two-day public hearing on the PIB at the National Assembly, said any further delay in the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) will cost more colossal losses to Nigeria's economy.

Lawan further assured that the current National Assembly had been working assiduously in conjunction with stakeholders to

get the bill passed this year.

"This is a promise we have made and that we shall achieve. Nigeria must have an oil and gas industry that benefits its people.

"I want to assure you that we will deal with all issues relating to the oil and gas industry with thoroughness and effectiveness. We cannot afford to delay, as delay will cost more colossal losses to our economy."

The petroleum industry reforms began in April, 2000, when the then President Olusegun Obasanjo inaugurated the Oil and Gas Reform Implementation Committee.

The work of the reform

Committee culminated into the Petroleum Industry Bill which was later transmitted to the 6th Senate in September, 2008 and since then, efforts by successive Senate to get the Bill passed have not yielded the much desired result.

Lawan said: "It is a known fact that the non-passage of the PIB has been a major drag on the industry over the years, significantly limiting its ability to attract both local and foreign capital at a time when many other countries are scrambling to exploit their oil and gas resources.

"The mere knowledge that the nation's oil industry is still being

governed by laws enacted more than 50 years ago is ludicrous and extremely disappointing," he said.

Lawan said Nigeria's oil and gas industry has experienced several shocks and prolonged challenges due to obsolete laws.

The senate president highlighted some of the challenges to include those dictated by global practices, the persistent calls for the deregulation of the downstream sector, the agitation of the oil producing communities and the unbundling of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC).

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION ABUJA – KADUNA TRAIN SERVICE (AKTS) TIME TABLE

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NEWS

'2020 turbulent year for travel industry'

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

The Group Managing Director of Finchglow Group, Mr Bankole Bernard, has said last year was a turbulent one for Nigeria.

The head of the group which operates Finchglow Travels in Nigeria spoke at a virtual trade partners' forum in Lagos. He urged travel agencies to tap into other opportunities to remain in business.

"One way or another, our businesses have felt the impact of the pandemic but we must not lose hope, rather, we must keep hope alive and open up to the opportunities around us."

Bankole stressed the need to focus on ancillary services, noting that travel agencies need to step up their game both in the use of technology in creating new experiences and ideas.

"We need to begin to look inward by focusing on ancillary services during and post COVID-19. We need to begin to sell beyond tickets, the COVID test is something we should sell and encourage travellers to take because it is now a mandatory travel requirement for most countries.

"More than ever before, this is the time we need to encourage travellers to buy travel insurance," he added.

The Group Chief Operating Officer (GCOO), Mr. Ezekiel Ikotun, said travel during the COVID-19 will focus more on the process, people and technology.

Equities resume week with N45bn gain

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The equities market of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) started this week with a N45 billion gain as the benchmark index rose by 21 basis points (bps) to close at 41,088.96 points.

It was driven by interest buying in UBN (+6.3 per cent), Dangote Cement (+0.9%) and Airtel Africa (+0.4%).

As a result, market capitalisation increased N45.5bn to settle at N21.5 trillion while the return improved to 2%.

Activity level declined as volume and value traded fell 43.7% and 47.9% to 333.1 million units and N2.6bn respectively.

The most traded stocks by volume were Transcorp (49.0m units), Mansard (28.0m units) and Fidelity (26.5m units) while Zenith (N419.0m), Airtel Africa (N287.2m) and Guaranty (N239.1m) topped by value.

Across sectors under review, the performance was mixed. The Industrial Goods and Banking indices advanced 0.5percent apiece due to price appreciation in Dangote Cement (+0.9%), WAPCO (+1.9%), UBN (+6.3%) and ACCESS (+0.6%).

Similarly, gains in Airtel Africa (+0.4%) drove the AFR-ICT index 0.2% higher. Conversely, the Oil & Gas index led the laggards, down by 0.8% following sell-offs in ARDOVA (-9.8%) and OANDO (-3.6%).

Investor sentiment as measured by market breadth remained unchanged at 0.7x as 19 stocks advanced against 29 decliners.



■ From left: Director Corporate Affairs, African Industries, Uche Iwuamadi; Group Head, Corporate Communications, Dangote Industries Limited, Anthony Chiejina; Chairman, African Industries, Raj Gupta; and the Managing Director/CEO, Aliko Dangote Foundation, Zouera Youssoufou, at the Private Sector Coalition Against COVID-19 (CACOVID) presentation of oxygen to the federal government in Lagos on Monday.

CACOVID delivers 1,300 cylinders of oxygen

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The Coalition Against COVID-19 (CACOVID) has delivered 1300 cylinders of oxygen to the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 to assist patients in the treatment process.

The cylinders were manufactured by African Foundries Ltd (AFL), a steel manufacturer and member of the African Industries Group with its complex near Lagos.

The country had experienced a severe oxygen supply problem with the 2nd wave of the pandemic.

Speaking at the AFL

complex, the Managing Director/CEO of the Aliko Dangote Foundation, Zouera Youssoufou said: "Since December 21, 2020, when we first received the request for oxygen from the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19, 1,300 cylinders have been delivered, and we will continue to do so as long as this is required.

"This same offer has been made to Lagos State, where we have heard of the same oxygen shortage."

She noted that CACOVID has been in discussions with the Lagos State commissioner of health and the supply of oxygen

commenced last week with 122 cylinders already refilled for use and sent to the Yaba Medical Centre.

AFL which has invested \$250 million in its plant is ensuring the oxygen supply meets global standards. "They have been doing so now for over a month in Abuja, through their steel plant there- Abuja Steel Mills Ltd," she added.

CACOVID has also purchased over 1,000 cylinders to distribute to the states that have the most need for them.

Chairman of African Industries Group, and steering committee

member of CACOVID, Mr. Raj Gupta, said: "We have made an initial commitment to beef up the extra demand for oxygen for three months. As a member of CACOVID, we feel it is our responsibility. The cost is a secondary issue because we consider it a humanitarian effort."

Since March 2020, when CACOVID was convened, the coalition has raised about N39 billion to support the establishment of 39 isolation centres; distribution of medical supplies and palliatives to 10.7m people, among others.

Council lauds start of trading under AfCFTA

From Christiana T. Alabi, Lagos

The African Business Council (AfBC) has applauded the start of trading on the basis of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

AfBC in a statement acknowledged that the start of trading presents enormous business opportunities for the Pan-African private sector, SMEs, women and youths as the continent takes the bold move towards boosting Intra-African trade.

The launch of start of trading on the basis of the AfCFTA follows the African Union Assembly decision made on December 5, 2020, at the 13th Extra-

Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union on the AfCFTA.

The interim chairperson of AfBC, Dr. Amany Asfour, said AfCFTA gives the Council an opportunity to drive its agenda.

"It is an opportunity for us as the African Business Council to come together and support the implementation of the AfCFTA. We are a united voice, and we can do this together."

The Council is expected to hold its first general assembly in 2021.

The interim vice-chairperson, Dr Ahmed Mansur, said: "Let us go out there and grab the opportunities. It is

time to feed Africa through agriculture, manufacturing and promoting value chains. It is only through a united voice that we can have a transformation in Africa."

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ms. Amina Mohammed, has noted that the proliferation of Non-Tariff Barriers in Africa has often hindered intra-Africa trade, noting that it is difficult to move cargo among African countries.

She, therefore, noted that the online system on the monitoring, reporting and elimination of non-tariff barriers will assist in the implementation of the AfCFTA."

Firm holds session to stimulate business growth

From Sunday Michael Ogwu, Lagos

The management of Dynamic Governance and IT Solutions Limited said it is hosting a roundtable where experts will review the nation's economy in 2021 to make projections and proffer solutions for businesses.

The Group Chief Executive Officer, Dr David Ogogo, in a statement the webinar would expose companies to the ways and strategies to remain relevant in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He added that the knowledge from the webinar would enable organisations to perform better in 2021 and beyond.

Ogogo said that it would ensure organisations remain relevant, viable and well managed.

He said that the webinar would enable participants to understand the causes of major corporate failures in history and how to avoid them.

The virtual webinar is themed: "How organisations can achieve principled performance in 2021 and beyond," and will hold in February.

"Consequently, some organisations had to redefine their vision and mission statement so as to find ways and means of remaining relevant to ensure sustainability," Ogogo said.

He said that the target audience for the forum are key officers in both private and public companies, Ministries, Department and Agencies of government.

'Free market best for sustainable economy'

From Iniabasi Umo, Uyo

An economic summit group is advocating a free market system, saying it is the best for building a strong and sustainable economy.

The group, led by Ms Mmanti Umoh, said on Monday while announcing its inaugural business leadership summit in Uyo, that the meeting would tackle the uncertainties and negative impact of COVID-19 on businesses and the economy.

Umoh said the event tagged: "Leading in the Midst of Uncertainty", would hold on Friday,

stating that Akwa Ibom citizens deserved an economy where each person could succeed through hard work and creativity, adding that the summit would open up an economic opportunity for all.

She also sued for equal, inclusive and sustainable economies and societies that were more resilient in the face of pandemics and many other local changes that might come up.

"With this in view, there is an urgent need for local stakeholders to cooperate in simultaneously managing the direct consequences of the COVID-19 crisis."

NEWS

Cement: FG cautions against panic buying

By Francis Arinze Iloani

The federal government has cautioned Nigerians against panic buying and stockpiling of cement as it allayed fears that the commodity would be scarce.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Nasir Sani-Gwarzo, in a statement, blamed the rise in the price of cement on the

reduction in production volumes in the second and third quarters of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, EndSARs protests and downtimes in some manufacturing plants.

He said these affected cash flow of major distributors along with the high cost of transportation as he also confirmed the recent price increase of cement.

Daily Trust had exclusively reported

recently that cement price skyrocketed from about N2,700 in October to up to N3,400 and N5,000 in some parts of the country.

By January 2021, the product still sold for N3,400 in Abuja, and up to N4,000 in some states, our survey at the weekend shows.

The ministry's scribe however said the Ministry has been working to engage stakeholders in the cement manufacturing

sector to address the lingering situation.

He said there has been a massive build-up of demand from public works contractors as they are in a hurry to meet milestones and deadlines on projects across the country.

"We urge the public not to embark on panic buying and storage of the product as the current market price is temporary," said Sani-Gwarzo.

Bauchi, firm sign \$70m pact for 10MW power plant

From Hassan Ibrahim, Bauchi

The Bauchi State Governor, Bala Mohammed, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PowerDot, a United Kingdom (UK)-based energy firm, on \$70 million investment cover to provide 10 megawatts (MW) of electricity using solid waste in the state.

Governor Mohammed said, "This MoU that we have signed to provide 10 megawatts of power

through waste is key towards providing good governance."

Responding, the Group Managing Director of the firm, Ambassador Anthony Esere, said Bauchi State was the second in Africa to benefit from such investment from the organisation.

He said the firm would commence the project by March, noting that the initiative would bring positive development to the state.

Safety failure causing gas explosions, accidents – DPR

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) has blamed gas explosions and other fuel-related fire accidents in the country on lack of compliance with safety guidelines by retail outlets.

Speaking during the zonal annual general meeting of oil and gas stakeholders in Warri, Delta State, the Zonal Controller of DPR, Antai Asuquo, said the dealers' lack of compliance with safety rules and guidelines most times resulted in loss of lives.

According to a statement on Monday, the agency urged dealers in the zone comprising Delta, Edo and Ondo states to imbibe safety standards.

Recall that a gas plant exploded in Agbor in Delta State last weekend killing four persons and injuring two others. There was another explosion at a gas station in Rumuodomaya Town of Rivers State which left one person dead and several others injured.

Asuquo said DPR recently destroyed a gas facility in Ughelli in Delta State where products were directly sold from trucks along with other dangerous practices.

He also blamed the increasing explosions and fuel tanker accidents on human error and lack of compliance to safety guidelines by drivers.

He said, "Following the

incidents, we have upgraded our checks on tank construction, we are also trying to register all trucks that lift petroleum products, whether gas or other products at the various depots.

"Our next move is to train drivers in collaboration with the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)."

The Director and CEO of DPR, Sarki Anwalu, who was represented by the Zonal Controller, Port Harcourt Zone, Bassey Nkanga, said the meeting was in line with the agency's statutory responsibility of ensuring compliance with petroleum laws, regulations and guidelines in the oil and gas industry.

SON seizes 2 tyre containers in P/Harcourt

By Francis Arinze Iloani

The Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) has seized two containers of imported used tyres while they were being off-loaded into a warehouse at the Ikoku Motor Spare Parts Market in Port Harcourt.

In a statement, SON stated that the seizure was as a result of a tip-

off and that SON moved to the site with backup from security agents.

SON's investigations revealed that the used tyres were concealed in containers of imported used vehicles to beat regulatory procedures.

The importer, in a written undertaking, conceded the consignment to SON for destruction, the

statement indicated.

The Director General (DG) of SON, Mallam Farouk Salim, commended the informant, the security personnel and SON officials for their patriotism in carrying out the enforcement activity.

He called on Nigerians to assist SON in protecting the

citizens by providing useful information on standards infractions.

He said, "It is bad enough to import used tyres, but worse to have them stuffed five into one as even stuffed new tyres constitute danger to road users because of the damage already done to them in the process of stuffing and un-stuffing."

LIRS urges firms to file tax returns before deadline

By Simon Echowofun Sunday

The Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS) has urged heads of companies in the state to file their annual tax returns before the statutory deadline of January 31, 2021 to avoid penalties.

A statement by the Head, Corporate Communications, Monsurat Amasa, said the penalties are stipulated under the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA) Cap P8 LFN 2011 (as amended) for defaulting employers.

It also said LIRS eTax platform launched in October, 2019 gives the taxpayers the opportunity

to comply with all COVID-19 protocols, by filing their returns online.

The annual tax returns, which show each employee's payment and tax paid in 2020, are to be filed through LIRS online portals only, as manual filing is no longer acceptable. Tax assessments, payments and other tax administration matters can also be carried out on the same platforms.

The Executive Chairman of LIRS, Mr. Ayodele Subair, stated that in the face of the prevailing realities of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on

businesses, penalties and fines may be an additional burden on companies' finances, and therefore urges all employers of labour to file their returns within the period stipulated by law.

The steps to file are available on all our communication channels, however, taxpayers with difficulties filing are also welcome to seek assistance with specially designated staff at our tax stations.

We have made the process simple, quick, secure and reliable for our esteemed taxpayers. We are also available on various digital platforms to assist taxpayers on the process of e-filing.

Women farmers seek N1.5bn grant

By Abbas Jimoh

The Small-scale Women Farmers Organisation in Nigeria (SWOFON) has urged the federal government to provide a N1.5 billion grant as part of measures to boost agricultural investments and ensure food security.

They made the demand on Monday in Abuja at the presentation and dissemination of five year's budget studies on agriculture at the national level and for five states comprising Anambra, Niger, Oyo, Nasarawa and Jigawa.

At the event organised by the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), the National President of SWOFON, Mary Ishaya, said the grant would be for its

members of over 500,000 across the country to be shared at N300,000 each to enable them supplement the losses they have incurred.

SWOFON said members lost about 95 per cent of their investments in the agriculture sector in 2020 due to insecurity, natural disasters that include flooding and drought.

The Lead Director of CSJ, Eze Onyekpere, said "We are very much bothered about the attacks on women farmers in Nigeria because these are part of the challenges that these women face. They are calling for peace committees; they are calling for special squads and groups that will protect them from attacks in their farms."



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CBN racing to end Nigeria's recession in record time

Nigeria's economy went into a recession in the third quarter of 2020. This will be the second recession in the recent five years and indeed one of the worst in 33 years according to analysts.

The verdict from the National Bureau of Statistics said the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures for Q3-2020 showed the economy contracted by 3.62% YoY indicating 2 consecutive quarters of negative growth rate and thus implying had gone into a recession.

The result however represented an improvement in the economy when compared to the 6.10% sharp decline in Q2-2020.

Recall the Nigerian economy went into recession in the third quarter of 2015. Throughout 2016, Nigeria reeled in recession that threatened to slide into a depression. However, in the second quarter of 2017, Nigeria's economy rose by 0.72 percent and that ended the recession. The economy continued on a growth trajectory until the COVID-19 induced recession struck in the third quarter of 2020.

COVID-19 impact led to over four months in lockdowns across the country and restriction of interstate travels. These in addition to capital flow reversals which saw Nigeria lose in excess \$20bn, unemployment rose as small businesses crumble and large firm cut down workforce, output fell and government borrowing surged. Inflation continued to rise and citizens' purchasing power diminished. Indeed this affected production and the demand for goods and services across the country. These were further exacerbated with the record fall in crude oil prices, which went down to less than \$20 per barrel before it went up over \$40 per barrel.

Based on this, the oil sector contracted by 13.89 percent in the third quarter against growth of 6.49 percent in the same period a year earlier, according to the NBS data. The non-oil sectors also contracted by 2.51 percent in the three months to September.

"The performance of the economy in Q3 2020 reflected residual effects of the restrictions to movement and economic activity implemented across the country in early Q2 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," the NBS said.

It stated further that: "As these restrictions were lifted, businesses reopened and international travel and trading activities resumed, some economic activities have returned to positive growth," it said.

In 2020 when the economy went into a recession, the CBN took a number of proactive measures many of which were, at the time, vigorously criticized but which helped Nigeria exit the recession. These policy measures, according to the CBN Governor Mr. Godwin Emefiele included the following: a cycle of monetary policy tightening to curb inflation using increasing Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) and aggressive Open Market Operations. This saw the MPR retained at 14 percent all through the period of recession till date. This helped pushed inflation down to about 13.34 percent as at end of Q1, 2018.

On the management of external reserves, the CBN adopted demand management through the restriction of FX for import of 41 items, which it believed could be produced locally. This also paid off as local capacity of some of those



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restricted items rose. For instance, Nigeria added in excess 3 million more metric tonnes of rice to its local production and counting.

In Development Finance, the Bank continued its financing activities in key high-impact sectors like Power, Aviation, Education, MSME, Agriculture, including CACs, ACGS, NIRSAL, the Anchor Borrower Programme of which over N43.92 billion was disbursed to active farmers, etc. at the time.

In the current recession the CBN is also taking similar measures and more to ensure an early exit of recession.

Recently, at the CBN Governor, Mr. Godwin Emefiele at the 55th Annual Bankers Dinner, organized by the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) gave a detailed account on how the CBN intends cause positive economic growth in 2021 and end the recession in record time.

Response by the Monetary and Fiscal Authorities

Given the impact on COVID-19 on key economic variables earlier mentioned, the fiscal and monetary authorities took unprecedented measures to prevent any long-term damage to the growth prospects of our economy. Our first objective was to restore stability to the economy by providing assistance to households and businesses that had been severely affected by the pandemic. In addition, we sought to stimulate economy activity through targeted interventions in critical sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, electricity and construction. Cumulatively our intervention efforts represent about 3.5 percent of Nigeria's GDP. Some of these measures we took include:

- i. A cumulative reduction of the monetary policy rate from 13.5 to 11.5 percent between May and September 2020 in order to spur lending to the economy.
- ii. A 1-year extension of the moratorium on principal repayments for CBN intervention facilities;
- iii. Regulatory Forbearance was granted to banks to restructure loans given to sectors that were severely affected by the pandemic
- iv. Reduction of the interest rate on CBN intervention loans from 9 to 5 percent
- v. Strengthening of the Loan to Deposit ratio policy, which has resulted in a significant rise in loans provided by financial institutions to banking customers. Total gross credit rose by over 21 percent over the past year, from N15.5 trillion to N19.54 trillion.

In addition, over N738 billion has been provided as credit to manufacturing related activities by the banks.

- vi. Creation of N150 billion Targeted Credit Facility (TCF) for affected households and small and medium enterprises through the NIRSAL Microfinance Bank. Already, N149.21 billion has been disbursed to 316,869 beneficiaries. Given the resounding success of this program and its positive impact on output growth, we have decided to double this fund to about N300 billion, so as to accommodate many more beneficiaries and boost consumer expenditure which should positively impact output growth.
- vii. The Bank also disbursed Agri-Business/Small and Medium Enterprise Investment Scheme (AGSMEIS) (N92.90 billion to 24,702 beneficiaries), Anchor Borrowers Program (ABP) by the sum of N164.91 billion to 954,279 beneficiaries.
- viii. Mobilization of key stakeholders in the Nigerian economy through the Coalition against COVID-19 (CACOVID), which led to the provision of over N28bn in relief materials to affected households, and the set-up of 39 isolation centers across the country.
- ix. Creation of a NGN100 billion intervention fund in loans to pharmaceutical companies and healthcare practitioners intending to expand and strengthen the capacity of our healthcare institutions; so far 60 health care related projects are being funded to the tune of over N60 billion as a result of the intervention.
- x. Creation of a research fund, which is designed to support the development of vaccines in Nigeria.
- xi. Establishment of a N1 trillion facility in loans to boost local manufacturing and production across critical sectors; 53 major manufacturing projects, 21 agriculture related projects and 13 service projects are being funded to the tune of over N360 billion from this facility.

Results of our interventions

The impact of these measures along with the removal of restrictions on movement and resumption of international travel, led to improvement in key indicators of the economy, as several economic activities returned to positive growth. A sectoral assessment of economic activities in the third quarter indicates that the economy witnessed positive growth in key sectors such as Information

and Communications Technology, Agriculture, Health, Construction, Finance and Insurance and Public Administration. The Agricultural sector continued to record positive growth supported by productivity gains in the sector, interventions by the government, and improved demand for local produce. The Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index, in the month of November stood at 50.2 points, indicating an expansion in manufacturing activities after six months of contraction. A total of 18 sectors recorded positive growth in the third quarter relative to 13 sectors in the second quarter, which reflects significant improvement in economic activity.

In the Investors and Exporters Window, close to \$150m is being traded daily as a result of our measures to sanitize activities in the foreign exchange market. In addition, the Nigerian Stock Exchange All Share index rose by 65 percent between April and November 2020, reflecting improved sentiments by investors on the fundamentals of publicly listed companies. As a result of these measures, GDP growth in the third quarter, improved to -3.6 percent from -6.1 percent in quarter two, even though the economy fell back into a recession. We however expect that Nigeria would emerge from the recession by the first quarter of 2021, due to high frequency data that indicates continued improvements in the non-oil sector of our economy.

Outlook

With sustained implementation of our intervention measures, we do expect that the Nigerian economy could emerge from the recession by the first quarter of 2021. We also expect that growth in 2021 would attain 2.0 percent. However, downside risks remain, as restoration of full economic activities, particularly in service related sectors, remains uncertain until a COVID vaccine is produced and made available to millions of people across the world.

We must therefore find ways to insulate our economy from the impact of these shocks through our diversification efforts, while also working to ensure that we adhere to safety protocols in order to prevent a surge in COVID-19 related cases, as this could further cripple economic activities.

Our actions in 2021 would be guided by the considerations that emerged from the Monetary Policy Committee meeting of November 23 & 24, 2020, which sought to address the major headwinds exerting downward pressure on output growth and upward pressure on domestic prices.

Given the fact that the rise in inflation is not due to monetary factors but rather the prevalence of structural rigidities and supply shocks, traditional tools of monetary policy may not be helpful in addressing current inflationary pressures. Rather, a more useful policy will be the supply-side measures implemented by the Bank. As a result, emphasis will be placed on strengthening the development finance initiatives of the CBN in order to stimulate greater production and reduce unemployment.

We intend to increase our support for measures that will aid improved cultivation of local produce in Nigeria, with particular emphasis on improving our yield levels, as food inflation continues to remain the key driver of inflationary trends.



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CALL FOR INTEREST/VENDOR PREQUALIFICATION AT CARE INTERNATIONAL IN NIGERIA

BACKGROUND

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CALL FOR INTEREST/VENDOR PREQUALIFICATION

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- Lot 4: Vehicle Rental Services Maiduguri, Bama, Dikwa, Abuja and Gashua
- Lot 5: Purchase of petrol and Diesel Maiduguri and field location, Abuja and Gashua
- Lot 6: Vehicle Rental Services inclusive of cargo transportation for Maiduguri, Dikwa, Abuja, Bama and Gashua
- Lot 7: Provision of maintenance Services (plumbing, electricity, generator & Air conditioning)
- Lot 8: Office stationaries
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3. House 1, Bade Ward, Adjacent Abuja Guest In, Hospital Road, Gashua, Yobe state.

Contact details: Operation Manager

Telephone: +2349070345333

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A supplier questionnaire will be sent to the interested suppliers and will have to be returned, once fully completed, and submitted to the same address as above.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SUPPLY OF START UP KITS

Tender Notice Number PIN/CO/21/ 001

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FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) DRAFT REPORT FOR PROPOSED AVIATION TURBINE KEROSENE (ATK) DEPOT PROJECT AT AVIATION VILLAGE, FCT, ABUJA.

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major development activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces twenty-one (21) working days Public notice for Information and Comment on the draft EIA report of the above subject submitted by A. A. Rano Nigeria Limited.

THE DISPLAY CENTERS ARE:

- Abuja Municipal Area Council, (AMAC), Garki, Abuja.
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- Federal Ministry of Environment, Environment House (Brown Building), Independence Way, Central Business District, Abuja-F.C.T.
- www.ead.gov.ng

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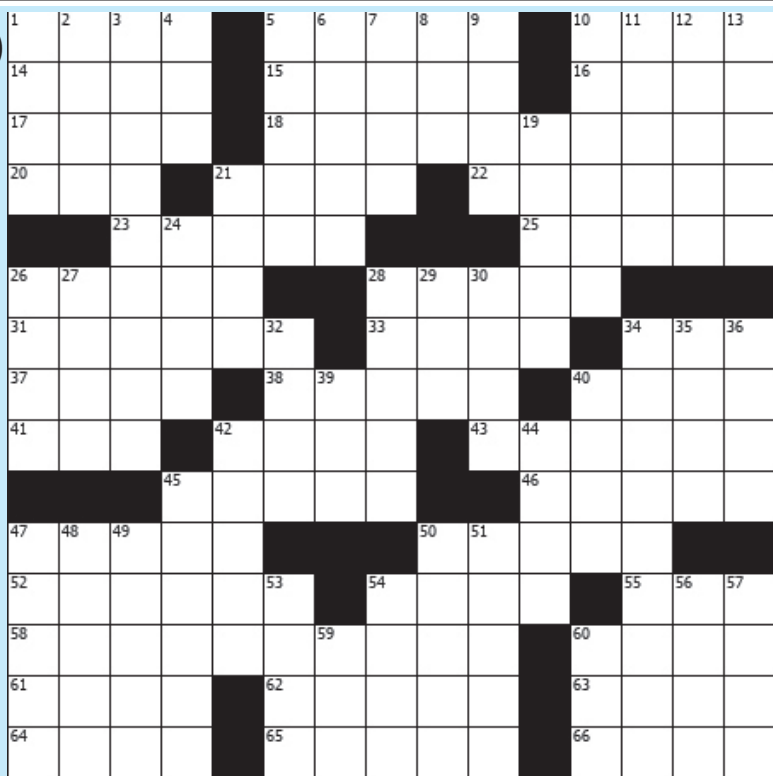
Date: 26th January – 23rd February, 2021. **Time:** 8:00am – 4:00pm Daily.

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EASY CROSSWORD >>



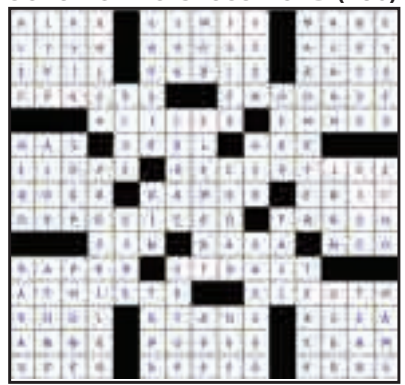
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- 23. Envy's color
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- 26. Swindle
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- 33. Machu Picchu native
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- 42. Wise
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- 55. Coffee vessel

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- 6. Like Santa's helpers
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- 12. Aquatic animal
- 13. Quite little
- 19. Oklahoma metropolis
- 21. Phi ___ Kappa
- 24. Squealers
- 26. Pack tightly
- 27. Novel's protagonist
- 28. Golfer ___ Woods
- 29. Washington bill
- 30. Farm unit
- 32. Fall faller
- 34. Enjoyable things
- 35. Doesn't exist
- 36. Snout
- 39. Vital statistic
- 40. Confederate
- 42. Massachusetts city
- 44. Tragic king
- 45. Zone
- 47. Fast
- 48. Unaccompanied
- 49. View
- 50. Setting
- 51. Bakery items
- 53. Fresh talk
- 54. Celebrity
- 56. Stir up
- 57. California valley
- 59. Biology, e.g. (abbr.)
- 60. Exclamation of triumph

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD (186)



SUDOKU >>

How to play: The number 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3 x 3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct Solution to each sudoku.

Good luck!

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Solution to Sudoku 186

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SNAPSHOT >>

World's richest 10 people 'are half a TRILLION dollars richer since COVID-19 pandemic began'

World's poorest need more than a decade to recover their losses



The world's 10 richest people, including Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk and Bill Gates, have seen their collective wealth increase by half a trillion dollars since the start of the COVID pandemic, according to a new report an Oxfam study claims. It found that the fallout from the virus will lead to the biggest increase in global inequality unless governments radically rejig their economies. Oxfam said the richest 1,000 people have already recouped the losses they recorded in the early days of the pandemic because of the bounce back in stock markets. By contrast, Oxfam said it could take more than a decade for the world's poorest to recover their losses. They said the wealthiest 1,000 lost 30 per cent of their wealth due to the pandemic, but within 10 months it had already been recouped. Among the biggest winners in the past year were Jeff Bezos, whose fortune grew by \$78bn; Elon Musk up \$129bn; Mark Zuckerberg, whose wealth has doubled by \$45bn; and Bill Gates who has added \$22bn to his chest. Oxfam claimed the wealthy 10 could pay for everyone on earth to receive two doses of a COVID vaccine, at a cost of \$141.2bn - at \$9 a dose. They could also hand over \$80bn to keep millions of people above the poverty line for a year. 'Rigged economies are funnelling wealth to a rich elite who are riding out the pandemic - shop assistants, healthcare workers, and market vendors - are struggling to pay the bills and put food on the table,' said Gabriela Bucher, executive director of Oxfam International. **By Jack Newman**

SIGN LANGUAGE >>

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PLATEAU RESCUE UPDATE

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As Governor Lalong drives rapid transformation at Plateau State University Bokkos...

Last week, Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong visited the State University in Bokkos to inspect projects that are transforming the institution into one of the most developed state universities in the country.

Among projects inspected by the Governor, both completed and on-going are the Senate Building, Faculties of Law, Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Advancement and Linkages building, staff offices and classrooms complex, e-Library and assorted volumes of books in the central library building, a 600-capacity Lecture theatre, School of Postgraduate Studies building complex, University Health Centre building and medical equipment, streetlights project, wire fencing of female hostel, the PLASU Security System/CCTV cameras project, as well as a sports complex, among others.

The Governor, who expressed satisfaction with the speed and quality of the projects, debunked the insinuation that the projects were all implemented by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), without any input by the State Government.

He said: "I am very happy with the tremendous transformation of the University, which is as a result of the joint partnership between the State and Federal Governments through TETFund. I am at a loss as to what the PLASU ASUU Chapter is imputing that the State Government has not done projects at the University. This is preposterous and difficult to understand. How can you say the proprietor of a University does not have any projects in it?"

Later, while addressing the management of the University and leadership of the Students Union, the Governor said apart from billions of naira committed to the University over time, his administration has carried out various projects such as the construction of over 13km of tarred dual carriageway within the University, adding that over 27km of streetlights have been put on the campus. He also disclosed that to ensure that academic activities

are based on a solid foundation, the State Government released over N279 million, which secured accreditation of 14 programmes of the University.

In addition to ensuring stability in the University, the Governor said it was when he assumed office that accreditation of most courses was secured, leading to graduation of students and the holding of the first Convocation ceremony of the institution, with others that have followed, including last year's graduation ceremony held virtually due to the corona virus pandemic.

He added that three new faculties have been approved. These are Law, Health Sciences and Agriculture. Governor Lalong also revealed that the state Government approved the remodeling of a multi-purpose hall to serve as Law Auditorium, while approval has been given to set up a College of Health Sciences with the development of a Teaching Hospital by the State Government, whose construction is ongoing in Shendam.

The Governor further explained that for many years since Plateau State started implementing the Treasury

Single Account (TSA) scheme, tertiary institutions including PLASU have been exempted from the scheme to enable them retain 100 percent of their internally generated revenue to fund their activities. This is in addition to the monthly subvention that the Government gives to the University as well as payment of all its staff salaries and emoluments. The Governor said he has consistently approved the recruitment of both teaching and non-teaching staff whenever such requests were brought before him.

Governor Lalong then assured that a new Governing Council of the University will soon be announced, even as he appealed to the lecturers to call off their strike in the interest of students and their parents who have suffered the prolonged closure of schools.

Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Yohanna D. Izam, who took the Governor round the projects, appreciated the efforts of the Lalong administration in reviving the institution, which he said has accredited many courses and seen many students successfully graduating.



Completed infrastructure executed by Governor Simon Lalong at Plateau State University Bokkos



Governor Lalong going round the University to inspect projects



Governor Lalong receives briefing from VC Plateau State University Prof. Yohanna Izam



More infrastructure work being carried out by the Lalong Rescue Administration in PLASU Bokkos



Newly Completed Faculty of Social Sciences, Plateau State University Bokkos



One of the completed structures at PLASU Bokkos



One of the new Faculties under construction at PLASU Bokkos



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Project inspection at Plateau State University Bokkos by Governor Lalong



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HEALTH NEWS

58 herbalists file COVID-19 cure claims – Minister

By Ojoma Akor

The Federal Ministry of Health has inaugurated a standing experts committee to develop protocols for the evaluation of herbal medicines claims for COVID-19 and other diseases.

Inaugurating the committee in Abuja, the Minister of State for Health, Dr Olorunnimbe Mamora, said 58 herbal practitioners have so far made submissions on claims for COVID-19.

The 17-member committee is drawn from various stakeholders in the field of research.

He said the inauguration followed meetings with traditional medicine practitioners and identified claimants of remedies for the management of COVID-19.

He said: "It is our desire to support these claimants in the process of evaluating these products with a view to finding a local solution to the menace of COVID-19 and other common ailments.

"This informed the need to constitute a standing expert committee to screen these claims to identify those products that could be recommended for further evaluation with the National Agency for Food Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and their necessary clinical trials."

Dr Mamora said the terms of reference of the expert screening committee include: compiling a list of claimants with herbal medicinal products for the management of various ailments; develop appropriate

protocols for evaluation of these claims and for other ailments that are of top priority like HIV/AIDS, malaria, diabetes, hypertension and sickle cell anaemia; and also screen all claimants with the use of developed protocols and identify those that may be forwarded to NAFDAC.

Other areas are to provide protocols for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and identify research institutes for clinical trials and invite investors for possible commercialization among others.

Dr Robert Uzu, one of the herbal practitioners in the forefront of research for COVID-19, and Chief Executive Officer of Ruzu Holistic Healthcare Limited said he has submitted his remedy to NAFDAC for verification.

He said the potentials of herbal medicine were neglected for years in the country, adding that the inclusion of traditional medicine practitioners in COVID-19 committees would alleviate the challenges faced by herbal practitioners, and also proffer solutions for the health care needs of the country.

He also called for awareness creation among the populace on the benefits of traditional medicines.

Chairman of the newly inaugurated standing expert committee, Prof. MacDonald Idu, promised that the committee would carry its assignment to the letter.

He said lack of coordination and synergy among practitioners, dearth of data, as well as requisite funding have hampered the utilization of traditional medicine.

'No, okra leaves, lemon won't purify blood'

How to purify your blood with okra leaves and lemon," reads the headline of a Facebook post shared in Nigeria.

It explains how to prepare and use the mixture, adding that "treatment" can be renewed every three months "for blood purification".

"Our health depends on the quality of our blood; the dirtier the blood, the more the risk of general intoxication of our body with all the degenerative diseases that lead to premature ageing and death," the post claims.

Okra, also known as ladies' fingers and by the botanical name *Abelmoschus esculentus*, is a herbaceous hairy annual plant of the mallow family. It is planted and eaten in many parts of Nigeria.

Muheez Durosinmi, a professor of Haematology at the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State in Western Nigeria, told Africa Check that the

"treatment" had no scientific basis.

"The body has its mechanism through which it ensures that blood in the body is purified," he said.

He said drinking plenty of water – up to three litres a day – helps eliminate waste from the body.

Durosinmi recommended eating a balanced diet that included a regular intake of fruits and getting enough rest.

"Also, a general check-up should be done at least once a year, where people can check their blood pressure, sugar level, blood count and general well-being. They shouldn't wait till they become either hypertensive, suffer a stroke or are diagnosed with diabetes," the don said.

He advised people who feel unwell to go to a hospital for a proper check-up and appropriate treatment.

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Unijos COVID-19 herbal tea awaits approval – VC

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jos, Prof. Seddi Sebastian Maimako, on Monday, said the university has developed a herbal tea for COVID-19.

He however said the tea was yet to be approved by relevant authorities.

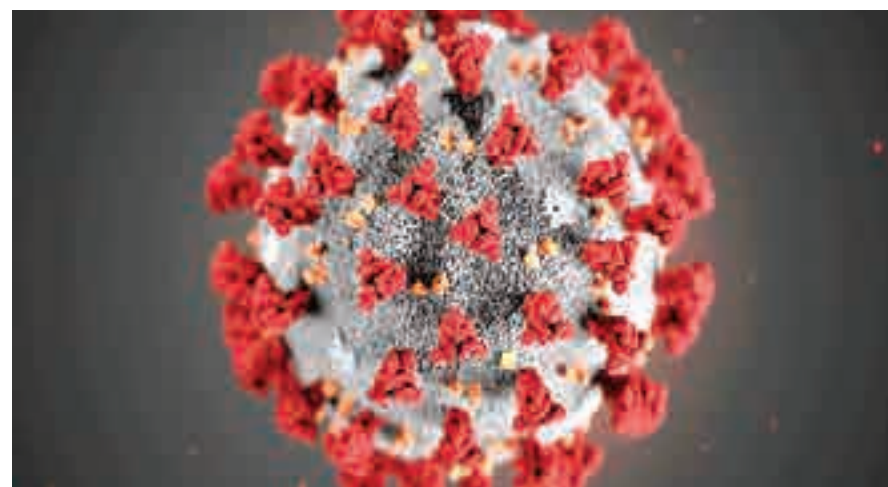
Speaking during a press conference at the university, Prof. Maimako said, "The university's, African Centre of Excellence in Phytomedicine Research and Development (ACEPRD) has researched into coronavirus and has developed a set of herbal teas to combat the health menace. The COVID-19 tea has been registered with the Federal Ministry of Trade, Commerce, and Industry. It has also been registered

with the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and is awaiting certificate and approval for its commercialization.

Prof. Maimako however frowned at some online media platforms which reported that the herbal tea had been approved for public consumption by the university, describing the report as an attempt to tarnish the image and integrity of the university.

The vice-chancellor however said, the centre in its quest to promote research and development, was in partnership with more than 16 research organizations including Salford and Sheffield Universities in the United Kingdom.

Experts task FG on COVID-19 vaccines



From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos

Medical experts have cautioned the Federal Government over its decision to purchase COVID-19 vaccines for the use of Nigerians.

A Professor of Medicine and Neurosciences, Phillip Njemanze, said any vaccine to be used in Nigeria must first be subjected to clinical trials.

Speaking at a webinar hosted by the Foundation for African Cultural Heritage on the ongoing COVID-19 vaccine debate and allied matters with particular focus on the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, Pro Njemanze declared that the Pfizer vaccine was not a vaccine but a "genetic device".

Therefore, he said government should not believe in the efficacy of any vaccine without subjecting it to clinical trial.

He explained that, "Our doctors have to participate in clinical trials. Any vaccine has to be validated in Nigeria and the results validated by Nigerians."

The expert who is the Chairman of

the International Institute of Advanced Research and Training, Chidicon Medical Centre Owerri, Imo State, further stated that the peculiarities of Nigeria were not the same with Europe's and America's.

He reiterated that most of the vaccines had allergies which the experts did not have knowledge of, adding that Nigeria must proceed with caution to avoid mass deaths.

Another expert, Dr Regina Akosa, said government should think about the effect the vaccines would have on the general populace, noting that if Nigeria must use any vaccine, it should be locally sourced.

Dr Akosa further said government must set its priority right, noting that spending public resources on vaccines that would be "hijacked" by the high and the mighty was not right.

She added that, "Let us stop arguing about this vaccine and concentrate on what will help our people and not vaccines that the rich will hijack."

Be wary of unscrupulous clearing agents at ports – NAFDAC

By Ojoma Akor

The National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has advised the public and importers of regulated products to be wary of the unprofessional behaviour of some agents operating at the air and seaports of the country.

The agency has the mandate of collecting samples of products at the ports for laboratory evaluation among others.

While warning that some clearing agents indulge in forgery and doctoring of documents, the agency said its processes are now carried out as online transactions and upon completion, a 'Release Notice' that is verifiable using any QR Reader - is issued for each transaction.

The Director of Ports Inspection, Prof. Samson B. Adebayo, gave the advice yesterday while responding to allegations of indiscriminate collection of product samples by the Standard Organisations of Nigeria (SON) and NAFDAC at ports by the National Association of Government Approved Freight Forwarders (NAGAFF).

He said such allegations were disturbing and baseless as the issue of the dynamics of sampling of products for laboratory evaluation has been severally explained to stakeholders.

The agency has over the years at various stakeholders' meetings, workshops and seminars, re-emphasised the need for importers to request for NAFDAC sample receipt for products sampled and collected by its officers.

NAFDAC said it is within the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for inspection and sampling to issue NAFDAC sample receipts to clients after product sampling.

"The challenge we have observed is that clearing agents collect these sampling receipts and do not present them to importers because they know that excess samples have been collected and taken away by these clearing agents," Prof Adebayo said.

He said NAFDAC samples are collected based on international best practices and standards for laboratory testing.

"Samples drawn are collected and tested and samples kept as retention samples in case of retesting where there are unsatisfactory laboratory results (this means the products failed laboratory testing).

"Where there is a need to return some quantities (especially bulk sampling), the importer is notified via the sampling receipt to visit the laboratory for the returned sample. This is done especially in cases of bulk raw materials for products packed in bulk bags.

He advised all importers of NAFDAC regulated products to monitor the transactions of their clearing agents in order to avoid any embarrassment that may be caused as a result of the unprofessionalism of the agents.

He said: "All importers are admonished to always initiate the clearance processes by themselves (rather than asking their agents to do that) because even when they have genuine and complete documents, for whatever reasons some clearing agents still submit forged documents. It should be noted that offenders would be prosecuted when caught.

"Clearing agents are, therefore, warned that where such occurs, the names of such erring clearing agents would be compiled and sent to the office of the Comptroller General, Nigeria Customs Service for sanctions."

HEALTH

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How lifestyle choices affect men's sperm count

From Risikat Ramoni, Lagos

In Nigeria, there is the belief that when a couple has no children or has one and wants more, it is the fault of the woman.

Friends, families and most especially in-laws would go to any extent to blame the woman. Some would even find another wife or concubine for the husband just to prove the woman is at fault.

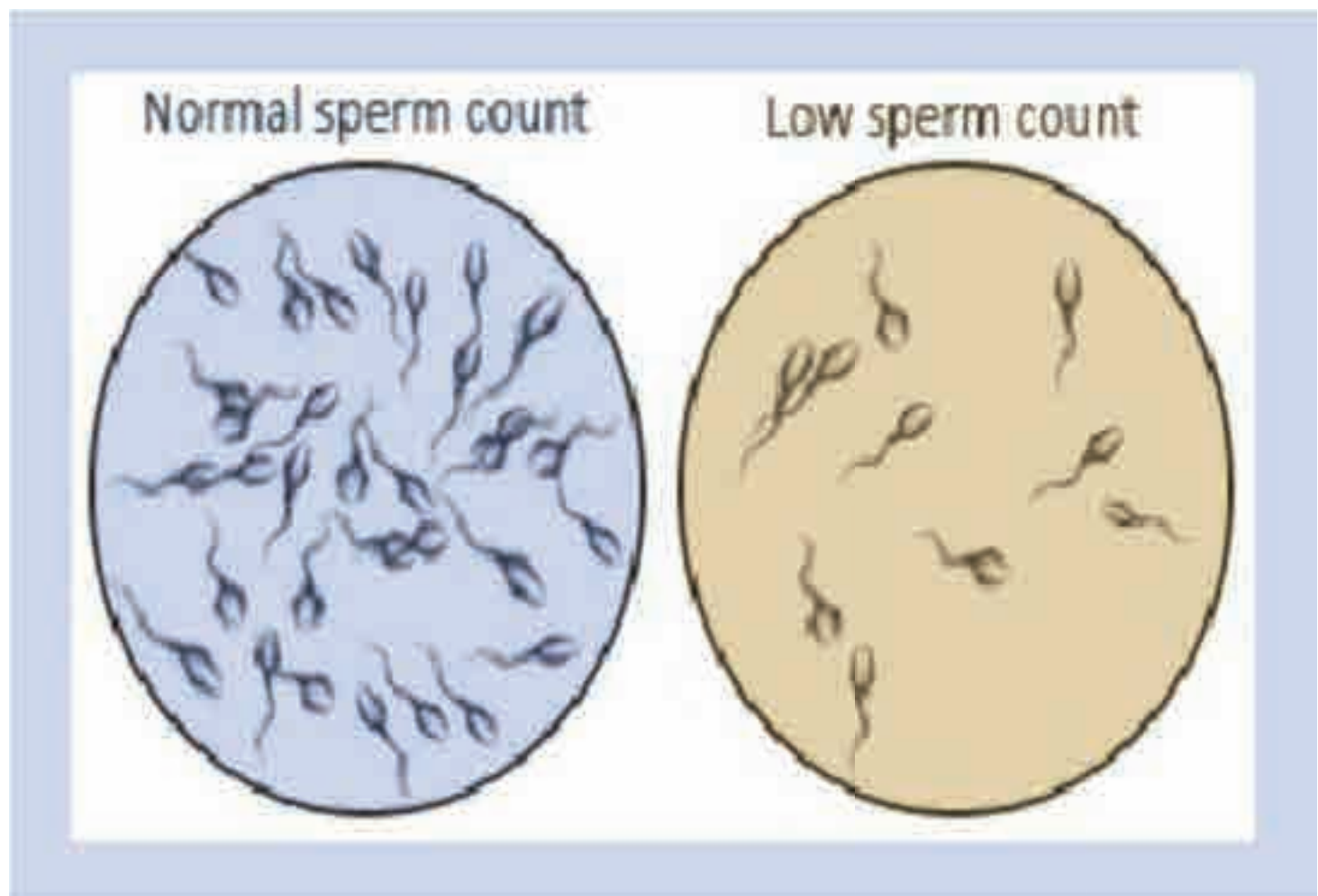
Fertility experts, however, advise men to also get involved in fertility treatment as many of them have low sperm count while some have no sperm count at all, so they cannot impregnate a woman.

According to experts at WebMD, about one per cent of all men and 15 per cent of infertile men have no sperm count at all. This condition is known as azoospermia. Meanwhile, low sperm count, oligospermia, means that when tested, the total amount of sperm in a man's semen is below a certain amount.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines define low sperm count as having less than 15 million sperm in a millilitre of semen (15 million/ml).

A fertility expert and Chief Executive Officer of Nordica Fertility Centre, Dr. Abayomi Ajayi, in his advice to men said, "If your wife is not pregnant, then the man should go for a proper fertility examination and should not say it is a woman's issue or fault."

The fertility expert revealed that in a study involving 3,000 men between 2003 and 2013 at his centre, it was discovered that there was a decline of about 30 per cent in sperm count of the men. In the study, it was concluded that there might be a decline in spermatozoa by 3 per cent every year.



He said from the study, "About 12 per cent of the men who come to our clinic have no sperm count at all. As for low sperm count, every one out of every two samples we take from men has low sperm count.

"We also looked at about 3000 samples and we saw that from every two samples, one seems to be a low sperm count. This calls for concern as far as fertility is concerned in Nigeria," Abayomi said.

He explained that men believe that because they are "tigers" in bed and they produce enough semen, then they have no fertility issue, adding that the fact that a man can sleep with a woman does not mean he has enough sperm cells in whatever he is

discharging.

"There is a situation when sperm cells are still being produced in the testes but they are not getting to where they are supposed to be discharging, which means, the "factory" is still working.

"At a fertility clinic, the testes of the man can be assessed to get the sperm cells out. The good thing is, the factory does not just stop working all at once. A part of it may still work and some sperm cells can be gotten.

"However, in some men, the factory is no longer working and that is a very challenging one because everything is shut down and there are no longer sperm cells," he noted.

Dr Ajayi emphasised that

infertility is on the increase among men due to lifestyle choices.

He said: "Many of our young men are on drugs like cigarette smoking, marijuana, cocaine, excessive consumption of alcohol and all these have a profound effect on not just on their health, but on sperm count.

"Men should know that some of these poor lifestyle choices will affect their fertility. The good thing about lifestyle choice is that it is the only thing that is reversible when it comes to fertility. So our young men need to make the right choices if they want to be fertile.

"I see some people who don't have good sperm cells

and their wives have good eggs, yet the men are still smoking and drinking even through the treatment. I always advise them that if they truly want to have children of their own, then they need to stop whatever they are consuming, preferably for two to three months before treatment commences so that we can have good sperm cells for the treatment."

To ascertain whether there is low sperm or no sperm count, medical experts say a man needs to give samples of his semen in a lab where it will be examined with a high-powered microscope, to know if the man has enough sperm cells which can fertilise the eggs of a woman.

'New '21st Century iron lung' ventilator could revolutionise COVID- treatment'

British experts have designed a new type of ventilator that may allow more patients with severe COVID-19 to be treated outside of intensive care, easing pressure on hospitals hard hit by the coronavirus crisis.

The researchers said their device, known as Exovent, is more comfortable for the patient, cheaper than those currently being used in intensive care units (ICU) and requires few staff to manage it.

Exovent is a negative pressure ventilator - which means it works by lowering the pressure outside the

body to allow lung tissue to expand and function in a way that resembles normal breathing.

The device, which is modelled on the 'iron lung' used to battle the polio crisis in the 20th century, works differently from the conventional positive pressure ventilators which, instead, pushed air into the lungs.

Researchers found it was 'able to deliver both an increased lung expansion to people breathing spontaneously and powerful ventilation to take over people's breathing entirely, using only moderate negative pressures'.

As positive pressure devices became much smaller, cheaper and more convenient over the years, research into negative pressure devices was mostly abandoned since the 1950s.

However, the scientists behind Exovent said negative pressure devices are far less intrusive than either positive pressure ventilation, where a tube is inserted into the windpipe, or continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), where oxygen is delivered through a tightly-fitting face mask.

Patients do not need to be sedated and can take food and medication by mouth, as well as talk to loved ones on

the phone when using Exovent, they added.

The new ventilator was previously endorsed by the family of the late theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking.

Ian Joesbury, the chief executive of Exovent, said: 'We are really excited to be unveiling this life-saving system which is a cutting-edge reinvention of pre-existing technology.'

A team of anaesthetists, nurses and engineers were involved in the design of the Exovent chamber, which consists of a base fitted onto a standard hospital bed. - Mail Online



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Just a year ago , our Chairman's jewel of inestimable value, Mrs Jennifer Ramatu Etuh joined the Saint Triumphant.

As we remember her today, we pray that God will strengthen him and the children .

That the legacies she left behind will be a source of strength and a course you will maintain forever.

We pray that God will comfort you this period and your remembrance of her will bring joy and fulfillment to your heart. Indeed we thank God for everything.

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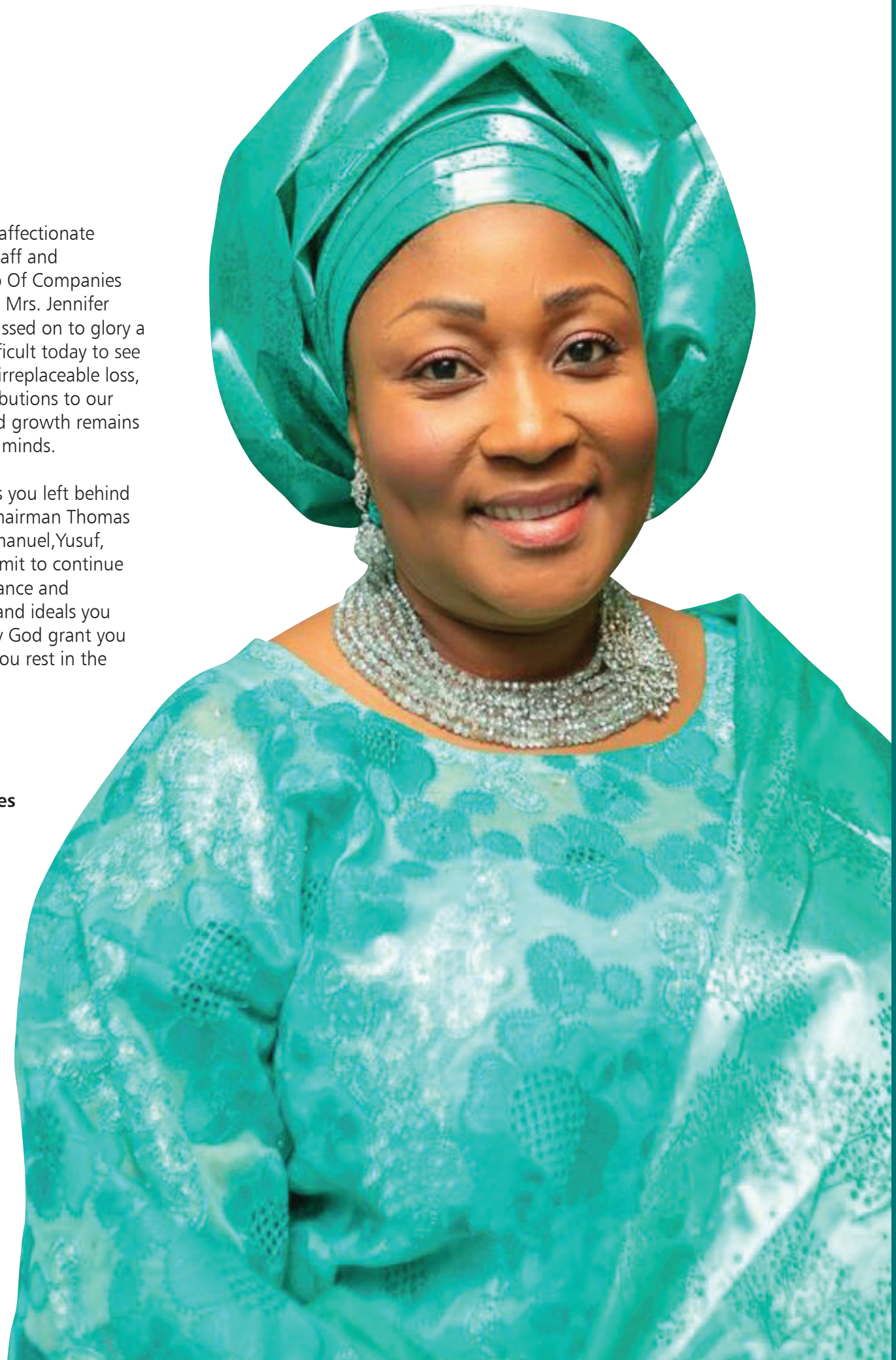
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With loving thoughts and affectionate memories, we the entire staff and management of Tak Group Of Companies remember our Co-Founder Mrs. Jennifer Ramatu Etuh who sadly passed on to glory a year ago. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow of our irreplaceable loss, the memory of your contributions to our establishment, support and growth remains indelible in our hearts and minds.

We pray for the loved ones you left behind especially for our Group Chairman Thomas Etuh and the children Emmanuel, Yusuf, David and Daniel and commit to continue contributing to the sustenance and development of the work and ideals you lived for. May the Almighty God grant you eternal rest and peace as you rest in the bosom of the Lord.

Signed:

Management
TAK Group Of Companies





We Miss You Dearly

"In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, in our hearts you hold a place no one can ever fill"

I live each day thankful that I knew you and enjoyed our time together. You are my definition of grace and strength. In difficult times, I remember that you conquered during your time on earth, and I'm encouraged to continue one day at a time. We miss you in countless ways as we remember you this day, and always. Till we meet again, continue to rest in the embrace of God's heavenly mercies.

Emmanuel

"Sometimes, only one person is missing, and the whole world seems depopulated". I saw that quote somewhere, and it's the only way I can explain how it feels not to have you anymore. Your love for us was so much that we seldom had any space in our heart for any other feeling. When you left us, our world felt very empty, but at least we can find comfort in the beautiful memories of you. Mummy, we will always love you, that will never change. I will see you when I get there.

Love, David

Mum, it's one year, and I haven't gotten used to you not being here, never think I will. The skill with which you run our home, the love with which you shrouded us, the discipline you instilled and kindness you shared to all, makes it impossible not to notice the absence of your kind of light. Bright yet gentle, wild yet tamed and forever a pointer to God's grace. Thank you for not leaving us empty but guiding us in the path of God's wisdom, knowledge and grace. Now that you are not here, He has been our companion and a reminder that death is not the end. We shall meet again. Rest on, mum.

Yusuf

I miss my mum so much. She was my best teacher. She taught me my first lessons and was always there to help me get better. She talked about God all the time, and I know that she is with Him now. Mum, I know you can't hold my hand in church anymore or help me with my homework. You are no longer here to shout at me to stop running or playing, but I always still hear your voice in my heart. I miss doing everything with you and would never forget all the time we spent together. I love you, mummy.

Daniel

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Darling It's still like a bad dream that we believe we will wake up from, it's seems so unreal that you the pillar of our family, the glue that held everything together is no longer with us. A year ago the most unimaginable and unthinkable thing happened, you left us to be with your Lord and Saviour (who are we to question the will Of God). However in doing so you also left behind the pain and discomfort you fought for so many years to make sure your mission on earth was complete. If ever there was a definition of a mother, wife and role model that would undoubtedly be you darling.

Whenever we are missing you we always remember how fortunate we are to have had you in our lives and we wouldn't trade those moments for the world. You will remain forever in our hearts and the memories of you we shall always cherish.

We miss and love you !!!

Thomas



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We will always Cherish your Memory

One year ago you left us and we still feel the vacuum you created in the family . Your life was a great lesson to many of us and worthy of emulation by our wives and daughters .

We know your work on the children will last forever and your good legacies will be carried on by the family .

We pray that all of us will be comforted by the Holy Spirit and grace will be supplied to fill the vacuum you created .
We miss you and never to be forgotten.

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365 DAYS AGO MY WORLD CHANGED

“Those we love never truly leave us, there are things death cannot simply touch” - Jack Thorne

Darling,

Today brings me to exactly one year that I felt your last warm embrace and the ability to relish in the comfort and joy of your angelic voice which often gave me strength and solace in times of happiness and pain. We started this journey of spousal bliss together over two decades ago and subsequently built what has become a successful conglomerate of companies known as The Tak Group today. But more importantly you such a virtuous woman blessed me with the most amazing children that any husband and father would be proud of.

Your diligent tutelage, training, love and many sacrifices you made for us, rewarded us with a

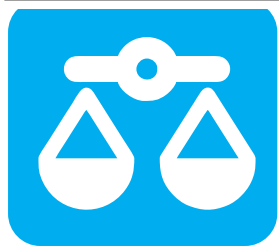
strong, loving and God fearing family. I continue to miss my best friend, my rib, my love, my prayer warrior and my rock, this I know will never change. But the beauty of the weakness of death is that while it may be able to separate us physically and take you away, however it's unable to take away your rare and extraordinary spirit and wonderful memories you have left me with.

Everyday when I remember you and occasionally may want to despair or be saddened I often reminisce and glean joy from the things you did that brought me tremendous joy, peace and laughter, this certainly eases the pain. I have now devoted my life and vowed to continue “your project” raising our children to be God fearing and be the best they can be as you have always

wished. Along with this I will continue your charitable work of touching the many lives of the underprivileged and needy of society which was what you dedicated your life to privately and quietly under the auspices of The Jennifer Etuh Foundation. Your legacy will live on and will never die.

I can't find words to describe how valuable you were to me. Your passing away will always remain to be the greatest loss in my life. I will always love cherish and miss you. Adieu my love till we meet never to part again at Jesus' feet.

Thomas Etuh



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Law and justice are not always the same
– Gloria Steinem

Why trial of high-profile 'kidnapping kingpins' stalled

By John Chuks Azu & Adelanwa Bamgboye, Lagos

The delay in concluding trial in the cases of many high-profile kidnapping kingpins in the country is a source of worry for their victims and observers.

Among the most celebrated of such cases are those of Chukwudumeme Onwuamadike popularly known as Evans and that of Hamisu Bala aka Wadume.

Although in August, 2020, news filtered out that Evans had been sentenced to death by hanging following his admission for several offences, *Daily Trust* found out that he has not been convicted and sentenced, but rather, the trial has stalled.

Evans is standing trial in two judicial divisions of the Lagos State High Court for series of kidnapping, murder and attempted murder. The cases stalled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was learnt.

It was further learnt that trial may not commence in the two cases pending before Justice Adedayo Akintoye of the high court because the entire court complex was burnt down during the EndSARS protest.

The court house was not only burnt down, but many case files, exhibits and other sensitive documents were not spared.

Impeccable sources close to the court said the cases might have to be started *de novo* (afresh) since the case files had been lost to the inferno.

As if that is not enough, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has ordered Level 14 staff members and below to stay off from the court and work from home. It is these levels of workers that make up the court registrars who work with the judges to conduct court business. With these developments, all Evans' cases pending will continue to suffer serious adjournments.

At the high court in Igbosere, Lagos Island, presided by Justice Akintoye, Evans is facing two separate charges of conspiracy to kidnap, kidnapping and attempted murder. In the first charge, Evans is standing trial alongside Joseph Emeka, Ugochukwu Nwachukwu and Victor Aduba.

In the second charge, Evans was



■ Justice Tanko Muhammed, CJN

charged with Joseph Emeka, Linus Okpara and Victor Aduba as co-defendants.

Furthermore, before Justice Hakeem Oshodi, sitting at the Ikeja division of the Lagos High Court, the trial judge on August 14, 2020, dismissed the no-case submissions filed by Evans' five co-defendants who had prayed for the charges against them to be quashed.

The defendants charged alongside Evans are Uche Amadi, Ogechi Uchechukwu, Chilaka Ifeanyi, Okwuchukwu Nwachukwu and Victor Aduba. They are facing trial over the kidnap of the Chief Executive Officer of Maydon Pharmaceutical Limited, Donatus Dunu, in 2017.

The prosecution said the suspects collected \$223,000 (N100m) in ransom before freeing the businessman after 88 days in captivity.

Dismissing the no-case submissions filed by Evans' co-defendant, Justice Oshodi had maintained that contrary to the defendants' claim, "There is a prima facie case (against them) as the first defendant (Evans) implicated the co-defendants in Exhibit 10."

Meanwhile, Evans, has been having difficulty retaining a lawyer due to his



■ Abubakar Malami (SAN), AGF

inability to pay legal fees.

As at the time of filing this report, he has changed no fewer than six lawyers.

Evans' another criminal trial before Justice Funlayo Taiwo.

If found guilty, Evans risks the supreme price of a capital punishment, which is the death sentence.

In the case of Wadume, the trial proceeded separately up till November, 2020, with about five witnesses testifying. The trial is expected to continue between 26 and 27 of January.

Wadume was alleged to be involved in kidnapping activities in Taraba State. He escaped arrest on August 6, 2019, but was rearrested in Kano on August 19, 2019.

He later narrated how soldiers set him free and allegedly killed the anti-crime police officers who were conveying him from Ibi to Jalingo on August 6, 2019.

Those charged with Wadume were Inspector Aliyu Daje, who was a station officer at police headquarters in Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State; Auwalu Bala (aka Omo Razor); Uba Bala (aka Uba Belu);

Bashir Waziri (aka Baba runs); Zubairu Abdullahi (aka Basho); Hafizu Bala (aka Maiwelder); and Rayyanu Abdul, and seven military officers.

However, the initial charges suffered a setback in July 2020 when the office of the Attorney General of the Federation withdrew the charges against soldiers on the grounds that the internal investigation and court martial proceedings were not concluded.

The soldiers who separated from the case are Captain Tijjani Balarabe, Staff Sgt David Isaiah, Sgt. Ibrahim Mohammed, Corporal Bartholomew Obanye, Private Mohammed Nura, Lance Corporal Okorozie Gideon, Corporal Marcus Michael, Lance Corporal Nvenaweimoeimi Akpagra, Staff Sgt. Abdulahi Adamu, and Private Ebele Emmanuel.

Speaking on the Wadume case, the AGF Malami, through his media aide Umar Gwandu, assured that the military officers indicted in the Wadume kidnap case would be brought to justice.

"He said the fact that several military officers have been tried and sentenced to various degrees of punishments including death by firing squad is a clear proof that goes further to establish a point that the military has an existing institutional legal framework for trying army officers and soldiers in respect of crimes," he said.

While stressing that the army is already taking appropriate action in respect of the charged soldiers, he added that prosecution and sentencing are products of investigations.

"The law will certainly take its course in the case of Wadume the same way and manner the officers that were found to have taken part in various degrees of crimes. The law will certainly take its course if eventually the military investigation is concluded and prima facie case is established.

"The case of military officers involved in Wadume is ongoing. The process would be a product of investigation, arraignment, prosecution, conviction and sentencing. So, this chain is a process that is not expected to be concluded overnight."

Don't undermine rule of law, association's exco tells opponents

By John Chuks Azu

An executive of the National Groundnut Producers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria (NGROPPMAN), Aimu Foni, has cautioned aggrieved members of the association against actions capable of undermining an order of court.

In a statement, Foni expressed concerns over the actions of some members

of the association despite a subsisting court order, which he said was aimed at tarnishing the image of the association outside.

"The rule of law is more paramount in the growth and development of every association, the same rules should be kept in NGROPPMAN," he said.

A Grade One Area Court in Garki, Abuja had recently made an order restraining

defendants in a suit Alhaji Usman Dabirni, Mohammed Mustapha and Salisu Dabai, from further "parading or holding themselves out to the public as the National President, Secretary and Treasurer of the National Groundnut Producers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice."

The court presided by

Yahaya Sheshi further made, "An order of interim injunction restraining the defendants or any other person(s) agents, privies and servants from conducting election into the executive council of NGROPPMAN as scheduled for 11:30am of the 20 January, 2021, or at any other time pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice.

"An order of interim

injunction restraining the defendants from parading themselves out in the public as National president, secretary and treasurer of the National Groundnut Producers, Processors and Marketers Association of Nigeria respectively pending the hearing and motion on notice."

The suit was filed by Aimu Foni, Adeniyi Adebayo and Mohammed El-Manzur.



TRANSITION TO GLORY

With total submission to the will of God, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral IE Ibas on behalf of the officers, ratings and civilian staff of the Nigerian Navy commiserates with the Yusuf Family of Bar Arewa, Bogoro LGA, Bauchi State on the demise of their son, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and brother, SURGEON REAR ADMIRAL ABUBAKAR HARUNA YUSUF (rtd).



LATE SURGEON REAR ADMIRAL ABUBAKAR HARUNA YUSUF (rtd) GSS psc fwc FWACS
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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Tuesday, 26 January 2021** - Wake Keep at ECWA Church
34 Blantyre Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja
(4.00pm)
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- Wednesday, 27 January 2021** - Funeral Service at ECWA Church
34 Blantyre Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja
(10.00am)
- Interment follows immediately after the funeral service at the National Military Cemetery, Airport Road, Abuja

The ceremony can also be joined virtually through the Zoom Video Conferencing application using the login credential below:

Meeting ID: 847 5135 7656, **Password:** 714712

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

Director of Information
for Chief of the Naval Staff



CITY NEWS

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Respite for motorists as Dutsen Alhaji-Bwari road repairs resume

By Adam Umar

The resumption of construction work on the Dutsen-Alhaji-Bwari Road in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) has given motorists respite as they previously complained over its abandonment.

People who ply the road expressed satisfaction about

the ongoing expansion, saying the fast pace of work had brought relief to both motorists and commuters.

Yakubu Salihi, a filling station attendant, explained that all the inconveniences and the traffic jam caused by the delay on the project were now things of the past.

Salihi said, "We experienced a lot of

challenges, starting from dusty atmospheres to losing customers, as motorists were finding it difficult to come to our premises."

Gideon Joseph, a truck driver, commended the government's decision to include an old portion of the road which was pulled off recently.

Joseph said, "Initially, we

thought that the old portion would not be removed and rehabilitated, which could affect the quality of the project. But our fear is now being allayed with what we have seen."

The road, which is an alternative route for travellers to Kaduna through Jere Town, records high volume of traffic.



■ Asphalt overlay on the Dutsen Alhaji-Bwari Road is progressing fast

Photo: Adam Umar

Take COVID-19 2nd wave seriously, Nasarawa residents advised

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Chief Medical Director of the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital (DASH), Lafia, capital of Nasarawa State, Dr Ikrama Hassan, has called on the public to take the second wave of COVID-19 more seriously as it is proving to

be more virulent than the first wave.

Dr Ikrama who gave the advice in Lafia on Monday, urged residents of the state to take personal responsibility for their health by observing the universal preventive protocols, adding that Nasarawa had already recorded a high number of

COVID-19 cases following the second wave.

The CMD emphasised that the state government had fully equipped the hospital with all the necessary equipment for COVID-19 management, including ventilators, adding that the management of DASH had also retrained its staff and

that all necessary measures had been put in place to tackle the second wave.

He, however, lamented on the nonchalant attitude of the people towards the virus, saying, "It is very necessary at this time that individuals take personal responsibility of protecting themselves and others."

Fire destroys another Lagos market

From Eugene Agha, Lagos

A midnight fire has destroyed property worth millions of naira at the Agboju Market in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area of Lagos

State.

The incident which occurred in the wee hours of Sunday came barely 10 days after fire razed down a market at Ijesha.

Although no life was lost

in both incidences, many people sustained burns while trying to salvage their goods.

The cause of the recent fire could not be ascertained as at press time, but rescuers

from the state and federal fire services, as well as officials of the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) and the police, were on ground to rescue the situation.

Group urges action on hawking of knives, cutlasses

By Terkula Igidi

As part of measures to improve on the security of the country, a group, Equilibrium Initiative, has urged authorities to regulate hawking of cutlasses, knives, bows and arrows.

The Executive Director of the initiative, Senator Philip Gyunka, expressed concern that the proliferation of such weapons was responsible for the heightening insecurity in the country and therefore called for the

setting up of a market for the selling of such weapons.

Sen Gyunka said, "The sales of weapons such as machetes, knives, bows and arrows on our streets in the public glare of security personnel is not only worrisome but monstrously destructive.

"This is sequel to the fact that these weapons are often used to unleash terror on unsuspecting communities in a coordinated orchestration of carnage that often leave

in their trail bloodshed and the stygian gloom of war."

He noted that the Firearms Act 1959 LN prohibited the sales of arms and ammunition, including light weapons such as knives and matchetes, except for agricultural use with proper licensing.

He further said, "However, due to poor enforcement by security agencies such as the police, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and customs, these dangerous weapons

are being sold on our streets.

"Equilibrium Initiative is hereby calling on relevant security agencies to commence arrest and prosecution of those found selling, buying or carrying these dangerous weapons, particularly on the highways, and to ensure proper licensing for those who need them for agricultural use as they often find their way into unscrupulous hands who might deploy them for criminality."

QUICK READ

Ogun:

Road crashes killed 176, injured 990 in 2020

From Peter Moses, Abeokuta

The Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Corps (TRACE) in Ogun State has said 176 persons died and 990 sustained injuries in road accidents across the state in 2020.

TRACE spokesman, Babatunde Akinbiyi, disclosed this in a statement made available to newsmen in Abeokuta yesterday.

Akinbiyi explained that a total of 852 road traffic crashes (minor-186, serious-567, fatal-99) were recorded.

He explained that, "During the period, 3,021 people were involved in the various accidents, out of which 990 persons (695 males, 295 females) sustained various degrees of injury.

Osun:

Court remands 2 over theft

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

A magistrates' court in Osogbo, Osun State capital, on Monday, remanded a 30-year old man, Oyekanmi Abdulkadri, and a 33-year-old woman, Opeyemi Mustapha, for alleged stealing.

The accused who are facing a two-count charge of felony and theft are said to be staff of a plastic company.

The police prosecutor, Adeoye Kayode, told the court that the accused conspired and stole plastic items valued at N14,800,00 belonging to the company.

The accused pleaded not guilty and their counsel, B. Y Dauda, sought their bail.

Magistrate M.A Awodele remanded the accused and adjourned the case to February 9, 2021.

FCT:

Man drags wife to court over assault

An automobile mechanic, Salisu, on Monday, dragged his wife, Blessing, before a customary court in Jikwoyi, Abuja, for attempting to stab him with a knife.

In a petition, Salisu said: "I can't continue to live under the same roof with this woman."

He told the court that, "She is violent and...threatens to harm me with different weapons whenever we have a misunderstanding. I was forced to move out from my home to a friend's house because of her violent attitude."

He also alleged that his wife did not cook for him as the man of the house.

Blessing, who is a full-time housewife, denied all the allegations and told the court to dissolve the marriage.

The Judge, Jemilu Jega, adjourned the matter to January 26, 2021. (NAN)

CRIME

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Bookseller jailed for pirating Bible, other books

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Federal High Court, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, has sentenced a trader, Mr. Chinonso Ugochukwu, to one year imprisonment for pirating the Holy Bible and other books.

Ugochukwu was charged with a two-count charge bordering "on pirating, being in possession and offering for sale, 578 copies of various literary works including the Holy Bible (Revised Standard Version)."

The offence contravenes Section 20(2)(c) of the Copyright Act, Cap C28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and attracts one year imprisonment.

Martins Umoh, a staff of Nigeria Copyright Commission (NCC), as the prosecuting witness, told the court presided over by Justice F. O. Riman that the commission received complaints from copyright owners including the Bible Society of Nigeria alleging that their literary works were being pirated. As a result,

they embarked on a search in several local government areas of the state. He said it was during the search that several copies of pirated literary works were found in Ugochukwu's shop located at No 17 Grace Bill Road, Eket.

Also testifying during the trial, a staff of the Bible Society of Nigeria, Oluwafemi Akindele, told the court that his office translates the Holy Bible, typesets it and sourced for funds to publish it.

He said they observed that while

the products were everywhere in the market, it never reflected in its official Bible distribution figures.

According to him, that was when they observed that most of the products in the market were pirated copies and made formal complaint to NCC which led to the arrest, prosecution and conviction of Ugochukwu.

The judge also gave the convict an option of N30,000 fine and to compulsorily forfeit the recovered materials to the federal government.

Court remands man, 23, for stabbing co-tenant

From Hameed Oyegbade, Osogbo

An Osogbo Magistrate Court on Monday remanded a 23-year-old man, Okunola Sodiq, in a correctional centre for allegedly stabbing his co-tenant, Dauda Abdulgafar.

The prosecutor, Olayiwola Razza, told the court that Sodiq deliberately used a knife to inflict deep cut on the victim's left hand, adding that Dauda is currently receiving treatment in hospital.

He told the court that Sodiq and the victim are tenants in the same house and that the victim suspected Dauda of stealing some properties and

reported to their landlord.

The prosecutor said the offence was committed on January 24, 2021 at Zone D2 Fiwasaye community Osogbo.

He said the offence was contrary to and punishable under Section 335 of the Criminal Code cap 34 Vol. 2 Laws of Osun State of Nigeria 2002.

Defence counsel Okobe Najite urged the court to grant his client bail, promising that he would stand his trial.

Magistrate Ishola Omishade ordered the accused to be remanded at the Ilesa Correctional Centre and adjourned the case till February 3, 2021.

Bizman in court for swindling client of N900,000

A 46-year-old businessman, Peter Madu, who allegedly swindled his client of N900,000, on Monday appeared in a Wuse Zone 6 Magistrate Court, Abuja.

The police charged Madu, who resides in Wuse Zone 5 Abuja, with criminal breach of trust and cheating.

The prosecution counsel, ASP Peter Ejike, told the court that the complainant, Ifeanyi Araraume, who resides in Wuse Zone II, reported the matter at the Maitama Police Station on January 19.

The prosecutor alleged that in February 2020, Araraume bought some sanitary items from the defendant, which were delivered at Suite 6, Ambari Shopping Complex.

Ejike alleged that the complainant later discovered that the items delivered in his shop, were not those he ordered from the defendant.

He said the complainant returned the items to the defendant and pleaded with

him to deliver the correct items or refund his money.

The prosecutor told the court that the defendant switched off his phone and all efforts by the complainant to get a refund failed.

The offence, he said, contravened the provisions of sections 321 and 322 of the Penal Code Law.

The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The magistrate, Ibrahim Muhammed, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N1 million with one surety in like sum.

Muhammed ordered that the surety must be a civil servant on Grade level 14 or above.

He ordered that the surety must deposit a copy of his employment letter and last promotion letter with a valid means of identification, to be verified by the court registrar.

The magistrate adjourned the case until March 11, for hearing. (NAN)



■ The Rachel's Orphanage Home Naharati, Abaji Area Council, FCT under lock after kidnappers invaded the home and abducted seven orphans and a security guard on Sunday morning

Photo:
Abubakar
Sadiq Isah

Kidnappers of orphans, 3 others in Abaji demand N30m ransom

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

The kidnappers of seven orphans and a security guard at the Rachel's Orphanage Home, and three others in Naharati, Abaji Area Council, FCT, have demanded N30 million ransom.

Daily Trust reported that the kidnappers had on Saturday, at about 1.am invaded the orphanage and abducted seven orphans, including a security guard of the home along side three others in the area.

Our reporter gathered that the kidnappers are demanding N10 million for the seven orphans and the security

guard, and N10 million each for a kidnapped couple and another woman.

A source at the orphanage, who preferred anonymity, said the kidnappers made phone calls on Sunday and Monday and made the demands.

He said the management told them it has no such money, adding that the feeding and clothing of the orphans was through the support of corporate organisations and NGOs.

He added that "They even threatened to kill the children if we fail to raise the N10 million ransom, but we still let them know that those children have

no mother and father."

He said the management has informed security agents of the incident.

He further disclosed that the remaining orphans at the orphanage had been evacuated back to Abuja, which he said was based on security advice.

A relative of one of the hostages, also disclosed that the kidnappers are demanding N10 million before the couple would be freed.

The spokesperson of the FCT police command, ASP Maryam Yusuf, who asked our reporter to send her message, was yet to confirm the ransom claims at press time.

Residents panic as cultists' clash claims 2 in Lagos suburbs

From Eugene Agha Lagos

Residents of Aguda, Ijesha, Itire and Adetola areas of Surulere, Lagos, are panicking over attacks and counter-attacks by members of rival cult gangs, Aiye and Eiye confraternities.

At least two persons are feared killed and many others injured when renewed hostility among the rival cult groups ensued.

Anti-riot policemen have been drafted to the area to ensure normalcy is restored.

But while the police were patrolling major streets, the cultists engaged in a gun battle along the canal between Ijesha and Adetola areas.

The renewed battle started over the killing of the leader of one of the gangs identified as Munero, who the police described as a serial killer.

It was learnt that Munero was killed on Sunday by a rival gang that had been stalking him.

Muyiwa Adejobi, Lagos State PPRO, confirmed the arrest of 12

suspects in connection with a clash between youths in Aguda, Surulere on January 24, 2021.

He said the incident claimed the life of one Munero, who he said, was a serial killer in the area.

He said: "We have restored normalcy to the area as the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Hakeem Odumosu, has deployed additional men under the supervision of the Area C Commander Surulere, ACP Fatai Tijani. Arms were recovered from the suspects."



INSIDE POLITICS

PoliQuote

We cannot restructure in isolation without tackling the challenges that polarise our nation. These include nepotism, ethnicity and religious differences as well as lack of patriotism – **Former president Goodluck Ebele Jonathan**

Dogara floating as APC, PDP 'disown' ex-speaker

By Balarabe Alkassim & John Chuks Azu

Since the defection of former Speaker of the House of Representatives Yakubu Dogara in July last year, there has been an uneasy calm in both the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the All Progressives Congress (APC) which he re-joined.

This stems from the circumstances leading to his leaving the PDP and re-joining APC.

Recent happenings regarding his membership of the two parties have sparked speculations as his status remains shadowy.

Although his defection was confirmed by the acting APC chairman, Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State, after their visit to President Muhammadu Buhari, Dogara's defection was not announced on the floor of the House as it was done for other members who joined APC from APGA, PDP and other parties recently.

It could be recalled that the former speaker, who is representing Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa federal

constituency of Bauchi State, left APC for PDP before the 2019 general elections.

Dogara, who was at the forefront of the fight to dislodge APC, left the party over the irreconcilable differences with the then Bauchi state governor Mohammed Abdullahi Abubakar.

The political war between the duo and others brought in the Senator Bala Mohammed-led PDP administration in the state.

However, the former speaker also fell out with the governor over some political differences forcing him to re-join APC.

At a court sitting to hear a suit filed against Dogara and four others by the PDP in Abuja, APC while making a submission in a counter-affidavit, stated that Dogara's name was not in its register.

Days after, the Bauchi State chapter of PDP also declared that Dogara was no longer its member.

The Publicity Secretary of PDP, Yayanuwa Zainabari, who addressed newsmen, Thursday, at the party secretariat, said Dogara was on his own.

The House of



■ Dogara

Representatives has also maintained sealed lips on the defection of Dogara as the letter of the former speaker announcing his defection had not been read on the floor of the parliament.

Similarly, the former speaker has kept silent on the issue. He has also not been very active in the activities of the House since he left the speaker's seat.

In an interview with our reporter via telephone, an APC official in Bogoro said he was not sure the former speaker had been issued the APC membership card at his

unit.

But a state official of the party confirmed Dogara's membership of the party, dismissing doubt on the status of the former speaker's defection from the PDP.

Speaking, Abdulhamid Mohammed Esq, said based on the provision of section 68 (g) of the Constitution, 1999, a member of the House of Representatives, who before the expiration of their tenure decamp to another political party, would be made to vacate their seat.

"If APC is now coming to court to say that they don't have record of him being their member, it means that from all intents and purposes, their case may not likely succeed. If the other party that has filed a suit cannot prove either by document or any register to show that Dogara has become a member of the APC, then it means they may not likely succeed with their case," he said.

For now, only an official disclosure and explanation by the parties involved, as well as the determination of the suit in court, will solve the raging controversy on Dogara's defection.

2023: Wike's campaign poster spotted in Abuja

By Faruk Shuaibu (Abuja) & Victor Edozie (Port Harcourt)

Ahead of the 2023 elections, posters of Governor of Rivers State Nyesom Wike were yesterday spotted on some streets in Abuja.

The poster, which urged support for Wike as the next president of Nigeria come 2023, carried the logo of PDP.

Wike, a PDP stalwart, is rumoured to have interest in the 2023 presidential poll as vice president.

"Rescue Nigeria 2023 from insecurity, poverty, bandit and killings," was boldly written on the poster with the picture of Wike donning a kaftan.

Further checks showed the poster was sponsored by one Comrade Jingiri Bala Mato, National President, Rescue Nigeria Movement.

Reacting, the Rivers State government said the posters were printed by mischief makers, saying the governor is presently preoccupied with his mission to make the state a better place and destination of choice.

The state commissioner for Information and Communication, Paulinus Nsirim, said the governor has not informed anyone that he is interested in the presidency of the country.

I'm not nursing presidential ambition – Ortom

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has no ambition to contest the 2023 presidential election, his Chief Press Secretary, Terver Akase, has said.

Akase's reaction followed calls by supporters and interest groups, some of whom have taken to the social media, calling on the governor to join the 2023 presidential race.

"The governor, however, wishes to state that his preoccupation at the moment is delivering good governance to the people of Benue State.

"Governor Ortom still has two and half years to complete his mandate as governor and is committed to greater service of the state," Akase stated.

Nigeria needs to restructure to avoid failed state prophecies – Atiku

By Saawua Terzungwe

A former vice president, Atiku Abubakar, has said Nigeria must restructure to have peace.

Atiku, in a statement on Monday issued by his media office, said Nigeria needs peace, unity and prosperity, but argued that they are dependent on the country having social justice.

He said without justice, there cannot be cohesiveness in a multi-ethnic and multi-religious nation like Nigeria, adding that the

country must be restructured.

He said Nigeria is not a failed state, but argued that it was at the risk of becoming one of the political stakeholders did not resolve the foundational challenges that made it difficult for the central government to discharge its responsibilities effectively.

"The current ethnic and religious clashes bedeviling Nigeria are symptoms of the disease. They themselves are not the illness. We must address the root causes of the various

symptoms of insecurity Nigeria now faces.

"It has been said by many behavioural scientists that 'the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.'

"We have been operating from the same unitary foundation, and have given it several names since January 15, 1966. Other than slight name changes, the mould has remained the same and the yield has changed only a little," Atiku said.

Fayose's ally Aluko dumps PDP for APC

From Raphael Ogbonaiye, Ado-Ekiti

A former state secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ekiti State and a strong ally of ex-governor Ayodele Fayose, Dr Tope Aluko, has defected to the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC).

Aluko was formally received into the party by the APC state

chairman, Paul Omotoso, at Ward B Secretariat, in Iyin Ekiti, Irepodun/Ifelodun LGA of the state.

Addressing party leaders, Aluko said: "If you are from Iyin Ekiti, you will know that Governor Kayode Fayemi really favoured us in elective and appointive positions, so I am coming to add value to

this party. I am not here to cause trouble.

"They have given me the guidelines and I am ready to abide by it in the interest of discipline in our party."

Aluko said his defection won't strain his relationship with Fayose, whom he described as a mentor, brother and friend.

Why N/Assembly can't be passive now – Senator Ohuabunwa

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

Members of the National Assembly must rise to their constitutional responsibilities and put the executive arm of government

on its toes in addressing the rising insecurity in the country, Senator Mao Ohuabunwa, who represented Abia North in the eighth Senate, has said.

Ohuabunwa, also a former

speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament, stated this while speaking with newsmen in Umuahia. He said the current National Assembly was too quiet and needed to sit up.

"I'm angry with the current

National Assembly. I have been at both chambers, so I'm in a better position to say what I'm saying. It's very unfortunate today that things are falling apart and you are not even hearing them.

'El-Rufai's c'ttee report on true federalism will end inter-ethnic crises'

By Saawua Terzungwe

Director-General of the Progressive Governors Forum (PGF), Alhaji Salihu Mohammed Lukman, has asked the All Progressives Congress (APC)-led government to implement the Governor Nasir el-Rufai's Committee report on true federalism.

The el-Rufai committee was set up in August 2017 to formulate the position of the APC on true federalism which clamour gained currency over the years. The committee initially had 10 members but was later expanded to 23 members.

Lukman in a statement on Monday, titled 'Ethnic and Religious Hatred and the Deceitful Campaigns in Nigeria', argued that the implementation of the report would reposition Nigeria and end the current inter-ethnic crisis between the Yoruba and Fulani herders in the South West and ethnic clashes in other parts of the country.

BUSINESS

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NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET CAP ▶ N21,494,094TR (0.21%) ↑ ALL SHARE INDEX ▶ 41,088.96POINTS (0.21%) ↑ MARKET TURNOVER ▶ 333,096,795BN SHARES

Monday, January 25, 2021

 OIL AND GAS 271.98 -0.80%	 BANKING 412.41 0.49%	 CONSUMER GOODS 601.55 -0.72%	 INSURANCE 240.40 -0.58%	 INDUSTRIAL 2,062.73 0.54%
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NSE GENERAL INDEX					
COMPANY NAME	MARKET(NM)	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
BANKING					
ACCESS BANK PLC	327,016.08	9.20	0.55	220	9,942,318
UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA PLC	299,244.94	8.75	0.57	232	16,672,450
ZENITH BANK PLC	832,007.09	26.50	-0.57	423	15,871,012
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS					
FBN HOLDINGS PLC	265,625.17	7.40	0.68	183	7,366,421
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
MTN NIGERIA COMMUNICATIONS PLC	3,460,267.22	170.00	-	120	242,513
BUILDING MATERIALS					
DANGOTE CEMENT PLC	4,021,559.75	236.00	0.85	94	954,707
LAFARGE AFRICA PLC	476,956.58	26.50	1.92	194	4,506,266
BERGER PAINTS PLC	2,333.08	8.05	-	5	3,611
BUA CEMENT PLC	2,675,283.97	79.00	-	38	242,233
CAP PLC	14,350.00	20.50	-	18	48,505
MEYER PLC	265.62	0.50	-	2	17,259
PORTLAND PAINTS & PRODUCTS NIGERIA PLC	2,300.91	2.90	-	7	575,216
PREMIER PAINTS PLC	1,156.20	9.40	-	0	0
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION					
SEPLAT PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	317,760.06	540.00	-	29	6,585
WASTE MANAGEMENT					
THE INITIATES PLC	462.79	0.52	-	0	0
AGRICULTURE					
FTN COCOA PROCESSORS PLC	1,320.00	0.60	-3.33	34	4,688,470
OKOMU OIL PALM PLC	88,713.63	93.00	-	23	65,279
PRESCO PLC	74,500.00	74.50	-	19	171,814
ELLAH LAKES PLC	8,500.00	4.25	-	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEEDS PLC	7,380.00	2.46	-2.38	135	7,183,354
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES					
JOHN HOLT PLC	194.58	0.50	-	3	44,851
S O A NIG. PLC	1,903.99	2.93	-	0	0
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATION OF NIGERIA PLC	43,899.83	1.08	-5.26	220	48,997,773
U A C N. PLC	23,626.63	8.20	-1.20	125	9,140,735
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION					
ARBICO PLC	152.96	1.03	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE/HEAVY CONSTRUCTION					
JULIUS BERGER NIG. PLC	30,888.00	19.50	3.17	58	1,070,091
ROADS NIG PLC	165.00	6.60	-	0	0
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT					
LUAN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC	13,919.98	0.75	5.33	64	3,992,984
AUTOMOBILES/AUTO PARTS					
DN TYRE & RUBBER PLC	954.53	0.20	-	0	0
BEVERAGES-BREWERS/DISTILLERS					
CHAMPION BREW. PLC	16,755.12	2.14	9.74	143	9,425,017
GOLDEN GUINEA BREW. PLC	829.98	0.81	-	0	0
GUINNESS NIG PLC	40,522.08	18.50	-	69	700,162
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC	165,470.34	6.16	-6.53	44	1,204,566
NIGERIAN BREW. PLC	487,811.03	61.00	-	48	188,113
DANGOTE SUGAR REFINERY PLC	242,937.56	20.00	-0.99	181	4,818,843
FLOUR MILLS NIG. PLC	131,212.15	32.00	1.25	101	3,972,700
HONEYWELL FLOUR MILL PLC	9,357.63	1.18	-6.35	52	1,756,597
MULTI-TREX INTEGRATED FOODS PLC	1,340.10	0.36	-	0	0
N NIG. FLOUR MILLS PLC	1,724.98	9.68	-	21	172,815
NASCON ALLIED INDUSTRIES PLC	42,920.90	16.20	-5.81	21	399,181
UNION DICON SALT PLC	2,993.06	10.95	-	0	0
CAOBBURY NIGERIA PLC	18,312.47	9.75	-	56	535,148
NESTLE NIGERIA PLC	1,192,947.66	1,505.00	-	46	24,911
HOUSEHOLD DURABLES					
NIGERIAN ENAMELWARE PLC	1,680.31	22.10	-	0	0
VITAFODAM NIG PLC	11,445.22	9.15	-0.54	37	926,561
PERSONAL/HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS					
P Z CUSONS NIGERIA PLC	22,234.67	5.60	-	35	520,714
UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC	75,834.07	13.20	-2.22	69	893,783
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ECOBANK TRANSNATIONAL INCORPORATED	120,189.56	6.55	0.77	67	3,433,562
FIDELITY BANK PLC	79,101.20	2.73	0.37	146	26,526,724
GUARANTY TRUST BANK PLC	974,172.03	33.10	0.15	283	7,218,637
JAZZ BANK PLC	19,151.76	0.65	-1.52	50	3,229,523
STERLING BANK PLC	57,580.84	2.00	-0.50	49	6,202,983
UNION BANK NIG. PLC	171,812.44	5.90	-	282	15,411,563
UNITY BANK PLC	8,416.32	0.72	-	32	599,442
WEMA BANK PLC	27,002.13	0.70	-1.41	29	1,497,281
INSURANCE CARRIERS, BROKERS AND SERVICES					
AFRICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	4,528.70	0.22	-	11	983,920
AICO INSURANCE PLC	25,634.85	1.24	-4.62	51	1,464,368
AXAMANSARD INSURANCE PLC	49,320.00	1.37	7.03	160	28,025,460
CONSOLIDATED HALLMARK INSURANCE PLC	3,960.67	0.37	-	9	411,750
CORNERSTONE INSURANCE PLC	13,079.80	0.72	-	3	74,500
CORONATION INSURANCE PLC	12,955.51	0.54	-8.47	31	1,353,863
GOLDLINK INSURANCE PLC	909.99	0.20	-	0	0
GUINEA INSURANCE PLC	1,228.00	0.20	-4.76	2	263,500
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSURANCE PLC	487.95	0.38	-	0	0
LASACO ASSURANCE PLC	3,222.31	0.44	-8.33	24	2,057,881
LINKAGE ASSURANCE PLC	9,000.00	0.90	-	1	7,000
MUTUAL BENEFITS ASSURANCE PLC	4,580.82	0.41	-8.89	23	8,765,822
NEM INSURANCE PLC	23,677.78	2.36	-2.88	15	384,216
NIGER INSURANCE PLC	2,089.66	0.27	-	8	88,402
PRESTIGE ASSURANCE PLC	6,626.28	0.57	-	3	12,240
REGENCY ASSURANCE PLC	2,334.06	0.35	-7.89	1	400,000
SOVEREIGN TRUST INSURANCE PLC	3,409.34	0.30	-9.09	14	1,604,433
STACO INSURANCE PLC	4,483.72	0.48	-	0	0
STANDARD ALLIANCE INSURANCE PLC	2,582.21	0.20	-	0	0
SUNU ASSURANCE NIGERIA PLC	2,520.00	0.90	-	0	0
UNIC DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS PLC	516.46	0.20	-	0	0
UNIVERSAL INSURANCE PLC	3,360.00	0.21	-8.70	31	5,955,803
VERITAS CAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC	3,882.67	0.28	-	6	204,130
MICRO-FINANCE BANKS					
NFI MICROFINANCE BANK PLC	4,024.48	1.76	-3.83	30	2,236,772
ABBEY MORTGAGE BANK PLC	6,784.62	1.05	-	0	0
ASD SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	7,370.87	0.50	-	0	0
INFINITY TRUST MORTGAGE BANK PLC	5,671.82	1.36	-	0	0
RESORT SAVINGS & LOANS PLC	2,265.95	0.20	-	0	0
UNION HOMES SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC	2,949.22	3.02	-	0	0
AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC	14,260.00	7.13	0.42	45	1,058,937
TESTODIAN INVESTMENT PLC	35,291.19	6.00	-	46	5,342,691
DEAP CAPITAL MANAGEMENT & TRUST PLC	300.00	0.20	-	3	3,004
FCMB GROUP PLC	65,150.92	3.29	-1.23	74	8,863,222
ROYAL EXCHANGE PLC	1,852.33	0.36	-10.00	8	482,514
STANBIC IBTC HOLDINGS PLC	488,663.89	44.00	-	29	232,481
UNITED CAPITAL PLC	32,400.00	5.40	-0.92	146	5,958,513
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS					
EKDCORP PLC	2,991.61	6.00	-	0	0
UNION DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL SERVICES PLC	1,065.94	0.30	-	5	341,126
MEDICAL SUPPLIES					
MORISON INDUSTRIES PLC	494.58	0.50	-	0	0
PHARMACEUTICALS					
EVANS MEDICAL PLC	366.17	0.50	-	0	0
FIDSON HEALTHCARE PLC	9,701.58	4.65	-	15	80,888
GLAXO SMITHKLINE CONSUMER NIG. PLC	8,371.14	7.00	-	25	372,339
MAY & BAKER NIGERIA PLC	6,181.19	4.01	9.86	78	3,490,766
NEMETH INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	3,760.33	1.98	-	18	366,682
NIGERIA-GERMAN CHEMICALS PLC	556.71	3.62	-	0	0
PHARMA-DEKO PLC	325.23	1.50	-	0	0
COMPUTER BASED SYSTEMS					
COURTVILLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PLC	781.44	0.22	-4.55	16	7,665,247
COMPUTERS AND PERIPHERALS					
OMATEK VENTURES PLC	588.36	0.20	-	3	5,438
IT SERVICES					
CWG PLC	6,413.06	2.54	-	0	0
NCR (NIGERIA) PLC	336.96	3.12	-	5	90,626
TRIPPLE GEE AND COMPANY PLC	371.22	0.75	-	1	1,500
CHAMS PLC	1,174.02	0.25	-	20	2,506,238
E-TRANZACT INTERNATIONAL PLC	9,786.00	2.33	-	1	300
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES					
AIRTEL AFRICA PLC	3,213,219.54	855.00	0.38	31	335,905
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS					
AUSTIN LAZ & COMPANY PLC	2,192.12	2.03	-	0	0

COMMODITIES PRICE	PRICE	CHANGE	TRADES	VOLUME
CRUDE OIL (BRENT)	\$50.87	-	-	-
NATURAL GAS	\$2.63	-	-	-
COPPER	\$7,764.50	-	-	-
GOLD	\$1,877.59	-	-	-
SILVER	\$25.77	-	-	-
SUGAR	\$0.15	-	-	-
COCOA	\$1,710.0	-	-	-
LIVE CATTLE	\$1.12	-	-	-
COTTON	\$0.76	-	-	-

GAINERS

AIRTELAFRI	3.2	0.38%
DANGCEM	2	0.85%
MRS	1.1	9.82%
JBERGER	0.6	3.17%

LOSERS

ARDOVA	-2	-9.78%
NASCON	-1	-5.81%
CILEASING	-0.57	-10.00%
INTBREW	-0.43	-6.53%

Ortom's ADC, physician, others test positive for COVID-19

From Hope Abah Emmanuel, Makurdi

Some aides of Benue State Governor Samuel Ortom, including his aide-de-camp, personal physician and orderly, have tested positive for COVID-19.

Chief Press Secretary to the governor, Terver Akase, made this known on Monday while reacting to a media report alleging that Ortom's absence had paralysed government activities in the state.

"As we earlier clarified, government activities have not been paralysed in Benue State. We earlier stated that following the COVID-19 status of some of the governor's close aides, including his personal physician, his aide de camp and orderly, he had to go into self-isolation as

the protocol on prevention of the virus demands," he stated.

Our correspondent reports that the deputy governor, Engr Benson Abounu, on January 10, 2021, while representing his boss at the armed forces remembrance interdenominational service in Makurdi, noted that the governor went into isolation because some of his aides tested positive for the coronavirus.

It was gathered that Ortom remained in isolation since then because more of his closest aides had contracted the disease.

Abounu has since the beginning of the year represented the governor at most public functions while Ortom himself held several virtual meetings with different groups.

The governor's spokesman, in dismissing the report that his

principal had been absent from duties, insisted that many other government engagements have taken place in the last few weeks and all offices, including that of the governor, have been carrying out full operations.

"Governor Ortom has been on a working isolation because he tested negative for COVID-19. He employs virtual means - WhatsApp, telephone calls - and when necessary, holds meetings by observing physical distancing to conduct government business. He does these to protect himself and others.

"No one has immunity for coronavirus and the pandemic can infect anyone. It is therefore advisable that those playing politics and whipping other sentiments desist from such acts," Akase said.



■ From left: Chairman of Sokoto State Scholarship Board, Altine Shehu Kajiji; Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal of Sokoto State with his Jigawa State counterpart, Muhammad Badaru Abubakar and Emir of Dutse, Alhaji Nuhu Muhammad Sanusi when Gov. Tambuwal commissioned intra-city roads in Dutse, Jigawa State weekend

Ikpeazu fulfils scholarship promise to 15-year-old scavenger

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

Abia State Governor Okezie Ikpeazu has fulfilled his promise to Chibuike Ibekwe, the 15-year-old scavenger at Ariaria market whose video went viral.

He made the promise at his country-home in Umuobikwa, where he said he would fund his secondary education.

The governor, represented by the Special Adviser on Media, Mr. Enyinnaya Appolos, handed over his school fees to the Chairman of Ariaria International Market, Elder Emeke Igara and Mr. Chibuike Okebugwu in the company of his mother, Mrs. Chika Ibekwe, and others, to

register him at Living Word Academy, Aba.

Recall that the Chibuike, dropped out of school and resorted to scavenging at Ariaria International Market, Aba, to assist his poor mother, Mrs Chika Ibekwe.

Luck smiled on him when one Mrs Goodness Uzoukwu, a trader in Ariaria, who deals in shoes and other wears, gave him a bag containing brand new shoes to dispose of, thinking it was trash.

When Chibuike got to where he disposed waste and discovered that the contents of the bag given to him by Mrs Uzoukwu was not waste but brand new shoes, he brought them back to her, refusing to listen to those who

wanted to buy them from him.

Getting to Mrs Uzoukwu's shop, she was happy and rewarded him. She then made a video of the honest Chibuike as she thanked him for returning her goods, which she posted on her Facebook page and it, in turn, went viral.

When the attention of Governor Ikpeazu was brought to the video, he sent for Chibuike for a meeting with him saying that such honesty as displayed by the boy is what society needs.

Mr. Chibuike Okebugwu, a trader in Ariaria and one of the leaders at the market, was contacted and he went in search of Chibuike Ibekwe, the young scavenger, found him and

10,000 households to share FG's N93.5m SIP in Abia

From Linus Effiong, Umuahia

The federal government has released the sum of N93.47m for disbursement to benefiting households in Abia State through the Abia State Cash Transfer Unit of the Social Investment Programme (SIP) of the federal government.

This development was made known in Umuahia by Mr Godwin Okeagu of the SIP Office Umuahia in a press statement.

He explained that the disbursement would start

from one local government in the state, adding that about N540 million was paid in 2020 to the same households.

The SIP office commended the federal government for the investment programme, thanking "Mr President for sustaining this programme that has improved the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable members of the society," and extolling Governor Okezie Ikpeazu for providing the structures to implement the initiative in the state smoothly.

The release said over N800 million was being injected into Abia State economy monthly by the federal government through the National SIP.

Meanwhile, arrangements have been concluded to ensure that all 17 LGAs in the state fully benefit from the programme as confirmed by Mr Chinenye Nwaogu, SIP's focal person in the state.

The statement further described Abia State SIP office, led by Mr Okeziem Nwoko, as one of the most efficiently in the country.

Woman arrested for selling her day-old-baby to pastor in Ondo

From Bola Ojuola, Akure

A 22-year-old woman, Seun Oladayo, has been arrested by Amotekun corps in Ondo West Local Government Area of Ondo State for selling her day-old-baby girl for N10,000 to a pastor.

Oladayo, who hails from Abejaye in Ondo City, confessed that she sold the baby because she could not cater for it since the father left her the day she told him she was pregnant.

According to her, she got pregnant for one Tope who initially promised to open a shop for her but later disappeared after she told him she was pregnant.

She said things have been difficult for her even during the pregnancy, adding that she

asked the pastor to take the baby away and bring N10,000 because she did not know how she will take care of the baby.

The pastor, identified as Olawale, however, reported the matter to Amotekun operatives in Ondo.

Sources said the pastor paid the woman N10,000 out of which she said she will pay a doctor N5,000.

It said the woman handed over the child in a sack with the placenta.

It was learnt that the woman had been handed over to the police in Ondo town.

Contacted, spokesman for the state police command, Tee-Leo Ikoru, said he had not gotten details of the report, saying he would get back to our reporter when he did.

EFCC re-arraigns George Turnah, others for N2.9bn fraud

From Eugene Agha Lagos

The Port Harcourt Zonal Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on January 22, 2021, re-arraigned George Turnah, a former Special Adviser to Dan Abia, erstwhile managing director of Niger Delta Commission (NDDC) and two others alongside nine companies, before Justice Mohammed Turaki of the Federal High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The defendants were re-arraigned on amended 23 count charges bordering on obtaining money by false pretence, money laundering and abuse of office to the tune of N2,894,500,000.

A statement by the commission's Head of Media and Publicity, Wilson Uwujaren, named the co-defendants with Turnah as Ebis Orubebe and Uzorgor Silas Chidiebere.

They were arraigned alongside El-Godams Global Services Ltd., Turnoil and Gas Nigeria Ltd., Kolo Creek Petroleum Development Ltd., Celtic Pride Consult and

Events Ltd., Yenagoa Mall Ltd., the Incorporated Trustees of Concerned Niger Delta Initiative., Akara Boro Marine Services Ltd., Sugarland Integrated Farms Nig. Ltd and Geohan Telecommunications Nig. Ltd.

They pleaded not guilty to the charges when they were read to them. The prosecution counsel, I. Agwu, adopted the subsisting evidence on record, praying the court that "We shall not be calling any other witness or any other prosecution witness who earlier testified before this court".

Defence counsel, Professor Amuda Kaneke, SAN, prayed that the bail granted the defendants be maintained. He also prayed the court for an adjournment to enable him to study the amended charge and further proceed with his defence.

The prayers were not opposed by the prosecution.

Justice Turaki granted that the defendants continue in their existing bail and adjourned the matter till March 15, 16 and 17, 2021 for continuation of trial.

NIN enrolment: NIMC arrests illegal agents in Kano

From Zahradeen Yakubu Shuaibu, Kano

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has arrested some illegal National Identification Number (NIN) registration centre operators in Kano.

The arrest was made last week at the centres with the support of its legal team during an exercise to trace areas where illegal NIMC activities are going on.

NIMC gave the information on its official Twitter handle, explaining that NIMC documents were recovered at the business centres during the exercise.

"We have arrested some illegal operators of NIMC activities at some business centres in Kano metropolis. For three

days we went round Kano and we successfully arrested some illegal NIN enrolment agents, who pretend to be licensed NIN enrolment agents and deceived some Nigerians to illegally enrol them into the NIMC database."

It listed the documents found in the centres to include NIMC's original NIN slips, fake NIMC plastics identity cards and other vital documents that were not supposed to be under the custody of non-NIMC staff.

It added that those arrested have been handed over to the police and investigation has commenced, and they would be charged to court for prosecution.

NIMC had warned Nigerians not to register with agents that are not duly licensed by NIMC.

585 killed, 180 injured in 600 crashes in 1 month - FRSC

By Maureen Onochie

The Federal Road Safety Corps yesterday said its 'Operation Eagle Eye Campaign' recorded 585 deaths and 180 injuries in about 600 crashes across the nation between December 15, 2020 and January, 15, 2021.

FRSC Corps Marshal, Boboye Oyeyemi, disclosed this in Abuja yesterday during the action review of '2020 Operation Eagle Eye', organized by the National Emergency Management Agency.

Oyeyemi, represented by Assistant Corps Marshal Hyginus Omeje, blamed over-speeding and overloading by motorist as major causes of the crashes.

He said the Corps would continue to ensure that the roads were safer and free of crashes.

NEMA Director-General, Muhammadu Muhammed, said the agency recorded 53 road emergencies in 84 routes in December 2020.

Represented by the Director, Search and Rescue of the agency, Air Commodore

Edward Kolawole Adedokun, he said: "These unfortunate incidents on our roads once again bring to the fore the need for road users to be careful at all times and adhere to all safety measures."

He said: "The 2020 campaign provided a platform for awareness creation, sensitization of road users and effective response to road emergencies. NEMA deployed 48 specialized vehicles including the Mobile Intensive Care Ambulances, 431 personnel and volunteers for the operation nationwide."

FG approves recruitment of 30,000 agric graduates for NALDA

By Vincent A. Yusuf

The Federal Government has given approval to the National Agricultural and Land Development Agency (NALDA) to employ over 30,000 agricultural and other science graduates to handle soil test and other responsibilities for the agency.

NALDA Executive Secretary, Paul Ikonne, disclosed this in Abuja yesterday while briefing journalists on the activities of the agency.

Ikonne said the recruited

graduates would be trained on how to collect soil samples, conduct soil test and also render extension services to farmers under the National Young Farmers Scheme launched by President Muhammadu Buhari and implemented by the agency.

He said findings had shown that many farmers did not have understanding of the nutrients requirement of their soil thereby limiting their productivity.

He said the president had mandated the agency to make sure that the soil begins to yield maximum output for farmers.

Firm launches new estate

By John Chuks Azu

An estate development company, Neelds Realty, has announced the opening of its new estate, a collection of eight contemporary houses in Abuja. Its Chief Executive Officer, Abubakar Muhammad, in a statement yesterday, said the new estate, known as Neelds Place 1, is located at Katampe Extension in Abuja. "When we envisioned Neelds Place 1, we considered the families who are looking for that perfect combination of exceptional living experience, stress-free commute, and a community that shares its values," Muhammad said.

"Utilizing state of the art sustainable technology and carefully selected finishes, the

houses are set within a private, considerably landscaped, gated area. "All houses benefit from designated parking spaces and private villas. The eight freehold homes have been designed to provide a definite inside/outside feel, with the ground floor living spaces opening onto private patios. The floor plans vary but all homes have 5 bedrooms en-suite and 3 living areas."

"Residents of Neelds Place 1 can look forward to uninterrupted power supply, state-of-the-art security systems across the grounds, smart access main gate, fiber-optic compatible infrastructure, as well as the very best facility management team committed to maintaining the look, feel and function of your new community."

FG seeks new action plan against human trafficking

By Olayemi John-Mensah

The National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons yesterday in Abuja opened a three-day workshop to develop a new national action plan against human trafficking.

The workshop was organized with the support of the United Nations Office on Drugs and

Crime. The new national action plan against human trafficking is expected to be used from 2021 to 2025. NAPITIP Director-General, Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, assured that the agency would end human trafficking in Nigeria.

Imaan, represented by Director, Training and Manpower Development of the agency, Olubiye Olusayo, said

the workshop was to make some consultation in the development of the new national action plan.

She said this was in continuation of the first phase which was held between November 23 and 25, 2020.

She said the new plan was aimed at expanding and enriching the draft document of action against human trafficking.

Buhari mourns Alfa Wali

By Muideen Olaniyi

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday commiserated with the Wali family of Kano State over the death of a former Minister of Agriculture, Alhaji Alfa Wali.

Buhari, in a statement by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, expressed sadness over the

demise of who he called "an illustrious son".

The president, who also condoled with the government and people of Kano State, said the former minister will be sorely missed by his community and the entire country.

He recalled that the deceased served the country

as a permanent secretary in many ministries, including the Ministry of Defence.

Buhari, who urged comfort in the legacy of kindness, love and dedication to God, and country that he left behind, prayed that Almighty God remember his good works and grant his soul eternal rest.



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The Chairman and Management of A.U. AI Resources Ltd & Mazeeb General Enterprises Ltd. stands with Chairman of TAKAGRO Group, Mr Thomas Etuh as he remembers the demise of his darling wife Jennifer Ramatu Etuh, who departed this world one year ago .

We pray the Almighty will grant her a peaceful rest and comfort Mr Etuh and the Children as they remember her today.

We pray that they will find the strength to continue the good works that she left behind.

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MUHAMMAD: I formerly known as MUHAMMED ADAMU, now wish to be known as MUHAMMAD YUSUF ADAMU. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known and addressed as MUSAHU BISHIR now wish to be known and addresses as MISBAHU BISHIR, all former documents remain valid, All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR: I, formerly known and addressed as HADIZA AUWALU with date of birth 01/ 02/1975 now wish to be known and addressed as LAURE ABUBAKAR with date of birth 1/1/1978. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

DEBORAH: I, formerly known and addressed as DEBORAH AYUBA, now wish to be called and addressed as DEBORAH PETER. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

SIMI: I formerly known as MISS. SIMI DUNG, now wish to be known as MRS. JOHN SIMI. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

CHRIS: I, formerly known as UTUM UTUM GODSWILL, now wish to be known and addressed as CHRIS-HEAVEN GODSWILL UTUM. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

UKPASHI: I formerly known as IORAKA TERDUE ENOCH, now wish to be known as UKPASHI TERDUE ENOCH. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

ATIKA: I Formerly known and address as ZAINAB SAIDU. Now wish to be known and address as ATIKA UMAR. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

SABO: I, formerly known and addressed as SAMBO SULE as it appeared on my bank account and BVN with Union Bank Plc. now wish to be known and addressed as IDRIS SABO. All former documents remain valid. Union Bank Plc and the general public to take note.

ADAMS: I, formerly known and addressed as ABDULRAZAK ALIYU ADAM, now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMS ALIYU ADAMS, DOB is 29=12=1999. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

ELLISON: I formerly known as ELLISON RICHARD OKOGIE, now wish to be known as ELLISON OSAGHALA OKOGIE. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

WILSON: I, formerly known as OGUNLEYE WILSON TURDE, now wish to be known and addressed as OLULEYE WILSON OKIKIOLATUNDE. All former documents remain valid. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Ogun state and The General public should please take note.

ONIFADE: I formerly known as Ajiri patience OBOGO, now wish to be known as Onifade oluwatosin Ajiri PATIENCE OBOGO. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as MARYAM OZIOMA USMAN now wish to be known as a MARYAM TAKUTI USMAN. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

NWOKOBIA: I, formerly known and addressed as NNEKA LESLEY ATUGBOKOH now wish to be known and addressed as NNEKA LESLEY NWOKOBIA. All former documents remain valid. Medical and dental council of Nigeria and the general public to take note.

ADDITION OF NAME UKASHA: I, formerly known and addressed as UKASHA ALIYU, now wish to be called and addressed as UKASHA BAZAI ALIYU. All former documents remain valid, constituted authorities and the general public should please take note.

SAMIR: I formerly known as AHMAD HAFIZU now wish to be called and addressed as SAMIR AHMAD BAFFA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

Sampson: I, formerly known as Sampson Maris Maria, now wish to be known and addressed as Sampson Maria Ovat. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

HIVIRDAM: I formerly known as Sunday Jasibda Mamza, but now wishes to be known and addressed as Mamza Hivirdam. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I formerly called as HAUWA ISA ADAMU, now wish to be known and called as AMINA ABUBAKAR ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

OKORO: I formerly known and addressed as. OKORO DEBORAH. Now wish to be known and addressed as. OKORO DEBORAH OSAS. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

This is to inform the general public that my name was wrongly captured as MUSA UBAIDULLAHI SHEHU on my SSC NECO 2019 with Examination Number 18861650JH. That my correct name is MUSA UBAIDULLAHI. All authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.

IDRIS: I formerly known as YAHYA MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as IDRIS ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RUTH: I, formerly known as RUTH EBERECHUKWU NWAKUBA, now wish to be known and addressed as RUTH EBERECHUKWU CHIWEIKE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

TAIWO: I formerly known as ORIOWO COMFORT TOLULOPE, now wish to be known as TAIWO COMFORT SESI. All former documents remain valid, authority concerned and general public should take note.

I formerly known as YAKUBU MUHAMMED now wishes to be known and addressed as YAKUBU RABIU DOB 24 10 1992 ALL former documents remain valid. General public to take note

AWA: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS AUDU AWA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS MAMUDU AWA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

DAVID: I formerly known and addressed as ANYIMAN DAVID, but now wish to be called And Addressed as DAVID ANYIMAN FRIDAY. All former documents remain valid. The UBA, FCMB PLC and the General Public Should take note.

ALKASIM: I formerly known as SALISU YUSUF 01-01-1992 now wish to be called and addressed as ALKASIM MUHAMMAD SALISU 01-01-1988. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

LAMIDI: I, formerly known as AHMED ISA ADETUNJI, now wish to be known and addressed as LAMIDI ISA AHMED. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SALOMI: I' formerly known and called SALOMI BENJAMIN, now wish to be known and called SALOMI ATIKU JINGI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and authorities concern please take note.

I formerly known as ABUBAKAR M?HAMMED now wish to be known as ABUBAKAR TASIU. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

ADA: I formerly known and addressed as. MISS UWGOEGBU BLESSING ADA. Now wish to be known and addressed as. MRS MATTHEW BLESSING ADA. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

JANET: I formerly known as OCHI JANET OHUMA, now wish to be known as GODWIN JANET OHUMA. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note

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

PETER: I, formerly known as CHARITY DANIEL JANET, now wish to be known and addressed as CHARITY PETER. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MUBARAK: I, formerly known as YUSUF MUBARAK SABO, now wish to be known and addressed as MUBARAK SABO. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I formerly known as MOHAMMED AMINU IBRAHIM now wish to be known as AMINU IBRAHIM SAULAWA. All former documents remain valid. General public to note

TREASURE: I formerly known and addressed as. SULE OMOMOH PROMISE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. SULEMAN TREASURE. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

AMINU: I formerly known as AMINU ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known as ABDULLAHI AMINU ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

BALOGUN: I formerly known as BALOGUN AYISHA and DATE OF BIRTH: 21/04/1988 now wish to be called and addressed as BALOGUN ONIZE AYISHA and DATE OF BIRTH: 05/03/1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

UMAR: I, formerly known as MARYAM ADAMU, now wish to be known and addressed as MARYAM UMAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

KABURA: I formerly known as Aishatu Isa, but now wishes to be known and addressed as Aishatu Isa Kabura. All formal documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ABU: I, formerly known and addressed as MATTHEW DEMION now wish to be known and addressed as HARUNA ABU with date of birth 14/07/1999. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

RAPHEAL: I formerly known and addressed as. YAKUBU SULE. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ABU RAPHEAL. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

KEFAS: I formerly known as IZANG ABOK KEFAS, now wish to be known as KEFAS IGYEM ABOK. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

HUSSAI: I formerly known as HUSSAI MAIGANDI now wish to be called and addressed as HUSSAI IBRAHIM MAIGANDI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAMSON: I, formerly known as IBRAHIM SAMSON, now wish to be known and addressed as IBRAHIM EKELE SAMSON. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as AHMAD INUWA, henceforth wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMAD SABIR INUWA. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

JOY: I formerly known and addressed as. JOMO JOY. Now wish to be known and addressed as. ABUNAMHE JOY. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

HABIBA: I formerly known as HABIBA HALIRU ZARMA now wish to be known and addressed as HABIBA ZARMA HALIRU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SEDANG: I formerly known as PATIENCE GODWIN DAWAM, now wish to be known as SEDANG GODWIN DAWAM. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

ABDULMUMINU: I formerly known as ABDULMUMINU MUHAMMAD WASAGU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULMUMINU MAMMAM WASAGU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

BIKI: I, formerly known as BIKI PENINNAH FRANCIS now wish to be known and addressed as FRANCIS PENINNAH BIKI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

FATIMA: I, formerly known as GAJE YA'U, now wish to be known and addressed as FATIMA ZAKARI. All former documents remain valid. Authority concern and the General public should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as MAYAH SAMINCHAN JOKA, now wish to be known and addressed as SAMINCHI YOYANNAH JAMES. All former documents remain valid. General public, COE Hong, First Bank to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as NURA LIMAN, now wish to be known and addressed NURA HARUNA and that my correct date of birth is 21st FEBRUARY, 1973. All my former documents to remain valid General public should please take note.

ABRAHAM: I formerly known as ABIMIKU, ABRAHAM MOSES, now wish to be known as ABIMIKU, ABRAHAM OYVE. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

ALI: I formerly known as ALI IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as ALI ISA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SAKEENA: I formerly known as SAKEENA SADEEQ SAMI now wish to be known and addressed as SADEEQ SAKEENA SULE-IKO. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED JIYA KHADIJAT KELECHI. I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS MOHAMMED KHADIJAT JIYA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

That I was formerly known and called UMORU MILLICENT EMIKE, Henceforth I wish to be known and called MILLICENT EMIKE UMORU-OSAKWUA. All documents with the former and current name remain valid. General public to take note.

I ABDULLAHI HARO Male, Muslim Adult a citizen of Nigeria, residing at MADDOI DAURA make an Oath and declare as follows: That my correct date of birth is 27-10-1963 but in my NATIONAL DRIVING LISENCE it was mistakenly written as 29-06-1965. All my former documents to remain valid General public should please take note.

SEDANG: I formerly known as MISS. SEDANG GODWIN DAWAM, now wish to be known as MRS. SEDANG KOPRET DANAT. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities and general public should take note.

MOHAMMED: I formerly known as YUNUSA BALA now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED YUNUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HALILU: I, formerly known as ISHAYA HALILU ANDREWS now wish to be known and addressed as ISHAYA ANDREWS. All documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public to please take note.

ANWUNA: I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS ANWUNA TORKUMA DAVID. I NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS ANWUNA TORKUMA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

MAPAYI: I, formerly known and addressed as ADENIKA ABIMBOLA now wish to be known and addressed as MAPAYI ABIMBOLA. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

I formerly known and addressed as AMINA KABIR SANI, now wish to be known and addressed as RAHAMA KABIR SANI all my former documents to remain valid General public should please take note.

HASHIRU: I formerly known as HASHIRU MAAZI, now wish to be known as HASHIRU ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

GARO: I formerly known as AMINU ASMA'U SULE now wish to be called and addressed as GARO ASMA'U AMINU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

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NURA, I formerly known as SULAIMAN RABIU now wish to be called and addressed as NURA SALEH MUSA and my date of birth 1/1/2000. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AHMAD MUHD MUHD now wish to be called and addressed as AHMAD MUHAMMAD MAHMUD. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as ZUBAIRU AYUBA now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR ZUBAIRU AYUBA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HALIMA: I, formerly known as HALIMA MUSA, now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMA MUSA BAMAIIYI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

HAMZAT: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss SALAU ADEBUKOLA SULEIHAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs HAMZAT ADEBUKOLA SULEIHAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OPELUWA: I, formerly known and addressed as OPELUWA JOSEPHINE WEMINO. Now wish to be known and addressed as OPELUWA JOSEPHINE OLUWAVEMIMO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as UMAR HANKAKA now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED B. UMAR HANKAKA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as SADIYA SAMAILA DAHIRU now wish to be called and addressed as SADIYA MUHAMMAD BAFFA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

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

USMAN: I, formerly known as USMAN ABDULLAHI BALA, now wish to be known and called USMAN ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

CORRECTION OF NAME OLANIYAN: That my name was mistakenly written as OLANIYAN IBRAHIM TOBI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLANIYAN IBRAHIM OLUWATOBI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ALAMU : I formerly known and addressed as RAHMON RIDWAN AKAMU Now wish to be known and addressed as ALAMU RIDWAN AKAMU. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

ZAHARDIN, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as ZAHARDIN SHAMSU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as SULAIMAN HASHIMU now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULRASHID HASHIMU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

SANI: I formerly known as SANI ABBA RABIU now wish to be known and called SANI RABIU Old D.O.B 24/04/1992 New D.O.B 14/11/1993. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ADEMOLA: I, formerly known as OGBO REUBEN ADEMOLA, now wish to be known and called ADEMOLA REUBEN OGBO. Old DOB: 24th October 1968, new DOB: 24th December 1968. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

GBADAMOSI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss SOLANKE ADIAT OMOLADE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs GBADAMOSI ADIAT OMOLADE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME : I formerly known and addressed as AKINSANYA REBECCA DESIRE. Now wish to be known and addressed as BELLO FAIZAH OLUWATOBI. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

ALTINE J, I formerly known as ALTINE J SULEIMAN & ALTINE J SULEIMAN now wish to be called and addressed as ALTINE SULEIMAN JAURO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as MAIMUNA SANI now wish to be called and addressed as MAIMUNA UMAR SANI. All former documents remain valid Authority CONCERN and general public note

ISHAQ: I formerly known as ISHAQ GANIYU now wish to be called as ISHAQ AYANFE GANIYU all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

NNAEGBOH: I, formerly known as HELEN NNAEGBO, now wish to be known and addressed as NNAEGBOH BLESSING OGO. All former documents remain valid. FCMB, general public and any authority concerned to please take note

I Formerly known and addressed as MISS NSOFOR DORATHY NWAKAEGO, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs JEROME-NWAORU DORATHY NWAKAEGO. All former documents remain valid. General public should please note

ABRAHAM: I, formerly known and addressed as ADAM SHOLA AKINBODE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABRAHAM OLORUNSHOLA AKINBODE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ABUBAKAR, I formerly known as ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM YA'U. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as Hauwau Abubakar surajo now wish to be called and addressed as Hauwau Surajo. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

RAHILA: I, RAHILA ANGELA BALA with DOB 10/02/1988 and RAHILA A. BALA with DOB 10/12/1988 Refers to one and the same person Now wish to be called and addressed as RAHILA BALA with DOB 10/02/1992 All former documents remain valid Authority concern and the General public to please take note

ACHENEJE: I, formerly known as NDAH ABDULLAHI, now wish to be known and called ACHENEJE SULEIMAN All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ESTHER: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ESTHER IJOMA OKPARA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ESTHER BOLARINDE OMOLARA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADDITION OF NAME: That my name was written on my BVN as DOSU GRACE. That ABIODUN was omitted and I wish to add it to my name. That my full names are DOSU GRACE ABIODUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME, I formerly known as KHADIJA IBRAHIM now wish to be called and addressed as HASSANA YAHAYA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SWORD AFFIDAVIT, I formerly known as ZAINAB MUSA MUHAMMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

RUTH: I Formerly known as RUTH ROSEMARY ABU Now wish to be called and addressed as RUTH ABU All former documents remain valid ZENITH BANK PLC Authority concern and the General public to please take note

DIVINITY: I, formerly known and addressed as OSOBA OLUBUNMI ATOKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as DIVINITY SUNSHINE ADEBIMPKPE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MUNIRAH: I, formerly known and addressed as MUNIRAT MOHAMMED EMIKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MUNIRAH MOHAMMED-SANNI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLALEKAN: I, formerly known and addressed as OLALEKAN QUDUS BAYONLE. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLALEKAN QUDUS ABOO. That my correct date of birth is 23rd day of January, 1992 and not 23rd day of January, 1993. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME, I formerly known as ALI ADAMU now wish to be called and addressed as MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as ZARA'U USMAN SALISU now wish to be called and addressed as ZARA'U AMADU IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

ADAMU: I Formerly known as AMEN ADAMU Now wish to be called and addressed as ADAMU MAIDAWA Because I want to Use My Real Father Name All former documents remain valid UNITY BANK PLC Any Authority concern and the General public to please take note

SANUSI-AKINTUNDE: I, formerly known and addressed as AKINTUNDE AISHAT TAIWO. Now wish to be known and addressed as SANUSI-AKINTUNDE AISHAT TAIWO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

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

ABOGUNRIN: I, formerly known and addressed as ABOGUNRIN ABRAHAM OLUKAYODE. Now wish to be known and addressed as ABOGUNRIN ABRAHAM OLU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME, I formerly known as HADIZA BUDDU SAIDU now wish to be called and addressed as HADIZA ALH.BUDDU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as AISHA ALI now wish to be called and addressed as MUSBAHU NUHU SALE. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

IBRAHIM: I FORMERLY IBRAHIM IDRIS ZARIA, NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS IBRAHIM IDRIS. FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. ACCESS BANK ZARIA AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

CORRECTION OF NAME: That my name was written as ABDULRASHEED MUHAMMED AKANMU instead of OLORE MUHAMMED AKANMU. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLORE MUHAMMED AKANMU. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

IKWUNZE: I, formerly known and addressed as IKWUNZE FAVOUR. Now wish to be known and addressed as IKWUNZE FAVOUR ADA. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

That I JIMOH BABATUNDE SANNI was born on 6th day of August, 1972 not 6th day of August, 1977. Henceforth, I was born on 6th day of August, 1972. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as MOHAMMED SABO DAIJI now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED SABO KATAGUM. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as UMAR AUWALU A now wish to be called and addressed as AUWALU A UMAR. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note AND DATE OF BIRTH FROM 04/01/1965 TO 05/03/1962

TOKULA: I, formerly known as ALIH REKIETU, now wish to be known and called addressed as TOKULA REKIYETU. OLD DATE OF BIRTH 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1984. NEW DATE OF BIRTH 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1986. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ADEBAYO: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ODEWOLE OPEYEMI OLUWAPELUMI. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ADEBAYO OPEYEMI OLUWAPELUMI. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

FAREDAH: I, formerly known and addressed as FAREDAH OPEYEMI ABDULWAHAB. Now wish to be known and addressed as FAREDAH OPEYEMI BALOGUN. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

I WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AKPAI GIDEON NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS ABUH GIDEON OMOJO GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

ABDULKADIR, I formerly known as ABDULKADIR MUSA. 13/4/1992 now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULKADIR MUSA. UMAR. 29/10/1994. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as LABARAN. ISHAKA. now wish to be called and addressed as SANI ISHAK. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

OLADAYO: I formerly known as OLADAYO FOLAKE BETTY Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as OLADAYO FOLAKE BIDEMI.FORMER documents remain valid. Public note

GANIYU: I, formerly known and addressed as ADENIKE FASILAT IPADEOLA. Now wish to be known and addressed as GANIYU FASILAT OMONIKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

JOHN : I formerly known and addressed as OGUNTOYE OLUWASEUN ABIODUN as written on my driver's license now wish to be known and addressed as OGUNTOYE SEUN JOHN. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

KHADIJA: I formally know as KHADIJA ADAMU JATA, now wish to be called and address as KHADIJA DEBA MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. General Public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS ANTONY JOHN NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS AMOBI ANTHONY EZEANOCHIE ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID ZENITH BANK AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as MUZAMMIL NULL SANI now wish to be called and addressed as MUZANBILU SANI. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

SULE : I formerly known as MISS SULE USENA Now wish to be known, Called and addressed as MRS AGBONA ESTHER SULE. Former documents remain valid. Public note

SODIQ: I, formerly known and addressed as SODEEQ ASISAT AJOKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as SODIQ AZIZAT AJOKE. That my date of birth is 19th day of August, 1990 not 6th day of September, 1990. All former documents remain valid. GTBank and General public please take note.

CHANGE OF NAME/CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH: I formerly known and addressed as DEBA FOLASHADE LAMI now wish to be known and addressed as KOMOLAFE FOLASHADE LAMI. I was born on 18/04/1979 not 18/04/1978. Due to change in marital status. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

IDRISS I formerly known and addressed as ALHAIJ LAWAN IDRIS now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD LAWAN IDRIS All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS KABIRU ABUBAKAR NOW WISH TO BE CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS KABIRU MALAM ABUBAKAR ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID MY DATE OF BIRTH 25/5/1994 1/1/1994 AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE

I formerly known as ISMAIL AUWAL now wish to be called and addressed as ISMAIL AUWAL SABIU. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

JOHN: I formerly known as STEPHEN JOHN now wish to be called and addressed as JOHN STEPHEN all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

OLUFEMI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLUFEMI ISRAEL AKANBI. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLUFEMI ISREAL ADEDAYO. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

BEYIOKU: I formerly known and addressed as MISS IDARA COSMAS UDOH now wish to be known and addressed as MRS IDARA BEYIOKU. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

DARLINGTON I formerly known and addressed as IGWE UCHENNA NICHOLAS now wish to be known and addressed as UCHENNA IGWE DARLINGTON All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ZAINAB, I formerly known as ZAINAB MUHAMMED UMAR now wish to be called and addressed as ZAINAB GALADIMA SULAIMAN. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as HAMZA YUNUS now wish to be called and addressed as HAMZA ALHASSAN YUNUS. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

JOHNSON: I, was formerly known as JOHNSON OLADO and 27th December, 1981 my date of birth, now wish to be known and called JOHNSON OLADOKUN and 27th December, 1979 as my correct date of birth. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

BANKOLE: I, formerly known and addressed as RAJI OMOBOLANLE FATIMAT. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs BANKOLE OMOBOLANLE FATIMAT. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AFAM : I formerly known and addressed as Azi Jennifer nkechi now wish to be known and addressed as Afam Jennifer nkechi. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

KOLO I formerly known and addressed as FARUQ KOLO now wish to be known and addressed as MODU KOLO All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

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

I formerly known as ADEOLA DAUDA HASSAN now wish to be called and addressed as HASSAN DAUDA. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

RAHILA: I, formerly known as INUSA SAADE, now wish to be known and addressed as RAHILA SAMAILA. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

SALAMI: I, formerly known and addressed as SHODUNKE JADESOLA ABIGAIL. Now wish to be known and addressed as SALAMI JADESOLA ABIGAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

OLATUNDE: I formerly known and addressed as Olatunde Aadedamola now wish to be known and addressed as Olatunde Rachael Abimbola. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

ABDULHAMID I formerly known and addressed as MOHAMMED ISAH CHAIRMAN now wish to be known and addressed as MOHAMMED ISA ABDULHAMID All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ABDULLAHI, I formerly known as ABDULLAHI MOHD AHMAD now wish to be called and addressed as ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED AHMED. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

SUNUSI, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD SHEHU SUNUSI now wish to be called and addressed as SUNUSI SALISU SHEHU. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

DAVID: I, formerly known as DAVID ALEXANDER, now wish to be known and called DAVID ALEXANDER OKPANACHI All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

EGBEKUNLE: I, formerly known and addressed as OLABISI AYINDE DUPE and AYINDE DUPE OLABISI. Now wish to be known and addressed as EGBEKUNLE OLABISI DUPE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AKUDO: I formerly known and addressed as anyajike eucharia akudo now wish to be known and addressed as ohajiaka eucharia akudo. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

CHILARIYE I formerly known and addressed as YAHAYA ABDULLAHI YAHAYA now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI YAHAYA CHILARIYE All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

NNAJI, I formerly known as NNAJI POUL FRIDAY now wish to be called and addressed as NNAJI FRIDAY. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I formerly known as KHALID MADAKI now wish to be called and addressed as HALADU ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

UMAR: I formerly known as UMAR NUHU now wish to be called and addressed as UMAR NUHU TILDE all former documents remain valid. Any authority concern and general public should please take note.

OLUWATOSIN: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss REBECCA TOSIN LAWAL. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs OLUWATOSIN REBECCA OJUADE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

AJISEFINI : I formerly known and addressed as Motunrayo Mosadiolorun Balogun. Now wish to be known and addressed as Taheebat Motunrarayo Mosadiolorun Ajisefini. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

ADAM : I formerly known as ADAM ALLI now wish to be known as ADAM ALI. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

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

I formerly known as ZUBAIRU ABDULMUMINI now wish to be called and addressed as IBRAHIM BELLO. All former documents remain valid Authority concern and general public note

BASIRU: I, formerly known as BASIRU MOHAMMED BAYERO, now wish to be known and called BASIRU MOHAMMED All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

OKOLO: I, formerly known and addressed as OKPALA OKECHUKWU NKEIRUKA ROSEMARY. Now wish to be known and addressed as OKOLO NKEIRUKA ROSEMARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

ADESUYI : I formerly known and addressed as Miss. Adebisi Adejoke Opeyemi. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Adesuyi Adejoke Opeyemi. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

HASSAN : I formerly known as ADO HAS MBUKAR now wish to be known as HASSAN ADO BUKAR. All former document remain valid. General public should take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as ZAHARADDEEN MUSA JDDAH and MUHAMMAD ZAHARADDEEN MUSA now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED ZAHARADDEEN MUSA. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

I Formerly known and addressed as SULE YUSUFU now wish to be known and addressed as SULEIMAN YUSUF GABI. All former documents remained valid. Authority concerns and General Public should please take note.

SULEIMAN: I FORMERLY DANJUMA USMAN MAZADU.NOW WISH TO BE CALL AND ADDRESS AS SULEIMAN USMAN MAZADU. FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID.ACCESS BANK AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO NOTE.

RAJI: I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OGUNDIJO NOFISAT OLAGOKE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs RAJI NOFISAT OLAGOKE. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME : That in my primary and Secondary school my name was written as OJO OBASI while in my UBA Account/BVN my name was written as DANIEL ATTAH. That OJO is my name, OBASI is my father's name, DANIEL is my Christian name while ATTAH is my Grandfather's name. Now wish to be known and addressed as OJO OBASI. All former documents remain valid, General public and Authorities concerned kindly take note.

ABUBAKAR I formerly known and addressed as KARIMATU IBRAHIM BABURO now wish to be known and addressed as KARIMATU ABUBAKAR All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD MOHAMMED now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED MOHAMMED ALHAJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

MOHAMMED, I formerly known as MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM JUGGAL now wish to be called and addressed as MOHAMMED IBRAHIM ALHAJI. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and members of the general public should please take note.

HALIMATU: I, formerly known as HALIMATU SADIYAH ABUBAKAR, now wish to be known and addressed as now wish to be known and addressed as HALIMATU ABUBAKAR All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

ONI: I, formerly known and addressed as OLOYEDE ANUOLUWAPOLARY. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs ONI ANUOLUWAPOLARY. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and General public please take note.

UWAIFO : I formerly known and addressed as AMADIN ESOHE MELVIN GIFT Now wish to be known and addressed as UWAIFO ESOHE MELVIN. All former documents remain valid, General public kindly take note.

MURJA I formally known as MURJA IBRAHIM MOHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as MURJANATU IBRAHIM MOHAMMED all former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

USAINI I formally known as USAINI MUHAMMED now wish to be known and addressed as HUSSAINI MUHAMMED All former documents remain valid General public should please take note.

MUAZU : I formally known as EMMANUEL HASSAN SODANGI, now wish to be known and addressed as YUSUF MUAZU, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

IHEME I, formerly known as MARYANN NWADIKE as it appears on my BVN, Voters Card and most of my documents and NDIDI IHEME as it appears on my WAEC, now wish to be known, called and addressed as MARYANN IHUOMA IHEME. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONMINYI - I, formerly known as ESSE FRANK ONMINYI. Now wish to be known as ONMINYI FRANK ESSE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME - I, ASONYE CHIMENEM DANDY, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written as DANDY CHIMENEM ASONYE instead of ASONYE CHIMENEM DANDY. That my correct name is ASONYE CHIMENEM DANDY. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as RAFIDA AL-MUSTAPHA Now wish to be known and addressed as RAFIDA MUHAMMAD NASIR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AISHATU: I formally known as HINDATU ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as AISHATU ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SAFIYANU: I formally known as SAFIYANI RILWAN & RILWANU SAFIYANU RILWANU now wish to be known and addressed as SAFIYANU RILWANU. All former documents remain valid. General Public Should please take note.

That during opening of bank account my name was captured as ENYINDAH ARUCHI CHIBIZOR, now wish to be addressed and known as ENYINDAH ARUCHI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ASUQUO - I, formerly known as ASUQUO GOODNESS EDET. Now wish to be known as ASUQUO INIMFON GOODNESS. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UGBECHIE - I, formerly known as MISS. ONYEKPE JECINTA OGOCHEKWI. Now wish to be known as MRS. UGBECHIE JECINTA OGOCHEKWI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MURTALA ALTINE Now wish to be known and addressed as MURTALA MOHAMMED WITH D.O.B 01-01-1985. All former documents remain valid. Sokoto state independent electoral commission and general public should please take note.

ZAINAB I formally known as ZAINAB ABBAMUKTAR, now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB MUKTAR ABBA. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

BALKISU: I formally known as BALKISU MUHAMMAD now wish to be known and addressed as AISHA MUHAMMAD ADAM. All former documents remain valid. UBA PLC And General Public Should please take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS COMFORT OKON RANKIN now wish to be known and addressed as MRS COMFORT ANIETIE SUNDAY. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

AKPAN: That some of my documents bear HAPPINESS CHRISTOPHER AKPAN, and others CORNELIA CHRISTOPHER AKPAN. That both names refers to one and the same person. Henceforth, I wish to be addressed as CORNELIA CHRISTOPHER AKPAN. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

UMOREN - I, formerly known as PATRICK LILIAN UDUAK. Now wish to be known as UMOREN GRACE UDUAK. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ZAINAB IBRAHIM Now wish to be known and addressed as ZAINAB IBRAHIM BANDI. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

MANU I formally known as ADAMU THLUGWAR, now wish to be known and addressed as MANU THLUGWAR. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

SANUSI: I formally known as SANUSI UMAR NJIDDA AHMED now wish to be known and addressed as SANUSI AHMED. All former documents remain valid. ZENITH BANK PLC And General Public Should please take note.

That during the opening of account with Union Bank my name was written as BANAAKOR DANIEL BAKORLE instead of BANAAKOR DANIEL DAN, now wish to be known and addressed as BANAAKOR DANIEL DAN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MAZURU: That I was formerly known as OWUGAH JOY. Now wish to be known called and addressed as OWUGHA JOY MAZURU. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

ONORIKUPE - I, formerly known as MISS. OKUDHURU ODOMERO STELLA. Now wish to be known as MRS. ONORIKUPE ODOMERO STELLA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, was formerly known as ROSELINE EKE BEN AIDO Now wish to be known and address as ROSELINE EKE BEN. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SUNDAY I formally known as SUNDAY KOJI, now wish to be known and addressed as SUNDAY YAKUBU All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

MARKUS: I formally known as MARKUS JOHN GADZAMA now wish to be known and addressed as MARKUS IBRAHIM GADZAMA. All former documents remain valid. FIRST BANK PLC And General Public Should please take note.

That my name was wrongly spelled as BANAAKOR BAKORLE DAN DAN on my CAC. BANAAKOR DANIEL on NECO. While BANAAKOR DANIEL -FSLC, now wish to be known and addressed as BANAAKOR DANIEL DAN BAKORLE. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

SADIO: That I was formerly known as BILIKISU BADUMISI. Now wish to be known called and addressed as ABDULKADIR BILIKISU SADIO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

CORRECTION OF NAME - I, PATRICIA LOVELYN MOSES WIFA, wish to correct that my name was wrongly written as PATRICIA LOVELYN MOSES instead of PATRICIA LOVELYN MOSES WIFA. That my correct name is PATRICIA LOVELYN MOSES WIFA. All documents bearing the above name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, was formerly known as ALKASIMU AHMAD GOHE WITH D.O.B 27-03-1980 Now wish to be known and address as KASIMU GOHE WITH D.O.B 01-01-1969. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

HAMSATU I formally known as HAMZATU AZUR KIME, with DOB 03/02/1992, now wish to be known and addressed as HAMSATU AZIR MOHAMMED. All former documents remain valid. With DOB 28/10/1999, general public should please take note

FATIMA I formally known as. BUKAR FATIMA BUKAR, now wish to be known as. FATIMA MOHAMMAD BUKAR. All my former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

MRS. ANYANWU - I, formerly known as MISS. ANYANWU ANNA CHINVERE Now wish to be known as MRS. ANYANWU ANNA C. ONYEKACHI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

EMMANUEL: That I was formerly known as GODSWILL EMMANUEL ESSIET and EMMANUEL EMMANUEL ESSIET. Now wish to be known called and addressed as EMMANUEL ESSIET. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

OJIMAH - I, formerly known as MISS. NKEIRU JANE ORUIGBO. Now wish to be known as MRS. OJIMAH NKEIRU JANE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formally known as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD ALIYU Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD. All former documents remain valid. Gt bank and general public should please take note

MODU I formally known as ABUBAKAR MODU CHABBAL, now wish to be known and addressed as MODU ABU IMAMMALIK ABUBAKAR. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

RABI: I Formerly known as FN Rabi LN Bashir DOB 01/10/1991 Now wish to be known and addressed as FN Rabi MN Bashir LN Danjuma DOB 08/10/1990 All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ESO - I, formerly known as IGBEGBE, CHIKA CONFIDENCE. Now wish to be known as IGBEGBE CONFIDENCE ESO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

DESTINY: That I was formerly known as CHIMA C. EXCEL. Now wish to be known called and addressed as DESTINY C.ORIOHA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

BLESSING - I, formerly known as BLESSING MANASSEH. Now wish to be known as BLESSING INWANG. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formally known as ABDULFATAI ABDULSALAMI WITH D.O.B 12-03-1963 Now wish to be known and addressed as ABDULFATAI ABDULSALAMI OLAIYA WITH D.O.B 07-10-1963. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

ALI I formally known as MOHAMMED ALI, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD ALI FANTAMI. All former documents remain valid. general public should please take note

MODU: I formally known as MODU MUHAMMAD ALI. Now wish to be known and addressed as MODU MALLAM MODU. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

EKAM - I, formerly known as EKAM COMFORT IDONGESIT Now wish to be known as EKAM COMFORT ALBERT. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MAY: That I was formerly known as JOSEPH JOSEPHINE COTTERELL. Now wish to be known called and addressed as JOSEPHINE MAY COTTERELL. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

I, formerly known as MAHMUD LAWAL Now wish to be known and addressed as MAHMUD MUHAMMAD LAWAL. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

ZULAIHAT: I formally known as ZULAIHATU ISMAIL, now I wish to be known and addressed as ZULAIHAT ISMAIL. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned. KEYSTONE BANK. BOA and general public should please take note.

GLORIA: I formally known as GLORIA EMMANUEL, now wish to be known and addressed as GLORIA PARIS. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note.

RUQAYYA: I Formerly known as RUKAYYA or RUQAYYAH UMAR FAGUJI of Bajoga, Funakaye L.G, Gombe State Now wish to be Called and addressed as RUQAYYA UMAR FAGUJI All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ASUQUO - I, formerly known as SASA OSAS. Now wish to be known as ASUQUO, SUNDAY EKPO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

HARRY - I, formerly known as HARRY VIVIAN S. F. Now wish to be known as HARRY ARRIYE SUNDAY FENIBO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, formerly known as ABUBAKAR WAMAKKO ABUBAKAR Now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR AHMAD. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

HAJJA: I formally known as HAJJA FALMATA MODU, now wish to be known and addressed as HAJJA FALTA MODU. All former documents remain Valid. Access Bank and general public take note.

ZUBAIDA: I Formerly known as ZUBAIDA ZAKARI YA'U Now wish to be known and addressed as ZUBAIDA ABBA All former documents remain valid General public should please take note

ABUH= I, formerly known and called UNEKWU ABUH. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs LOVETH UNEKWU AYE. All former documents remain valid. The general public Ecobank PLC pls take note

UKELABUCHINEKE: That I was formerly known as KELVIN EKINE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as WILLIAMS ASSET UKELABUCHINEKE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

CHIBUIKE: That I was formerly known as MISS. NWABUOKWU JACINTA CHIKADODILI. Now wish to be known called and addressed MRS. JACINTA CHIKADODILI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MISS. MICHAEL: That I was formerly known as MISS. ADAH GRACE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. MICHAEL GRACE ADAH. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

MURJANATU I formally known as OLUWAPONLEMI KAMILU now wish to be known and address as MURJANATU SULEMAN KAMUKU. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

REBECCA: I, formerly known as OLUWAPONLEMI SAMUEL REBECCA now wish to be known and addressed as REBECCA SOLADEMI SAMUEL. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MADI - MICHAEL - I, formerly known as MRS. JOVITA UCHENNA MADU - NWOKIDU. Now wish to be known as MRS. JOVITA UCHENNA MADI - MICHAEL. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

MRS. NNENNA - I, formerly known as MISS. NNENNA AMA CHIMA. Now wish to be known as MRS. NNENNA AKOMAKOWE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

MICHAEL: That I was formerly known as MISS. VIVIAN NKOYO EDET GEORGE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as MRS. VIVIAN NKOYO TARITEL. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT This is to inform the general public of the loss of original statutory right of occupancy (R of O) with Ref No: MFCT/LA/SO 99 dated 03/01/03 in respect of Plot 927 Utako District bearing Ahmadu Kajoje belonging to Resort and Leisure Development Services Ltd. The document got missing while on transit from Calabar to Abuja. All effort made to recover the said document prove abortive. Please if found, kindly return to the nearest police Station.

ABUBAKAR I formally known as SHAFI'U ABUBAKAR now wish to be known and address as ABUBAKAR SHAFI'U KURFI. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

MONDAY: I, formerly known as MONDAY BELINDA DUDU now wish to be known and addressed as MONDAY BELINDA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MRS. NNENNA - I, formerly known as MISS. NNENNA AMA CHIMA. Now wish to be known as MRS. NNENNA AKOMAKOWE. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I, OKEZIE OGBONNA ALEXANDER wish to confirm that OKEZIE OGBONNA CHRISTOPHER as on my Bank details and OKEZIE OGBONNA ALEXANDER as on my national Identity Card is one and same person. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note

I, FESTUS LEBECHI PAUL, That my name was written on my WAEC 2003 as PAUL LEBECHI instead of FESTUS LEBECHI PAUL, that the name PAUL LEBECHI and FESTUS LEBECHI PAUL belong to one and same person. My date of birth was wrongly captured as 17th JANUARY 1983 instead of 17th JANUARY 1992. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENTS This is to inform the general public that the Loss of Certificate of Occupancy of Plot No. 99 situated at Kabuga Layout TP/UDB/194. Bearing the name of MUSA KULIYA covered by file No. LKN/RES/89/1000. All efforts to traced the original certificate of occupancy proved abortive members of the general public to note. If found kindly return to the nearest police station.

NANA I formally known and addressed as NANA HAJARA TIJAJANI, now wish to be known and addressed as NANA HAJARA BUKAR TIJAJANI. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

AMINU: I formally known as AMINU IDRIS now wish to be known and addressed as AMINU ISHIYAKU IDRIS. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

GODSWILL - I, formerly known as GODSWILL EZE. Now wish to be known as GODSWILL IYALLA. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I formally known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE MARIANLAND, now wish to be known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formally known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE MARIANLAND, now wish to be known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

MUHAMMED : I formally known as SAGIR UBA MOHD, now wish to be known and addressed as SAGIR MUHAMMED, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

BUDA: I, formerly known as ABBA ABUBAKAR TUDUN WADA now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR BUDA. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

HANDSOME - I, formerly known as AKPAN KINDNESS OFON. Now wish to be known as HANDSOME KINDNESS GOLDEN. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I formerly known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE MARIANLAND, now wish to be known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formally known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE MARIANLAND, now wish to be known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Certificate of Occupancy (C of O) with certificate No. KD. 2499 & REF NO. KDL/26972/17 in respect of Plot No. 12 Road A TPO 640 at Lodge Residential Layout Tudun-Wada, Kaduna. Belonging to Mr. Yusuf Byoma.

SHEHU : I formally known as ABDULLAMINI A. MUSA, now wish to be known and addressed as ABUBAKAR SHEHU, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

GONI I formally known and addressed as MOHAMMED ABBA GONI, now wish to be known and addressed as MUHAMMAD BABA KURA GONI. All former documents remain valid. All concern and authority General public should please take note.

ACHIOBI - I, formerly known as FRIDAY IHUOMA HAPPINESS. Now wish to be known as ACHIOBI IHUOMA HAPPINESS. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I formally known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE MARIANLAND, now wish to be known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I formally known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE MARIANLAND, now wish to be known and addressed as, NDOBUI AUGUSTINE DAVID. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT My Certificate of Occupancy No. BA/12047 LAN/12980 in the name of Mohammed Kanawa Wanka assigned to me Mr. Abdon Dalla Gin was burnt in a fire incident at my residence on the 15th of March, 2012 at New G. R. A yelwa road, dogon yaro roundabout, near Emir's guest houses, Bauchi, Bauchi State. Anyone with a contrary claim against the bonafide owner Mr. Abdon Dalla Gin is to present evidence at Bureau for Land and Survey (BAGIS) Bauchi.

MUSA : I formally known as TAJUDDEN HUSSAINI, now wish to be known and addressed as TAJUDDEN MUSA, All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

MICHAEL: I, formerly known as FAAOL DAVID, now wish to be known as FAAOL MICHAEL. My correct date of birth is 18th of December 1983. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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■ Traffic log-jam caused by an accident that occurred on the Outer Northern Expressway during closing time at Dutse junction in Abuja yesterday.

Photo: NAN

9 killed in Kaduna, C'River, Delta in 2 days

From Aliyu Babankarfi (Zaria), Mohammed Ibrahim Yaba (Kaduna), Eyo Charles (Calabar) & Victor Sorokwu (Asaba)

Now fewer than nine persons have been killed in different communities in Kaduna, Cross River and Delta states in the past two days, Daily Trust reports.

The killings were carried out by suspected gunmen, bandits and cultists while others were abducted in the process.

Four of the killings, which were reported in Kaduna State, took place at Zaria, Sabon Birni community as well as along the Birnin Gwari highway.

Gunmen in the early hours of Sunday stormed Kuregu in Wusasa area of Zaria in Kaduna State where they killed a civilian and a soldier before abducting at least six persons, Daily Trust gathered.

The incident occurred a week after gunmen invaded the home of Professor Aliyu Muhammad, a lecturer with Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi, killed his son Abdulaziz Aliyu and then abducted the don. Prof Aliyu, who is Head of the Department of Agricultural Protection at ATBU is yet to be released by his abductors.

Residents of Kuregu in Wusasa told our correspondent on Monday that the gunmen had engaged security agents in a shoot-out which led to the killing of a soldier, adding that the gunmen also set ablaze a military vehicle during the attack.

Residents claimed those abducted included a vigilante leader in Kufena named Sani Jan Fenti and five others.

When contacted, the spokesman for the Depot Nigerian Army, Zaria, Captain Audi Arigu, and that of

Basawa, Lieutenant Godiya Audu, said they had not been briefed on the incident.

Police Public Relations Officer in Kaduna, ASP Mohammed Jalige, when contacted promised to verify and call back but did not at press time.

In Kaduna, suspected armed bandits on Sunday killed an eight months pregnant health worker along the Kaduna-Birnin Gwari highway. The deceased was killed while travelling to Kaduna from Birnin Gwari at a place called Zankoro before Unguwar Yako on Sunday.

It was gathered that the bandits opened fire on the commercial vehicle around noon to force it to stop.

A cousin of the deceased, Aliyu Mahmud, who confirmed the incident to Daily Trust via phone identified the victim as Aisha Yusuf, describing her as a dedicated volunteer health worker in Birnin Gwari community.

"She was eight months pregnant but very hardworking and dedicated to her work at the PHC where she works in Birnin Gwari. The people in this community liked her a lot because of her commitment to work even though she is a volunteer worker," he said.

Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, confirmed the killing in a statement issued on Monday, saying Governor Nasir el-Rufai had condoled Malam Musa Adamu, the husband of the deceased.

Similarly, suspected gunmen on Sunday killed a commercial driver identified as Abubakar popularly called Baba Abu at Sabon Birni community of Kaduna State.

The incident happened around 5 pm while the deceased was conveying passengers along that route.

Daily Trust gathered that the young driver died on the spot when the gunmen opened fire on his vehicle while his passengers were abducted.

A friend of the late driver who identified himself as Umar, described the deceased as very friendly, saying his corpse was left at the roadside alongside the vehicle.

"We tried his phone line when the news came that he was attacked. The gunmen picked it and said he was kidnapped but it was later confirmed that he was killed after they (gunmen) opened fire on his car," he said.

Kaduna State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO) did not pick his calls.

In Cross River State three persons whose identities were not immediately known were reportedly beheaded on Sunday afternoon by suspected cultists who invaded Ikot Ene and surrounding villages in Akpabuyo LGA of Cross River State.

A top government official who lives in one of the villages but preferred anonymity said: "The entire surrounding villages of Ikot Ene were invaded by these armed boys we suspect to be cultists.

"They beheaded the sons of a village head in broad daylight. They also killed another man.

Another villager, Andem Cobham, also told journalists that the invaders damaged houses and many cars.

He said when the state security outfit, Operation Apakwu arrived, the boys melted into the creeks and bushes and resurfaced once the team returned to Calabar.

The coordinator of Operation Apakwu which comprises military and policemen, Dr. Alfred Mboto, said they have contained the situation and that a detachment of the outfit

would intensify surveillance in the communities.

Similarly, the police in Delta State have confirmed the killing of a policeman and a soldier by gunmen at a military checkpoint at Oton area of Sapele Sunday night.

The deceased was said to have been gunned down when armed bandits attacked the military post through the community river in speedboats.

Also, an uncertain number of people are feared dead and property destroyed as members of an Eastern security network set up by the outlawed Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) clashed with a combined team of police and soldiers in Orlu, Imo State.

The crisis had been brewing since last week after a clash between ESN volunteers and police resulted in deaths.

Witnesses reported sporadic shooting and residents taking cover to avoid stray bullets. The shooting was heard as far as the neighbouring communities of Okporo, Akata and Umutanze.

The soldiers were said to be drawn from the 34 Artillery Brigade in Obinze.

Our correspondent said there was panic in Orlu, where many residents have already fled while military checkpoints were erected on roads and travellers advised to avoid using Orlu road or even move about at night.

One witness said he counted 16 low-flying aircraft over the town.

The group had released a video, which went viral last week, showing ESN volunteers boasting how they dislodged security men who attacked them and displayed the vehicles the policemen had abandoned.

COVID-19: Court orders Zakzaky's wife be moved to govt hospital

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

The Kaduna State High Court has ordered that the wife of the leader of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria (IMN), Zeenat Zakzaky, be moved to a government hospital within the state capital.

This followed a medical test tendered at the resumed sitting of the court on Monday by their counsel, Femi Falana (SAN), which showed that she tested positive for coronavirus.

Daily Trust reports that Zeenat and her husband are being detained at the correctional service centre in Kaduna.

The Controller of the facility, Ibrahim Maradun, had on Friday claimed that the service was not aware of her COVID-19 status because he was yet to receive the result of her test since the sample was taken last Wednesday by

officials of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCSC).

At the resumed sitting yesterday, Justice Gideon Kurada ordered the state's authorities to immediately treat Zeenat for COVID-19.

Daily Trust reports that both prosecution and the defence counsels, Chris Umar and Femi Falana, respectively confirmed to reporters after the trial that Zeenat had tested positive for COVID-19.

Falana said the medical facility at the correctional centre did not have the needed facilities to treat the virus, adding that, "We applied to the court that the authorities should take her to a government hospital that has the facility to treat the virus and our request was graciously approved by the court."

Meanwhile, the State Solicitor General and Permanent

Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Chris Umar, said the prosecution did not object to the application.

He said the prosecution had presented four witnesses, bringing the number of witnesses who testified before the court, to eight, adding that, "More witnesses are expected to testify on January 26, 2021, being the second adjourned date for the trial."

El-Zakzaky and his wife are facing trial on an eight-count charge bordering on alleged culpable homicide, unlawful assembly and disruption of public peace, among others charges, to which they both pleaded not guilty on September 29, 2020.

Both of them have been in detention at the correctional service facility since their return from a botched medical trip to India on the orders of the court.



■ Katsina state Commissioner of Police, Sanusi Buba, displaying some of the weapons retrieved from arrested arms dealers yesterday

Man, 2 sons nabbed for selling over 10,000 arms to bandits in Katsina

From Tijjani Ibarhim, Katsina

The Police in Katsina State on Monday paraded some suspects who allegedly specialized in supplying arms and ammunition to criminals in the state and beyond.

The prime suspect, Haruna Yusuf according to the police, confessed to having sold over 10,000 arms and ammunition to bandits in the forest.

Parading the suspects at the command headquarters, the state commissioner of police, Sanusi

Buba, said the feat followed credible intelligence, the command had received.

"A credible intelligence the command has been following led to the arrest of one Lawan Zayyana, aged 35yrs of Muduru village, Mani LGA of Katsina state, a notorious bandit and arms and ammunition supplier to bandits in the forest.

"In the course of an investigation, his cohorts; namely: Haruna Yusuf, 47 of Sawarya village, Kaita LGA of Katsina state; Haruna Adamu, 35 and Auwal Abubakar, aged 28 both

of Maduru village, Mani LGA of Katsina state were arrested.

Consequently, Haruna Yusuf confessed to being the gang leader as he usually received the supply of arms and ammunition from Niger Republic and hands over to Lawan Zayyana, Haruna Adamu, and Auwal Abubakar who, in turn, took the supply to bandits in the forest.

He added that more suspected bandits including two biological sons of Haruna Yusuf, the notorious arms dealer were arrested in his house.

Kidnapping: Jalingo residents live in fear

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

Residents of Jalingo, Taraba State capital, now live in fear following the increase in cases of kidnapping in the metropolis.

Daily Trust reports that top government officials, key politicians and renowned big-time businessmen are now sleeping with one eye open in fear of kidnapers and other criminal elements that carry their activities mostly at night.

Within the last few months many people, including a permanent secretary and a member of the House of Assembly, were abducted at different locations in the metropolis and its environs.

Worst areas affected by kidnapping include Sabon Gari, ATC Quarters, Donga Bridge, Primary Board, Mile Six, Nana Aisha and the Specialist Hospital.

The recent kidnapping and killings of the Chairman of Ardo-Kola LGA and his nephew have

further heightened fear among the residents.

Daily Trust further reports that many wealthy individuals and large-scale farmers relocated to Jalingo from Tella, Iware, Garba-Chede, Maihula, Bali Garin Abba, Mutum Biyu, among other villages and towns because of the high rate of kidnapping.

Taraba State Governor, Darius Dickson Ishaku, while reacting to the killings of Mr Salihu Dovo and his nephew, said it was barbaric and assured that the perpetrators would not be allowed to go free.

Gov Ishaku, therefore, has directed security agencies to step up investigations to fish out the murderers so that they would be made to face the music.

About the killed chairman, the governor said, "As chairman he did a lot to make life much more meaningful for the people of his local government area; the reason he enjoyed popularity among them."

Collapse of textile companies led to increase in crime - Agric minister

From Ibraheem Hamza Muhammad, Lafia

The Minister of Agriculture, Alhaji Sabo Nanono, has disclosed that the collapse of 145 textile industries has led to increase in crime in Kaduna, Lagos, Onitsha, among other places.

Nanono made the disclosure in Lafia, capital of Nasarawa State, when he paid a courtesy call on Governor Abdullahi Sule at the Government House on Monday.

He said, "The collapse of 145 textile companies across the country, especially in Kaduna, Lagos and Onitsha, and the reduced demand for cotton has led to crimes.

"Textile was the largest employer in the country before the collapse of the sector which led to lay-offs, closure of the companies,

poverty and hardship led to increase in crimes."

The minister further said Nigeria had to strive and embrace agricultural mechanisation for it to feed its people as that in the next 30 years the population was forecast to reach 400 million.

He added that Nigerians had to live together in peace to make the country vibrant and that ranching was in top gear for the millions of livestock in the country.

Governor Sule told the minister that the state was happy with "your contributions to the sector and for carrying the state along."

He said Nasarawa was proud of farmers of both rainy and dry seasons and would embrace agricultural mechanisation to feed the nation and export.

EU, presidential committee destroy arms, ammunition in Calabar

Eyo Charles, Calabar

The European Union (EU), ECOWAS, LITE Africa and the Presidential Committee on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PRESCOM) jointly have destroyed 260 arms and 5,510 ammunition in Calabar at the UJ Esuene Stadium.

The arms and ammunition were recovered from ex-militants, suspected armed robbers and cultists in the state.

As part of the programme, about 150 repentant militants from the state will benefit from the Alternative Livelihood Project.

Joel Bisina of LITE-Africa, on behalf of ECOWAS and EU, said the proliferation of arms had a devastating effect on Nigeria and the West African Region and that the programme was aimed at addressing the peace and security challenges of West Africa.

She explained that, "One

cannot underestimate the dangers of illicit proliferation of small arms, light weapons and the negative impacts they have on peace and stability of our community.

"In Nigeria, the commercial transaction in small arms and light weapons has been on the increase since the end of the civil war.

"LITE-Africa, PRESCOM, with the support of EU/ECOWAS, is working to strengthen efforts at preventing

proliferation and trafficking of small arms and light weapons in Nigeria."

Speaking at the event, Governor Ben Ayade implied that much of the weapons that had flooded the country and his state came from Libya following the collapse of Muammar Gaddafi's regime, as well as the Ambazonia conflict in South West Cameroon.

Ayade asserted that, "With the collapse of the Gaddafi regime, young men/women

with him in Libya started migrating downwards from North Africa. As this persisted, the choice/option of the use of weapons to secure a means of livelihood became imperative to them.

"Different religions/ethnic colourations of these young men became radicalised and militarised to different forms - from Boko Haram to bandits to kidnapers - and so social habits and people changed psychologically."



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■ Junior Lokosa

Ex-Kano Pillars star, Junior Lokosa joins Simba SC

Simba SC have signed striker Junior Lokosa as they improve their squad for the CAF Champions League group stages.

The Tanzania Mainland League champions were pooled with the Democratic Republic of Congo outfit

in Group A alongside defending champions Al Ahly and Sudanese heavyweights El-Merreikh in a draw conducted at the Caf headquarters in Cairo, Egypt on Friday, January 8.

"Welcome Junior Lokosa," the 21-time league champions posted on their official social media outlets.

"An established player from Nigeria who also played for Esperance is ready in Msimbazi after

completing his move to the club.

"Our primary target is to reach the semi-finals of the Caf Champions League as well as successfully defend the league title and the FA Cup.

"Welcome to Simba established striker Lokosa Junior. The Simba Super Cup competition is eagerly waiting for you."

The Nigerian came in as a free agent after being released by the

Tunisian heavyweights. He was deemed surplus to requirements and was dropped by coach Moine Chaabani alongside fellow countryman Samuel Atvati and Algerian Tayeb Meziani.

The 26-year-old was signed by Esperance after a good run in the Nigerian Professional League in 2018 where he managed to score 19 goals to emerge the top scorer.

Enyimba, Wikki Tourists triumph in double header at ATBS Bauchi

By David Ngobua

Former African champions, Enyimba FC of Aba and Wikki Tourists of Bauchi recorded victories in the week six double header of the ongoing Nigeria Professional Football League, NPFL, season decided yesterday at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa stadium in Bauchi.

In the first match of the day, relegation threatened Adamawa United narrowly lost 1-2 to Enyimba FC.

Youngster Anayo Iwuala gave the 'people's elephants' the lead in the 6th minute when he capitalised on a defensive mix-up to score from close range.

In the 12th minute, Enyimba themselves nearly paid a price for the same offence but Adamawa United's Ibekwe dilly-dallied before aiming for the post and John Noble in goal for the visitors recovered in time to make the crucial save.

As Adamawa United continued to push for the much needed equaliser, they unfortunately fell further behind when Imo Obot scored his team's second of the afternoon in the 32nd minute.

On resumption from break, Enyimba maintained their dominance but towards the end of the half, it was



■ L-R- Anayo Iwuala of Enyimba shields the ball from Promise Damala of Wikki Tourists during their week 3 match in Aba. Iwuala and Damala scored for their respective clubs in yesterday's matches

Adamawa United who set up camp in their goal area.

After ceaseless pressure on Enyimba's defence, Adamawa United were awarded a penalty in the 61st minute and Aboubakar Idris stepped forward to reduce the deficit for his side.

The goal motivated the boys from Yola who continued to pile pressure on their opponents but the much needed equaliser failed to

come till the final whistle.

In the second match of the evening, host Wikki Tourists proved to be the better side as they earned a well deserved 2-0 victory over Jigawa Golden Stars.

A former Flying Eagles star, Nafizi Yahaya broke the deadlock for the home side in the 39th minute when his powerful shot on the edge of the box beat Godwin Paul who was in goal for Jigawa

Golden Stars.

And eleven minutes from regulation time, Promise Damala put the match beyond the visitors when he made it goal number two for the 'Bauchi elephants'.

Week six matches will end tomorrow with a mouth watering fixture between heavyweights, Kano Pillars and Rivers United at the Ahmadu Bello stadium Kaduna

Man United suit my winning mentality - Fernandes

Bruno Fernandes says Manchester United suit his mentality because they are "a club who wants to win everything" as he marks his one-year anniversary at the Premier League leaders this week.

The 26-year-old Portuguese international has transformed the fortunes of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side since joining from Sporting Lisbon in January 2020.

His winner in Sunday's thrilling 3-2 win over Liverpool in their FA Cup fourth-round tie was his 28th goal for United.

"I come to the club because I knew I will come to a club who wants to win everything - and my mentality, my way to be in my life and football is about winning," Fernandes told the Press Association news agency.

"And so you have to be confident, you have to trust your teammates, you have to trust yourself, and you have to believe.

"And I will believe until it's not more possible, you know? Like when I see someone get the trophy before me, then I will (have) lost my belief."

Fernandes' winning mentality is fuelled by his hatred of losing.

"I don't conform with losing games is normal stuff," he said. "For me, losing is not normal so my mentality comes from that."

NBBF mulls bubble format for 2021 domestic league season

By David Ngobua

The Engineer Musa Kida led board of the Nigeria Basketball Federation is planning to introduce the bubble format for the 2021 domestic basketball season.

This is in light of the recent successes of the bubble format initiated by the National Basketball Association (NBA)

as well as FIBA Africa during its last Afrobasket qualification series in Kigali, Rwanda.

The option is being considered owing to the harsh reality of the covid-19 pandemic and the new normal, there is a need to quickly adapt to the situation.

The board said, "What we are trying to do most especially in basketball is to

learn from the experience that we have had from the organisation of the NBA where they set up bubbles and people played as long as they were kept in one place with very limited contact with the outside world."

The board also said the best decisions will be taken after due consultation with stakeholders and club owners

ahead of the 2021 Zenith Women Premier League and the Total sponsored Men's Division One and Two leagues.

Referencing the FIBA Afrobasket qualifiers held in November, 2020, the federation said, "The same thing happened in Kigali at the end of November with FIBA Africa showing it could organise the bubble also for

the 2021 Afrobasket qualifiers. That was successful and we have another outing in February which will be held in similar fashion."

The NBBF board which said it is currently in talks with Total Nigeria and Zenith Banks assured that the 2021 calendar would be released soon as clubs have already been placed on alert.

THE TUESDAY COLUMN

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The criminalisation of the Fulani

Tempers are flaring from all corners. Some believe that another war is looming. Others think it's a storm in a teacup. In a country as diverse as Nigeria, when leadership is lacking and there is no blueprint for the management of diversity, anything is possible. And that is what is happening.

At the centre of the brouhaha since Buhari became president are the Fulani. They are just one of the nearly 400 ethnic nationalities that make up the entity called Nigeria. Estimated to be around 15 million in a country of nearly 300 million, they should not pose a significant threat to anyone. But they are unique specie, with cousins in 17 countries some bordering Nigeria and spread as far as the Sudan. Here is one good reason why anything affecting the Fulani should be well managed before it blows in our faces. Those issuing ultimatum and those countering them have their reasons, but war is not a game of chess.

In an article penned for another medium two weeks ago, I suggested that there might be no Nigeria by the time President Muhammadu Buhari is done with his second and hopefully final term. The signs are ominously evident although Buharideens cannot see it. They see the APC regime as the best and excuse every infraction by comparing it with the errors of the regimes they were voted in to replace.

The latest kerfuffle over grazing in federal reserves and the heat it is generating shows what could happen where there are leadership vacuum at any level. Ordinarily, Arakunrin Rotimi Akeredolu should not be issuing ultimatums. He is a lawyer, supposedly versed in constitutional and legal matters. If he has read Nigerian laws, he would have understood the limits of his own executive powers and orders. No Nigerian has the right to expel another Nigerian from any part of the country where they live in peace and pursue a legitimate business. But Akeredolu is not the only one to issue an ultimatum, in our recent history, we have seen people deported from Lagos, Kaduna and Kano to mention a few.

Akeredolu is a member of the ruining class, a two-term governor under the APC, the party at the centre. In a normal situation, he should have the ear of his party leader, who happens to be the president of the Federal Republic. But nothing is normal about Nigeria under the APC. Buhari, the de-facto party leader here happens to be a grand patron of the Miyeti Allah Kautal Hore, the umbrella association of all herdsmen in the country.

Normally, if there was trouble between one nationality and the other, the state should have called all parties to order, work with the security apparatchik to

nip trouble in the bud internally. In the natural order of things, a president may be partisan in politics; he is expected to be the father of all.

However, things don't work that way in Nigeria under Buhari. Checking the barometer of the government's reaction to issues of national importance, it becomes apparent that this regime has no idea how to manage diversity. The way it has handled the explosive issue of diversity lends credence to those who believe that in Buhari's Animal Farm, some animals are more equal than others.

Check – the Fulani have always lived and reared their cattle as nomads for ages. The upsurge in skirmishes with other ethnic nationalities has exacerbated since Buhari became president. Clashes are

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not new, least of all in the southwest. In one instance in 2004, if memory serves us right, Buhari went as far as Saki in Oyo State to calm nerves and plead for inter-communal harmony after deadly clashes. In that instance, the issue was resolved and everyone returned home happy promising to be his or her brother's keeper. It should not be any different now that he is president and commander-in-chief not only of the armed forces but also of the APC.

But no sooner than he became president than insouciance became the ground norm of dysfunctionality leading to ultimatum left, right and centre. Leadership lacuna has paved way for ruffraff to attain cult status in various regions from east to west, north and south urchins masquerading as spokesmen for

various amorphous groups.

Speaking of ultimatum, the Igbo were asked to leave the north by individuals who were neither in government nor in power. Nobody took them to task. The Oba of Lagos, a retired senior police officer threatened to feed the Igbo to the Lagoon without reprisal. Remi Tinubu was recorded saying the Igbo could not be trusted when it came to voting for her husband's anointed candidate in Lagos – no reprisal.

When 93 corpses emerged from a blood-curdling orgy of murderous herdsmen in Benue, the Miyeti Allah openly admitted to carrying it out as reprisal for 300 missing heads of cattle. In 2019, Abdul Azeez Suleiman, an unknown scamp calling himself spokesman for Northern Groups gave a 30-day notice to other Nigerians to vacate the north boasting that if the Fulani were not free to enjoy peace elsewhere in Nigeria, no other ethnic group should have that privilege.

Of course, the wounds that followed the threat against Bishop Hassan Kukah are still fresh on our minds without arrest. Akeredolu was playing smart but not being clever when he issued an ultimatum that he had no capacity to enforce. Buhari was snoozing on duty when he ordered his senior media aide to respond to an explosive ultimatum involving his kinsmen and he responded without due consideration to the security implications of his vituperation.

As for Sunday Adeyemi, aka Igboho, like Ganiyu Adams before him, a vigilante suddenly finds an opportunity to attain national notoriety. Since it is generally agreed that we northerners are so backward it might be excusable when scalawags assume the right to speak for us; that should not be the lot of the Yoruba with their sophistry, level of intelligence and exposure.

I have often made a distinction between the Nigerian Fulani and his African cousins. In making that distinction and in the light of recent happenings, I have asked myself if the Nigerian Fulani is not a hostage of his brigand cousins. It looks obvious, from videos circulating on social media that the enemies of Nigeria currently stoking ethnic violence are actually not Nigerians.

The Fulbe language is mutually intelligible by all Fulani, but these brigands give themselves away by interspersing it with French. They have obviously infiltrated our borders and are using the local Fulani as ethnic shield. The local Fulani cannot snitch on their bloodthirsty cousins armed to the hilt without the fear of annihilation. Nigeria has no track record of willingness or ability to protect its citizenry from armed thugs or anyone from reprisal attacks.

In this confusion, opportunistic local leaders have exploited the lacuna in leadership and failure in intelligence gathering to make quick bucks acting as intermediaries between foreign marauders and captive hosts. In playing this silly role, they endanger themselves and the unity of Nigeria. When the stuff hits the fan, maybe they'd be accepted elsewhere, the rest of us have nowhere else to go. We should tread with caution or be damned!

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Chelsea sack manager Frank Lampard



■ Frank Lampard

Chelsea sacked manager Frank Lampard on Monday after 18 months in charge, with former Paris Saint-Germain boss Thomas Tuchel hotly tipped to replace him at Stamford Bridge.

Lampard signed a three-year deal in July 2019, leading Chelsea to the FA Cup final and a fourth-placed Premier League finish in his first season in charge.

Chelsea cruised into the last 16 of the Champions League and briefly topped the Premier League table in December after an impressive start to the season but they have now slumped to ninth after five defeats in eight matches – 11 points behind leaders Manchester United.

Barty enjoying training 'camp' ahead of Australian Open



■ Ash Barty

While most of the world's top players quarantine in their hotel rooms ahead of the Australian Open, home hope, Ash Barty is relishing the freedom of being outside the biosecure bubble.

Having remained in Australia through most of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world No 1 has avoided the two-week quarantine that nearly 1 000 players and officials are undergoing after landing in the country.

With Melbourne Park part of a biosecure bubble for the international players, Barty has been practising at suburban courts in Australia's second-largest city with players from across the country.