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# Dangote makes bid for Arsenal

ONE of Africa's richest men is plotting to buy a stake in Arsenal in a move that could trigger a full-blown takeover battle for the Premier League football club, the *Sunday Times* of London reported yesterday.

Billionaire Nigerian industrialist Alhaji Aliko Dangote, President of the Dangote Group, is in talks to buy the 16% stake being sold by Lady Nina Bracewell-Smith, the club's fourth-largest shareholder. Dangote is under-

stood to have registered his interest in buying the holding with Blackstone, the American finance house that has been given the job of finding a buyer for the shares.

Bracewell-Smith's stake is currently worth £96m, but she is seeking up to £160m for the shares. Her holding is key to the future ownership of the north London club.

Arsenal's two biggest investors, Stan Kroenke, the American sports tycoon, and Alisher

Usmanov, the Russian oligarch, are also contemplating buying the shares. If either of the two men were to buy the Bracewell-Smith holding, they would be forced to launch a full takeover offer for the club.

Arsenal, which has a market value of £606m, is one of a number of English Premier League clubs that could change hands this summer. Liverpool's American owners, Tom Hicks and George Gillett, **Continued on page 5**

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SCENE at a farm at Katoge village, Kano State, where a trainer aircraft crash landed yesterday.

## Plane crash lands in Kano farm

From Auwalu Umar, Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Jaafar Jaafar, Kano & Shehu Abubakar

A Cessna Model T9B training aircraft belonging to the Nigeria College of Aviation

Technology, Zaria (NCAT) crash-landed at a village just outside Kano yesterday. It plunged into farmland at Katoge village directly behind the Science Secondary School at Dawakin

Tofa, about 20 kilometres away from Kano City.

Three occupants of the light training plane escaped unhurt and the aircraft was not badly damaged. Those on board the plane included

the college instructor, Mr Ozogwu as well as Akerele Ojo Olu and Jafar Suleman, who are trainees.

Neither officials of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) nor

those of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) who were at the scene of the crash-land agreed to speak to our reporters last night.

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## 2 kids found dead in car

From Bashir Yahuza and Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

THE bodies of two boys aged 3 and 4 were yesterday found inside a car at Na'ibawar in Kumbotso Local Government Area of Kano State after they were declared missing Friday.

The remains, which had started decomposing, were discovered yesterday morning.

The bodies of Musa Mukatar and Umar Khailfa, which witnesses said smelt badly as police evacuated them, were found locked up in the back seat of a Volkswagen Golf car belonging to a businessman called Cyril Emehelu Chinedu of Na'ibawar.

The discovery had drawn the allegation of ritual intentions from sympathizers, while armed police have been deployed to the scene, apparently to forestall breakdown of law and order.

Parents of the dead kids disclosed that the children went missing Friday morning after taking their breakfast. They said in an effort to trace their whereabouts, reports had been filed at various police stations and announcements were made over local radio stations.

The bodies were extricated from the vehicle early yesterday by a detachment of policemen from Na'ibawa Division. Apart from its doors that were said to be locked, the vehicle according to witnesses, was covered with car cover.

The decaying bodies were found by a boy contracted by the car owner to wash the vehicle which he was to drive to the church that morning. The boy reportedly informed Emehelu, who in turn reported to the police.

The owner of the car has been taken into custody for further investigation, police disclosed in Kano yesterday, saying the corpses had been sent to hospital for autopsy to determine the actual cause of death.

Kano Police Command through its Public Relations Officer, SP Baba Mohammed Azare, told Daily Trust that Emehelu who lives close to the residences of the children, had warmed the car in the morning of the said Friday and covered it.

According to Azare, when the car washer informed Emehelu of what he discovered in the car, the Igbo businessman quickly reported the matter to the police.

But the PPRO said it is only when investigations were completed that the police would be able to say whether the children were deliberately trapped and killed in the car by the suspect or others.

When our reporters visited the scene of the incident, the bodies and the car had been taken to the State CID. However, armed police men and police patrol vehicles were seen patrolling the house of the suspect. Residents said the suspect is married with children.

The father of 4-year-old late Umar Khalifa, Mallam Talle, told Daily Trust that they would want to see justice done in the matter.

## NBA, others ask Emordi to vacate Senate

From Beatrice Onuchukwu, Awka

THE Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Onitsha branch in Anambra State has called on Senator Joy Emordi to respect the Appeal Court judgement by vacating the Senatorial seat for Alphonsus Igbeke in the interest of justice and the rule of law.

Also, the Omambala Concerned Citizens (OCC) and a PDP gubernatorial aspirant in the 2010 gubernatorial election in Anambra State, Barrister Okey Muo-Aroh, have advised Emordi to leave the seat for Igbeke because constitutionally, the Court of Appeal is the highest court that can handle any election matter in the country. Vice chairman of the association, Barrister Chugbo Enwezor, who gave the advice yesterday said even the Senate had no constitutional powers to meddle into the Appeal Court verdict.

"Even if there was no election in Anambra North Senatorial zone in 2007, Emordi and the Senate ought to respect the rule of law which they swore to uphold by obeying the Appeal Court verdict which is the highest in an election matter," he said.

Barrister Okey Muo-Aroh, in his own contribution, said he was surprised that Emordi and the Senators who are learned enough to read any handwriting on the wall, are still dragging their feet in a matter that has already been decided by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Omambala Concerned Citizens (OCC) in their statement, said they were shocked that Senate President, David Mark could condescend so low as to overtly thwart and disobey the judgment in this matter by re-admitting Emordi whose election the court had declared null, void and of no effect.



ADAMAWA State Governor Murtala Nyako (left) with Dr. Bruce Roberts at the demonstration farm of the State University of California's Department of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at Fresno, California, USA recently.

## Councillor, others held over Fulani killings

From Andrew Agbese & Mahmud Lalo, Jos

SIXTEEN persons including a councillor have been arrested in connection with the killing of three Fulani herdsmen on Saturday in Tusung village near Kassa in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Three herdsmen who went looking for their cows Saturday were attacked and burnt to death by people suspected to be Berom in Tusung, Barkin Ladi Local Government Area about 30 kilometers from Jos. Special Task Force spokesperson, Lieutenant Colonel Kingsley Umoh, told

our correspondent yesterday that the suspects are now undergoing investigation to ascertain their level of involvement in the killings.

According to him, no soldier was killed in the area as reported by certain media houses, saying the three soldiers who sustained injuries were responding to treatment at the Air Force Military Base Hospital in Jos.

Meanwhile, a stampede occurred as the three corpses of the Fulani herdsmen were conveyed to the cemetery for burial within the Bauchi road.

A witness said he saw some hood-

lums who tried to hijack the situation to cause confusion by attacking people around the area as the convoy was passing through adding that the situation was however curtailed by the security agents in the area.

He added that the situation would have escalated if not for the intervention of the security in the area.

Responding to the incident, Lieutenant Colonel Umoh said there was no cause for alarm because security agents were on top of the situation, adding that people are now going about their normal businesses.

## Jonathan in Gombe, lauds prudent mgt of resources

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Gombe

PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan has commended the Gombe State government for prudent management of resources by not over costing contracts awarded for development projects.

The president made the assertion at the weekend while in the state for a one day working visit where he commissioned a township road in the state

capital. The president was impressed with the quality of work he saw when he inspected the on-going N3 billion township stadium as well as the newly constructed faculty of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Science of the state university.

Jonathan, whose visit to the state coincided with the maiden convocation ceremony of the university, said while addressing the crowd at the convocation square of the institution that

the university was one with a difference, saying he noted that the institution had not conferred an honorary doctorate degree on any person, unlike some of the universities that had devalued the honor attached to honorary doctorate degrees as most of the awardees these days bought their ways to the honor. 165 students graduated with only three first class students while Isiaku Adamu, a blind, emerged the overall best student.

## Nigeriens flock to Katsina in search of food

HUNDREDS of Niger nationals, mostly women and children, have flooded into Katsina State in search of food, officials and residents said Friday.

"We are aware of the recent influx of people from Niger into some parts of (southern) Katsina State," Sani Makana, the state's Agriculture Commissioner told AFP by phone.

The number of Niger nationals in Katsina has soared in the past two months, residents said. Makana said some were so desperate they had been forced to beg door-to-door.

"It is a pathetic sight. They just have nothing to live on and have to beg to eat," said Katsina resident, Abubakar Shehu.

"When you ask them why they came here they tell you that they were starving in Niger... and would die if they stayed," Shehu said.

According to the United Nations, around 7.8 million Nigeriens are in need of food, out of the around 10 million affected by a crisis in the Sahel region.

Many Niger men in Nigeria have turned their hand to selling

water in order to eke out a living.

Vendors pushing two-wheeler carts laden with 25-litre (five-gallon) jerry cans have become a common sight in Katsina city, said resident Ibrahim Salihu.

A Nigerian immigration officer, who asked to remain anonymous, said there was little his officials could do to stop the influx.

"There is very little we can do... due to the porous nature of the over 1,000 kilometre (63 mile) border stretch," he said.

# FAAC reconvenes today to break deadlock

By Idris Ahmed

THE meeting of the Federation Account Allocation Committee (FAAC) will reconvene today after it was abruptly halted on April 14 when states rejected their allocation of N493bn due to the non-inclusion of the three months arrears of N700bn.

Daily Trust learnt that President Goodluck Jonathan has put a stop to the sharing of the excess crude account just as the FAAC slashed the N493bn April allocation to the states to slightly above N300bn.

The N700bn arrears can only be paid from the excess crude account which currently has a balance of \$4.3bn as government has no other sources to take money from.

Accountant General of the Federation Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo and the Minister of State for Finance Remi Babalola said the nation may go broke in the next one to two months if they remove money from the excess crude account.

They said Mr. President must approve any sharing from the excess crude account.

Daily Trust exclusively reported last month that states may go broke by June.

Many states depend on the Federation Account to perform their state responsibility and they may not be able to execute any project or even pay salaries if the account continues to shrink.

Chairman of Finance Commissioners' Forum and Commissioner of Finance for Taraba, Mr. Usman Rebo had said that it was illegal to withhold the arrears as the 2010 budget has been signed into law.

He said: "It is expected that we begin to implement the budget

on the basis of 2010 estimate. We have an act in place, pay us our money from January to April, what they have given us is just April. They have not included January to March. What they have before us is not in line with the Appropriation Act."

He insisted they must get the arrears.

He said: "It is a constitutional issue. The constitution stated that all revenues accruing to the government should go into the federation account. It is not something that Mr. President can say he would not approve."

"Most states based their budget on this year's bench mark and we have already programmed what we are going to use the money for and if we don't get it we might not be able to execute projects."

Before the 2010 budget was signed into law, N758.060bn was shared to the federal, states and local governments.

Minister of state for Finance Remi Babalola said that with subsidy to oil marketers averaging N34.73bn monthly and monthly receipts of N431.747bn, "the projected monthly distribution may not be realizable."

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FORMER Head of State General Ibrahim Babangida (left) with House of Representatives member Princess Nnaji during a book presentation in Abuja on Friday

## Finance commissioner may emerge Kaduna dep gov

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

BARRING any hitch, the name of Alhaji Muktar Ramalan Yero, the Kaduna State Commissioner for Finance, will be submitted to the House of Assembly as the deputy governor nominee tomorrow, ending days of anxiety and speculations.

Daily Trust gathered that the decision was reached Saturday.

Earlier, Vice President Namadi Sambo had given Governor Yakowa six nominees to pick his deputy governor from, including Yero, Alhaji Saidu Adamu and the state majority leader.

Vice President Sambo, according to reports, was not comfortable with Alhaji Shehu Ladan's candidature, even though Yakowa was said to be rooting for the ex-NNPC boss who hails from the Kaduna central senatorial zone as former governor.

But Shehu Ladan had issued a press statement on Saturday denying any interest in becoming deputy governor, the source added.

"Up till last Friday, the governor could not make up his mind on who will be his deputy out of the vice president's shortlist but Saidu Adamu and Ramalan Yero were running neck-to-neck," he added.

According to reports, the scale tilted in Yero's favour at last Saturday's closed door meeting.

## Excess crude accounts: States tighten on IGR

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos, Isa Umar Gusau, Maiduguri, Adewale Giwa, Akure, Dele Ogunyemi, Ibadan

THERE is a renewed drive by some states to increase their internally generated revenue (IGR) to shore up their earnings after the central government last week blocked efforts by them to get more money released from the excess crude account.

Funds in the account which is held by the central bank stood at about \$18 bn at the beginning of last year but that had dropped to \$4.8 bn now.

State commissioners last week demanded at a meeting where federally collected revenues were shared that over N760bn be

released to them from the excess crude account, but the minister of finance said that required the approval of the president. The meeting broke down in disagreement.

In Borno State, Governor Ali Modu Sheriff said during last year's democracy day celebration that the state can afford to pay salaries of workers in the next one year even if it does not get monetary allocation from FAAC.

The governor said his administration has saved so much money that would make itself sufficient to execute numerous projects before his tenure ends in 2011. Lagos State commissioner for Information and Strategy Opeyemi Bamidele said since the era of the former gov-

ernor of the state, Bola Tinubu, Lagos state has not depended solely on allocation or grants from the federal government to pay its workers salaries or other developmental projects in the state adding that the state derived much from its internally generated revenue.

Oyo State commissioner for Finance, Budget and Planning Hon. Adebayo Johnson Bankole said in its bid to effectively fund the various development projects, the state has boosted its Internally-Generated Revenue with the engagement of the services of Global Consultants to support the effort of the staffers of the ministry charged with revenue collection.

Osun state government however said there is no way the state

can pay workers salary without the excess crude oil allocation. Chief press secretary, Kayode Olajide, said the state has been experiencing excruciating financial situation and this has made the state government recently embarked on soft borrowing from the banks.

But Ondo State government also said the failure of the 36 states to take the last monthly allocation from the federation account will have no negative impact on its economy, according to the Chief Press Secretary to Governor Olusegun Mimiko, Mr. Kolawole Olabisi.

In Ogun State, the chief press secretary to Governor Gbenga Daniel, Gbenro Adebajo, pleaded for time in order to get response from the appropriate quarters.

# EFCC to quiz ex-ministers today over Siemens scandal

By Boco Edet

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission will today quiz former Nigerian ministers of communication who served between 2000 and 2006 over the 17.5 million Euros Siemens bribery

scandal.

The former ministers to be quizzed by the EFCC operatives are: current PDP Deputy National Chairman, Dr. Bello Haliru Mohammed, Dr. Cornelius Adebayo and retired Maj-Gen Tajudeen Olarenwaju.

EFCC spokesman Femi Babafemi told Daily Trust on phone that the former ministers will be quizzed concerning their roles in the scandal.

Two senior Siemens officials convicted by a court in Germany on April 20 had admitted to bribing top

Nigerian officials to win telecommunications contract in Russia and Nigeria.

The court judgment, a copy of which the EFCC is trying to obtain, can help the EFCC identify top government officials who received bribes from the company during

the period.

The EFCC has already contacted the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice Mohammed Adoke to use the existing Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) between Nigeria and Germany to

request for the judgment of the German court which had found the two Germans guilty.

The EFCC will also question other top government officials alleged to be implicated in the scandal during the course of the week.

## UniAbuja denies refusing remedial students admission

By Muideen Olaniyi

UNIVERSITY of Abuja has denied allegations by some former students of the School of Remedial Studies of the institution that they were refused admission into degree programmes.

A statement signed by the Registrar of the Institution M.B Moddibo explained that the University's guidelines required remedial students to pass all the prescribed examinations of the school and meet the requirements of JAMB for admission into universities before they can be granted admission.

The statement said all the students, who passed through the Remedial pro-

gramme this year and met the two criteria for admission into the University's programmes, had been admitted.

The University management said the protesters were the former students of the Remedial School who did not either pass the school's examination or meet the JAMB conditions for admission into the University.

The statement said the University cannot be held responsible for their failure to meet the prescribed admission requirements, adding that the doors of the University are however open to the public who are willing to make further enquiries on the matter.



From left: Deacon Gabriel Onosode, Member, Board of Fellows, Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Mr. Laurye Lajoyola, President/Chairman of Council, Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Mr. Tony Elumelu, CMD/CFO, United Bank For Africa (UBA) Plc and Fellowship recipient and Dr. Christopher Kolade, Pro-Chancellor, Pan African University after the conferment of Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria on Mr. Tony Elumelu in Lagos at the weekend

## Govs urge Sambo to support Jonathan's electoral reform

By Muideen Olaniyi

GOVERNORS of the 36 states of the federation have urged Vice President Namadi Sambo to support President Goodluck Jonathan's determination to reform the electoral system and conduct free and fair election in 2011.

The governors, under the auspices of Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), also congratulated Sambo on his assumption of office as vice president.

NGF said Sambo's appointment, legislative clearance and inauguration without any hitch demonstrate the fact that Nigeria is waxing stronger democratically.

Speaking through the Director-General of NGF, Asishana Okauru, the governors also expressed hope that the Vice President

Sambo-led National Economic Council (NEC) will take drastic measures capable of transforming Nigeria into African's economic powerhouse and industrial giant.

"One of the ways to achieve this is by solving the problem of epileptic power supply in the country," the governors said.

The governors hoped Sambo will deploy all his 'energies and talents' in working with President Jonathan to put Nigeria on the path of sustainable development.

"Even though the administration has very little time, Nigerians and the international community expect that you and the President constitute a solid team capable of confronting the immediate challenges facing the most populous black nation on earth," the governors said.

## U.S. launches first working group with Nigeria

By Aisha Umar Agaie

THE United States of America will between May 25 and 27 launch the Good Governance, Transparency and Integrity (GTI) Working Group under the US-Nigeria Bi-national Commission in Abuja.

Undersecretary María Otero, in charge of Democracy and Global Affairs, will lead the U.S. delegation to launch the group which is the first of four working groups to

convene, a statement from the US embassy in Nigeria said.

While in Abuja, the undersecretary will engage with senior Nigerian government officials and non-governmental stakeholders to discuss the promotion of democratic institutions and processes, and fighting corruption.

She will also hold meetings with senior government officials on global issues including health

and trafficking in persons.

On May 26, Undersecretary Otero will participate in preliminary discussions with stakeholders, including a dialogue with Nigerian civil society leaders to discuss good governance, transparency, and integrity in Nigeria.

She will also meet with officials on states' roles in good governance, as well as a discussion with private sector representatives on building stronger enabling environments for

business and investment.

On May 27, Undersecretary Otero and Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs Odein Ajumogobia will co-chair the US-Nigeria bi-national commission working group meeting to discuss efforts to create an environment for free, fair, and transparent Nigerian general election in 2011, progress and implementation of electoral reform, and enhancing anti-corruption efforts.

## Nigeria's hajj commission to copy Malaysia's model

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

THE National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) has said that it will copy Malaysia's hajj operation model to improve on its performance.

NAHCON Chairman Muhammad Musa Bello disclosed this when he visited the Nigerian High Commissioner to Malaysia

Ambassador Peter Anebeh at the Nigeria House in Kuala Lumpur.

Bello, who was accompanied on the trip by some staff of the commission, told the Nigerian High Commissioner that the team was in Malaysia to learn from the country's world acclaimed "Tabung Hajj Saving Scheme."

The Tabung Hajj is the

Malaysian hajj pilgrims fund board which facilitates savings for the pilgrimage to Makkah through investment in Shariah-compliant vehicles.

Bello said Nigeria is interested in replicating the Malaysian model in an effort to deliver a hitch-free hajj operation in the country.

Speaking while receiving the team, Ambassador

Anebeh expressed happiness that Nigeria is choosing the Malaysian model to transform its own hajj operations.

He urged the Nigerian hajj commission to constructively undertake what needs to be done for Nigerian pilgrims to perform their religious rites without any undue suffering while in Saudi Arabia.

## PDP denies plan to hold NEC meeting tomorrow

By Maideen Olaniyi

THE ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) yesterday dismissed media reports suggesting that it will hold a meeting of its National Executive Committee (NEC) tomorrow over the vacant position of the party's national chairman office. PDP National Publicity Secretary Prof. Rufai Ahmed Alkali said no such meeting has been called for or scheduled by the leadership of the party.

Alkali informed all PDP members nationwide that the party "shall formally communicate and announce any meeting of NEC through the normal channels when such a date is fixed."

PDP spokesman said the clarification has become necessary in view of the frequent calls the party has been receiving and to clear any doubts and anxiety which the 'false and misleading' information has been causing.

Meanwhile, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) National Vice Chairman (Southeast) Chief Olisa Metuh has explained that the appointment and replacement of the national chairman will be done by the National Executive Committee after due consideration by the leaders, elders and custodians of the party.

## Plane crash lands in Kano farm

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However, *Daily Trust* learnt that the aircraft was to land in Zaria but could not do so due to heavy downpour in the late afternoon. It was also learnt that the instructor decided that they should go to Kano to make an emergency landing at the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport. However, on their way to Kano, the aircraft developed technical fault that made them to land on a large farm in Dawakin Tofa.

Spokesperson of the Air Accident Investigation Bureau, Mr Tunji Oketunbi said they received information that a trainer aircraft belonging to the NCAT, Zaria "had weather challenge and came down in a school field. We are investigating. As soon as that is confirmed, we shall give details."

Chief Press Secretary to the Minister of Aviation Mr Nelson Yemi who confirmed the incident, said it was a trainer aircraft belonging to NCAT with an instructor and student pilots on board.

Spokesperson of NCAT Mr Amadi Jude also said the two pilots on board at the time of the crash were students. He said the weather was bad and they had to make an emergency landing in a school field.



EMIR of Gombe Alhaji Shehu Abubakar (left) with Gombe State Governor Mohammed Danjuma Goje, at the presentation of a scroll, containing the laws and rules of the Gombe State University to the newly appointed chancellor (the emir) in Gombe, at the weekend.

## Commissioner urges budget review to correct flaws

By Zakariyya Adaramola

KATSINA State Commissioner for Finance Alhaji Adamu Babangida Ibrahim has called for a review of the current budget to enable the country adjust to current economic realities.

Commenting on today's meeting of the Federation Account Allocation Committee which is expected to address issues of federally allocated revenue to the three tiers of government, Alhaji Ibrahim said there is no way a country could have a budget that is not realistic or in consonance with the economic realities of the nation.

Speaking with *Daily Trust* in Abuja yesterday, the commissioner said, "In the history of FAAC, this has never happened. What is happening, will give us an opportunity as a country to go back and look at the reality. If it is our budget that is defective, I think the country needs to sit down and readjust based on current realities so that we move forward as a nation and we need all the resources."

The commissioner said, "I think the crux of the matter was when we had the earlier meeting last time, we were supposed to share from the federal revenue and given the fact that the 2010 budget had been

consented to by the president, the sharing of the revenue was supposed to be based on the 2010 budget which they did for the month of April. However, for January, February and March, the allocations were shared on the basis of the 2009 budget because the 2010 budget as at that time was yet to become operational. And the expectation, the rule of law, is that the subsequent allocations after the signing of the 2010 budget is supposed to be based on the budget (2010)."

He added however, that at that meeting, the minister of finance explained that because the president had not approved the withdrawal for the arrears of the excess crude account and that was why they had not been paid based on the 2010 budget.

On the possibility of not having presidential approval for sharing the excess crude proceeds as reported in some quarters, he said, "I should believe that we have got the necessary approval and what we are coming to do tomorrow (today) is to share the normal April allocation which was done based on the 2010 budget and including the arrears for January February and March and .... which will all come from the excess crude. I am not aware that approval has not been given. The belief is that since they have called for the meeting, the approval has been given."

## Dangote makes bid for Arsenal

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have recently put their club up for sale.

Manchester United has attracted bid interest from a fan-based consortium that wants to wrest control from the Glazer family.

"The *Sunday Times* said "Dangote is a passionate football fan and has the wealth to compete with Kroenke and Usmanov." Forbes magazine recently ranked him among the world's 500 richest people, with a fortune estimated at \$2.5 billion (£1.7 billion). He has helped the Nigerian national football team with cash presents and has stood for the post of president of the Nigerian football association.

He recently celebrated his 53rd birthday with the purchase of an eight-seater Bombardier jet, regarded as one of the most sophisticated private planes in the world.

He is the founder of the Dangote Group, a manufacturing empire that started in the late 1970s as a cement importer and which now has interests ranging from sugar and flour to telecommunications and oil.

He is a close friend of Nigeria's former president Olusegun Obasanjo. Until recently he was the head of the Nigerian stock exchange but was forced to step down after falling out with Africa Petroleum, one of Nigeria's biggest companies, which accused Dangote of manipulating its share price, a charge he has appealed against.

The Nigerian tycoon is thought to have made it on to a shortlist of about 10 investors, drawn up by Blackstone. The holding was put up for sale earlier this year.

It was inherited by Bracewell-Smith's husband Sir Charles Bracewell-Smith and transferred to her name in 2005.

The stake has attracted interest from investors in Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and America. It is expected to be sold for about £15,000 a share, against a current market price of £10,000.

Sources close to Kroenke say he is the favourite to buy the holding. The American, who currently owns 29.9%, the largest single shareholding in the club, ultimately wants control and has told Blackstone he plans to bid.

Kroenke is also more popular with the Arsenal directors than Usmanov, who owns a 26% stake through his Red & White Holdings investment vehicle but has failed to gain a seat on the club's board.

A buyer could be selected before the new Conservative-led British government passes an emergency budget on June 22, which is expected to put up capital gains tax on certain types of investment. A rise in the tax rate could cost Bracewell-Smith mil-

lions of pounds.

Foreign ownership of English football clubs is under increased scrutiny because of the large debts many clubs have been saddled with after takeovers by foreign investors.

Some proprietors, such as Chelsea's Russian tycoon Roman Abramovich, have slashed debts recently while others — Aston Villa's American owner Randy Lerner, for example — have striven to avoid becoming dependent on bank financing.

The sale of a stake in Arsenal, which is forecast to make a pre-tax profit this year of £56m, will not be helped by growing speculation that Cesc Fabregas, its star midfielder, could move to Barcelona this summer. Both Arsenal and Blackstone declined to comment.

Dangote Group's spokesman also declined to comment last night, saying he had no information.

# 'Obj's influence 'll scuttle fight against corruption'

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

THE influence of former President Olusegun Obasanjo on President Goodluck Jonathan and his administration will make it difficult, if not impossible, for the president to fight corruption in Nigeria successfully, the Northern Elders' Assembly said yesterday.

The elders' position was contained in a communiqué after the assembly's one-day meeting in Abuja that reviewed the current political situation in the country and how it affects the North as well as the interest of its people.

The communiqué signed by former Minister of Power and Steel, Alhaji Bashir Dalhato, said it was obvious that most Nigerians believe that the former president is himself a strong suspect of corruption charges that still remain to be investigated.

The assembly equally frowned at what it described as "attempt to dishonorably and unjustly" circumvent the principle of zoning/power rotation by a certain cabal acting the "script of former President Olusegun Obasanjo who is hell-bent on denying the North its right under the PDP zoning

arrangement to keep power for consecutive terms".

It said the zoning arrangement had been agreed upon by the party right from its inception and which the southern part of the country and Obasanjo became the first beneficiaries.

The elders also said the rotation formula was an innovation that originated from the South in order to make it possible for the majority elements, particularly from the south, to be able to access power at the highest level in the country's political equation. "It will therefore be ironical if the north is

short-changed by the very people it was trying to help", it said.

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Out of the 20 senior officials of the ministry, 10 are from the south-south geopolitical zone, the area where the president comes from, with the whole North having only 4, and south east and south west having only 2 each, it also said.

The assembly therefore appealed to all northerners, irrespective of political or partisan affiliations, to come together and present a united front in defending the right of the North to produce the next president in line with the zoning arrangement already in place.

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From left: IGI Deputy Director Rotimi Fasola, IGI Executive Vice Chairman Remi Oluwude and Osaze Odemwingie, during the signing of agreement of making Osaze an IGI Nigeria Ambassador in Abuja at the weekend.

## Man arrested for stoning Gov Shema

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

ALHAJI Jamilu Dahiru Saude, the younger brother of an executive of a petroleum agency, has been arrested over the alleged stoning of Katsina State Governor Alhaji Ibrahim Shehu Shema during the burial of late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua on May 6.

Also arrested is Saude's friend, Alhaji Abdulkadir Musa. The two men are influential youth leaders in Katsina who are seen as big threats to Shema's second term bid. They are said to be die-hard supporters of the late president. They have been transferred to Zone 1 of the Nigeria Police Force in Kano from the Katsina State police command.

Governor Shema was reported to have been booed and stoned amidst visiting governors and other personalities at the Dan Marina Cemetery where the remains of the late president were laid to rest. The Katsina police were said to have arrested the two persons and released them later after investigation. They were, however, being invited to the state police headquarters occasionally since then for questioning. Finally, the police swooped on them Friday evening and took them straight to the Kano zonal police headquarters where they are currently in detention.

Police Public Relations Officer for the police zonal office Malam Aminu refused to answer several calls to him by our reporter who wanted police confirmation.

But newsmen sighted Saude at the premises of the zonal police headquarters when he came out to observe his Zuhr prayer. He told reporters that their arrest was politically motivated since, in the first place, the police in Katsina could not establish the allegation against them. "We were not detained when we were first arrested since the police could not establish the allegation against us. But since then the police used to invite us from time to time until last Friday evening when they just arrested us and took us to Kano. And here we are now", he said.

## Only performance can elongate Jonathan's tenure – PDP Chieftain

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

A Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chieftain in Ogun State, Dr. Femi Majekodunmi, has said that only good performance can lead to tenure elongation for President Goodluck Jonathan.

Majekodunmi, who spoke with our correspondent in Abeokuta said what the Nigerian masses want at this crucial stage was a leadership that would listen to their yearnings.

"So, if President Jonathan listens to the yearning of the masses, his tenure elongation is as good as being achieved", he said.

The PDP governorship aspirant ruled

out the possibility of having the present administration elongating its tenure outside what he described as unacceptable process but added, "the president I am seeing does not have such traits. He will definitely do what is right and just. If you take a look back on how he has been conducting himself, you will see that he has displayed maturity and remained focused.

Let us wait for a few months from now and see how far the desired transformation will come. To be best of my knowledge and understanding, this is what is going to happen. If they do well, pressure will be on them (him and his Vice) to go into 2011 election".

## Councillor donates car to orphans

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

ORPHANS in Unguwar Rogo/ Rimi Ward in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State yesterday got a car donation from the councillor representing the ward, Abubakar Ishaq Dogara, for commercial use to cater for their education.

Donating the Jetta car to the orphans at the Government Secondary School Unguwar Rogo, Dogara said the essence of the project was to fill the educational gap between orphans and those whose parents can cater for their education. He added that the project was also an effort to respond to the call of "our religion which encourages helping people whose parents are dead, especially children by ensuring that they do not suffer due to the absence of their parents". According to Dogara who is also the Minority Whip of the Jos North Lcal Government, proceeds from the car will be lodged in a special account to be used by orphans who will be selected from various areas in the ward. The Imam of Kwanar Malam Ya'u Mosque in the ward, Malam Zubairu Shehu Umar, on behalf of the orphans described the gesture as unique, saying the effort of the counsellor would augment the effort to cater for orphans in the area".

# Jailed LG boss gets bail

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

CHAIRMAN of Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State Shugaba Umara Gana has been granted bail by the Court of Appeal in Jos.

The chairman was earlier refused bail by the Borno State High Court 10, the same court that jailed him over corruption charges filed by the Independent

Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission (ICPC). Counsel to the chairman, Peter Adebayo Bello, had on April 14, 2010, filed a bail motion at the Appeal Court pending the determination of the substantive case against the judgement of justice Paturm Haruna Ngadda of the Borno State High Court 10.

Justice Ngadda had earlier

refused the bail application filed by Shugaba, saying the affidavit and the application tendered by the applicant did not show evidence of exceptional circumstances to warrant a bail. She added that there was no evidence that the health of the applicant could not be managed by a hospital in Borno.

The judge said there was also no evidence that the

health of the applicant posed a danger to himself or other inmates at the prison since he had been living with the disease before his conviction. But the Court of Appeal in Jos, last Thursday granted Gana bail.

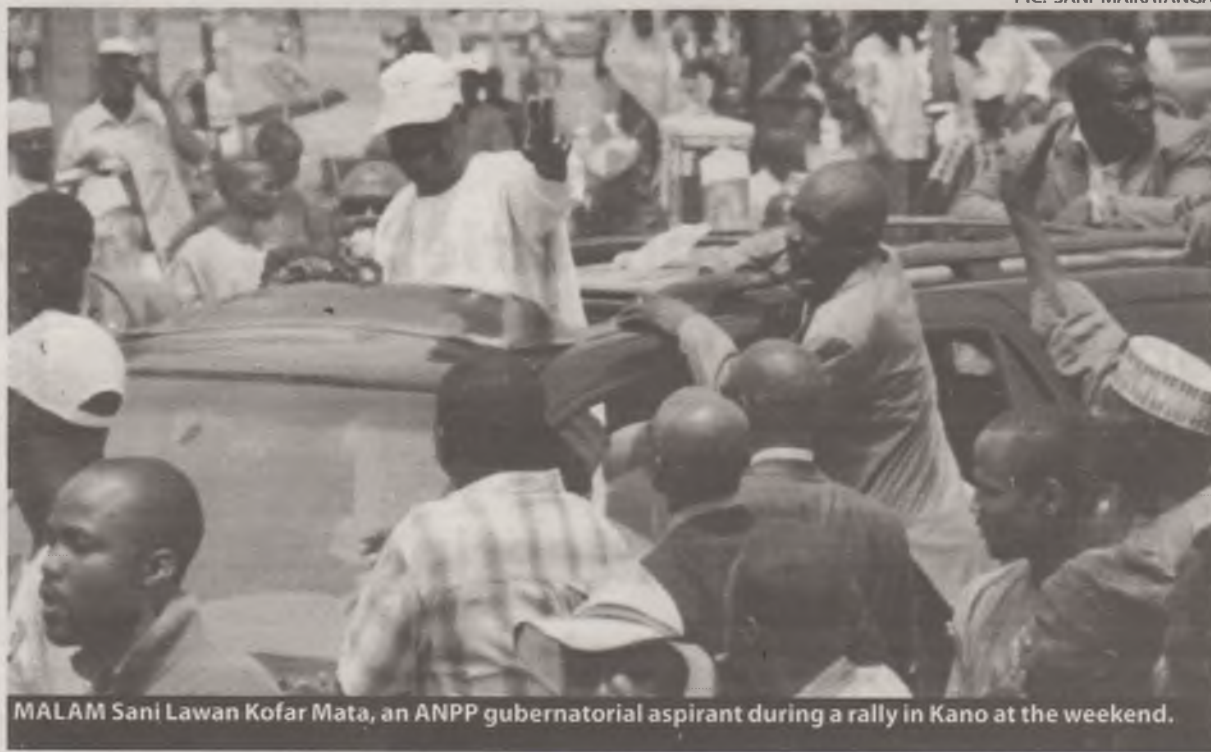
In the judgement which was read by Justice Abubakar Datti Yahaya, the judge, Justice U.I Ndukwe-Anyanwu ordered the applicant to pro-

vide one surety who owns a landed property in Maiduguri.

The court also granted the application of bail filed by Kaka Shehu Lawan, counsel to one Alkali Imam, who was convicted with Shugaba.

It would be recalled that the Borno State High Court last September convicted Gana and a staff of the Board of Internal Rev-

enue, Alkali Imam, over corruption allegations against them by the Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). The two were said to have withdrawn N1.5 million under the pretence of paying withholding tax to the Board of Internal Revenue. They were sentenced to seven years imprisonment each.



PIC: SANI MAIKATANGA

MALAM Sani Lawan Kofar Mata, an ANPP gubernatorial aspirant during a rally in Kano at the weekend.

## Niger may sue PHCN over N10bn debt

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

THE Niger State government may sue authorities of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) if it fails to pay the N10 billion it is owing the state, the Chairman of the state Board of Internal Revenue Musa Kaboji has said.

Kaboji who said this yesterday in an interview with our correspondent in Minna, said the board had not received any money from PHCN as ground rate since 1976, when the state was created.

"Since 1976, the Niger

State government has not received a dime from the PHCN as payment of ground rate. That money has accrued over the years to the tune of N10 billion. We have already asked PHCN to pay the outstanding amount owed the state, but if they prove difficult, we will have no choice, but to take the organisation to court. We will stop at nothing to ensure that the state government recovers the money," he said.

He urged the state Ministry of Finance to assist the board, saying the job of revenue collection should not be left to the board alone.

## Kaduna compensates family of slain mechanic

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

EIGHT months after men of the Nigerian Air Force attached to the Operation Yaki, a security outfit of the Kaduna State government allegedly killed one Abdulrauf Wuraola Shittu, a mechanic over wrong parking, the Kaduna State government at the weekend paid N2 million as compensation to Shittu's family.

Presenting the money to the family of deceased, the state Commissioner for Information Alhaji Saidu Adamu said, "Accidents occur in the process of keeping peace. We sympathize with you, the family he left behind. Please take heart and may Allah be with you."

On behalf of the family of the deceased, Ustaz Muhammad Tihamiyu Suleiman, thanked the

state government for the gesture.

It would be recalled that following an allegation of wrong parking along Mando road in Kaduna metropolis, the security men on September 25, 2009, allegedly hit Shittu on the head with their guns, an act which was said to have led to his death.

He left behind two wives and 10 children.

## Curator flays destruction of Kano city walls

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

CURATOR of the National Museum, Kaduna, Mr. Jafaru Dauda has condemned the pulling down of the ancient city walls of Kano State, describing it as a terrible error.

Speaking at an event to mark this year's International Museum Day, tagged, "Museum for social harmony," the curator also condemned the destruction of historical monuments in Edo State.

"Importantly, we want to strongly appeal that you assist us to sensitize people on the need to protect our monuments against

destruction as was witnessed in Edo and Kano States. For real, the presence of monuments makes a beautiful and appealing urbanization," he said.

He said the museum as the chief custodian of the nation's cultural property would continue to play the huge role of maintaining, conserving, protecting and displaying the cultural objects in the light of quintessential human development, portraying Nigerians as good people.

"Museum activities are focused at availing people with cultural and educational opportunities. The collections offer scientific treasures for research, scholars and specialists," he added.

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# Ogun private schools begin strike

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta

PRIVATE schools in Ogun State will today embark on strike over alleged excess tax and levies by the state Ministry of Education. This follows a notice issued to the affected schools at the close of work Friday. In one of the notices by the management of the Children's House School, Ibara, Abe-

okuta, the pupils were asked to stay at home till further notice, adding, "Please be informed that there all private schools in the state will begin a strike action on Monday May 24, 2010, and it will continue till further notice. Please keep your ward(s) at home."

Our correspondent gathered that the action is to protest alleged excessive taxation and levies imposed by the state government.

According to a source, the leadership of the National Association of Proprietors of Private Schools recently met with officials of the state Ministry of Education, Science and Technology on the matter, but the meeting was deadlocked.

A top official of the ministry, who spoke with our correspondent yesterday, said most private schools in the state had been defaulting in the payment of renewal fees which

had accumulated. "Some of them owe up to 9 years renewal fees. They know it. After approval fee, there is renewal fee, which some of them have not paid over time.

We all know the financial situation of the state, hence the determination of the state government to go after the money. In fact, the government was magnanimous enough to slash-off about 30 per cent of the total fees expected to be paid by the

defaulting schools because the debt is too much, yet they decided to be confrontational with the ministry," he added.

The official blamed the attitude of not paying tax as and at when due to the action of the schools. "We have to come to terms with the reality on ground and the government has given them a week's grace. I hope that they see reason and call off their strike," he said.



VICE President Mohammed Namadi Sambo acknowledging cheers during his visit to Kaduna State at the weekend.

## Forum pledges assistance for Biu

By Muideen Olaniji

THE Biu Forum has pledged to assist in the socio-economic and physical development of Biu, a town in Borno State. At the end of a meeting organized by its Abuja branch, the Protom Chairman of the Forum Alhaji Musa Kachallah told the members that their financial contributions would help in achieving all the set goals.

The National Chairman of the Forum, Mai Muhammed Aliyu and the National Secretary, Alhaji Aliyu Mohammed spoke on the efforts being made to accelerate development of the town. The meeting was attended by Ambassador Saidu Shettima Pindar, Alhaji Mustapha Muhammad of the National Sports Commission and Alhaji Ibrahim Zaifada.

## Kadpoly to begin Masters programme in education

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

THE Post-Graduate Programmes Committee of the Kaduna Polytechnic is working on a proposal for the introduction of a Master in Education Technology programme to be known as M. Tech, Rector of the institution Dr. Danjuma I. Isah has said. Already, the institution is running a degree programme in education (B.Ed) in (Technology) affiliated to the Federal University of Technology (FUT), Minna, Niger State.

Speaking during this year's matriculation of the B. Ed (Technology) students,

he said the programme would also be run in affiliation with the Federal University of Technology, Minna.

The Rector whose speech was read by the Deputy Rector Administration, Dr. Yuwanna J. Mivanyi, said the plan was part of the giant strides the institution was making in manpower training for national development.

While reiterating the commitment of the institution to contribute to the enhancement of the country's human capacity through the provision of qualitative education, the rector appealed to the management of FUT Minna to give

a speedy consideration to the M. Tech programme. He urged the matriculating students to take their studies seriously.

"Make judicious use of all learning facilities available in the workshops, laboratories, libraries and dissociate yourselves from all forms of vices," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Professor Mohammed S. Audu, who was represented by the Vice-Chancellor Administration, Mohammed A. Suleiman, assured the management of the Kaduna Polytechnic of the support and cooperation of FUT.

## Kano biz man Danladidi dies at 82

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

FAMOUS Kano businessman and philanthropist Alhaji Danladidi Shehe died at the weekend at the age of 82. Our correspondent learnt that late Danladidi spent five days on admission at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) before he died around 7pm on Saturday. A son of the deceased, Burhana Sheshe, said his father died of a heart attack.

"He died of a heart attack. We were preparing to fly him abroad when he died. It is a great loss," he said.

Late Danladidi was the first indigenous departmental stores owner in the state. His stores competed

with UTC and Leventis Stores in the 70s and 80s. Apart from trading, late Danladidi was also into real estate. The funeral prayer which was held at the Sheikh Ahmad Tijjani Mosque was attended by Kano State Governor Ibrahim Shekarau, top government officials and renowned Islamic scholar, Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u. His remains were buried yesterday at 9am at the Dandolo Cemetery in Goron Dutse area of Kano metropolis. Mourners who thronged the Hadejia Road family residence of the deceased prayed to Almighty Allah to grant late Danladidi eternal rest in Jannatul Firdaus and give the family the fortitude to bear the loss.

## 2011: Jang warns against rigging

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

GOVERNOR of Plateau State Jonah David Jang has warned against rigging in the forthcoming general elections in the state, saying his administration would not tolerate it. Speaking at the 2010 Vwang annual cultural festival of the Mupun people in Lankan, Panshin Local Government Area of the state, Jang said he would make sure every vote cast at the next elections counts. The governor who called on various ethnic groups in the state to respect one another, implored security agencies to be on the alert, saying all forms of electoral malpractices must be avoided in the next general elections. Governor Jang also warned politicians against using thugs.

He noted that crises in the state had posed a great challenge to the peaceful co-existence of the Plateau people, but urged the people to consider the challenge as a wake-up call to defend the state.

"The time has come for us as a people to discard our differences and stand up for Plateau State as it is greater than any individual or group," he said.

Those honoured with traditional titles at the event include former Governor of Plateau State Chief Joshua Dariye, Speaker of the Plateau House of Assembly, Istifanus Mwansat, Prof. Dakum Shown, Dr. Patrick Dakum, Robert Table, former Chairman of the PDP in Plateau, Maichibi Vwarji, Simon Tangni, Ardiyel Dafwur and Casmir Kumtap.

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Only Short listed applicants will be contacted for an interview.

- Interviews will be held at the Kano office
- Successful applicants will have to re-locate to Abuja for a 3 month training period.

Application deadline: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010

# NORTHERN ELDERS ASSEMBLY

## COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER A ONE DAY MEETING OF THE NORTHERN ELDERS ASSEMBLY HELD ON THE 19TH OF MAY 2010 AT NO.59 USUMA STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA.

A one day meeting of the Northern Elder's Assembly whose Chairman is Alhaji Inuwa Wada, First Republic Defence Minister and Former Acting Prime Minister of Nigeria in the First Republic, was held on Wednesday, 19th May, 2010 in the Secretariat of the Organization at 59, Usuma Street, Maitama, Abuja.

The Meeting was chaired by Alhaji Bello Kirfi (Wazirin Bauchi), the Assembly's Vice Chairman, who stood in for the Chairman who was unavoidably absent. Those that attended include;

1. Alhaji Bello Kirfi (Wazirin Bauchi) (Fmr. Minister of Foreign Affairs)
2. Alhaji Tanko Yakasai (OFR) (2nd Republic Special Assistant to President Shehu Shagari)
3. Alhaji Bashir Dalhatu (Walin Dutse) (Fmr. Minister)
4. Hajija Laila Dogon Yaro (Garkuwan Garki) (Fmr. Chairperson National Council of Women Society)
5. Alhaji Umaru Baba (Magajin. Garin Muri) (Fmr Minister of Petroleum)
6. Sen. Abubakar Mahdi (Fmr. Chairman Sen. Committee on Foreign Affairs)
7. Alhaji Sani Zangon Daura (Danmasanin Daura) (Fmr Minister of Agriculture)
8. Alhaji Abba Musa. Rimi (Fmr Kaduna State Governor).
9. Mrs Elizabeth Ivase (Fmr Minister of Education).
10. Rev. Umar Garba Dutse
11. Alhaji Isa Ozi Salami (Fmr Director New Nigerian Newspaper)
12. Alhaji Mohammed Sama (Marafan Argungu).

The meeting reviewed the current political situation in the country and how it affects the North and the interest of its people, and took the following resolutions;

- The Assembly notes with concern the attempt to dishonourably and unjustly circumvent the principle of Zoning/Power rotation by a certain cabal acting the script of former president Olusegun Obasanjo who is hell-bent on denying the North its right under the PDP zoning arrangement to keep power for two consecutive terms; a principle which had been agreed upon by the party right from its inception and which the southern part of the country and Obasanjo became the first beneficiaries. It should be noted that the zoning and rotation formula was an innovation that originated from the North in order to make it possible for the minority elements, particularly, from the South to be able to access power at the highest level in the political power equation in Nigeria. It will therefore be ironical if the North is shortchanged by the very people it was trying to help.
- The Assembly notes with concern that the recent appointments made by President Goodluck Jonathan in the Ministry of Petroleum Resources and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation contravenes his oath of Office and amounts to a violation of our Constitution. In particular, the changes and shake-up are against the constitutionally enshrined principle of Federal Character and do not reflect the Oath he had taken "to do Justice to all manner of people without fear, favour, affection or ill-will". Out of the 20 senior officials of the ministry, 10 are from the South-South Geopolitical Zone, the area where the President comes from, with the whole of the North having only 4, and the South East and South-West having only 2, each.
- The Assembly resolved to send a powerful delegation to the National Assembly to meet with His Excellency the Senate President, The Honourable Speaker, and the Leadership of Northern Caucuses in the Upper and Lower Chambers of the National Legislature respectively, in order to present a case against these negative tendencies which are capable of affecting the political stability of Nigeria. The Delegation

will also pay a similar visit to the National Working Committee of the People's Democratic Party on the same issue.

- The Assembly frowns at the way and manner the immediate past Chairman of the People's Democratic Party, Prince Vincent Ogbulafor, was forced to resign his position simply because he insisted on the adherence to the P.D.P Zoning arrangement.
- The Assembly observed a minute's silence in honour of the Late Umaru Musa Yar'adua, the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mutawallen Katsina and offered special prayers for the repose of his soul. It noted that although his tenure was short-lived, he nevertheless recorded significant achievements for the country such as the solution he brought to the Niger-Delta Crisis through his Amnesty Programme, the Dredging of the River Niger, Elimination of Fuel Scarcity and long queues at Petroleum Filling Stations, Electoral Reforms and restoration of sanity in our development strategy as encapsulated in his 7- Point Agenda, Vision 20-2020 and many others.
- The Assembly congratulates President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan and Vice President Muhammad Namadi Sambo on their elevation to the exalted positions of President and Vice President of the Federal Republic respectively, and expressed the hope that they will discharge their onerous duties with patriotism and in accordance with their Oath of Office to do Justice to all manner of people without fear or favour, ill-will or affection and appeal to them to regard the entire nation as their constituency.
- The Assembly believes that the overwhelming and over bearing influence of former president Olusegun Obasanjo over President Jonathan and his administration will make it difficult if not impossible for President Jonathan to pursue an agenda of fighting corruption successfully. It is obviously clear that most Nigerians believe that former President Obasanjo himself, is a strong suspect of corruption charges; which still remains to be investigated.
- The Assembly also resolved to constitute 3 high powered delegations of 5 members each, one team per Geo-Political Zone making up the North, to visit State Governors, Traditional Rulers, Religious and Cultural Bodies, as well as Opinion Leaders to present the Assembly's position and to brief them on issues of common concern.
- The Assembly appeals to all Northerners, irrespective of political or partisan affiliations to come together and present a united front in defending the right of the North to produce the next President of the country, in line with the zoning arrangement already in place; as the South has had and utilized its turn. We appeal to our respective State Governors. to demonstrate exemplary leadership in this crusade and replicate the selfless and 'heroic sacrifices made by some of their predecessors against Obasanjo's attempt to elongate his tenure.

Signed.

Bashir Mohammed Dalhatu (Walin Dutse)  
For: Northern Elder's Assembly.



## MTN NIGERIA FOUNDATION



### Disability Support Project (Phase 2) Request For Expressions of Interest

The MTN Nigeria Foundation Limited by Guarantee (MTNF Ltd/Gte) was established, by MTN Nigeria Communications Limited, in July 2004 to drive MTN Nigeria's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in communities across the country.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The MTNF recognises the importance of empowering people living with disabilities, and as such, distributed its first set of disability aids and appliances to 11 states and the FCT in December 2009. Now the Foundation is ready to roll out the second phase of the project.

The beneficiary states of the second phase of the MTNF Disability Support Project are **Abia, Bauchi, Borno, Edo, Enugu, Kano, Katsina, Kogi, Kwara, Ondo, Ogun and Rivers**. The remaining 12 states will be covered in the third phase of the project.

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The MTN Foundation seeks to support this segment of the public by the provision of these appliances to improve accessibility and functionality, as well as to enable inclusion for persons living with disabilities.

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8. Braille Wristwatches
9. Hearing Aids

The MTN Foundation will also provide training for project personnel on repairs of the types of mobility aids and appliances to be distributed to ensure sustainability.

MTN Foundation now invites submission of Expressions of Interest from Special Homes, Integrated Schools, Institutions and Associations for physically challenged, visually and hearing impaired individuals from the states listed above. Expressions of Interest should be done by the above listed type of organisations on behalf of individuals living with disabilities in their care.

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To qualify for consideration, applicants must:

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- Be willing to participate in the Vulnerability Index Analysis (set of criteria used to measure groups of people who are most likely to be endangered in the event of adverse circumstances of life);
- Provide contact details for two persons (name, address, telephone no, e-mail if available) through whom the beneficiary can be reached;
- Provide medical certificate or report from a Federal or State hospital confirming type of mobility aid/appliance needed.
- Provide two passport size photographs required for identification card

##### Next step

Recipients of the mobility aids and appliances will be notified in due course.

##### Application process:

Interested Special Homes, Integrated Schools, Federal & State Teaching Hospitals, State General Hospitals and Associations for disabled persons from the states listed above should collect application forms from Contact Project Field Officers through the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministries of Women Affairs in the 12 states/LGAs, Special Homes, Integrated Schools, Federal & State Teaching Hospitals, State General Hospitals and Associations for disabled persons situated in these states.

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## OBJ's men flock to PDP Reform Forum

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It seems that the PDP reform forum is gaining ground on daily basis and getting set to take over the reins of the party. The question is, what will Obasanjo, the former President stand to benefit from all this? After handing over to the Late President, what more does Obasanjo want other than to show gratitude to Nigerians who against all odds made him our president for two terms?

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It is the beginning of the end of the PDP for they have been a mess throughout the 12 years they spent in power. We simply need a change just as the political equations are changing everywhere else.

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## Reps reject two-party system

EVEN though I am not advocating for a return to the two-party system we had during the Babangida era, I believe very strongly that 54 political parties are too much. With electorates that are barely literate to be able to distinguish the difference in these parties, this definitely does not help them in exercising their civil rights.

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The two-party system that some members of the House of Reps want to amend is okay but the majority who are members of PDP will not agree with that because that will reduce the party's power and population.

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Minority Leader, Rep. Mohammed Ali Ndume (ANPP, Borno) is a very reasonable and sensible Principal Officer and he should be recommended for bringing the idea of a return to two-Party System in this Country. Unfortunately, however his motion has been turned down, but come to think of it, the two-party system is the answer to some of Nigeria's biggest problems. I rest here.

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## Yakowa: I am not governor for Xtians

TRY and to demonstrate good to all in Kaduna.

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From the information we are getting on His Excellency, we were told that he is not biased and does his work justly. We hope to benefit from this. And as a career civil servant, we hope he will look into the needs of civil servants and address them accordingly. Overall, we hope his ascension to the post of No. 1 citizen in Kaduna State would be a blessing in disguise.

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This is what we Nigerians are supposed to bear in mind: that whoever you are, whatever your religion, God created us to be Nigerians and we have the equal right as citizens of Nigeria. If we can forget about religious differences or ethnicity and come to join our hands together to support our leaders I believe Nigeria will be taken to greater heights. I personally enjoyed the speech made by the Kaduna state governor, Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, and I wish him all the best in discharging the duties assigned to him for the people of Kaduna state.

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## Religious politics without religion

MALAM Abba Gana you have said it all. My pity is for the ordinary man on the streets who believe these self appointed politicized religious leaders. God save us.

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In Nigeria, people sink their religious and ethnic differences when it comes to looting the public treasury but when it comes to power and position they try to show that they are religious and tribal champions. In the Harliburton bribery scandal, the PTDF

## Sambo resumes duty, visits Kaduna today

IT is a welcome idea that Nigeria is today being led by intellectuals. Let us hope that they will make the difference because for so long have our people been shortchanged. I fervently pray that we will weep no more. Hopefully these men will turn our nightmares into joy. May the glorious dawn that Chief Awo talked so much of begin.

Vice president Sambo, you must set fort at dawn. Please do not tell us there is no time. There is plenty, if only you can set forth at dawn. Please help Nigerians to smile again.

**Dr.Chinedu Onuorah**

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I think it is time for Nigerians to forget about religious differences, time for us to love one another and move the nation or states forward. God bless Nigeria.

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It's true that whatever cannot be achieved in a peaceful way cannot be achieved otherwise. I must rejoice with the people of southern Kaduna in particular and the entire Kaduna at large.

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Congratulations Yakowa for becoming the first southern Kaduna governor of Kaduna state. I think your message about being a governor for everybody is a good start. I commend you for this. May Allah help you in carrying out your duties. Amen.

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The reality of our imaginations are now materializing through our leaders in the sense that Nigerians are now aware of the fact that the war of religion is not man's war but rather it's a war of God. Nigeria is blessed and known for oneness so

mega fraud, the power fraud, Federal Ministry of Health cash distribution bonanza etc, Nigerians of various religious and tribal backgrounds were involved but not a word was heard from CAN and SCSN.

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I wish this article can be represented in all the national dailies. It is really recommended as an antidote to the dogmatic way in which we over react to simple issues that have no religious undertone in this country. It's really a graphic truth

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The man sent by God. This is the first time in the history of Nigeria that we have young, educated, smart and talented guys at the helm of affairs of this Nation; not by inheritance, not because of family background but chosen by God Himself. My plea for you guys is to do the best you can and tell the older ones that you can make this country better. May God help us. Amen.

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May Allah guide and put him



GOVERNOR Patrick Yakowa of Kaduna State

we should discard the issue of religion sentiments and think ahead in other to catch up with the train of real politics that embraces good governance without fear or favor. God bless Nigeria.

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Every leader in this country must conform to the provisions of the Nigerian constitution. So Yakowa and all other leaders must ensure strict compliance with our constitution because it is the only thing that guarantees peace in this country irrespective of religious affiliation.

on how religion is being manipulated to satisfy personal interests.

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For short of expression, apt is what I should use to describe your write up. Jazakallahu Khairan. May the eyes of our spiritual leaders open.

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You have indeed said it all, and we hope to see an end to religious extremists polluting the minds of poor Nigerians for their self-

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It's a welcome development. Let us join the people of Kaduna state in moving the state forward. Let's set aside religion and ethnic group and focus on developmental goals which will benefit the state. I congratulate Yakowa and also urge him to do more good than his predecessors have done. He should remember the masses let their love be the priority in his mind.

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ish reasons in the name of religion. They make it look like this is the only country where religion is in practiced.

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I completely agree with your article titled "RELIGIOUS POLITICS WITHOUT RELIGION" published on Friday, May 21, 2010.

Truly, I also see greedy merchants. Both CAN and SCSN have a responsibility to their followers. And that responsibility is to educate, enlighten and preach to them on the fact that OUR DIFFERENCES ARE NOT OUR PROBLEMS.

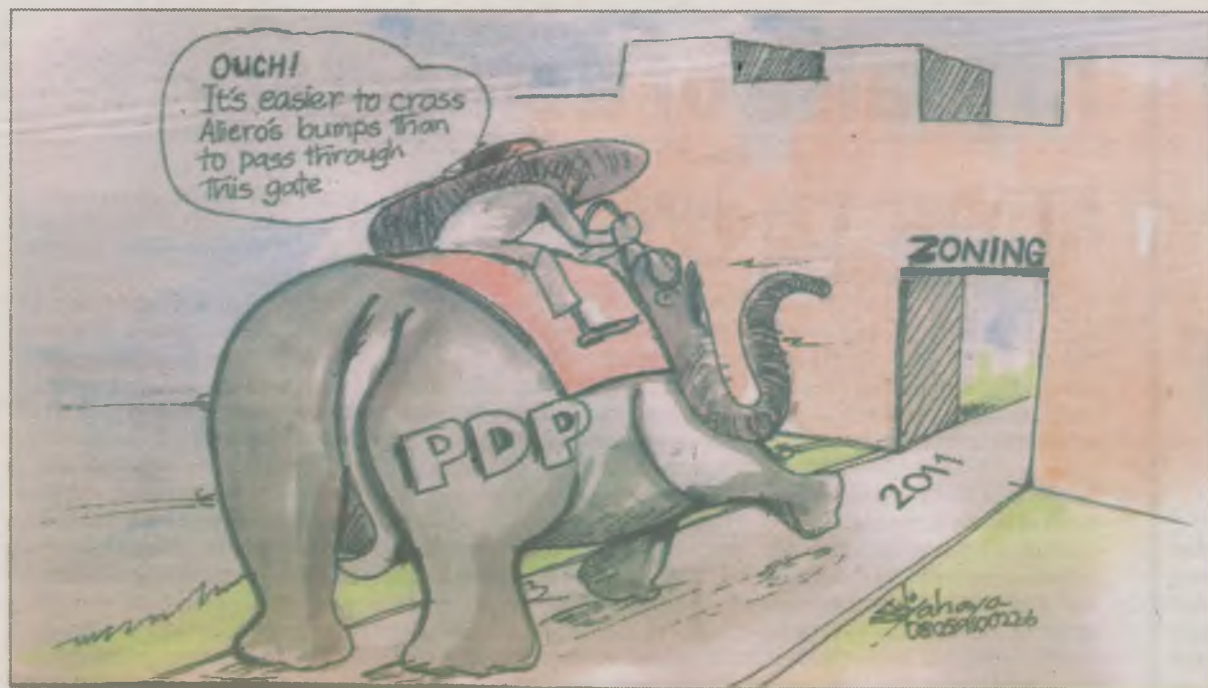
Poverty, insecurity, illiteracy, lack of sound medical care, infrastructure (electricity, roads, and drainages), unemployment, etc are problems faced by all Nigerians irrespective of religious or ethnic affiliation.

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## Shehu Ladan may become Kaduna deputy governor

WITH Shehu Ladan as Deputy, Kaduna State will surely see the continuation of peaceful co-existence in the state. He is a man of the people and peace loving. Long live Kaduna State...long Live Federal Republic of Nigeria.

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## Your Letters

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### Stopping gubernatorial treasury looters

Some of the present state governors, especially most of them in the Niger-Delta area, are alleged to be excelling their predecessors in treasury looting, probably as a result of increase in revenue receipts made possible by derivations and the appreciative international crude oil pricing.

The impression few of the governors are giving Nigerians is that no one can stop them from spend-

ing any amount they deem fit to apply to any grandiose project.

We have all read how a state governor claimed that he had spent within two years the incredible amount of N80billion servicing federal roads in the small land-massed state, whereas the highest ever reported among the rest of the states in the federation had been below N5billion. And in New Nigerian newspaper (13/1/10, page 24), it was reported that a state governor claimed that the state was reimbursed with only N2billion by the federal authority; what then becomes the fate of the remaining N79billion of tax payers' fund which presumably must have been pocketed or spent unauthorised? Going through the profile of federal government's allocation to the entire

federal roads, it was discovered that it had been less than N300billion, annually.

History should be a reminder to all and sundry. The fact that most of these 'looting excellencies' have persisted in this ignoble activity, makes one believe that they are not taking note of the happenings with some of their predecessors who even committed less atrocities. What do they think would be their fate out of office? Little wonder some of them are exhibiting much desperation aimed at extending their stay in office for another four years; probably since they are covered by the immunity clause, the evil day will be further postponed.

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### Yaradua's mistake

MILITARY pensioners rejoice with Dr Goodluck Jonathan on his assumption of office as president and urge him to pay their pension arrears owed since 2003 without any further delay, a grave mistake late President Yar'adua made.

**O.J. Mojuba Esq., Kabba, Kogi State, 08032099991.**

### Heading for a big fall?

NIGERIANS should get ready for the burial of PDP, if it's on going crisis persists, Uwaiz electoral reform is implemented and full support of patriotic Nigerians, especially we the youth, as witnessed in Bauchi during 2007 polls which were characterized by AKASA, ATSARE, ARAKA which simply mean (each vote should count and be protected)

**MUHAMMAD Adamu Chamo, Dutse, 08036937073.**

### Immortalizing Yaradua?

INTRODUCE two thousand naira note and put his image on it.

**ABDULLAHI Muhammad, BUK, 08068743701.**

**Re: Religious politics without**

### religion

I strongly agree with your columnist on the above subject. In order for this country to progress so that the ordinary Nigerian feels the impact of governance, the government must ignore these religious and regional bodies. In fact they should be barred from making any policy statement that will heat the polity. The country needs to move forward and the time is now.

**BELLO Muhammad Katsina, 08033038236.**

### Want automatic ticket for 2011?

PRESIDENT Jonathan should just give us six months' stable power supply and, presto! he would have an automatic endorsement of Nigerians come 2011.

**07063161802.**

### Work more, talk less

PRESIDENT Jonathan should work hard to reduce corruption, and talk less about it. Also he should remember that it is better to end well.

**SONAI Benson, Shongom, Gombe State, 07034998246.**

### Hajiyayye Liman,

...WE want to read your column but it is half English half Hausa. We don't want Hausanised English. **08075848190.**

### Re: Modibbo's furious diatribe

I want to draw the attention of Shehu Leman that no amount of insult he heaps on Madibbo will remove the FACT in his (Modibbo's) write-up about those dubious awards that media houses give to governors and others who did nothing but occupy their offices. Many mushroom media houses exist only for such dubious merit awards and for blackmailing people. And you know it. The fatter your envelope to journalists the more coverage and awards you get. Do you, Shehu, think people will take you serious knowing what you journalists are up to? Modibbo was a visionary minister who wanted to take Abuja to the status that befits it. How many people of substance have been inundated with request to receive award by these dubious media outfits? **08036161438.**



By A'isha Garba Habib

## Marriage, Islam and Child's Right Act (II)

Cont'd. from last week.

Indeed Islam emphasizes human right in all its ramifications including that of a child as those rights which are owed to every human being by virtue of his humanity and are therefore inalienable. In Islam, everyone whether a child or an adult, whether a male or a female and whether a free man or a slave has some fundamental rights which must not be denied in any circumstances. The rights to survival, legitimacy, name, maintenance, education, medical care, dignity, religion etc must be adequately provided to every individual.

Therefore, all the provisions of the child's right Act have already been taken care of in Islam even before the enactment of this Law. However, there are some areas in which there is conflict between the Act and the Islamic point of view. One of such areas is concerning the minimum age of betrothal and marriage.

### Marriageable age under the Child's Right Act

In the Act, the age of a person determines when he gets married. Section 21 of the Act pegs the minimum age of betrothal and marriage at 18 years. It states that, 'No person under the age of 18 years is capable of contracting a valid marriage, and accordingly a marriage so contracted is null and void and of no effect whatsoever'. Section 22 continues, '(1) No parent, guardian or any other person shall betroth a child to any person; (2) a betrothal in contravention of subsection (1) of this section is null and void'. Section 23 of the Act further goes on to say, 'A person; (a) who marries a child, or (b) to whom a child is betrothed, or (c) who promotes the marriage of a child, or (d) who betroths a child, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of =N=500,000 or imprisonment for a term of five years or to both such fine and imprisonment'. (The child's right Act; 2003)

Therefore, according to the child's rights act, it is only children that have reached 18 years or above that can get married, even if the child has already reached puberty and even if the child cannot restrain itself from illicit relationship.

### What Islam says on minimum age of marriage

In Islam, marriage is not determined by age because it can take place at whatever age, either minority or majority, just as in all the religions of the Books. All religions of the Books (Christianity and Judaism) held the view that marriage could take place at either minority or majority. An article on the age at which people were married in biblical times states that: *The wife was to be taken from within the larger family circle usually at the onset of puberty around the age of thirteen in order to maintain the purity of the family line.* (Steinberg; 1993)

At various times, very youthful marriage prevailed among the Jews and in the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the bridegroom was frequently not more than ten years old and the bride was younger still. The Roman law stipulated that a man may marry at the age of fourteen and a woman at the age of twelve. This law was adopted by the church and is still preserved in various countries, including some regions of the United States of America. (Abd al Ati; 1982)

Islam also allows marriage at an early age for it sets no age limit. In Islam, marriage can take place at any age, but no matter at what age betrothal or marriage took place, consummation must be delayed until both spouses are ready for marital relationship, a condition usually determined by puberty. (Abd al Ati; 1982)

Those who have not menstruated refer to those women who have not started menstruation due to immaturity. This means that marriage to minors is allowed in Islam because an unmarried woman could not be divorced talk less of observing the *Iddah*. (Abdur Ra'uf; 2003)

It is also reported that the Prophet married A'isha bint Abubakr at an early age. As A'isha stated, *The Prophet engaged me when I was a girl of six (years) We went to Madina and stayed at the home of Bani- al Harith bin Khazraj. Then I got ill and my hair fell down. Later on, my hair grew (again) and my mother, Umm Ruman, came to me while I was playing in a swing with some of my girl friends.*

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## What party system for Nigeria?

**N**igeria has registered nearly 60 political parties. But on the national level, only a few of them are known to have structures, functional offices with staff and party officials. Fewer still have made any appreciable showing at any election by way of the number of seats won both at local and national levels. The rest exist only in name and documents of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), which by law is empowered to register political parties. To qualify to play on the national political scene, the constitution requires that political parties have neither ethnic nor religious colouration; that they have offices in a minimum number of states as proof of their spread and acceptability. Once they fulfil this criterion, they are registered by INEC and qualify for a grant of N6 million from government.

This procedure makes the formation of political parties a fairly lucrative business for some enterprising politicians and appears to exacerbate the current debate over the number of political parties that should be allowed to play in the national arena. Both arms of the National Assembly have held extensive and often raucous debates on this issue. Some school of thought are agitating for inactive political parties to be delisted while others want Nigeria to peg the number of political parties that can operate in the country. As expected, each side of the debate has its own reasons and arguments to back its position.

Debates on critical national issues such as this enhance the democratic culture. However, we do not see any need for now to delist political parties that are currently on INEC register. Already, there is a serious argument over whether it is necessary or democratic in the first instance for the government to register political parties in the way and manner that are currently the practice. Parties, by their very nature should own their legitimacy to the people and not be subject to the usual rigours required of companies and other associations that operative purely to make profit. The second argument is on the propriety of giving grants to people who have decided on their own volition to associate as guaranteed by the constitution. This procedure is a tacit endorsement of pluralism; anything to the contrary tantamounts to stifling the culture of democratic growth.

**I**n that culture, funding political parties could be a common ground to argue that clubs and non-governmental organizations registered with the Corporate Affairs Corporation (CAC) should receive subvention from government. This would be a recipe to financial recklessness with no element of accountability. The current practice making grants from the public purse to political parties should be discontinued. Those who are serious enough to form associations should be enterprising enough to legally and transparently fund them without recourse to government subventions. We must not encourage a culture where people know that there is free money to be hustled for at the beginning of every electoral campaign season.

We recommend that the current free democratic space where so many political parties operate should be allowed to continue so that in the not so distant future the weak ones disappear and the ones which best aggregates the aspirations of the electorates continue to flourish. Those who fail to clinch seats should see the handwriting on the wall and either close shop or seek mergers. The government, in consultation with all political stakeholders, should enact new laws on campaign funding to free the taxpayer from the responsibility of underwriting the expenses of every office seeker. The truth is that the nation's economy cannot continue to provide free lunch vouchers to adventurous political excursionists.

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## In praise of democracy

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**T**he recent dramatic elevations of Dr Goodluck Jonathan, Namadi Sambo GCON and Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa as Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Governor of Kaduna State respectively are being presented as personal victories of the dramatis person.

May be! Of course there is abundance of lesson in the old received wisdom according to which for individual mortals "No flying from fate". Definitely what must be must be for us all, either by luck or by chance. In Nigeria, the norm is cut throat battle for political offices, in particular for the presidency. Some even once undemocratically shot themselves to power. Even today some of them are nostalgic willing to stage a democratic comeback. The unexpected ascendancy of Jonathan and Namadi therefore might very well pass for a survival of the luckiest and the most patient. In Kaduna state, the media have promoted a false sense of alienation according to which a Southern Kaduna man or woman could not be a governor even when no constitution says so. The emergence of a Patrick Yakowa (my big, able brother and friend!) might just fit into some divinity theories that ultimately shape our ends. A kind of date with destiny, if you like! Scores of commentators have just done that: they have inundated us with personalization and indeed privatization of what is clearly a collective victory: triumph of our democracy. Of course, get me right: I strongly hold that what must be must be. But it is debatable if the exciting political events of the recent times could have happened under the three decades of wasteful military rule.

**W**inston Churchill sums it better: Democracy is the worst form of government apart from all the others. The wisdom in Churchill's is that democracy might exhibit gross imperfections and even prove bas, but other forms of government are not alternatives to it (democracy). Indeed, other forms of governance, from fascism to monarchy, from theocracy, communism to military dictatorships have proved more dastardly and worst for humanity. The dramatic elevations of Jonathan, Namadi and Patrick Yakowa in- that-order-of quick succession mark the triumph of our democratic process. May be these events also magnify the personal political fortunes of the three of them, but the real credit goes to democracy and our constitutionalism. Think about it: the late President Umaru Yar Adua (May his soul rest in peace) died peacefully in office in a democracy. Under the military, heads of governments are targets of assignments as we witnessed with late Murtala Muhammed. When the late General Sani Abacha died, his deputy, General Oladipo Diya was indeed in prison awaiting execution on account of an alleged coup plot. Military regime founded and nurtured via conspiracy is inherently

clumsy and lacks clear cut succession plan compared with democracy nurtured with openness and rules of engagement. Even when President YarAdua was hospitalized it was self evident based on the constitution who should deputize. That is the beauty of democracy: its constitutionalism.

**T**he recent contraption called doctrine of necessity was in itself based on the rules of succession already spelt out in 1999 constitution, which hold that when the President is out for whatever reason, his Vice takes over. Democracy and its institutions

port witnessed scandalous unprecedented electricity outage for three hours as if to honour Dr Jonathan as the substantive Commander in chief (not darkness) and indeed as the Minister for Power. The economic meltdown is still here while unemployment and gross capacity utilization are common features of a declining and collapsing economy. We must therefore call on the newly elevated President and Vice President the Vice President of the Federal Republic, Namadi Sambo, the real transition has just started, namely transition from underdevelopment to development, corruption to development, power outage to electrification have just started. President Goodluck Jonathan and his Vice President have no choice than to urgently put Nigeria on top

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must be credited with the recent peaceful transitions at federal and state levels.

President Goodluck Jonathan, Namadi Sambo and Patrick Yakowa are all products of functioning democratic institutions namely the Presidency and Governorship. They are also members of the ruling party PDP, reformed or deformed factions. They are also eminently qualified by papers and experience for the jobs. All we need to do is to nurture these democratic institutions which have made unexpected transitions possible peaceful. The elevations of the trio show that Nigeria is not short of relatively young and tested individuals who can preside the affairs of the state at all levels.

**O**n the contrary, what we need are institutions that allow such individuals to triumph through due democratic process. Nigeria indeed does not need strong men and women of yesteryears to move forward but vibrant institutions of democratic process that can throw up men and women for leadership challenge in the event of unexpected crisis of governance as we have witnessed in recent times.

The fact that Nigeria could do a transition with all the challenges both at the federal and state levels indicates that we are really coming of age as democratic people and nation. All we need to do is to nurture this democratic process and not undermine it. But where then do we go from here? The point cannot be overstated: the transitions both at the federal and state levels are just the means. The end ultimately is *good governance*. Let us realize that since the trio has been sworn in, power failure has not abated. On the contrary, the international air-

of the development ladder which late President YarAdua passionately canvassed and modestly worked for.

With respect to my state, Kaduna state both Namadi Sambo and the Governor Patrick Yakowa are tested democratic actors in their own right with remarkable achievements to show in their carriers in public offices in Kaduna state. I bear witness to their passionate commitment to the development of Kaduna State and indeed Nigeria as whole. Namadi Sambo as Kaduna State Governor did much towards the resuscitation of ailing industries and attraction of new investments in the State. Apart from becoming a foot soldier visiting the ailing industries in the State to see how they could be revived, Namadi Sambo strived to promote non-oil sector through the appreciable effort to revive textile and manufacturing sector in general. He promoted unprecedented partnership between the state and the federal government to address critical issues of financing, power supply, water with a view of reinventing Kaduna as an Industrial development centre.

**T**he ongoing independent power project in the State aimed at boosting electricity supply to the industrial area is one of the bold initiatives of Namadi Sambo as Governor of Kaduna State. The newly elevated Governor of Kaduna State, Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa was the chairman of the sub-committee for the revival of the textile industry in Kaduna State. The two commendably built on the great legacy of Makarfi with respect to peace. Today Kaduna remains a home of peace in the federation. All they need to do is to deepen this process. Jonathan, Namadi, Yakowa must translate their political fortunes to a national commonwealth.

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# AFRICA REPORT

## Ethiopia's Meles confident of victory

ETHIOPIAN Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said yesterday he expects to win a national election thanks to his party's record on economic development and rejected opposition complaints of intimidation.

Speaking to Reuters as he flew to the capital Addis Ababa after casting his vote in the northern Tigray region, the former rebel leader said once people were in the polling booth they could vote as they pleased.

"Imagine a government which has delivered double-digit growth rates for over seven years losing an election anywhere on earth. It is unheard of for such a phenomenon to happen," he told Reuters, wearing a baseball cap and leather jacket.

In 2005, riots broke out in Addis Ababa when his ruling Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) was declared winner. Security forces killed 193 protesters and seven policemen also died in trouble that tarnished the reputation of one of the world's biggest aid recipients.

The opposition felt it had been cheated out of victory five years ago but admits it has little chance of victory this time. It says this is because the EPRDF has tightened its grip on power and routinely intimidates



SUPPORTERS of Ethiopia's Prime Minister Meles Zenawi hold their national flags as they cheer him outside a polling station in the northern town of Adwa.

and jails its critics.

The European Union's chief observer, Thijs Berma, said his impression from a visit to a polling station in the capital was "very positive" and while he had reports of irregularities from a candidate elsewhere he did not yet know how serious they were.

But in the opposition stronghold of Oromia, the home of Ethiopia's biggest ethnic group with 27 million out of 80 million people, one party leader said there was absolutely no way the election could be considered fair.

"The whole game is controlled by the local admin-

istration ... as you see there are a lot of policemen in this very small village," Merera Gudina of the Oromo People's Congress (OPC) told Reuters in the village of Kolba Lincha.

"So this election is not, really, in any standard, even by African standards, it is not fair and free," he said.

## Militants attack on Somali president's palace kills 14

AL-SHABAB militants have fired mortars at Somalia's presidential palace, sparking deadly battles in which at least 14 people have died. Several of those killed and wounded were civilians caught in the cross fire. Government forces, backed by African Union peacekeepers, returned fire in a bid to repel the advance by the al-Qaeda-inspired group in Mogadishu.

President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed was not in the building at the time, as he was in Turkey for a peace conference. His UN-backed government only controls a few parts of the shattered nation.

The militants attacked the capital's northern Shibis and Bondhere districts, leading to fierce fighting. Among the dead were five members of a single family killed when a mortar landed on their house, a Mogadishu

resident told the AFP news agency, saying he had seen the bodies.

A spokesman for the AU force defended their decision to fight back against

the militants. "People need to understand what our mandate is - we are here to protect the transitional federal institutions of Somalia and we also have red lines,"

said Major Barigye Ba-hoku.

At the conference in Istanbul, UN chief Ban Ki-moon urged donors to back President Ahmed's government.

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## Middle East & Asia

### Investigators search India plane crash site

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The Air India Express Boeing 737-800, carrying 160 passengers and six crew on a flight from Dubai, careened off the "table-top" runway at Bajpe airport on Saturday and ploughed into a forested gorge, bursting into flames. Some of the eight people who survived the crash about 20 kilometres

(12 miles) from the southwest coastal city of Mangalore told how they had escaped as the fuselage broke into pieces and filled with thick smoke. Arvind Jadhav, chairman of Air India, said at a press briefing in Mangalore yesterday that all 158 bodies had been recovered but that 12 remained unidentified.

"I visited the hospitals and interacted with survivors. My heart goes out to those who died and who lost friends and relatives," he said, declining to comment on whether the flight's "black box" data recorder had been found.



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### Iran's envoy says it has not handed over fuel swap letter

IRAN'S representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said yesterday Iran had not yet delivered a letter to the agency outlining its nuclear fuel swap deal agreed last week with Brazil and Turkey.

"We have not handed in the letter," Ali Asghar Soltanieh told Reuters. Iran's IRNA news agency reported earlier yesterday that Soltanieh had given the letter to the IAEA chief.

Iranian officials said the letter would be handed on Monday.

### Israeli nuclear whistle-blower Vanunu back in jail

ISRAELI nuclear whistle-blower Mordechai Vanunu began a three-month jail sentence yesterday for breaking the terms of his release and meeting a foreigner, judicial sources said.

An Israeli court had in December sentenced Vanunu to serve three months community service or three months in prison, for violating the terms of his release from prison in 2004.

The former nuclear technician, who served 18 years for disclosing atomic secrets to a British newspaper, had opted for community service but asked Israel's Supreme Court if he could perform it in Arab east Jerusalem.

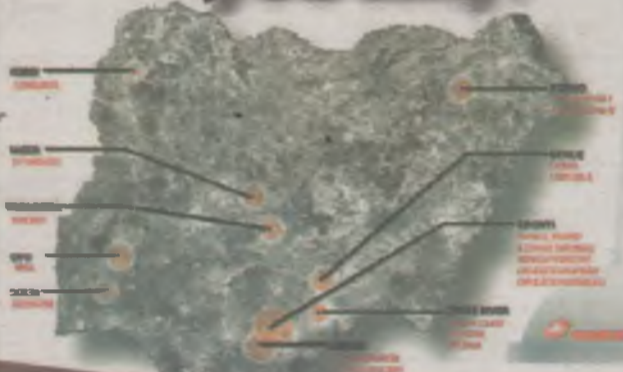
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The National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCE), Abuja is desirous of engaging consultants to provide the under-listed services for its 2010 Fiscal Year Capital Projects and hereby invites competent and qualified contractors for pre-qualification bid.

- LOT 1 ICT Training for Teacher Educators
- LOT 2 Automation and Computerization of Infrastructural Data base on Colleges of Education.
- LOT 3 Upgrading of Computerized Personnel Records
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- LOT 5 Upgrading of Teachers' Portal
- LOT 6 Printing and Publications of Restructured New Minimum Standards for NCE programmes.
- LOT 7 Upgrading of Virtual Library
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- LOT 9 Upgrading of the Computerized Accounting System

**2. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- (i) Evidence of incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission;
- (ii) Company Audited Account for three years;
- (iii) Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for three (3) years;
- (iv) Evidence of Financial Capability and Bank support;
- (v) Professional and Technical Qualification to carry out the particular contract;
- (vi) Similar projects executed with evidence;
- (vii) VAT Registration and evidence of past VAT remittance;
- (viii) Evidence of Adequate qualified personnel to execute the contract obligation;
- (ix) Bidders must not be in receivership;
- (x) Must not have any director who has been "convicted in any Country for any Criminal Offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety"
- (xi) Bidders should accompany every bid with a disclosure whether any officer of NCE is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the company.

**3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**4. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

The Pre-Qualification documents should be sealed and marked "Pre-Qualification for the Respective Projects" and submitted in duplicate to:-

The Executive Secretary  
National Commission for Colleges of Education  
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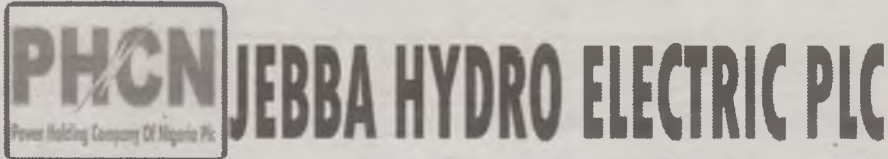
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**A. REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the requirements which should be submitted by interested companies:

1. Formal Expression of Interest
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5. Evidence of having executed similar projects
6. Company profile, Experience/Technical qualification of key staff.
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10. Company Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years.

**B. SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

The Bid clearly marked **Expression of Interest for LOT (1 or 2)** should be addressed to:

**The Chief Executive Officer,  
Jebba Hydro Electric Plc,  
Jebba.**

To reach the office not later than 12.00 noon, Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. The submission should be two copies (original and duplicate)>

**C. IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- The submission should be a well-paged document with Table of Contents following the requirements serially.
- Only companies whose technical submissions are pre-qualified shall be invited for submission of proposal.
- Interested companies are advised to contact the Principal Manager (Procurement), Jebba Hydro Electric Plc, Jebba, for any additional information that may be required. (Email: pmprocjebba@yahoo.com or pmprocure@jebbahydroelectric.org.
- Jebba Hydro Electric Power Plc reserves the right to verify any claim made by Companies. Therefore, Companies are advised to include in their submission necessary authority and guarantee for such verification.
- All prospective consultants are to note that violations of bidding procedures are considered fraud, which is, among other remedies, punishable by potential blacklisting from participating in future Jebba Hydro Electric Power Plc procurements.
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5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Science and Technology Education Post Basic Project (STEP-B) at the address below and inspect the Bidding Documents from 11:00am to 4:00pm Mondays to Thursdays; and 10.00am to 12 noon on Fridays.
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  - ◆ Audited Financial Statements for the last 3 years to demonstrate the financial capability of the Bidder in terms of Profitability and adequate working capital. A margin of preference for eligible national contractors shall not be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.
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 Gentec Electronics. Kano Road, Opp. CBN, Sokoto 08035047208  
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# Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation: Ensuring Financial Integrity

By: Sola Adeola-Folorunsho

In line with government's resolve to stop corruption and ensure financial transparency, the office of the Accountant General of the Federation has taken measures to curb fraud in financial transactions of government.

The office of the Accountant-General of the Federation used to be known as the Treasury Department of the Federal Ministry of Finance until the Civil Service Re-Organization Decree No. 43 of 1988. The office is headed by the Accountant-General of the Federation who is also the chief accounting officer for the receipts and payments of the account of the federation.

Apart from maintaining a pragmatic modern financial management system in the public sector of the economy, other objectives of the office include: supervising the accounts of the federal ministries and extra ministerial departments, maintaining and operating the accounts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Departmental Fund, Contingencies Fund and other public funds and provide cash backing for operations of the federal government.

Other functions of the office are: maintaining and operating the federation account, conducts routine inspection of the books of accounts of ministries and extra-ministerial departments to ensure compliance with policies, provides financial regulations and issues Treasury Circulars to federal ministries/extraministerial departments to ensure there are adequate systems in public funds and for the co-ordination of the collection and disbursement of public funds and accounting systems.

The office of the AG has dutifully pursued its mandate and has since 2007 brought about a revolution in the public accounting system. The office embarked on the compilation of inputs from various departments of OAGF and produced the 2006 Annual Report of the office, which has now formed the benchmark for measuring progress of the office. In liaison with the Central Bank of Nigeria and NIBSS, the IPPIS Division has been able to settle the backlog of arrears of salaries from the six pilot MDAs, namely National Planning Commission, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Education. This has reduced the cases of unapplied funds drastically since December 2007.

To enhance accountability and transparency, an in-depth inspection of accounting books and records of 147 MDAs in Abuja was carried out in the last quarter of 2007. Also, the closure of Year 2007 accounting books and records commenced on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and was successfully completed on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2008. The closure and extraction of 2006 Capital balances in the MDAs within



Alh. Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo  
Accountant General of the Federation

Abuja, carried out in the third quarter of 2007 netted the sum of N17.3 billion which had been paid to the Sub-Treasury of the federation.

Also, to reduce fraud in the system, 56 cases of fraud were investigated by the inspectorate department of the office.

Through the Board of Survey, the AG has been able to ensure that books of accounts were closed and all unspent balances returned to the Consolidated Revenue Fund before commencement of operations for the next year. This is why annual board of survey is now conducted in Ministries, Extra-Ministerial Department and Agencies January every year.

The diligence of the office A-G's office has also led to the discovery of ghost workers in some MDAs. A recent audit showed that out of 55,000 staff being paid salaries monthly in some MDAs, 23, 000 were found to be ghosts!

During the presentation of the 2009 budget to the National Assembly, the President introduced a number of measures for ensuring transparency and accountability in the affairs of government. One of the measures was the unveiling of e-payment regime directing that all financial transactions of the Federal Government effective

from January 1, 2009 must be made electronically.

This directive was followed by a Treasury Circular on October 22, 2008, which prescribed broad guidelines for the implementation of the e-payment. Consequently, the office of the AG set to work to make the implementation of the new financial regime stress free. Series of discussions were held with MDAs on details of the e-payment system.

An implementation plan was evolved listing transactions covered by the e-payment and options available to MDAs. The e-payment covers all payment from any government fund, especially payments to contractors and consultants, service providers, government staff and government agencies. The objective is to implement End to End e-payment.

The office of the AG has also liaised with banks in efforts to ensure the integrity of the new system. The integrity of the system is assured by the combined use of electronic copy of the mandate as well as the hard copy which acts as a confirmation, since it will contain the authorized signatures of officers in the MDAs. In respect of End to End applications, security measures are expected to be built into the applications based on world class best practices e.g. multiple access and authorization requirements.

The office of the AG is also working on a plan to roll out a Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) by the end of the year 2013. The programme is to facilitate the automation of accounting and financial reporting in government, and ensure real time access to financial information, and helps the Accountant-General to routinely prepare financial reports monthly and quarterly, prepare and publish annual reports within the statutory period.

It would also improve access to decision-making information, promote efficiency and enhance government accountability. The programme will include, among others, budgeting, accounting, cash management, payroll and financial reporting modules to all MDAs. Policy framework would be developed for cash management, installation of appropriate information technology and capacity enhancement to achieve the set objectives.

Inline with the A-G's reform strategy of imbibing the use of modern information communication technology for integrated systems approach in financial accounting and reporting, the Federal Treasury Academy would be restructured to give it a futuristic orientation. This would involve development of a curriculum, provision of necessary equipment and technical exchanges with similar institutions.



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
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**ROAD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM (RSDT).**

Federal Roads Development Project (FRDP)

Credit Number IDA 44150

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

## Invitation for Bids

For

### PERIODIC MAINTENANCE WORKS: 2<sup>nd</sup> BATCH, PHASE 1

This invitation for bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the Development Business, Issue No.637 of 11 March 2005. The Federal Government of Nigeria *has received a credit of about \$330M* from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Federal Roads Development Project (FRDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to eligible payments under the Periodic Maintenance contracts listed below for which this Advertisement is issued.

The Federal Ministry of Works (FMW) represented by Road Sector Development Team (RSDT) (hereinafter called "the Employer"), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the periodic maintenance of the roads. The periodic maintenance works is being done in collaboration with Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA).

The Maintenance Works shall include, but are not limited to: shoulder clearance, scarification of failed sections, earthworks in completely failed areas, desilting of existing culverts and drains, construction of culverts and drains, general bridge maintenance, protective works, laterite sub-base, crushed stone base course, asphaltic concrete surfacing as overlay, side drains, road markings and road furniture. Traffic management and social and environmental measures are also essential and important aspects.

The periodic maintenance contracts will be done in batches and phases and the second batch of roads in Phase 1 comprises:

- i. Hong- Mubi in Adamawa State
- ii. Kurfi - Charanchi In Katsina State And
- iii. Okpala - Kirita In Imo State

Advertisements for the roads in other batches / phases will be released in due course as designs are completed.

The details of Batch 2 / Phase 1 roads are as follows:

S/NO	CONTRACT NO	CONTRACT NAME	LENGTH (KM)	CONTRACT PERIOD	AMT OF BID SECURITY	COST OF BID DOCUMENT
1	FRDP/2010/NCB/W/04	HONG - MUBI IN ADAMAWA STATE	48	12 MONTHS	N15M	N25,000.00
2	FRDP/2010/NCB/W/05	KURFI - CHARANCHI IN KATSINA STATE	28	12 MONTHS	N15M	N25,000.00
3	FRDP/2010/NCB/W/06	OKPALA - KIRITA IN IMO STATE	18.2	12 MONTHS	N15M	N25,000.00

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits, May 2004 (Revised October 2006), and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Bidding Documents.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of the Unit Manager, Road Sector Development Team (RSDT) at the address given below on working days from 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs (local time).

Qualification requirements include: **Eligibility** (Nationality, Conflict of Interest, Bank Ineligibility); **Historical Contract Non-Performance** (History of Non-Performing Contracts, Pending Litigation); **Financial Situation** (Historical Financial Performance, Average Annual Turnover, Financial Resources); **Experience** (General, Specific); **Personnel** (Availability for Key Positions) and **Equipment** (Access to key equipment).

A complete set of bidding documents in CD in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as stated in the above Table on working days from 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs (local time). The method of payment will be through bank draft or certified bank cheque in favour of "Federal Roads Development Project". Bidding Documents requested by mail will be promptly dispatched by courier on payment of additional charges of Naira 10,000.00 through bank draft drawn in a manner stated above, but under no circumstances will the RSDT be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.

The Bidder may bid for one or more contracts. The Employer will evaluate and compare Bids on the basis of a contract, or a combination of more than one contract, in order to arrive at the least cost combination for the Employer by taking into account discounts offered by Bidders in case of award of more than one contract. If a Bidder submits successful bids for more than one contract, the evaluation will also include an assessment of the Bidder's capacity to meet the aggregated requirements.

Bids must be delivered to the address below by 14:00 hrs (local time) on 21/06/2010. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security from a reputable Nigerian Bank as stated in the above Table. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 14:00 hrs (local time) on 21/06/2010 in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

**The Federal Ministry of Works (FMW)**  
**Road Sector Development Team (RSDT)**  
**6 Niagara Close, off Erie Crescent, off Nile Street,**  
**Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria.**

Attn: Unit Manager, Engr. L.A. Audi  
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GOVERNMENT OF ZAMFARA STATE

WELCOME MR. PRESIDENT



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**Dr. GoodLuck Ebele Jonathan GCFR**  
President, Commander-In-Chief, Federal Republic of Nigeria



His Excellency  
**Alhaji Mahmuda Aliyu Shinkafi (Dallatun Zamfara)**  
The Executive Governor of Zamfara State.

**H**is Excellency, The Executive Governor of Zamfara State. **Alhaji Mahmuda Aliyu Shinkafi [Dallatun Zamfara]** and the good people of Zamfara warmly welcome the President, Commander-In-Chief, Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency **Dr. GoodLuck Ebele Jonathan GCFR** on a one day visit to Zamfara State on Tuesday 25 May, 2010.

Mr. President we are proud and happy to receive you in Zamfara on this first working visit to the state since your assumption of

office as president of our great nation.

During the visit, the President is expected to commission the Integrated Mineral Processing Factory and other people oriented projects.

We wish you a safe trip and memorable stay in Zamfara, the vast land of agriculture and solid minerals resources.

**Welcome Mr. President**  
Sannu da Zuwa

Signed:

**Alhaji Aliyu Adamu Tsafe**  
[Dan Madamin Tsafe]  
Hon. Commissioner of Information

# CONGRATULATIONS!

The entire members of Gwong Youth Movement sincerely congratulate our former amiable Governor, now Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency **Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo (FNIA, GCON)** and our leader, unassuming achiever, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State **Mr. Ibrahim Patrick Yakowa (Danmanin Gwong)** as they assume their new offices. We pray that God Almighty will give them wisdom and strength to serve our dear father land and humanity.



His Excellency  
**Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo (FNIA, GCON)**  
Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

His Excellency  
**Mr. Ibrahim Patrick Yakowa (Danmanin Gwong)**  
Executive Governor of Kaduna State

**Signed:**

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DG of SEC Ms Arunma Oteh (right) and the DG of NSE Ndi Okereke Onyuike at a recent function.

## NSE faults SEC on new rules

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

NIGERIAN Stock Exchange (NSE) has faulted some amended rules issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), saying they may cause more damage and also negate market process in countries where some international quoted companies are trading in the market.

SEC had a few weeks ago released 23 new rules and eight amendments to existing rules. Some of the amendment included reduction to 30 days from 60 days presentation of interim report by quoted companies and payment of dividend within 24 hours, and other issues bordering on daily trading in the market.

But the assistant general manager, Communication, Sola Oni in a telephone conversation told Daily Trust that there are issues with some of the amended and new rules.

"Certainly, many rules are being amended by the commission but a fundamental principle of rule making is the enforceability. For a rule to be enforceable, it requires the support of the stakeholders. That is why the issue of exposure draft is always important as this will enable stakeholders to make input before it becomes enforceable. In the light of this, there

are issues on some of the new and amended rules by the SEC.

Oni said limiting the submission of interim report to 30 days from 60 days would put unnecessary pressure on the companies and their earnings.

"This is a major challenge to the quoted companies especially those with international affiliation. This is because it negates the same process in the country where they have their parent bodies"

But the director general of SEC, Ms Arunma Oteh said the dynamic nature of the capital market requires that rules must be changed from time to time to meet the challenges arising from such market dynamism.

She said before the commission arrived at the new amended rules, SEC had in 2008 constituted some industry-wide committees with the objective of repositioning the market for greater efficiency and international competitiveness.

One of such committees, she said was the Dotun Sulaimon committee on the review of the capital market structure and processes. The committee, Oteh said submitted its report in March 2009 and the implementation of the accepted recommendations has since commenced.

On the concerns being raised over the use of Accenture Consulting by both SEC and NSE, Oni said the exchange is aware of the fear but that Accenture's management had assured NSE that there would not be conflict of interest. Accenture is the agent of NSE's transformation process "It is true that many people have expressed concerns that there might be conflict of interest with Accenture consulting for both SEC and NSE, but Accenture has assured us that there will not be conflict of interest", he said.

SEC had employed the service of Accenture to restructure the commission while the same consulting firm is also offering the same service to NSE.

Oni said he had received series of anonymous calls where concerns have been raised that Accenture is a double agent in the process of the NSE's transformation programme.

"The callers argued that Accenture is consulting for both SEC and NSE and that Mr. Dotun Suleiman who is the chairman of the review of the capital market committee of SEC was the chairman of Accenture until last December. So there is conflict of interest", he said.

### FLIGHT SCHEDULE

#### Chanchangi Airlines

Lagos-Abj: 07.15, 10.00, 13.10, 15.30, 17.30  
Abj-Lagos: 08.00, 11.45, 13.40, 15.30, 17.00  
Lagos-Kad: 10.45, (on Fri), 17.00 (Mon/Fri/Sat/Sun)  
Kad-Lagos: 07.30 (Mon/Fri), 08.00 (Sat/Sun)  
Nigerian Eagles Airlines (Virgin Nigeria)  
Abj-Kano: 18.40 (Mon-Fri)/sun  
Kano-Abj: 08.35 (Mon-Fri) /Sat  
Abj-Soko: 09:35, (Mon), 10:10 (Fri), 11:20 (Wed/Sun)  
Soko-Abj: 11.35 (Mon), 12.00 (Fri); 13:20 (Wed/sun)  
Lagos-Abj: 07.15, 11.40, 14.00, 16.30, 17.00, 17.20;  
18.30 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun), 8.00; 12.40; 13.10; 20.00 (Fri)  
Abj-Lagos: 07.00, 09.30, 10.30, 11.15, 16.15;  
19.15, 19.25, 19.35 (Mon-Fri/Sat/sun); 14:55; 15:15;  
20:45 (Fri); 19:45 (Sun); 11:25, 13:35, 16:25 (Mon)  
Lagos-PHC: 07.40, 09.30, 10.00, 12.20, 13.30, 14.00,  
16.00 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); PHC-Lagos: 10.50, 11.20,  
12.45, 15.30, 16.15, 17.15 (Mon-Fri/Sat/Sun); Lagos-  
Owr: 12:15; (Tue-Fri/Sun); 12:40 (Mon/Sat)  
Owr-Lagos: 14:25 (Tue-Fri/Sun) 14:50 (Mon /Sat)  
Lagos-Cal: 08:00 (Fri), 09:10 (Wed-Thu), 12:40 (Tue/  
Sat/Sun), 13:10 (Mon)  
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12.45 (Sat&Sun)  
Lagos-Kano: 06.15 (Mon-Fri), 16.30 (Sat/Sun)  
Kano-Lagos: 07.30 (Mon-Fri), 10.30 (Sat/Sun)  
Abuja-Kano: 10.30am (Mon-Fri/Sun)

### STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Friday, May 21, 2010
Index	26,784.90
Deals	7,288
Volume:	442,943,144
Value:	N 4,187,304,768.39
Cap.:	N6,515,135,828,785.70

### TRUST INDEX

Inflation	12.5%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$40.1bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$4.3bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$69 a barrel
Power Supply	3, 600MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N11,010,063.6m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,037,422.5m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.2200%
Treasury Bills	1.3%
Deposit Rate	7.51%
Prime Lending Rate	18.06%

### CBN EXCHANGE RATES

19/5/2010	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2611	0.2711	0.2811
DANISH KRONER	21.2747	21.3568	21.4388
EURO	182.0279	182.6432	183.2584
DEM/SWISS FRANC (SFR)	211.0665	211.7799	212.4933
RIYAL	39.448	39.5814	39.7147
SFR	216.2589	216.9699	217.6808
SWISS FRANC	128.9487	129.3846	129.8204
US DOLLAR	147.93	148.43	148.93
WAUA	216.5012	217.233	217.9647
YEN	1.6183	1.624	1.6291

### Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N151
Euro	N195
Pound	N231
SELLING	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N198
Pound	N234

Source: S&P Bureau de Change, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja.



## Business

### PTDF grooms future oil leaders

By Hamisu Muhammad

THE Petroleum Technology Development Fund is grooming young Nigerians that will take oil positions in the future, saying oil will remain crucial to Nigeria's economy in the next 50 years. The Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund, Engr. Mutaqah Rabe

Darma said the Fund will continue to commit more efforts in developing skills for young Nigerians who hold the future of the nation.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of the PTDF quiz competition in Abuja, Friday, tagged: "PTDF 'Catch Them Young' Darma said it was a programme designed as a result of lack of adequate

skilled indigenous personnel which is a major problem in the oil and gas industry.

Twelve secondary schools representing their various states took part in the Grand Finale Competition. Doraty International Schools, Abia emerged first in Quiz competition, Top Faith School, Akwa Ibom won the first prize in Debate. "The competition is

designed to promote science culture among the young ones, the aimed of the program is to create awareness and guide the youths towards oil and gas career-path", said Darma.

The winners received cash gift of N100,000 each with two brand sets of Desktop Computers and Laptops. They will also visit oil installations in and outside the country.

### 'Why free trade zone port terminal is delayed'

By Sunday Williams

DESPITE the slow pace of development, the construction of the 1.2 billion dollars port terminal at the Lagos free trade zone (LFTZ) is still a reality, the Executive Director, Viva Methanol LFTZ Enterprise, John Mastoroudes has said.

He said they have already given about 9 contractors worldwide the references about the construction and are waiting for their responses to choose the one that will handle the project.

Logos Free Trade Zone was licensed by the Nigerian Export Promotion Zone Authority (NEPZA) about 7 years ago to build a petrochemical complex which will produce methanol and construct a port terminal that will serve the free zones in the area like Lekki Free Trade Zone.

He said: "Now we have really reached a point where you will see us from January next year doing heavy construction here where more than 5,000 people will be involved in putting these things together. The port is the most essential thing for development around here. It is going to be the main attraction that will bring Foreign Direct Investment into this country."

He said the reason why they have not progressed with the development of the free trade zone generally is largely due to lack of gas, adding that gas is the most important factor in petro-

chemical industry especially in the production of methanol and fertilizer.

He said when they started in 2004, they were given assurances by Shell and Nigerian Gas Company for the supply of the product but were never supplied due to the priority given to the power sector.

"They have just concluded given gas to the power sector and are going to start supplying the industries and we are on top of the list. We have letters to proof that as soon as the allocation starts, we are going to be given. It is terrible that with so much gas in Nigeria, we are still importing fertilizer. Gas is scarce because the oil companies in the country do not think it is necessary to develop it but all they are looking for is barrels per day."

He said the other problem that seems to be slowing down the development of the free zone is constant change of ministers that are involved in the whole aspect of the free zones development, adding that each time there is a change, they have to start from the beginning again.

He said despite the slow level of work in the zone, they have spend about 200,000 dollars in engineering design, sand filling etc out of the 2.2 billion dollars earmarked for the project.

The Lagos free trade zone have so far commenced some activities as it presently accommodate a company that assembles truck and another packaging company.

### Export-Import bank gives N78bn to farmers

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

THE Nigeria Export-Import Bank (NEXIM) has committed over N78 billion to support the agricultural processing sub-sector of the Nigerian economy since its inception.

The amount made up of N60 billion in local currency and \$120 million in offshore project financing disbursed to over 100 beneficiary projects, represents the highest sectoral intervention by NEXIM Bank.

Managing Director of the bank, Mr. Roberts Orya, said NEXIM Bank's huge investment in agricultural processing was informed by its conviction that the sub-sector constitutes a major element of a thriving manufacturing sector and serves as a good foundation for rapid industrialization.

Orya who spoke on The Role of the Nigerian Export

Import Bank in Attaining Economic Growth Through Innovative Agricultural Investment at the 2010 national summit of the National Association of Agriculture students (NAAS) said NEXIM Bank would continue to support a shift from the export of raw to processed agricultural products.

The NEXIM boss said as a result of the bank's intervention, Nigeria's cocoa processing capacity has climbed to over 100,000 tons per annum while its funding support for the development of industrial trawling and fishing has yielded no fewer than 40 industrial trawlers.

Orya noted that NEXIM Bank's support for the promotion of value-added exports in the agricultural sector was part of measures to enhance the country's foreign exchange receipts and job creation potentials.



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- Executive MBA from International Graduate School of Management, Spain
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- Supervises all UBA countries of operation, currently at 18 across Africa



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- Alumnus of Harvard Business School (AMP)
- Appointed pioneer CEO of Standard Trust Bank in 1997
- Appointed CEO post merger of United Bank for Africa Group in 2005



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Executive Director

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- Alumnus of Harvard Business School, International Institute of Management Development (IMD) Lausanne Switzerland and the London Business School, UK
- 2 decades of banking experience covering Marketing, Strategy and Resource Management in the Group
- He is responsible for Corporate Services, Corporate Communications, UBA Academy, Human Capital Management, Company Secretariat and Legal Services



### FAITH TUEDOR-MATTHEWS

Deputy Managing Director

- B.Sc, MBA and Post-Graduate Diploma in Marketing from Staffordshire University, UK
- Alumnus of the Harvard Business School Senior Executive Programme
- Worked for several banks before joining Standard Trust Bank as an Executive Director in 2003
- Appointed Deputy Managing Director in 2008
- Oversees UBA Group's business under UBA Nigeria North



### LAUNCE MOSES

Head, Control & Regulatory Affairs, UBA Africa

- B.E in Engineering and MBA
- Launce, a British-Indian has over 18 years experience across the Credit Risk Management Cycle, Audit & Control
- Prior to joining UBA in January 2009, he was Head of Internal Control for all of Citibank UK's Consumer businesses including the Retail branches, Citifinancial branches, Card businesses, Offshore banking and EGG Banking Plc
- Responsible for Internal Control, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs across all UBA countries of operation, currently at 16 across Africa



### ABDOUL AZIZ DIA

Head, International Banking and Financial Services Directorate

- MBA, Statistics and Economics, ENSAE (Paris)
- Aziz, a Senegalese has over 18 years experience across Derivatives Trading and Structuring, Asset Management and Treasury
- Prior to joining UBA in April 2008, he has worked in various international banks as Group Treasurer
- Aziz was MD/CEO UBA Senegal Limited and is now responsible for International Banking and Financial Services



### LEKE OGUNLEWE

Head, Energy & Structured Finance Directorate

- B.Sc Economics and MBA
- Alumnus of the INSEAD (AMP)
- Over 25 years experience in Banking Operations, Corporate & Investment Banking, Energy Banking as well as Financial Advisory Services
- Responsible for the Group's Energy banking, Agriculture and Structured Finance Businesses



### FEMI OLALOKU

Executive Director

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- Over five decades of banking experience
- Appointed Executive Director of Standard Trust Bank in December 2004
- Appointed Executive Director of UBA in 2005
- Appointed Deputy Managing Director of UBA in 2008



**ANDRE BLAAUW**

Group Chief Risk Officer

- B.Sc. Bcom and MBA
- Chartered Financial Analyst and member of the Association of Investment Management Research
- Andre, a South African was Executive: Group Risk at Absa, a member of the Barclays Group prior to joining UBA in January 2008
- At Absa, he led the group's Basel II and IFRS risk implementation as well many other frameworks - stress testing, risk appetite, economic capital, credit rating systems, market risk, VaR measurement, risk-reward pricing tools
- Over 25 years experience in diverse areas of Risk Management, Corporate Governance and Compliance
- Responsible for the UBA Group's total risk management and compliance framework



**VICTOR OSADOLOR**

Deputy Managing Director - (with effect from 1st August 2010)

- Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria
- Over 22 years experience in Risk Management, Finance, Operations and IT
- Alumnus of Harvard Business School (AMP)
- Appointed Executive Director of Standard Trust Bank in 2003
- Appointed Executive Director of UBA in 2005
- Oversees UBA Group's business under UBA Nigeria South



**IKE ONYENOKWE**

Head, Electronic Banking & Retail Products Directorate

- B.Sc Mechanical Engineering and Diploma in Advanced Management Programme from Lagos Business School
- Over 25 years experience as a Seasoned Management Consultant, Operations Management and Strategy
- Formerly Partner, Strategy Practice and Head of Manufacturing/Energy Portfolio, at Accenture
- Ike is responsible for all electronic banking and retail products across the UBA Group



**EMMANUEL INYOROM**

Executive Director

- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria
- Alumnus of the Advanced Management Programme of the Templeton College, Oxford University, UK
- Over 27 years experience as a seasoned Auditor and Banker
- Appointed Executive Director of UBA in 2008
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- First Class degree in Accountancy
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria
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- Currently responsible for Audit, Fraud Prevention and Investigations across the Group



**ALHAJI ABDULQADIR J. BELLO**

Executive Director

- B.Sc Accounting degree
- A Chartered Accountant and a Credit Risk Specialist
- Over 20 years of banking experience
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# Northern Business

## Made in Nigeria Trade Fair

### China explores business opportunities in Katsina

By Lawal Ibrahim, Katsina

CHINA is seeking investment opportunities in Katsina State. To this end, it has undertaken a day tour of the state.

Economic and commercial counsellor of the Chinese embassy Mr. Rong Yansong said the state has lots of potentials which include agriculture and solid minerals.

He said Chinese entrepreneurs in Nigeria have so far made accumulated investments worth \$7.4 billion in an effort to boost bilateral trade cooperation between the two economies.

Mr. Rong Yansong who was speaking during the opening of the 13th Katsina Made in Nigeria Trade Fair at the weekend said Chinese companies started doing business in Nigeria since

early 1980s with the support of the Nigerian government.


He explained that statistics from his office have shown a significant increase in trade volume between the two countries.

The areas of its investment covers petroleum, free zone projects, iron and steel, manufacturing, Agriculture, fishery and Pharmacy among others which boasted employments and contributed to bilateral economic development.

Earlier in an address, the President, Katsina cham-

ber of commerce, industry, mines and agriculture, Alhaji Salisu Mamman Continental, urged the Chinese envoy to continue until concrete and lasting milestone of industrial growth of the state come out of their mission.

Katsina State Deputy Governor Sirajo Umar Damari who conducted the delegation round the trade fair complex assured them of the state's government's readiness to provide a conducive industrial climate to all Chinese entrepreneurs willing to do business with the state.



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## 15 countries for Kano Trade Fair

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

FIFTEEN countries from the West African sub-region are participating in the 2nd edition of the West African Trade Fair in Kano.

The fair which commences between May 22 and June 5, is organised by Kano Chamber of Commerce Industry Mines and Agriculture (KACCIMA), in collaboration with Faba Falabi Groupe, a company from Niger Republic.

Addressing journalists at Kano NUJ Secretariat yesterday, the chairman of the organising committee of the trade fair, Alhaji Nasidi Sulaiman, said four Francophone and 11 Anglophone West African nations will be in Kano for the fair.

According to him, 320 individual and corporate participants were expected to display their wares at the fair. "Out of this number, 250 participants are from Francophone nations, while 70 are from Anglophone nations," he said.

Also speaking, Alhaji Habibou of Faba Falabi Groupe expressed hope that the fair would record success because of the state's position as the commerce nerve centre of the nation. "Not only that Kano is a centre of commerce in Nigeria but in the sub Saharan Africa," he stated.

Habibou said the decision to stage the fair in Kano is aimed at making Kano the commercial centre of West Africa.

## ...as Kano spends N5bn on rice projects

THE Kano State Government has so far spent more than N4.8 billion on its rice development projects, the Commissioner for Projects Monitoring and Evaluation, Alhaji Ibrahim Garba, has said.

Garba, who gave the figure on Saturday when he visited the Magaga Dam irrigation project in the Kobo Local Government Area (LGA), said the projects were aimed at boosting food security and alleviating poverty in the state.

He, however, said that farmers on whose lands the rice cultivation projects would be executed would not be able to plant crops on their farms this rainy season.

Garba promised that the state government would compensate the affected farmers adequately for the losses they would suffer as a result of the projects and

therefore appealed to them to cooperate.

He commended both the contractors and consultants handling the irrigation projects for their prompt mobilisation to the sites.

The commissioner promised to facilitate the payment of 30 per cent mobilisation fees to the contractors to ensure the successful completion of the projects within the 12 months time-frame.

Earlier, Alhaji Mohammed Kura, the Managing Director of the Kano State Agricultural and Rural Development Authority, had informed the commissioner that the project in Kobo LGA involved the development of 230 hectares of irrigable land in Gude area. (NAN)

He said that more than 5,000 farmers would benefit from the all-season irrigation scheme. (NAN)

## Northern Business

# Earn N500,000 monthly by producing birds' feed

By Jibrin Abubakar & Sunday Williams

### Introduction

MR. Jacob Tyonongu, 31, is a young entrepreneur. Unlike Aliko Dangote, he is not a big name in Nigeria's club of investors. Providing jobs for 25 workers, his seven year-old poultry feed factory rakes in N500,000 profits monthly.

His small business is springing up in the heart of Masaka, a suburb of Nasarawa State-about two kilometres from Abuja borderline.

The graduate of agricultural engineering could pass as a lone ranger as banks and government agencies responsible for bolstering small enterprises had turned down his request for funding. Neither he nor his colleague Jezreel Musa- who is the production manager- got any technical assistance from government agencies.

Although, he started by selling fish feeds with N150,000, he says banks had failed him and his business partner.

"We initially approached some banks for credit but they failed us. Through a link from Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), we got about N400,000 from a micro finance bank but the interest we were paying was about 30 per cent and this wasn't favourable to us; so we quit," he says.

SMEDAN is a government agency responsible for small businesses in the country.

"We decided to approach our suppliers and entered into a relationship in which if you bring materials worth N500,000 or N1 million we will pay you in three weeks and most of them agreed and that was how we got started," Mr. Tyonongu says.

The government had said it is bolstering small businesses, and only recently voted N700 billion for the sector known as SMEs.

In Nigeria, SMEs contribute up to 75 per cent in jobs. Its contribution to export earnings is a paltry three per cent while its contribution to the total goods and



A bag of chicken mash goes for N1,750



The mixer machine at the factory

services produced (GDP: Gross Domestic Product) stood at 10 per cent. This is according to the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics.

This is in contrast to Japan whose small business sector employs 70 per cent of the country's population, while contributing 40 per cent to the country's external earnings and 68 per cent in GDP.

### Inside the mill

When Daily Trust visited the Masaka Factory of Fan Feed Point, Mr. Tyonongu, moving against the tides, says the business is a profitable one, adding that the company's monthly turnover is more than a million naira.

Fan Feed Point has 25 workers, only five are permanent staff. One of the workers Mr. Elan Isaiiah- a trained teacher- tells Daily Trust how he enjoys working in the factory while earning N20,000 monthly.

"I am happy working here," he

says.

The factory is situated on a plot of land covering 200 by 100 square meters. The factory is big enough to accommodate hundreds of bags containing raw materials, the mixer machines and few operators of the machines.

### The raw materials

Some of the inputs for producing the poultry feeds are: Soya beans cake, groundnut cake, palm kernel cake, fish meal, maize, brewer dry grain, wheat offal, rice bran, limestone, bone meal (Oyster shell, methionine, lysine, premix and enzymes among others.

The mixer machine has the capacity to produce a ton or 40 bags at a time.

The owner of the business says it costs the small firm about N65,000 to buy a ton of maize.

He says: "It costs us about N1,600 to produce a 25kg bag. Although, it also depends on the kind of feed they produce. We produce five tons per day (about 100 bags for 25kg). Our plan is to have a trailer- that is 30 tons per day or about 2,100 bags."

### Prices of products

The various products attract different prices. A bag of layers costs N1,800, a bag of growers is N1,500, finished broiler is N1,800, chicken mash goes for N1,750 and broiler starter costs N2,000.

### The market

One of the advantages of the business is the availability of markets.

"We only supply Abuja, Nasarawa and some parts of Kaduna. Our target is to properly supply at least 3 to 4 states but to

get funding from organizations or government to meet that target has not possible.

"We opened a forum that people who are interested in distributorship should come with a minimum deposit of N500,000 but many are yet to meet up. As for the prices, if we have funds, we will beat down the price of our products (and compete favourably in the market)," The owner says.

On standard, he adds: "We have met the requirements of the Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON) and besides too, we are also professionals in the field so we do things according to the lay down standards that have been provided for the feed industry."

When Daily Trust contacted one of the distributors of Feed point, Mrs. Mercy Afemike at the One Man Village, she says the product is doing well in the market.

"In a month we can sell over 15 tons that is over 500 bags," she adds.

### The headache

One of the major challenges facing the business, according to the Mr. Tyonongu, is lack of funding.

"If another N20 million is injected into this business, we will go far. The major problem now is how to get funds because all the necessary things have been done. Our future plan is to produce at least one trailer per day which is 30 tons if we can get the require funding," he says.

Another problem is lack of electric power. Lack of electricity also increases their cost of production, as the firm buys N6,000 diesels to



MR. Jacob Tyonongu is the 31 year-old entrepreneur

power its generators.

These reporters saw a 40KVA capacity generator running at the factory. The roads leading to the factory were not also tarred and water vendors were also seen pushing their carts, meaning that water supply may be inadequate.

The small business sector got N20.4 billion or 48.8 per cent of the total N41.8 billion loan to the economy in 1992. This is according to the CBN's data. This fell to less than one per cent of the total N7.725 trillion injected into the economy in 2008.

In a related development, the Bank of Industry (BOI) is set to disburse N58 billion as loans to 675 small entrepreneurs, with the aim of improving industrial production in the country. This was disclosed last week by the Minister for Commerce and Industry Senator Jibrin Martins Kuye.



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- Lot 15: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Godiya, Gammo in Kabo LGA, Kano State.
- Lot 16: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Unguwar Gara, Yar Kanya in Gabasawa LGA, Kano State.
- Lot 17: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Rimin Gado in Rimin Gado LGA, Kano State.
- Lot 18: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Makanwata, Kara, Koya Zangon Malam Gwani, Daneji, Unguwar Sabo in Gwarzo LGA, Kano State
- Lot 19: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Kauyen Maiunguwar Tunkurau in Dambatta LGA, Kano State.
- Lot 20: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Lakko in Makoda LGA, Kano State
- Lot 21: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Gogori Health Centre, santar Namari in Bagwai LGA, Kano State
- Lot 22: Solar Powered Borehole with overhead Tanks and Hand pumps at Rigana in Kunchi LGA, Kano State
- Lot 23: Drilling of hand pump Boreholes with Tanks in Kyarana, Kiru, Gazana, Kwabe in Kiru LGA and Gwarmai, Jinga, Anadariya, Gargai in bebeji LGA
- Lot 24: Provision of Hand pump Boreholes at various locations in the following LGAs; Gumel, Sule Tankarkar, Gagarawa and Maigatari in Jigawa State.
- Lot 25: Drilling of Solar Powered Borehole and hand pumps in Tsaudawa, gabari, Zuwo and Kwabe in Kiru LGA, and Bebeji, Gargai, Bagauda and Durmawa in Bebeji LGA of Kano State.
- Lot 26: Drilling and Equipping of Hand pumps Boreholes in the following locations in T/Balewa Federal Constituency.
- Lot 27: Drilling and Equipping of Hand pumps Boreholes at some locations in Katagum Federal Constituency.
- Lot 28: Drilling and Equipping of Solar Powered Borehole and hand pumps in the following LGAs; Bursan, Geidam, Yunusari, Gulani, Tarmuwa Gujba and Damaturu in Yobe State.

##### 3. CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL IRRIGATION SCHEMES:

- Lot 1: Construction of Kare Earth/Irrigation Scheme Bauchi State
- Lot 2: Construction of Zaki Irrigation Project Bauchi State
- Lot 3: Construction of Irrigation Schemes at Hadejia, Auyo and Kafin Hausa in Jigawa State.
- Lot 4: Construction of Irrigation Project in Harbau Fadama in Tsanyawa and Dankwai Fadama in Kunchi LGAs Kano State
- Lot 5: Construction of Irrigation Project in Ningi, Warji Ganjuwa, Darazo, Misau and Dambam LGAs, Bauchi State.
- Lot 6: Construction of Earth Dam/Irrigation Scheme at Bebeji Kano State
- Lot 7: Construction of Buruntumau Irrigation Project, Kano State

- Lot 8: Construction of small Irrigation Scheme at Garhare and Rafin Gimba, Bauchi State.
- Lot 9: Construction of Small Irrigation Scheme at Bebeji Local Government Area, Kano State.
- Lot 10: Construction of Irrigation channels at Yalwan Damai, B/Kudu LGA, Jigawa State
- Lot 11: Construction of Small Irrigation Scheme at Katarkawa, Kano State
- Lot 12: Construction of Small Irrigation Scheme at Daba, Kano State

##### 4. REHABILITATION OF IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURES AT KRIP.

Rehabilitation of Large Scale Irrigation Infrastructures which includes repair and desilting of canals/channels, drains, reservoirs and repair of irrigation structures, access and service roads etc at Kano River Irrigation Project.

##### 5. CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH DAMS

- Lot 1: Reconstruction of Earth Dam in Getso Town, Kano State
- Lot 2: Rehabilitation of Kode Dam in Dawakin Kudu, Kano State
- Lot 3: Construction of Earth Dam at Gumau Bauchi State
- Lot 4: Construction of Earth Dam at Liman Katagum Bauchi State
- Lot 5: Construction of Small Earth Dam at Fajeri Itas Gadau Bauchi State
- Lot 6: Construction of Earth Dam at Darazo, Bauchi State
- Lot 7: Construction of Earth Dam at Ganjuwa Bauchi State
- Lot 8: Construction of Earth Dam at Gaidimari - Madara, Bauchi State
- Lot 9: Construction of small Earth Dam at Batamuka and Muzawa in Bauchi State.
- Lot 10: Construction of Gezawa Earth Dam, Kano State
- Lot 11: Completion of Small Earth Dam at Abdallawa and Gajara in Bauchi State.
- Lot 12: Completion of Sundumina Earth Dam in Jigawa State.
- Lot 13: Construction of Earth Dam at Dudurun Gaya in Gaya LGA of Kano State.

##### 6. EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS

- Lot 1: Construction of Gamawa Drainage at Unguwar Abuja and Environs, Bauchi State
- Lot 2: Construction of Gaya Erosion Control in Gaya Kano State
- Lot 3: Land reclamation and protection of Jama'are Town.
- Lot 4: Hotoro Erosion Control, Kano State

#### TENDER REQUIREMENTS:

Interested firms should indicate area(s) of interest in writing attaching the following documents in addition to further instructions contained in the documents to be collected from the Authority.

- Evidence of company registration (Certificate of Incorporation).
- Evidence of Tax Payments for the last three years (2007, 2008 and 2009).
- Copies of Auditors report and financial statement of the company for the last three years (2007, 2008 and 2009)
- Evidence of execution of similar jobs
- Copies of VAT registration and evidence of past remittance for project completed plus FIRS pin number.
- Evidence of payment of pension contribution in respect of staff of the company
- Asworn affidavit certifying as follows:
  - That the documents submitted for the tender exercises are not only genuine but correct.
  - That the director(s) of the company seeking for tender has/have never been convicted by any court of law.
  - That the company is not bankrupt.

#### SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

- The tender documents are to be submitted in two (2) copies and neatly bound.
- The documents must be sealed in an envelope with the job reference number clearly written at the top left hand corner of the envelope (the technical and financial envelopes must be sealed separately with the name of the company written on the reverse side and placed in a larger envelope).
- Addressed to the Managing Director and clearly marked "Tender for (state actual project targeted)"
- CLOSING AND OPENING OF TENDER SUBMISSION**  
Submission of completed bid documents shall close at exactly 12 Noon on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 while the technical submission will be opened same day at 12:15 pm in the HJRBD Board Room in the presence of all Bidders and the general public. All Non Governmental Organizations are invited to witness the opening. Further instructions are contained in the documents.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The HJRBD reserves the right to verify the authenticity of any claims made on the tender documents submitted by companies.

- Failure to comply with the above requirements would automatically result in disqualification.
- HJRBD reserves the right to reject any or all tender documents.
- The originals of documents listed must be produced for sighting on the day of opening.
- Tender documents submitted late shall be rejected.
- Only those contractors whose technical submissions are found satisfactory will have their financial submissions opened during the financial bid opening while those who failed to meet the requirement of technical qualification will have their financial submissions returned to them un-opened.
- Contractors will pay a non refundable tender processing fee of 50,000.00k.

Signed:  
MANAGEMENT

# THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC

P. M. B. 1012 KAURA NAMODA ZAMFARA STATE

(OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

## ACADEMIC AND NON ACADEMIC STAFF VACANCIES (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT)

Applications are invited from suitable qualified candidates for employment to the following positions at the Federal Polytechnic, Kaura Namoda.

### 1. POST: Lecturer I (CONTISS 11) (Maths and Statistics)

#### Qualifications and Experience

- A holder of a Doctorate degree in the relevant field from a recognized institution of higher learning with at least three years of teaching/research in an institution of higher learning/industrial experience.
- A holder of Master's degree in the relevant field from recognized institution of higher learning with at least 5 years teaching/research in this institution of higher learning.
- A holder of a good honours degree from a recognized institution of higher learning or equivalent professional qualification (s) in the relevant field with at least 7 years teaching/research/industrial experience.

In addition to the above requirements, candidate should have:

- Two conference/seminar papers or.
- One additional Journal article accepted for publication.

### 2. POST: Lecturer II (CONTISS 9)

(Maths and Statistics, Marketing, Liberal Studies Departments)

**Qualifications & Experience:** Candidates must possess any of the following qualifications and experience:

- Good honours degree or equivalent professional qualification with a minimum of 5 years relevant post-qualification teaching/research/industrial experience.
- Master's degree in the relevant field from a recognized institutions plus at least 3 years teaching experience.

In addition to the above requirements, candidate should have:

- Two conference/seminar papers or
- One additional Journal article accepted for publication.

### 3. POST: Lecturer III (CONTISS 8)

(Architecture, Building Technology, Public Administration, Civil Engineering Technology and Catering and Hospitality Management).

#### Qualifications and Experience

- Holder of Master degree in relevant field from a recognized University with N.Y.S.C certificate plus evidence of post secondary teaching qualification
- Holder of good Honours degree or equivalent recognized Professional qualification in relevant field with at least 3 years relevant experience plus evidence of post secondary teaching qualification.

### 4. POST: Assistant Lecturer (CONTISS 7)

(Business Studies, CET, Preliminary Studies, Quantity Survey, S.L.T, Office Technology Mgt).

#### Qualifications and Experience

A holder of a good honours degree in the relevant field or equivalent recognized qualification with a minimum of NYSC discharge certificate plus evidence of post secondary teaching qualification.

### 5. POST: Medical Officer: (CONTISS 9) (Department of Medical Services)

#### Qualification and Experience

A holder of MBBS or equivalent qualification registered with the Nigerian Medical Council with at least three years post qualification experience or a candidate with post graduate qualification in Medicine.

### 6. POST: Higher Instructor (CONTISS 7) (Office Technology Mgt)

#### Qualifications & Experience

- A holder of Higher National Diploma in the relevant field or equivalent qualification from recognized Institution with NYSC discharge Certificate plus the Technical Teachers Certificate.
- Holder of City and Guild FTC plus Technical Teachers Certificate obtained at FCE (Tech) plus years of working experience.

### 7. POST: Technologist II (CONTISS 7)

(Hospitality Management, SLT)

#### Qualifications & Experience

A holder of AIST or HND in the relevant field or equivalent qualification plus 3 years relevant experience. A holder of the full Technological Certificate or equivalent qualification plus three years relevant experience.

### 8. POST: Higher Technical Officer (CONTISS 7)

(Architectural Technology and Quantity Surveying)

#### Qualifications & Experience

Holder of HND in the relevant field with NYSC discharge Certificate or equivalent qualification. Holder of City & Guild full Technological Certificate with at least one year experience plus 3 years relevant experience.

### 9. POST: Assistant Education Officer Grd. VI (HAPSS 7) (Staff School)

#### Qualifications & Experience

The Nigerian Certificate of Education (N.C.E.) or any equivalent qualification in the relevant field with at least 3 years cognate lecturing experience.

### 10. POST: Higher Technologist II (CONTISS 7) S.L.T Dept

#### Qualification & Experience

A holder of HND or equivalent qualification in the relevant field or the full technological certificate plus 3 years relevant experience.

### 11. POST: Medical Laboratory Technician (CONTISS 6)

(Medical Service Dept)

#### Qualification & Experience

A holder of WAEC/SSCE with 3 years training in a recognized institution and obtained the reputation of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology of Nigeria.

### 12. POST: Pharmacy Technician (CONTISS 6)

(Medical Service Department)

#### Qualification & Experience

A holder of 3 years training certificate at the School of Health and Technology with reputation of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology.

### 13. POST: Education Officer VII (Master I HAPSS 12)

A Candidate must be a holder of NCE with at least 12 years relevant experience. A holder of B.Ed. With a 9 years relevant experience.

#### NOTE

Candidate with less than Second Class (Lower) degree or its equivalent would not be considered for teaching position except where a candidate possesses a Masters Degree.

14. **Condition of Service** Conditions of Service are attractive. Point of entry for each candidate will depend on his/her present post, salary and experience.

#### 15. Method of Application.

Applications must include ten (10) copies of a detailed Curriculum Vitae (C.V) together with one legible photocopy of each credentials mentioned. The C.V. must include working experience, present employers, salary and status, publication/research work, name and addresses of three (3) referees (not relations) who should be requested to forward (under separate cover) confidential reference in respect of the candidates. Serving officers in the Public Services should route their applications through their Heads of Departments. However, advanced copies can be forwarded.

#### 16. Closing Date for submission of Application

All applications and references should reach

The Registrar  
Federal Polytechnic  
P.M.B. 012  
Kaura Namoda  
Zamfara State

#### NOTE

Later than Six (6) weeks from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Aih. Salisu Abubakar  
Registrar



**KATSINA STATE  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
Katsina State Secretariat Complex, No. 88 IBB Way P.M.B. 2023

## ADVERTISEMENT

Katsina State Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Ibrahim Shehu Shema, fnm, has given approval to the State Ministry of Education to commence the process of selecting the Third Batch of candidates to be sponsored by Government to fill vacancies offered for some professional courses in some selected Universities in the Sudan. Consequently, all qualified candidates wishing to study the professional courses in the 2010/2011 session in the following areas are hereby requested to apply immediately: -

#### 1. (a) Medicine (M.B.B.S.)

**Admission Requirements:** Candidates must possess Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) - WAEC/NECO with at least seven (7) Credits, which should include Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and English Language. Candidates must have A or B in each of the three core science subjects (i.e Physics, Chemistry and Biology).

#### 1. (b) Nursing (B.Sc)

**Admission Requirements:** only female candidates, who must possess Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) - WAEC/NECO with at least (7) Credits, which should include Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and English Language.

#### 2. (a) Certificate in Arabic Computer Programming

**Admission Requirements:** Candidates must possess Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) or Senior Islamic School Certificate Examination (SISCE) with at least five (5) Credits, including Arabic and Islamic Studies.

All application, accompanied with copies of birth certificate, indigene letter and/or endorsement by Local Government Chairman and all academic credentials to be addressed to the Hon. Commissioner of Education, Katsina State Secretariat Complex, Katsina and Submitted on or before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Candidates short-listed for screening Examination and Oral Interview should check their names at Funtua, Malumfashi, Dutsinma, Kankia, Katsina, Mani and Daura Zonal Education Offices and the Ministry of Education Headquarters on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

The Examination and Interview are to hold on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 respectively at Sir Usman Nagogo College of Arabic and Islamic Studies (SUNCAIS) Katsina by 8:00am.

Signed  
Abdullahi Garba Faskari, Esq.  
Honourable Commissioner of Education  
Katsina State.

# VACANCY

Applications are invited from suitable contractors to fill in the existing vacancy in our company for:

- \* Loading and offloading of empties and fulls.
- \* Loading and offloading of raw materials.
- \* Working on production lines as supporting staff on shift basis.
- \* Any other job to be assisted by management from time to time.

### EXPERIENCE

Contractors with at least **Five (5) years** experience in the areas listed above and must be duly registered with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity as Labour Contractors.

### METHOD OF APPLICATION

Interested contractors should apply within **Fourteen (14) days** from the date of this publication to:

**THE ADVERTISER,  
P.O.BOX 6010,  
KADUNA.**

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## VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT

ActionAid Nigeria (AAN) is one of ActionAid Country Programmes around the world. ActionAid is an International Non-Governmental organisation registered in The Netherlands with headquarters in Johannesburg South Africa. ActionAid International works in 50 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. 22 of these country programmes, affiliates or associates are in Africa and are led by Africans. We have been doing development work on the continent since 1972 and in Nigeria since 1999. ActionAid works with the poor and excluded in Africa, promoting values and commitment in civil society, institutions and governments with the aim of achieving structural changes in order to eradicate injustices and poverty in the world. /

To effectively consolidate on our country strategy, AAN is inviting applications from qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

### Internal Auditor - Abuja

#### Person Specifications

##### Education/Qualifications

- Bachelor Degree or HND is **essential**.
- Membership of recognised chartered accounting institute is **essential**

##### Experience

- At least ten years post NYSC experience, with five years' post professional qualification experience and five years audit experience with 3 years of that spent at management level is **essential**
- Ability to use SUN accounting system is **desirable**
- Experience in working with international development agencies is **desirable**.
- Experience of risk-based auditing and Risk Management is **desirable**

##### Skill/Abilities

Attention to details; fluency in spoken and written English language; ability to work independently and in a team & highly numerate skills are **essential**.

Excellent planning and prioritisation skills & strong analytical/problem solving skills are **desirable**.

##### Personal Qualities

Excellent oral and written communication skills; well developed and proven interpersonal & organisational management skills; able to work effectively in a diverse team environment; creative and should be able to take initiative; should be ready to work additional hours at crucial times; must be willing to travel extensively, confident to train staff effectively in a fast-paced environment & high integrity are **essential**

### Governance Advisor - Abuja

#### Person Specifications

##### Education/Qualifications

- Degree in Social Sciences, Arts or Humanities is **essential**.
- Masters degree in Social Sciences, Arts or Humanities is **essential**

##### Experience

- At least seven years post NYSC experience with three years spent in budget intervention work is **essential**.
- Experience in the Nigerian Policy environment including the budget process is **essential**.
- Working experience in the social development field, particularly in designing, setting up and coordination of programmes is **essential**.
- Experience in capacity building is **essential**
- Experience of community based work and engagements with CBOs is **desirable**

##### Skill/Abilities

- Excellent skills in facilitation and in capacity building on global advocacy is **essential**
- Excellent conceptual, analytical, documentation and presentation skills is **essential**
- Demonstrable skills in the use of IT

##### Personal Qualities

- Creative and takes initiative.
- Able to work effectively in a diverse team environment
- Willing and able to travel extensively.

All interested candidates should fill in the application form as accessed from the application pack on <http://www.actionaid.org/pages.aspx?PageID=12> or <http://www.actionaid-nigeria.org/index.php?page=59>. The application pack contains the Vacancy announcement, Job Description and Application form.

ActionAid offers competitive terms of employment. Applications from women, candidates living with HIV/AIDs (PLWHAs) and indigenes of the northern region are particularly welcome

Closing date for receipt of application forms is 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Interview date will be communicated to shortlisted candidates. Only electronically completed application forms will be entertained and should be mailed to [vacancy.nigeria@actionaid.org](mailto:vacancy.nigeria@actionaid.org). Applications will **ONLY** be considered if submitted on AAN's Standard Application forms. Subject line of application emails should clearly state position applied for and name of applicant with surname first e.g. Internal Auditor - Okoh, Friday.



## NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE TENDERS BOARD

CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS, WUSE ZONE 3, ABUJA

Website: [www.customs.gov.ng](http://www.customs.gov.ng)

E-mail: [ngcustomsboard1@yahoo.com](mailto:ngcustomsboard1@yahoo.com)

### INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE EXECUTION OF NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE 2010 CAPITAL PROJECTS

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Nigeria Customs Service invites interested and reputable Contractors, Manufacturers and Suppliers with relevant experience to apply for pre-qualification for tender as a first step to the selection of suitable contractors:

#### 2. DESCRIPTION & SCOPE

- Supply of Operational Vehicles;
- Rehabilitation of Boats and Launches;
- Supply of Office, Training Equipment and Furniture;
- Construction of other Buildings/Medical Clinic;
- Renovation/Rehabilitation of Offices nationwide;
- Rehabilitation of Staff Quarters (Barracks) nationwide;
- Supply of Generators, Transformers and Street Lightings at Abuja, Kano and Port Harcourt;
- Phase IV Construction Works at Command and Staff College, Gwagwalada Abuja;
- Drilling and Rehabilitation of Boreholes including the Construction of Overhead and Surface Water Tanks.

#### 3. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for pre-qualification, interested contractors must submit the following:-

- Evidence of company registration with Corporate Affairs Commission;
- Evidence of registration as a Contractor with the Nigeria Customs Service;
- Evidence of current Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years (2007, 2008 and 2009);
- Evidence of VAT Registration, Remittance and Tax Identification Number (TIN);
- Company Profile including Key Staff and Strength;
- Details of equipment and plants including machines (Construction);
- Name, address of Banker(s) and **letter of Reference from Bank(s)**
- Verifiable details of contracts previously executed in the last five (5) years including letters of Award, Agreements and Completion Certificates.

#### 4. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Pre-qualification and Tender documents must be appropriately prepared in hard copy and sent in a sealed envelope marked **"PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR TENDER"** and to reach the address below not later than **4.00pm, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010**.

#### 5. OPENING OF PRE-QUALIFICATION

Applications received shall be opened publicly at **10am, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010** at the address below.

6. Please note that full tendering procedure will be provided only to Contractors that have been successfully pre-qualified.

**The Secretary**  
Nigeria Customs Service Tenders Board  
Room 323, Customs Headquarters,  
Wuse Zone 3, Abuja.



## CHAD BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

P.M.B 1130 MAIDUGURI, BORNO STATE

### INVITATION TO TENDER

The Chad Basin Development Authority hereby invites interested and competent firms/contractors to execute the following projects for the Federal Government of Nigeria under the FY 2010 Capital Projects.

#### A. SCOPE OF WORK

LOT NO.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
LOT 1	BAGA POLDER PROJECT
LOT 1a.	Rehabilitation of Quarters JSQ
LOT 1b.	Supply of 1nos. Heavy Duty Tractor New Holland TS120 through Direct Purchase
LOT 1c.	Rehabilitation of Quarters at Baga Polder Project 3SSQ
LOT 2	HEADQUARTERS DEVELOPMENT
LOT 2a.	Internal Road Network Phase III
LOT 2b.	Supply of furniture for board guest house
LOT 2c.	Connection of Road from the Gate to the Main Road
LOT 2d.	Tilling & Furniture of Drilling Section Offices
LOT 2e.	Supply of 14 seater Toyota Hiace Bus through Direct Purchase
LOT 2f.	Supply of Office Furniture for AHQ
LOT 2g.	Supply of Office stationeries
LOT 3	REHABILITATION OF PLANT & MACHINERY
LOT 3a.	Supply of 3nos. Heavy Duty Tractor New Holland TS120 through Direct purchase
LOT 3b.	Rehabilitation of Earth Moving Machinery
LOT 3c.	Repair of P&H(18 tons) Crane
LOT 3d.	Rehabilitation of Low loader Mercedes Benz 2624 CBA 171
LOT 3e.	Supply of Service Filters for various plant and machineries
LOT 4	2NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AT BRIMARI AND NGULLEYA LGA YOBE STATE
LOT 5	CONSTRUCTION OF DAM AT MUCHALLA
LOT 6	CONSTRUCTION OF DAM AT MEJIKEEN
LOT 7	PROVISION OF WASH BOREHOLES IN KATARKO AND BULARAFA
LOT 8	SOUTH CHAD IRRIGATION PROJECT
LOT 8a.	Supply of Agric Inputs. fertilizer, seeds, herbicides, etc
LOT 8b.	Procurement of 2nos. Combine Harvester New Holland Model TC5040 through Direct purchase
LOT 8c.	Rehabilitation of SCIP I Main office
LOT 8d.	Construction of Pump House at Mbulu
LOT 9	KATARKO (DAMATURU) DAM PROJECT
LOT 10	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AT ABADAM, BENISHEIK, GUBIO, DAMASAK AND MONGUNO TOWNS IN BORNO STATE
LOT 11	SOLAR MOTORIZED AND HAND PUMP BOREHOLES AT MUBI NORTH, MUBI SOUTH & MAIHA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY ADAMAWA STATE
LOT 12	CONSTRUCTION OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN NAMA BABBA KURMI LGA
LOT 13	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN BENTEN KURMI LGA
LOT 14	HAND PUMP BOREHOLE IN NYIDO KURMI LGA
LOT 15	HAND PUMP BOREHOLE IN ASHA KURMI LGA
LOT 16	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN YERIMARU SARDAUNA LGA
LOT 17	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN GURGU SARDAUNA LGA
LOT 18	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN KOFAR WAKILI ABBA NGUROJE SARDAUNA LGA
LOT 19	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT FALKARI AREA MAYO - BELWA LGA
LOT 20	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT GARIN SIDDIKI, LONGA EWA, JEDA LGA
LOT 21	HAND PUMP AT DEMSAWO C SITE, YOLA NORTH LGA
LOT 22	HAND PUMP AT DEMSAWO B SITE, YOLA NORTH LGA
LOT 23	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AT GARIN GOYE GIRGIR IN YOBE STATE
LOT 24	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AT MAINIYA DAGONA WARD BADE IN YOBE
LOT 25	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AT ZANGO GASHUA BADE IN YOBE STATE
LOT 26	EROSION CONTROL / ROAD REHABILITATION IN TARA & KAR A IN ASKIRA / UBA LGA
LOT 27	COMPLETION OF WATER SCHEME AND DAMS IN ASKIRA UBA LGA
LOT 28	BAGA POLDER PROJECT (PROCUREMENT OF AGO / LUBRICANTS FOR MACHINERIES)
LOT 28a.	Supply of AGO
LOT 28b.	Supply of 3nos. Heavy Duty Tractor New Holland TS120 through Direct Purchase
LOT 28c.	Construction of Security House at Gravity Pump House Baga Polder Project
LOT 29	SOUTH CHAD IRRIGATION PROJECT (REHABILITATION OF IRRIGATION STRUCTURES AND PROCUREMENT OF AGO/LUBRICANTS FOR MACHINERIES) BORNO STATE
LOT 29a.	Supply of AGO
LOT 29b.	Supply of Oil Radiator Elements 20nos. For the 30MW Power House
LOT 30	3NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT MAFA, DIK WA & KONDUGA LGA BORNO STATE
LOT 31	3NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT BAMA LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 32	2NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT NGANZAI AND MONGUNO BORNO STATE
LOT 33	3NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT KAGA, MAGUMERI AND GUBIO LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 34	3NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT JERE, KHADAMARI & GUBIO LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 35	2NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AT MALLAM FATORI & GUDUMBALI LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 36	3NOS. MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AT BOLORI I, BOLORI II & LIMANTI MMC, BORNO STATE
LOT 37	10NOS. DRILLING OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AND HAND PUMPS IN BIU, BAYO, KWAYA & SHANI LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 38	DRILLING OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES & HAND PUMP IN CHIBOK, DAMBOA & GWOZA LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 39	DRILLING OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLES AND HAND PUMP IN HAWUL AND ASKIRA/UBA LGA, BORNO STATE
LOT 40	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN MADURI - DAMATURU LGA, YOBE STATE
LOT 41	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN LANTAWA - TARMUWA LGA, YOBE STATE
LOT 42	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN DADDAWEL - GUJBA LGA, YOBE STATE
LOT 43	MOTORIZED BOREHOLE IN GULANI TOWN - GULANI LGA, YOBE STATE
LOT 44	REHABILITATION OF SMALL EARTH DAM AT AZARE

LOT 45	PROVISION OF WASHBORES AND PUMPS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR IRRIGATION FOR YOBE EAST - FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT 46	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES WITH COMPLETE ACCESSORIES IN DUMAR, NGURU (BOLOLO), SHEKURI KURA IN NGURU LGA
LOT 47	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES WITH COMPLETE ACCESSORIES IN GARIN DABUNI, DANDARI, LAMISU FULANI & DIMMIGO IN MACHINA LGA
LOT 48	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES WITH COMPLETE ACCESSORIES IN GARIN IDI AND YUSUFARI TOWN OF YUSUFARI LGA
LOT 49	MOTORIZED BOREHOLES WITH COMPLETE ACCESSORIES IN DUNDARI AND KAFETOWA IN KARASUWA LGA
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#### B. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective contractors are hereby invited to submit the following pre-qualification documents:-

- Details of company profile which include: Name, Address, Certificate of Registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), GSM Phone Number(s) email etc.
- List of Construction Equipment and proof of Ownership or Leasing Agreement in case of hiring Machinery.
- List of Personnel, their Qualification and photocopy of their credentials (Technical & Professional Staff).
- Certificate of VAT Registration.
- Evidence of Experience in similar jobs and their Letters of Award and Certificates of Completion (Where Necessary).
- Evidence of Compliance with Contributory Pension Schemes.
- Financial Status of Companies for the Current Period (Statement of Account).
- 3 Years Audited Account (Where Applicable).
- 3 Years Tax Clearance Certificates (Where Applicable).

#### C. TENDER

All interested firms/contractors are invited to pick the tender document at the Authority Headquarters with immediate effect.

#### D. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

All Financial Bid documents must be submitted within Four (4) Weeks from the date of this publication.

Financial Bid Documents shall be opened in public at the Administrative Headquarters of the Chad Basin Development Authority, Maiduguri on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 at 12:00 noon

Tenderers are to enclose the original in one (1) envelope and 2 copies of the Tender in another envelope, duly marked as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY". The two (2) envelopes shall then be enclosed and sealed in one (1) single outer envelope and addressed to:

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
CHAD BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,  
MOHAMET LAWAN BUILDING,  
KM 6 DIKWAROAD,  
P.M.B 1130 MAIDUGURI,  
BORNO STATE.

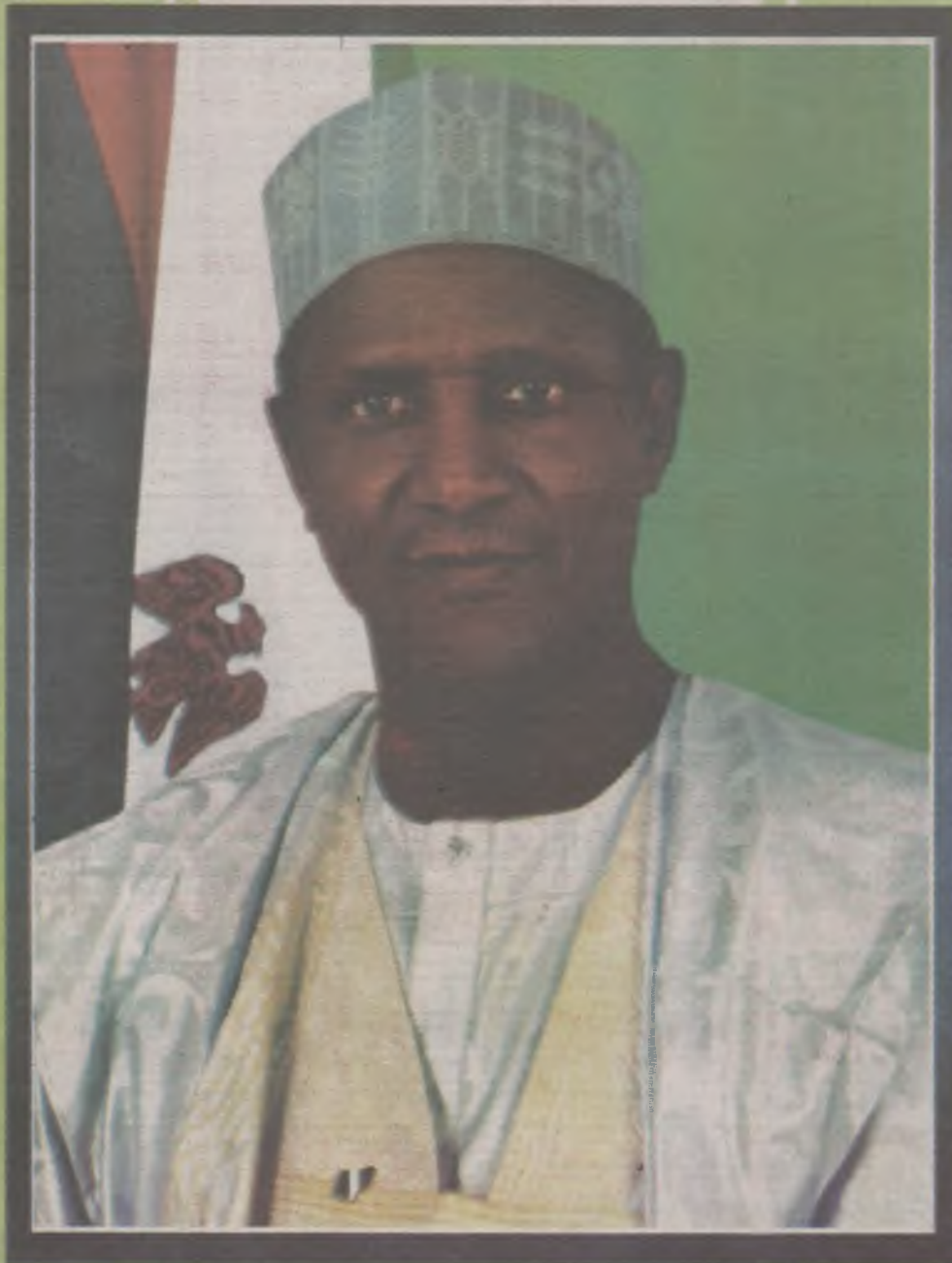
"The name and address of the firm/company should be clearly indicated at the back of the envelope. All documents are to be submitted in three (3) copies. The original should be clearly marked "ORIGINAL". This advertisement for Financial Bid should not be taken as a commitment on the part of the Chad Basin Development Authority nor shall it entitle the submitting contractor/firm to make claims of whatsoever from the Chad Basin Development Authority" (Incase of any eventuality).

#### E. ALL RELEVANT NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGO'S) ARE INVITED TO WITNESS THE BID OPENING

SIGNED  
UMAR MUKHTAR GAJIRAM  
Ag. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / FINANCE & ADMIN  
FOR: MANAGING DIRECTOR

**ALSTOM**

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE



The ALSTOM Group, Board, Management and entire employees of Alstom Nigeria Ltd, condole with his Excellency President Goodluck Jonathan, the Yar'Adua family, and the entire people of Nigeria on the death of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua.

We pray that God will grant him eternal rest and that his legacy will never fade.

For and on behalf of ALSTOM

ANTONIO OPORTO  
Senior Vice President  
ALSTOM Middle-East - Africa Region

VICTORIA OSO ADEFALA  
Country President & Managing  
Director.  
ALSTOM NIGERIA.

# Congratulations



His Excellency  
Barrister (Dr) Ibrahim Shehu Shema, *from*  
Executive Governor of Katsina State

On behalf of myself, my family and entire staff of **GLOBAL FAMA NIG LTD. ALHAJI MANNIR ABUBAKAR CHAIRMAN/CEO GLOBAL FAMA NIG LTD** heartily rejoice with our amiable leader, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Katsina State, Barrister (Dr) Ibrahim Shehu Shema *fnim*, on his recent conferment as a Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) by Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA during the celebration of its 145 years of educational achievements.

I pray to Almighty Allah to gives you more opportunity, guides and protect you in the continued delivery of the much needed democracy dividend to your loving subjects, the good people of Katsina State.

Once again congratulations



Signed  
**ALH. MANNIR ABUBAKAR**  
Chairman/ceo  
GLOBAL FAMA NIG. LTD.

## Felicitation **50** to an achiever @

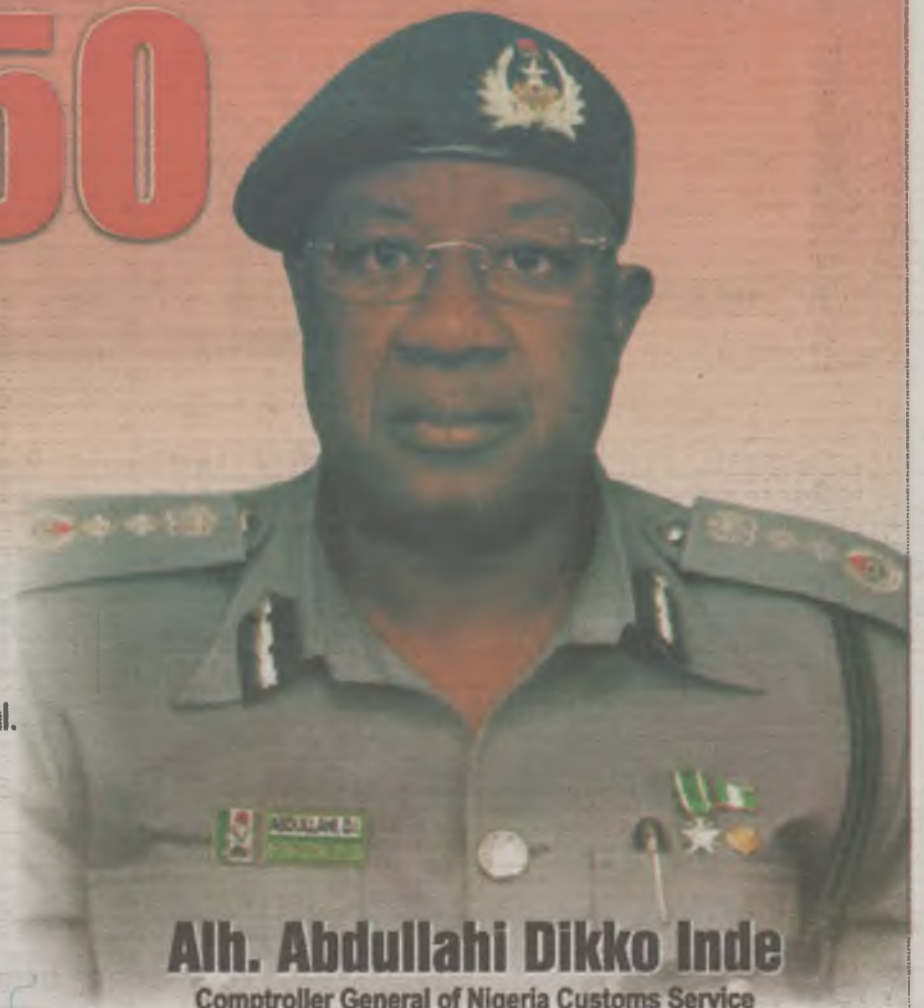
As you are always worthy to celebrate with, therefore, on behalf of myself **Engr. Mohammed Bako Nasir**, my family and entire members and staff of **Mubassir Engineering Services Limited**, hereby felicitate with you **Comptroller General of Nigeria Customs Service ALH. ABDULLAHI DIKKO INDE** on your 50 Birthday.

May God Almighty, the giver and sustainer of life grant you good health and more wisdom to add valuable services to the Nigeria Customs Service in particular and the country in general.

Your great grand-father  
(Late Emir of Katsina, Muhammad Dikko)  
did it before and you can surely do it



Signed: Engr. Mohammed Bako Nasir



**Alh. Abdullahi Dikko Inde**  
Comptroller General of Nigeria Customs Service



**MUBASSIR ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED**

**Abuja Office**  
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House of Assembly, Off. Zaria  
Road, Kano-Kano State

**Katsina Office**  
No. 81, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, IBB Way, Katsina  
Investment House & Property Dev.  
Company Ltd. Katsina-Katsina State

**Sokoto Office**  
No 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Gamji Motor's  
Complex, Adjacent Giginya  
Hotel, Sokoto-Sokoto State

## exit of a patriot



**HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA (GCFR)**

*Former President & Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces Federal Republic of Nigeria*

Future Nigeria Group (FNG) wishes to express our profound grief and condolence to **President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan (GCFR)**, the former **First Lady Hajia Turai Yar'adua**, the entire Yar'adua family and the good people of Nigeria on the unfortunate and untimely passing to glory of our beloved President. His loss, at this auspicious time is most tragic and painful to us as a group who is unparallely disposed to the principle and ideology of late **President Umaru Musa Yar'adua**.

**Late President Umaru Musa Yar'adua's** footprint in the sands of time will no doubt remain historic and indelible. He surpassed his appears in initiating enduring legacies and programmes for the common people of Nigeria. The granting Amnesty to the militants of NigerDelta humane fight against corruption, promotion of the rule of law as against the rule of war and the dredging of River Niger are superlative attributes of this great hero.

In furtherance of our obedience with President Goodluck Jonathan, we want him to emulate the humility and discipline, humane disposition and high level of integrity of the late President Yar'adua and also build on these good programmes and policies.

Future Nigeria Group will support Goodluck Jonathan's Administration to deliver on these policies and programmes.

May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace. AMEN.



**SIGNED  
FUTURE NIGERIA GROUP**



His Excellency  
Barrister (Dr) Ibrahim Shehu Shema, from  
Executive Governor of Katsina State

# Congratulations

I ALH. LAWAL SULEIMAN (KORA) DAURA. On behalf of myself, my family and entire staff of ALAS NIG LTD wishes to congratulate and rejoice with His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Katsina State, **Barrister (Dr) Ibrahim Shehu Shema *fnim***, on his recent conferment as a Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) by Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, USA during the celebration of its 145 years of educational achievements.

It certainly did not come to me as a surprise given your unprecedented record in providing massive infrastructures, supports and scholarships to EDUCATION as the key priority area of your administration that supports the successive delivery of various democratic dividends to the good people of Katsina state.

*May God guides and protect you as you set to steer the state to a much greater height.*



Signed  
ALH. LAWAL SULEIMAN (KORA)  
Chairman  
ALAS NIG LTD

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
Public Relations Department,  
The Nigeria Police  
State Headquarters,  
Bori, Kwara State.

## POLICE PRESS RELEASE WANTED PERSON

### FATOBA JOHN OLUGBENGA

1. The Man whose photograph appears above has been declared wanted by the Kwara State Police Command.
2. He is by name, FATOBA JOHN OLUGBENGA 'M' a native of Ijumu in Kogi State. His contact and residential addresses are No 4/6 Fatoba Street, Ilamose Estate, Oke-Afa, Ejigbo, Lagos and No. 2 Kofoworola Aka Street, Ilamose Oke-Afa Estate, Ejigbo.
3. Mr Olugbenga is a principal suspect in a case of Criminal Conspiracy, Forgery and Bank Fraud amounting to N19.7Million.
4. Physically, he is 5.6 feet tall, dark in complexion and about 32 years old. He speaks English and Yoruba Languages fluently. Anybody with useful information on the whereabouts of Fatoba John Olugbenga should report to the nearest Police Station or call any of these numbers: 08125275046, 08062644334 or 08033273763.

ASP. DABO EZEKIEL  
POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER  
FOR: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
KWARA STATE COMMAND.

## A GOLDFISH HAS NO HIDING PLACE

Hearty congratulations to Dr Kabir Mohammed Ahmed Yar-Adua Katsina, Executive Director Programmes, Voice of Nigeria, on the conferment of Doctor of Arts (Honoris Causa) Hon.D. Arts by European-American University of Commonwealth of Dominica, at its 2010 Convocation at the University of Ghana, on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

We are proud of you.

Pro-Vice Chancellor, European-American University, Professor Andrew Linley (right) presenting Doctor of Arts degree (Honoris Causa) to Dr Kabir Mohammed Ahmed, Executive Director Programmes, Voice of Nigeria, during the 2010 Convocation of the university recently.

Signed:  
Committee of friends

# DIGEST

## Marriageable age

Marriageable age (or marriage age) is the age at which a person is allowed to marry, either as of right or subject to parental or other forms of consent. The age and other requirements vary between countries. The marriage age should not be confused with the age of majority or the age of consent. The marriage age in a country may be below the age of majority and the age of consent that applies in that country. Additionally, the age at which a person is legally permitted to engage in sexual activity may be below the marriage age.

### AFRICA

- **Algeria:** 21 for males and 18 for females, lower with judicial permission if necessity or benefit is established.
  - **Egypt:** 18 (per the new child protection law).
  - **Ethiopia:** 18. In practice, however, children in rural areas are married young. It is not uncommon to see girls as young as 6 years of age being married. [citation needed] It is also unusual for a girl to be 16 and yet unmarried.
  - **Kenya:** 16 for statutory marriages under the Marriage Act.
  - **Libya:** 20, lower with judicial permission on grounds of benefit or necessity and with wali's agreement.
  - **Madagascar:** 17 for males, 14 for females.
  - **Morocco:** 18 (since the legal reform of 2004).
  - **Senegal:** 20.
  - **Somalia:** 18; 16 for females with guardian's consent. Court may grant exemption from minimum age requirements in case of necessity.
  - **South Africa:** 18. There are provisions made for respecting the marriage laws of traditional marriages, whereby a person might be married as young as 12 for females and 14 for males.
  - **Sudan:** Puberty, with requirement for willing consent of both parties.
  - **Tanzania:** 18 for males and 15 for females, 14 with court permission if specific circumstances make marriage appear desirable. Penal Code provides that persons of "African or Asiatic descent" may marry or permit marriage of a girl under 12 in accordance with their custom or religion if marriage is not intended to be consummated before she is 12.
  - **Tunisia:** 20 for males and 17 for females, lower with judicial special permission for pressing reasons and on the basis of a clear interest for both spouses.
  - **Zimbabwe:** The Marriages Act [Chapter 5:11] Under this legislation, a man may marry at the minimum age of 18 while a woman may marry at the minimum age of 16.
- ### ASIA
- **Afghanistan:** 18 for males and 16 for females, more than half of marriages involve females under 16.
  - **Azerbaijan:** 18 for males, 17 for females. 17 or 16 correspondingly in special cases.
  - **Bangladesh:** 21 for males and 18 for females, lunar calendar; penal sanctions for contracting under-age marriages, though such unions are not considered invalid.
  - **Brunei:** No minimum marriage age specified.
  - **China, People's Republic of:** 22 for males, 20 for females.



The sign painted on a building in a village in Hubei, China, informs of the marriageable age in the country (22 for men, 20 for women)

- **Hong Kong:** 21, 16 with parental consent.
- **India:** 21 for males and 18 for females. If any partner(s) engages in marriage at a younger age, (s) he can ask for the marriage to be declared void / annulled. A recent recommendation by the Law Commission aims to equalize the marriage age for males and females to 18, automatically declares marriages under 16 as "null and void", while marriages at the age of 16 or 17 are "voidable"
- **Indonesia:** 21, 19 for males and 16 for females with parental consent. (Indonesia's Civil Law)
- **Iran:** 14 for male, 9 for female.
- **Iraq:** 18, 15 with judicial permission if fitness, physical capacity and guardian's consent (or unreasonable objection on part of guardian) are established. (May or may not have been revised after Saddam Hussein's fall.)
- **Israel:** 18 for males and 17 for females.
- **Japan:** 20, 18 for males and 16 for females with parental consent.
- **Jordan:** 16 for males and 15 for females, lunar calendar; court permission required for females under 18 to marry men older by 20 years or more.
- **Kazakhstan:** 18, in special cases 16 years with parental consent.
- **Kuwait:** No minimum marriage age identified; capacity to marry requires parties to be of age (puberty) and of sound mind, however, no notarisation or registration of marriage permitted where female has not reached 15 years or male 17 years.
- **Kyrgyzstan:** 18
- **Lebanon:** 18 for males and 17 for females; scope for judicial discretion on basis of physical maturity and wali's permission from 17 for males and 9 for females; real puberty or 15/9 with judicial permission for Shi'a; 18/17 or 16/15 with judicial permission for Druze.
- **Malaysia:** 21, 18 with parental consent, 16 for females with special marriage license.
- **Maldives:** According to custom, the minimum age for marriage is 15; the Law on the Protection of the Rights of the Child discourages marriage before the age of 16
- **Pakistan:** 18 for males, 16 for females.
- **Palestinian territories:** 16 for males and 15 for females, lunar calendar.
- **Mongolia:** 18
- **Philippines:** 18. If any spouse is 18-20 years and the consent of "parental" authority is not met, marriage may be prevented or annulled by any party that demands it. On the other hand, Muslim marriages in the Philippines is based on the Shari'a: 15 yrs for males and as for females, the onset of puberty to age 15, whichever comes first. Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines. Additionally, for indigenous Philippine tribes, the age is set according to the respective tribe's laws.
- **Saudi Arabia:** None currently, legislation for age 18 is being considered.
- **Singapore:** 21, 18 with parental consent, below 18 with special marriage license.
- **South Korea:** 20, 18 with parental consent.
- **Sri Lanka:** 18. However, Muslims can be excluded from this regulation because the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act of 1951 states that a girl must be 12 years of age or have a Quazi's permission to marry before contracting into marriage. This is applicable only for Muslims in Sri Lanka.
- **Syria:** 18 for males and 17 for females; judicial discretion for males of 15 and females of 13; judge may withhold permission for marriage if court finds incompatibility in age between betrothed parties.
- **Taiwan:** 20 as the age of majority generally. 18 for males, 16 for females with parental consent.
- **Thailand:** 20, 17 with parental consent, 15 in special circumstances with court approval.
- **Uzbekistan:** 18 for males, 17 for

females. 17 and 16 correspondingly in special conditions.

- **Vietnam:** 20 for males, 18 for females.
- **Yemen:** In practice, "Yemeni law allows girls of any age to wed, but it forbids sex with them until the indefinite time they're 'suitable for sexual intercourse.'" Following the widely publicised divorce of a 10 year-old girl in 2008, there have been public and parliamentary efforts to raise the age to 17 or 18.

### EUROPE

- **Albania:** 18
- **Armenia:** 18 for males and 17 for females.
- **Austria:** 18, 16 with court consent (partner must be 18 or older).
- **Belgium:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Bulgaria:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Croatia:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Cyprus:** 18, 16 with parental and ecclesial consent. Under no circumstances is it permitted for the man to marry a woman who is over 12 years his junior or 6 years his senior.
- **Czech republic:** 18, 16 with court consent.
- **Denmark:** 18, 16 with special letter of approval from the Queen and parental consent.
- **Estonia:** 18, 15 with parental or court consent.
- **Finland:** 18, under 18 with the consent of the ministry of justice in extraordinary circumstances, in which case parents or other guardian must be heard, but actual parental consent is not required.
- **France:** 18
- **Germany:** 18, 16 with court consent (partner must be 18 or older).
- **Greece:** 18, 16 with consent from both parents and court permission.
- **Hungary:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Iceland:** 18, the Ministry of Justice may permit the marriage of younger persons.
- **Ireland:** 18, 16 with parental consent, below 16 with both parental and High Court consent.
- **Italy:** 18, 16 with court consent.
- **Latvia:** 18, 16 with court and/or parental permission.
- **Lithuania:** 18, 16 with court permission.
- **Netherlands:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Norway:** 18, 16 with consent from parents (guardian) and permission from the County Governor. The County Governor may only give permission when there are 'special reasons for contracting a marriage'.
- **Poland:** 18, 16 with court permission (females only).
- **Portugal:** 18, 16 with parental consent (if not possible, the court can provide the consent).
- **Romania:** 18 for males, 18 for females, 16 with permission from the district's administrative board.
- **Russia:** 18, 16 in special circumstances; may vary in different regions.

- **Serbia:** 18, 16 with court consent.
- **Slovakia:** 18, 16 with court consent.
- **Slovenia:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Spain:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Sweden:** 18, younger with permission from the county administrative board. The county administrative board may only give permission when there are 'special reasons' but although the custodians of the underage should be heard if possible, the consent of the custodians is not required.
- **Switzerland:** 18
- **Turkey:** 18, 17 with parental consent, 16 in special circumstances with court approval.
- **Ukraine:** 18 for males, 17 for females, 16 with parental consent.
- **United Kingdom**
- **England and Wales:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Scotland:** 16.
- **Northern Ireland:** 18, 16 with parental consent.

### NORTH AMERICA

- **Canada:** Varies by province, but generally 18 years old, 16 years with parental consent, 14 years with judicial consent.
- **Mexico:** 18, 16 with parental or legal consent, 14 for pregnant females with legal consent.
- **Puerto Rico:** 21 (younger parties may obtain license in case of pregnancy or birth of child), 18 with parental consent.
- **United States:** Usually 18. Most states, however, allow marriage at a younger age with parental and/or judicial consent. Some states allow marriage at a still younger age if the female is pregnant. There are a few states (Nebraska, 19; Mississippi, 21) that have a higher age.

### OCEANIA

- **Australia:** 18, 16 with permission from a court and both parents (only granted in exceptional circumstances).
- **New Zealand:** 18, 16 with parental consent.

### SOUTH AMERICA

- **Argentina:** 18, lower with judicial consent only in exceptional cases.
- **Brazil:** 18, 16 with consent of both parents, or of the legal tutor, if the minor is under the guardianship of a tutor. In exceptional circumstances, the marriage of someone who is under 16 years can also be authorized, but only by a court, and only in cases of pregnancy, or to avoid the imposition of a criminal penalty.
- **Chile:** 18, 16 with parental consent.
- **Colombia:** 18, 14 with parental consent.
- **Paraguay:** 14 for females and 16 for males. Article 39, clause "b", of the Paraguayan Civil Code reads: "The legal incapacity of minors will cease: ... (b) for gentlemen of 16 and for women of 14 years completed, through marriage, with the limitations established in this Code".
- **Peru:** 18
- **Venezuela:** 18, 14 for females and 16 for males with parental consent.
- **Ecuador:** 18

Source: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



The Presidency

**NATIONAL IDENTITY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
11 Sokode Crescent, Off Dalaba Street, Zone 5, Wuse Abuja.

## INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY FOR WORKS, GOODS AND SERVICES

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) invites interested and reliable firms/companies/individuals for pre-qualification for the following projects of the NIMC for the 2010 fiscal year.

### 1. SCOPE

- Lot 'A': Electrical and Mechanical Works (Consists of Sub-lots: A1, A2 and A3) Generators, Transformers and Automatic Changeover Switch)
- Lot 'B': Landscaping at the NIMC Head Office
- Lot 'C': Office Equipment, Furniture and Fittings
- Lot 'D': Computer Equipment and Consumables
- Lot 'E': Biometric Capture and Staff ID Card
- Lot 'F': Renovation and Landscaping of State Offices
- Lot 'G': Project Management and Corporate Communication Consultancy Services
- Lot 'H': Technical, Professional and Capacity Building Consultancy Services
- Lot 'I': Perimeter Fencing of State Offices
- Lot 'J': Provision of Water Borehole in State Offices
- Lot 'K': Renovation/Construction of Training Centres
- Lot 'L': Establishment of Cluster Centre

### 2. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be pre-qualified, interested firms must supply the following verifiable evidence including but not limited:

- Company Profile including ownership structure, management team, technical/other staff, registered address /other contact details;
- Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association including Form CO.7/CO.2;
- 3 year Audited Account of the firm and or consortium and Three years Tax Clearance Certificate;
- Evidence of Registration with relevant authorities (VAT, Pension, NHIS, Income Tax, etc.);

- Evidence of technical competence and relevant experience in similar works and services;
- Names and CVs of Team leader and professional staff, including individual experiences;
- Proof of Alliances / Partnerships (if applicable) including details of existing relationships (MOU or JV Agreement) if in a consortium, outlining core competencies of each partner/member firm;
- Evidence of experience/track record of firm/consortium;
- Evidence of financial capability and banking support;
- Verifiable reference list of clients for whom similar services were/are being executed by the firm or members of the consortium; giving scope, location, value, date executed, address, telephone numbers, and contact persons;
- For Renovation/Construction, firms would be required to provide the list of construction equipment and nature of ownership;
- Any other information, considered relevant to the evaluation of your application.

The Commission will normally verify the authenticity of statutory documents submitted or claims made. The Commission reserves the right to disqualify incomplete documentation. **Only short listed firms will be contacted!**

### 3. SUBMISSION

Pre-qualification documents must be delivered in 6 hard copies in sealed envelope with an electronic copy (in a CD) in a separate sealed envelope clearly marked "Confidential: Pre-qualification for Works, Goods & Services" and the LOT of interest clearly printed at the top left corner of the envelope and delivered to the address below on or before 5 pm Friday, June 4th, 2010.

The Director General/CEO  
**National Identity Management Commission**  
11 Sokode Crescent, Off Dalaba Street, Zone 5 Wuse Abuja - Nigeria  
[www.nimc.gov.ng](http://www.nimc.gov.ng)

## NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS

Recognized by Decree No.3, 1988



MEMBER ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES OF NIGERIA (APBN)

BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF OUR GREAT INSTITUTE  
THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF TOWN PLANNERS-NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN THAT THE 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE/GENERAL MEETING will  
hold in Kano, Kano State from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

THEME:

### "GOVERNING NIGERIAN CITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

#### SUB THEMES:

- (1) Global Urban Governance Structures and Practices.
- (2) Relationship between Governance structures and sustainability of Cities.
- (3) Structures of Urban Governance in Nigeria.
- (4) Alternative Governance structures for sustainable urban development in Nigeria.

#### AIM:

Maximizing of the contribution of urban and regional planning professional in Nigeria to remedying beleaguered, degrading, exploitative and non-replacement utilization of urban resources. Governance of cities should be priority of all governments, agencies and organizations and entails the need to emphasize, reflect, pattern and adopt best practices in approach and procedure. Attainment of sustainable urban development through Governance principles and structures is the pivot of our effort.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- (1) To appraise participants with increasing difficulties to which urban dwellers are exposed through weak urban governance structures.
- (2) To push for best practices in all matters relating to urban governance.
- (3) To review and learn from other urban governance systems, contemporary ideas towards making improvements.
- (4) To set benchmarks and formulate checklists for the evaluation of urban governance efforts.
- (5) To evolve, strengthen and direct structures of Governments, Agencies, and Organizations towards efficient exercise of their foundational roles in ensuring sustainable development.
- (6) To teach and publicize principles of urban sustainability among planners, professionals, government officials and general public.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS:

Members wishing to present papers on the above theme or any sub-theme are requested to send in, soft copy of the paper not later than 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 to these e-mail addresses:  
[niitp@yahoo.com](mailto:niitp@yahoo.com), [drkingsleyogboi@yahoo.com](mailto:drkingsleyogboi@yahoo.com),  
[rayomaenvlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:rayomaenvlaw@yahoo.com), [steveonu2002@yahoo.com](mailto:steveonu2002@yahoo.com),  
[kmyari@mailnigeria.com](mailto:kmyari@mailnigeria.com).

#### CONFERENCE FEES:

PAYMENT	Before 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2010	After 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2010
STUDENTS	N4,000.00	N5,000.00
MEMBERS	N20,000.00	N25,000.00
NON-MEMBERS	N25,000.00	N30,000.00

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT.

Participants are expected to make payment in favour of NITP at any branch of Zenith International Bank into account No 6119700842. Details can be down-loaded from the NITP Website. [www.nitpng.com](http://www.nitpng.com).

**FURTHER NOTICE:** This publication serves as Further Notice to the Emergency General Meeting scheduled to hold in FCT Abuja on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 for the Review/Adoption of the Constitution.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

TPL.RAYMOND OBIOMA UCHEOMA, mnitp, rtp  
NATIONAL SECRETARY.

# IT WORLD

Hotline: 08056159961

## War against cyber-crime: Why criminals are winning

*Internet-based attacks and crimes are increasing in Nigeria as criminals continue to steal data from businesses and individuals. The sad story, however, is that law enforcement agencies lack the know-how to fight the fraudsters*

By Zakariyya Adaramola

IT is said that whenever a committee is set up by a Nigerian government to tackle a particular problem, that problem has indeed come to stay. This is true of an anti-Money Laundering and Cyber Crime committee jointly set up by the two legislative arms of the National Assembly some few years ago. Though the members of the committee met some few times with the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC), bank officials and some computer professionals, and discussed the modalities to use in fighting cyber crimes and money laundering in the country, not much was heard after that. And much likely, nothing will be heard again. Earlier in 2004, the executive arm of

government established a cyber-crime working group, the Nigeria Cyber Working Group (NCWG), with the purpose of aiding Nigeria's demystification of the hydra-headed monster. The NCWG is an Inter-Agency body made up of all key law enforcement, security, intelligence and ICT agencies of government, plus major private organisations in the ICT sector. NCWG is also sleeping.

IT experts said that these two bodies have gone to sleep and cyber criminals are waxing stronger in the country. Since after the meltdown, which made many Nigerians abroad to lose their jobs, there has been an upsurge in cyber crimes in Nigeria. But IT experts lament that there has not been a corresponding increase in the fight against the cyber criminals. And the cyber criminals are taking full advantage of the lull in the fight against cyber crimes to defraud more and more Nigerians of their hard earned monies. For example, Akin Adejwon, a Lagos-based businessman lost close to N100, 000 to internet fraudsters. Akin, replying to a

mail thought to be sent by his bank, revealed all his data, including his ATM card PIN number. A week after, he got SMS alert on a Saturday morning from his bank telling him that N70,000 has been withdrawn from his account. A report in 2006 indicated that Nigerians lost about \$80 Million (N11.2 billion) to internet related crimes in 2005. The report was the findings of a study, conducted by Institute of Digital Communications (IDC), a market research and forecasting firm, based in South Africa.

Cybercrime, which covers internet fraud not just online 419 - the use of computers and or the internet to commit crime, is a phenomenon the FG must fight head-on. Computer-related crimes include e-mail scams, hacking, distribution of hostile software (viruses and worms), denial of service attacks, and theft of data, extortion, fraud and impersonation. "Essentially, cybercrime is information and intelligence-based activity. You cannot fight cybercrime with ignorance, strong directives or boastful talk, Mr Jide

Awe, an ICT expert, said.

Furthermore, Mr Awe said legislation needs to keep pace with e-crime, especially as it becomes more prevalent and sophisticated. "Apart from awareness and culture, security measures (technical and non technical) will need to be put in place and enforced, as part of the solutions. This might involve raising penalties and increasing the seriousness of e-offences. The right culture should create a high level of awareness amongst stakeholders", added the ICT expert.

According to him, Cybercrime cannot be divorced from the prevalent high level of corruption and wide spread poverty and unemployment in the Nigerian society. "Heavier punishments and enlightenment, closing down cyber cafes, issuing draconian directives may therefore not be meaningful without addressing the causes. To fight crime you attack the causes of crime. No wonder, then, that after the initial excitement after the set up of the NCWG and some spineless fight by the security agencies, the noise died down."

### MTN HyNet Internet service now in Ilorin, others

From Yunus Abdulhamid, Lagos

MTN Nigeria has launched its revolutionary Internet service, MTN HyNet in more Nigerian cities. Residents of Kaduna, Ilorin and Warri will now be able to enjoy the service which was launched in Lagos in July last year, the company said at the weekend.

MTN HyNet is expected to bring efficiency and convenience to offices and homes, by providing an Internet service that offers unlimited downloads and multi-user capability at extraordinary speeds.

The MTN's Chief Enterprise Solutions Officer, Derek Appiah, said the service is suitable for consumers and Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) that require reliable, stable and easy to set up Internet connectivity for their homes and offices.

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## RE: FCT MINISTER, THE DANGERS AHEAD

**W**e, the concerned loyalists and lovers of the great party that has "power to the people" as their motto and logo felt that at the critical time, the time has come for an honest and slipperyless floor where the great party PDP will operate because in the next eight months the gun for the race will be shot.

Our concern as we see it, is that there is a banana peel on the track on which the PDP will take.

Mr President, there is a frightful danger ahead. Visible for those who cares and are patriotic enough to look beyond their narrow self interest, our ship of state is fast approaching a huge rock and unless you, as the Chief helmsman, quickly rise to the occasion and courageously steer the ship away from its present course, it shall hit the rock to borrow from Chief Obafemi Awolowo of blessed memory.

Mr President, because it is visible to us because we care and we are patriotic enough, looking beyond our narrow self interest have decided to tell you that there is a banana peel on the floor, If you are not careful we will soon step on it; stepping on its jeopardizes our chances of winning, and the fight, Mr President is a must win because the consequences of losing the battle is very scary.

Our struggle lies in the centre, like the strength of any National government, power emanates from the central government, their engine room. Mr President, our strength lies in the centre, the FCT.

The pace of the PDP is decided by the FCT, but unfortunately the centre is handed over to a

serving senator on the other divide, an ANPP senator emerging the FCT minister, who despite the matters of great exigency in the FCT is busy, being partisan, sponsoring ANPP rally in his home state, Bauchi.

The FCT area councils were all chaired by PDP chairmen expect gwagwalada area council, but in the last election Kwali was won over by them. Look how their chickens were coming home to roost one after the other.

The ongoing land revocation exercise is being chaired by former ANPP Senator, Sen. Saidu Dansadau. Look at how a stage is set on state to work against PDP's interest unlawfully and illegally.

This is our permutations:

i) By the time they might have spread their cankerworms all over, then the parasites that will feed fat on the efforts of PDP, both nationally and in the FCT is set in place, negative thanks to the presidency that brought them about.

ii) By the time the gun is shot, in strategic places, influential positions, key and technical positions in the FCT would have been taken over by the ANPP, what will we witness? The degeneration or relegation of the PDP to the background not only in FCT but in the nation in its entirety.

iii) He who blows the piper dictates the tune, Senator Bala Muhammed has from now until the riddance ends dictate the tune. In whose favour? Outrightly in the favour of the ANPP whose loss? The PDP.

If by any means this permutations are not enough, then the doomsday is here for the

PDP. Apocalypse is near, we are losing our unity, our strength, the foundations of our success, we are loosing the strand upon which we weave the web of our party, whatever we do to the web, we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

Mr President take a pause, look into these in-road, you will see vividly that a banana peel is on the floor, thrown by the presidency, only you could take it off, if only the interest of the PDP is still running in your vein.

Another point worthy of note is this, it has been a political culture or party practices to compensate all PDP contestants that failed in elections to be adequately compensated so as to have the wherewithal to hold their followers, PDP faithful together.

In conclusion, Mr Presidents, a stitch in time saves nine, it is high time you do something about the unfolding scenario. How do you want the strength if our party to be? What will happen to our PDP? What will happen to our esteem loyalists and followers? What is the fate of our PDP that will soon unfold on the silver scenario? What will public or population opinion be?

We are afraid a so many things. Those things pushed us to write. We will be waiting patiently so that we could chart our own course if our party fail us.



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## FCTA builds N5bn science, tech college

By Nasir Imam

A N5 billion Model Science and Technology College, under construction in Utako district of Abuja by the FCT Administration is expected to be completed in October this year.

FCT Education Secretary, Alh. Hussaini Halilu Pai, who made the revelation to correspondents in his office on Friday, said already a block of 8 laboratories awaiting have

been completed while work is in progress on another block of 25 rooms that will accommodate 10 students in the boarding school.

He said last Thursday, at the Universal Basic Education Best Performance Award for States for Intervention Funds, FCT came 1st in the North Central Zone and 5th at the National level.

Alh. Pai also said that in 2009 the first award was conducted for 2005 and 2006, and FCT came out 1st

with a N100 million cash prize.

He said the position of 1st for 2007 came with a prize of N70 million, while the 5th prize position came with a cheque of N200 million, which he said will be judiciously used by his secretariat.

The Secretary also said that the condition for the disbursement of the money is that the secretariat must present an action plan on how it intends to use the money.



EXPRESSWAY construction within the Central Area of Abuja

## Kwara to prosecute illegal shop owners

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

THE Kwara State government has commenced prosecutions of street hawkers and illegal structures and shops owners within the Ilorin metropolis.

Daily Trust checks through the metropolis revealed that mobile courts were sighted at different locations where erring offenders were being fined for their offences.

The most affected areas include Yoruba road; Ahmadu Bello way; Post Office area; Muritala; Obbo/unity road; Oja Gada road; Ibrahim Taiwo road; Oja-gboro; Ipata mar-

ket; Sango; Kulende; Ba'aboko; Oja-Oba; among others.

Speaking on the development, the state Commissioner for Commerce and Cooperatives, Dr Felicia Ojeleyewho affirmed that the state government would not relent in its efforts to find a lasting solution to the problem inherent in street hawking, roadside trading and illegal structures on road sides.

She warned traders to desist from acts that could bring hazard to the community, saying that failure to adhere to the rules and regulation of the state would attract punishment.

## Provide houses for the poor - Onaiyekan

By Maureen Onochie

THE Federal Government who has built enough houses for the rich people in Abuja should now consider the basic needs of the people and make it as a priority to provide simple and cheap accommodation for poor people in the city, Most Rev. Dr. John Onaiyekan has said.

Onaiyekan, who said this in Abuja last Thursday at a one day stakeholder's forum on peace, said that everybody deserves a decent shelter over their

head.

He said the monetization project for housing that was done for the civil servants wasn't also in their favor because the amount of money requested by the Government couldn't be afforded by those in the lower levels.

Onaiyekan who didn't condemn the steps taken by the former Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Mal. Nasir El-Rufai in bringing sanity to the city said he did it at the expense of the poor people.

He said the former

minister who took steps to resettle the people in the villages couldn't complete that project before the end of his tenure stressing that there should be continuity in government policies.

"I must say that the former Minister took steps to start those resettlements in villages and townships but since he left, the people have been abandoned in the bush, which means that all the ministers who came after him saw the projects and abandoned the files to face other things."

## FERMA gets land for trucks parking

By Mustapha Suleiman

WORRIED by the incessant parking of trucks on the highways, the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) has said that it has secured plots of land in some states through the respective local governments to serve as proper parking space for trucks.

MD, FERMA, Alh.

Kabiru Abdullahi, who said this at a news conference in Abuja, said such trucks that are parked on the highways pose serious menace to motorists.

He said that is the norm in most civilised societies where for every 50 kilometers there are parking spaces for truck drivers to eat and even sleep.

He also said FERMA

has terminated about ten out of the 64 contracts that were awarded last year for the maintenance of roads nationwide and established 7 asphalt plants for the six geographical zones and Lagos.

The FERMA boss said so far about N23 billion have been paid to contractors and that the agency is not indebted to any contractor.



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## Cholera kills 4 at Gwagwalada

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

FOUR persons lost their lives last Wednesday following an outbreak of cholera at Ibwa community in Gwagwalada Area Council of the FCT.

Council Chairman, Alhaji Zakari Angulu Dobi, said two persons died on the first day of the outbreak of the epidemic last week, while another two died the following day at the community's health centre.

According to him, on receiving information on the outbreak, the council authority immediately sent additional drugs to the affected community in order to control the epidemic.

He said the report he received indicated that 118 people were affected by the epidemic, including children, who were treated.

The council boss urged residents of the community to report cases of such diseases on time rather than engage in self medica-

tion, adding that the council will refurbish the community's borehole in order to support the existing water sources.

In another development, the council chairman Friday announced the dissolution of all members of his cabinets.

Dobi said that the dissolution of the cabinet was as a result of the expiration of the council's first tenure and thanked the former cabinet members for their services.

## Berger driver accused of causing motorist's death

By Usman A. Bello

A Julius Berger driver, Ikechukwu Ogoli, was on Friday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly causing a motorist's death.

Prosecutor Musa Abdullahi told the court that on April 29, the accused drove a Berger trailer with registration number XB 419 KWL in a dangerous manner along Mpape junction and hit a commercial bus with registration number XA 555 SHA that was driven by one Omotayo Ayodele.

The prosecutor stated further that the driver of the bus died on

the spot, while other passengers sustained serious injuries and were rushed to the hospital for treatment.

The accused pleaded not guilty when the charge was read to him, while his counsel urged the court to grant him bail on the ground that an accused is innocent until proven guilty by the court.

Magistrate Oyebola O. Oyewumi granted the accused bail in the sum of N150,000 with two sureties. The magistrate ordered that one of the sureties must be a civil servant of not below level 10.

The case was adjourned to June 16 for hearing.

## Woman caught with stolen handsets

By Gladys Ogechi Nworgu

A mild drama took place at Pyakasa, a suburb of Abuja, Saturday when a woman was caught with a stolen handset hidden inside her pant.

The suspect when

searched had surrendered two stolen handsets but refused to bring out the third one until the numbers was dialled by the owner, which made onlookers hear the sound from her body.

Our reporter learnt that

the woman came from Gwagwalada and stole the handsets in a hair dressing saloon.

Luck however ran out on her at the saloon after she stole a small expensive handset and the owner raised an alarm, which attracted peo-

ple, who helped in apprehending and taking the suspect to the police station. After recovering the phones, their owners said they were not interested in charging the matter to court and decided to leave the suspect.

## NTI students protest at Abaji

PIC: ABUBAKAR SADIQ ISAH



THE representative of the Ona of Abaji, Alhaji Baba Shetima, addressing the protesting students at the palace on Saturday.

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

STUDENTS of the National Teachers Institute (NTI) Abaji study centre Saturday protested over the attitude of their centre's supervisor in handling their affairs.

The students, who carried placards and leaves with

inscription 'We don't want Stella Udeh any more, she must go' and 'Stella enough of your extortion from students, marched from the study centre along Agyana road down to the palace of the Ona of Abaji, where they lodged their grievances.

A National Certificate of

Education year three students said since Supervisor Stella assumed duty at the centre last month, she imposed N200 administrative fee per student, which has never happened.

He said class representatives in the centre met the supervisor over the levy and

she insisted it must be paid to run the students affairs.

The students also accused the supervisor of collecting N200 for checking of results and N50 for each module collected.

The Ona of Abaji, Alhaji Adamu Baba Yunusa, assured the protesters that all their grievances will be communicated to the appropriate authority and he appealed to them to go back to school peacefully.

When contacted, the study centre's Supervisor, Mrs. Stella Udeh, denied imposing levies on the students, adding that the allegations were the handiwork of some students who are bent on tarnishing her reputation.

She said the Ona of Abaji has already invited her to his palace in order to resolve the issue.

## ...As SECDA officials prevent drivers' protest

By Ogechi Ohalee

EXECUTIVE members of the Self Employed Commercial Drivers Association (SECDA) Saturday prevented their drivers from protesting over alleged harassment by traffic policemen at Wuse, Abuja.

SECDA drivers had alleged that traffic police-

men at Wuse were fond of arresting their members even when they park at the same place with their colleagues from the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

"We are constantly harassed and can't take this anymore," a driver said.

Another driver sought to know what had happened to the Labour

Decree 4 of 1996 that states that the NURTW has been banned from collecting money from drivers or selling tickets to them at motor parks.

"We still suffer from such extortion and are brutalised if we don't pay without the police doing anything," a commercial driver said.

The drivers, who were in large numbers had gathered

for a meeting at Nyanya in order to strategise for the protest but their national Chairman, Chief Kenneth Ugwu appealed for peace and assured them that the executives will go to Wuse to speak with the divisional police officer on the matter.

"After the meeting we will address you on the outcome so let us wait," the chairman said.

## 176 motorists arrested in 3 days

By Misbahu Bashir

OFFICIALS of the Federal Road Safety Commission in Abuja over the weekend said they have arrested 176 motorists over traffic offences in three days.

FCT Sector Commander of the commission, Nseobong Akbaio, disclosed that patrols were intensified within the city during the rainy season.

"176 motorists were

arrested for over 207 offences on May 12, 13, 19 and all of them were charged with offences that include dangerous driving, seat belt violation and reckless driving," he stated.

He revealed that 161 motorists were found guilty by the mobile court and convicted, while 15 were found innocent of their offences and subsequently discharged," he said.

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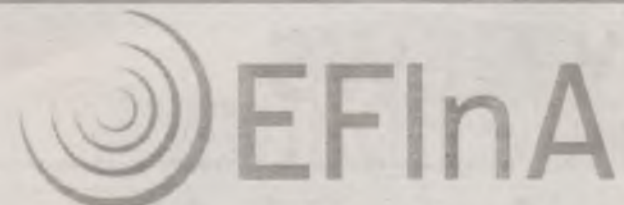
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# Inside Politics

## 'Discarding zoning will create chaos in PDP'

By Abdulmetallib A. Abubakar

**Y**OU were once a member of PDP's National Executive Committee. How do you look at the ongoing noise being made about zoning of the presidency between the north and the south?

The talk about rotating the presidency between the north and the south actually began in 1998. The founding fathers of the PDP realized that the problem with the Nigerian polity at that time was that power had always been on one side, so they decided to give the southern region a chance to produce the president.

They thought it wise that for the country to have a stable polity and forge ahead, there had to be an arrangement that would ensure balance in the polity. That means there was perceived imbalance and they had to provide zoning formulae which would give every segment of the country the opportunity to participate in the leadership. So for the sake of this noble argument, it was decided that the country be consid-

Dr. Nana Aishatu Abdulkadir, one time ex-officio member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) speaks on many contending issues in the PDP, emphasising that the party may suffer bitter consequences if it jettisons the agreement on power rotation between North and South in 2011. Excerpts:



DR. Nana Aishatu Abdulkadir

ered on the basis of the six geopolitical zones, three in the south and three in the north.

There was a consensus to zone the presidency to the south and Obasanjo emerged as the flag bearer of our party. At that time, late Abubakar Rimi and others were persuaded in Jos to support Obasanjo and they did. I was part of the electoral committee of

the Jos convention of 1998.

Zoning was agreed upon to ensure that everybody including the majority and minority segments of the society get involved so that nobody is marginalized.

You can see the distribution of positions even in the National Assembly. Without those zoning formula, the National Assembly would be chaotic. And the zoning formulae works down to the ward level of each state in this country. It is because of zoning that we have stability in every state.

**I**s zoning part of PDP's constitution right from inception?

The preamble of the constitution talks about fairness and equity in the distribution of positions among the geographical locations. Article 7.2(c)

enunciates further. Concerning the presidency, a gentleman's agreement was worked and it is my strong belief that we have to abide by the agreement now because it was in effect for the first eight years during the regime of President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Now we don't understand why they are thinking of bringing something different now. We have to have a system that is all inclusive because if you don't we will not find peace.

**B**ut some PDP leaders are insisting that there is no such arrangement to rotate the presidency?

Those saying that are over-ambitions and greedy people. When some people finish serving their terms and they still want to be relevant, they come out to make an issue out of nothing. In fact this should not have been an issue in PDP. I think our leaders should think twice about any attempt to jettison that arrangement. I don't want to be a prophet of doom but I do know that it will not go down well with the com-

mon and it will most certainly have an impact on the party. The party is likely to disorganise and there may be protest vote.

**Y**ou feel strong about the agreement for the rotation of the presidency between the north and the south as was agreed by PDP leaders. Suppose the agreement is violated, will you leave the party?

I personally will not leave the party. I will leave and die in PDP because I'm part of the founding mothers of the PDP. We were together with people like late Abubakar Rimi, Professor Jerry Gana and so on. We went around lunching the party everywhere in the country. So I won't quit the party, but I have the right to speak. Why would people turn round to violate an arrangement we entered into. In fact I feel very strongly about the gentlemen agreement that I feel it should be included in PDP's constitution.

**W**hat will you say about the resignation of Prince Vincent Ogbulor as national chairman?

He was forced to resign because he stood by the zoning arrangement. What he said about zoning the presidency to the north was not incorrect. But it did not go down well with some people and you can see what it caused him. But we are going to insist that this agreement is respected.

**D**oes it mean you are in opposition to call on President Goodluck Jonathan to contest for the presidency in 2011?

Any Nigerian is entitled to contest for any position. Jonathan is a wonderful person; I like his character. He has never opened his mouth to say he wants to contest. But I believe what should prevail in the end is what we agreed upon.

**Why would people turn round to violate an arrangement we entered into**

## Gwarzo flags off campaign for Kano guber

From Ruqayyah Yusuf Aliyu, Kano

THE Executive Secretary, Kano Guidance and Counseling Board, Engineer Bello Sani Gwarzo has flagged off his campaign for the gubernatorial position on the platform of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP).

Gwarzo made his declaration when he paid a courtesy call at the Kano Regional office of the Daily

Trust last Friday. He said he is vying for the position as a result of the pressure mounted on him by several groups and individuals in the state

He also said he is not unaware that many others on the platform of the ANPP are aspiring for the position, saying it is a mere indication of the dynamism and strength of the party. He therefore charged the media to be objective in its coverage of the cam-

paigns so as to guide the populace on the most appropriate candidate for the governorship position.

He worked as a civil engineer with the State Environmental Planning and Protection Agency, as a field engineer with the state's ministry of Works and Housing, carried out several consultancy projects and is presently the Executive Secretary of the state's guidance and counselling board.

## Kano 2011: Kofar Mata teams up with Sheikh Khalil

From Jaafar Jaafar, Kano

THE race for the ticket of All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) in the forthcoming 2011 governorship election took an amazing twist yesterday when Alhaji Sani Lawan Kofar Mata made a surprised appearance at Sheikh Ibrahim Khalil's rally.

Kofar Mata's appearance at the launch of Sheikh Khalil's Campaign Office on Zaria Road came barely 24 hours after he launched his gubernatorial campaign at Marhaba Cinema amid pomp and pageantry.

The two men took party supporters by surprise as

Kofar Mata showed open endorsement to Sheikh Khalil's aspiration. After chanting "Who do you want in Kano" and the audience's rapturous response of "Sheikh Khalil is our choice", Kofar Mata said he would be happy to see Sheikh Khalil sworn in as governor of the state.

He said despite the fact that he was still in the race, his open endorsement for Khalil showed that their aspiration was not a do-or-die affair, saying whoever wins between them would be supported. "It is a give-and-take affair, and if you scratch me here and I will scratch you there," he said.

## Kebbi PDP factions to pick chairman from neutral camp

From Ismail Adedayo, Birnin Kebbi

THE two warring Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) factions in Kebbi State led by Alhaji Samaila Haruna Jada, candidate of the state government and Alhaji Suleiman Nasuha Zuru, backed by the former Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Minister Alhaji Adamu Ahiero, have agreed to backdown and allow a neutral person camp in the party to produce the state chairman.

Daily Trust learnt that the two factions had at a meeting presided over by Governor Dakingari agreed that the two party chieftains at the centre of the chairmanship crisis

should step aside to allow a neutral candidate from old PDP in the state to emerge as chairman of the party for peace to reign. A source said elders of the party expressed fear that the crack in the party may affect its fortunes in the coming election, particularly the forth coming local government polls, hence they agreed to mend fences.

To achieve the new plan, a six man panel headed by the Deputy Governor Alhaji Ibrahim K. Aliyu was mandated to shop for a suitable candidate for the chairmanship position from the old PDP which they considered a neutral camp in the crisis.

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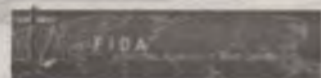
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## LOSS OF DOCUMENT



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A reward of N50,000 awaits anyone with useful information about the missing passport. Please call: 08035619793

## BATAGARAWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

This is to inform the General public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 1990.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Hon. Justice Umaru Abdullahi (Rtd.)
- H. E. Aih. Saïdu Barda (Former Governor Katsina State)
- Hon. Khadi Ahmed Muhammad Batagarawa (Rtd. Grand Khadi Katsina State)
- Hon. Khadi Umar Mai Unguwa (Rtd)
- Aih. Lamin Shehu Dikko
- Ah. Sabiu Nuhu Batagarawa
- Aih. Munari Abubakar

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To organize, develop and promote general understanding among all indigenes and residents of the Local Government.
- To harness, encourage and promote the educational and socio-economic potentials of all the communities in the Local Government.
- To assist in the delivery of the Primary Health Care System in the communities.
- To encourage the pursuits of vocational skills, agro-allied activities, and assist in the pursuit of job opportunities at all levels of government as well as the organized private sector.

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot. 240 Tigris Crescent Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Usman Dalhatu Esq.  
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## REACH OUT AND TOUCH LIVES FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Aih. Sambo Aliyu
- Aih. Umar Namadi
- Aih. Usman Gumi
- Aih. Shehu Garba Rikiji
- Aih. Rufai Gidado Jegawa

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Reach out to the less privileged.
- Visitation and rendering of assistance in hospitals, orphanages, prisons and refugee camps.
- To create awareness on educational activities that will foster unity in our society.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
Usman Ibrahim, Esq.

## SARAH AYOKA ODUWAIYE BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the companies and allied matters act no. 1 of 1990

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- Dr. Banji Oyegbami
- Surv. Alfred Olubukunmi Oduwaiye
- Mr. Abraham Otusola Adeoye

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To create awareness for early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.
- To help women of child bearing age understand cancer management and care, and to make positive choices about the disease.

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

SIGNED:  
Secretary

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public particularly AGIS of the loss of the original documents titled **SADIYA ABDUL** with file no. NG 21465 F 14/128, Gbazango Kubwa, Abuja.

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This is to notify the general public that the above named ministry has applied to the corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Prophet Samson Ajani Fatade | - Founder/Chairman            |
| 2. Idowu Olujimi Olayinka      | - Secretary General           |
| 3. Sokunbi Abiodun             | - Assistant secretary general |
| 4. Oluwaseyi Oluwadamilare     | - Treasurer                   |
| 5. Akinola Adekunle Wasiu      | - Assistant Treasurer         |
| 6. Sadrak Oluwagbemiga         | - Assistant Chairman          |
| 7. Kole Fakorede               | - Member                      |
| 8. Akindele Wale               | - Member                      |
| 9. Ogunyans Gabriel Wole       | - Member                      |
| 10. Badmus Fasas               | - Member                      |
| 11. Emmanuel Abiodun           | - Member                      |
| 12. Temilayo Onakoya           | - Member                      |
| 13. Bamidele Idowu             | - Member                      |

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Preaching the Gospel of salvation to all nations (2) Preaching the Gospel according to Jesus Christ (3) Bringing deliverance to the people of all nations (4) To propagate to less privileged, local and international.
- Any objection to the proposed registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

Signed: Prophet Samson Ajani Fatade

## SIR J. O. M OGBUGH FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named Foundation has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part c of the companies and allied matters act No. 1 of 1990.

### The trustees are:

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Martins Ogbugh   | 2. Kate Ify Ojih  |
| 3. Dr. Alex Otakpor | 4. Chuks Okocha   |
| 5. Monica Ogbugh    | 6. Tina Ogbugh    |
| 7. Becky Ogbugh     | 8. Joachim Ogbugh |
| 9. Charles Odita    |                   |

### Aims and objectives:

- To aid indigent people.
  - To promote educational values by sponsorship into schools.
- Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Secretary

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## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public that the Original Certificat of Registration bearing **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE (ICYE)** with No. IT/CAC/7216 is declared missing. All efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. If found please contact the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) or the nearest Police Station. Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, 420 Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within twenty-eight 28 days from the date of this publication.

Signed:  
Secretary

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, formerly known as **HAUWA-KULU SALIHU**, now wishes to be addressed as **MRS HAUWA-KULU SALIHU ADAMA**. All former documents remain valid. Nigeria Television Authority, University of Abuja and public to note.

I, formerly known as **MISS ROSEMARY E. NNAWUIHE**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ROSEMARY UGOCHUKWU OKUBANIYI**. All former documents remain valid. PPPRA, general public take note.

I, formerly **MURJANATU MUSA**, now wish to be called as **ABU GAMBO**. All former documents remain valid. TAFAWA BALEWA Local Government Area, public should take note.

I formerly **DANJUMA SALIHU** now wish to be called as **MUHAMMED NASIRUDEEN ALHASSAN**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note.

I formerly **MISS A'ISHA MAGAJI MUHAMMAD**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS A'ISHA HAFIZU IBRAHIM**, Former documents remain valid. General public, NYSC take note

I formerly **MISS ROSEMARY ELAMEYI ADIKWU**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS ROSEMARY ELAMEYI AKAGWU**. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I formerly **AHMED ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be called as **HARUNA ISHAKU**. All former documents remain valid **DAMBAM LOCAL GOVT**, public should take note

I, formerly known as **MISS OZOANIAGOLU JENEVINE NKEM**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS UDEH JENEVINE NKEM**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OKEKE SOMADINA .N.**, now wish to be addressed as **MRS OBANYE ROSEMARY SOMADINA .N.** All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **SAMUEL STEPHEN**, now wish to be addressed as **SAMU STEPHEN ALUMBU DAIBE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly called **BASHAR A. ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called as **BASHAR ABDULLAHI MAGAMI**. All former documents remain valid. Kaduna Polytechnic, (ZACAREP) and general public should take note.

I, formerly **MISS HADIZA JOHN**, now wish to be known as **MRS HADIZA DAVID B. MICHAEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly called **MISS LOVETH CHIOMA OKOH** now wish to be called **MRS LOVETH CHIOMA EMMANUEL**. Former documents remain valid. General Public take note.

I, formerly called **EMMANUEL ALI**, now wish to be called **EMMANUEL OCHOWECHI ALI**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS CORDELIA CHINNA NWAIMO** now wish to be called **MRS CORDELIA CHINNA IBE**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and general public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS VICTORIA FUNMILOLA OBAKURO** that henceforth I wish to be known as **MRS FALANA VICTORIA FUNMILOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS ONI FUNMILAYO DEBORAH**, now wish to be known as **MRS KUSORO FUNMILAYO DEBORAH**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

I, formerly known as **MR KUSORO PAMILERIN OLATUNDE**, now wish to be known as **MR KUSORO OLUWAPAMILERIN AYINLA PETER OLATUNDE**. All former documents remain valid. NSCDC and general public h should note.

I, formerly known as **JENS CHIGOZIE BEMGARTNER**, now wish to be called **JENS CHIGOZIE UDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public to note.

I, formerly known as **MISS DADA IBIDUN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS IBIDUN IYOBOSA EMMANUEL OGBORO**. All former documents remain valid. Nigeria Immigration Service and General public take note.

I, formerly known as **MISS OLADIMEJI FOLASHADE CHRISTIANA**, now **MRS FAYEMI CHRISTIANA FOLASHADE**. All former documents remain valid. NSCDC and general public note.

I, **NWOFILI MARY NGOZICHUKWUKA** is same and one person as **NWOFILI GODCAN NGOZICHUKWUKA**. All former documents remain valid. WAEC, NIGERIAN PRESS COUNCIL and general public take note.

I, formerly **NEHEMIAH BABA BARWA**, now **NEHEMIAH ZAMAN BABA BARWA**. All former documents remain valid. Public take note.



**KADUNA REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY LIMITED  
(A SUBSIDIARY OF NNPC)**

**RE: INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR TOTAL REHABILITATION  
OF CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANK 50TK02C**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company (KRPC), a Subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation is desirous of carrying out total rehabilitation of Crude Oil Storage Tank 50TK02C.

**2. PROJECT TITLE:**

**TOTAL REHABILITATION OF CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANK 50TK02C.**

**2.1 SCOPE OF WORK:**

The scope of work includes but not limited to:

Total Rehabilitation of Crude Oil Storage Tank.

- Cut out the floor plates from the annular plate.
- Remove the Existing floating roof drain.
- Complete any necessary cleaning/water removal from the tank internals.
- Complete any necessary cleaning of bundwall area/tank drain/bundwall drain to allow for safe hot work inside the bundwall area.
- **Jack-up of the shell/annular to a height of one meter.**
- Remove all floor plates from the tank to scrap yard. (Including new floor plates).
- Procure all materials necessary to complete the works and supply to site including mill certificates.
- Repair the tank foundation.
- Sandblast and paint, with bitumastic paint on both sides of the new floor plates.
- Sandblast and paint, with bitumastic paint the existing annular plate, bottom shell course roof legs, guide pole etc.
- Install new floor plates.
- Install new floating roof leg pad plates.
- Perform welder qualification of all welders to ASME IX.
- Jack down the tank onto the repaired tank pad/foundation.
- Weld the new floor plates and pads into position.
- Sandblast/prime/paint the complete tank externals to include all shell plates, floating roof, floating roof ladder, firewater piping, external staircase and number the tank in four places at 90° to each other.
- Install the articulated roof drain piping and perform a hydrostatic pressure test (repair and retest as required). Ensure universal joints are freely moving.
- Repair the tank gauging system to ensure that it functions correctly when put in service.

**4. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

Pre-qualification documents, which should be bound and in duplicate, must be delivered to NNPC Headquarters Tenders Committee (HTC) withing three (3) weeks from

The date of the advertisement. With the marking  
**"PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR TOTAL REHABILITATION OF  
CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANK 50TK02C" :-**

The Secretary  
Headquarters Tenders Committee (HTC)  
NNPC Towers, Herbert Macaulay Way, Central Business District.  
Abuja.

**3. PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA.**

Only companies qualified from this pre-qualification exercise shall be invited to the competitive tender for the said project.

Interested companies are required to submit documents which address the pre-qualification requirements. Failure to submit the required documents will automatically disqualify the applicant. Pre-qualification document will as a minimum address the following requirements, in chapters separated by dividers:

1. Full details of Company Profile.
2. Certificate of Incorporation, Evidence of Registration with Department of Petroleum Resources, Evidence of Registration with NNPC/KRPC, Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years, Tax (including-VAT) Registration Number, if applicable.
3. Company financial details and audited accounts for the last three (3) years.
4. Organizational structure, available manpower with a list of key professional staff with their resumes.
5. Details of Quality Policy including Quality Policy Statement, Copies of ISO Certification copy of current Quality Manual and procedures.
6. Full details of the Company's ability to perform the specified projects, including facilities equipment & personnel available to support the services.
7. Full listing with supporting evidence of similar jobs to the projects in the referenced work scope executed in the last three (3) years.
8. Full details of projects Control Policies and Procedures including Scheduling and Cost Control Procedures.
9. Details of Procurement Services experience with copies of Procurement Procedure, Sub-Contracting Procedure, Expediting, Logistics, Inspection and Reports.
10. Details of safety policy Organization, Training, Communication, Emergency Response Procedures Environmental Policy.
11. Evidence of Compliance to Nigerian Content Policy e.g. give nature of goods, materials and consumables envisaged to be procured in Nigeria. Provide innovative proposals that would enhance the development of Nigerian Content. Please, note that failure to comply with Nigerian Content directive constitute serious flaw.
12. All the documents to be provided to support evidence of technical capability and relevant experienced must be referenced to the relevant Project as defined in the work scope.

**5. DISCLAIMER**

Please, note that this is not an invitation to tender; only Pre-qualified companies shall be invited to progress with the tendering selection exercise. This advertisement for "Invitation for 'Pre-qualification' shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of KRPC or NNPC, nor shall it entitle any company to make any claim whatsoever, and/or seek any indemnity from KRPC or NNPC and/or any of its subsidiaries, by virtue of such companies having responded to this advertisement.

All expenses incurred in preparing pre-qualification response and all expenses otherwise association with its pre-qualification response shall be borne solely by the prospective supplier.



**KADUNA REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY LIMITED  
(A SUBSIDIARY OF NNPC)**

**INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR THE CONVERSION  
OF TAXI PARK TO AN ADDITIONAL STAFF CAR PARKING LOT.**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company Limited (KRPC), a Subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation NNPC Wishes to invite reputable Companies to submit relevant documents to pre-qualify for Conversion of Taxi parking LOT opposite KRPC IN GATE into an additional car parking LOT.

**2.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

The scope of work for the Conversion of Taxi parking LOT opposite KRPC IN GATE into an additional car parking LOT, includes but not limited to the following:

- Clearing the site.
- Backfill and stone pitch all eroded portion of the side of the road.
- Construct perimeter chain link to cover to all the area to be secured as car park.
- Construct 2nos. security gates and gate houses.
- Concrete the entire parking space.
- Commissioning.

**3.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION**

Only companies qualified from this pre-qualification exercise shall be invited to the competitive tender for the said project. Interested companies are required to submit documents which address the pre-qualification requirements. Failure to submit the required documents will automatically disqualify the applicant.

Pre-qualification documents will as a minimum, address the following requirements in chapters separated by dividers:

1. Full details of Company Profile.
2. Certificate of Incorporation, Evidence of Registration with relevant government agency, Evidence of Registration with NNPC/KRPC in relevant category, Income Tax Clearance Certificate (for 3 yrs if applicable), Tax (including VAT) Registration Number, Evidence of Registration with DPR.
3. Company Organization chart, Project Organizational chart, Industry experience, Similar Project Experience, CVs of Key Personnel for the Project, Available Equipment/Tools, Execution Strategy.
4. Company Financial Statement and Audited accounts for the last Three (3) years, Principal Bankers, Credit facility (if any) and Bankers support.
5. HSE Policy and Plan (Policy must be signed), HSE Practice and Records (Previous Records with evidence).
6. Community relation Policy and practice
7. Nigerian Content Vehicle (mandatory when applicable), Nigerian Content Policy and Practice (Policy must be signed), Plan to Utilise Nigerian Manpower, Goods and Services, Plan to Capacity Building, Training and Skill acquisition for Nigerians.
8. All documents to be provided as evidence of technical capability and relevant experience are of advantage as referenced to the project as defined in the work scope.

**4.0 SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

Pre-qualification documents, which should be bounded and in duplicate, must be delivered to Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company Limited Management Tenders Committee (MTC) within three (3) weeks from the date of the advertisement, with the marking "PRE-QUALIFICATION TO TENDER FOR CONVERSION ON TAXI PARK TO AN ADDITIONAL STAFF PARKING LOT PROJECT" TO:-

The Secretary,  
Management Tenders Committee,  
Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company Limited.  
KM 16 Kachia Road P.M.B 2252  
Kaduna

**5.0 DISCLAIMER**

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All expenses incurred in preparing pre-qualification response and all expenses otherwise associated with its pre-qualification response shall be borne solely by the prospective supplier.

Signed:  
KRPC MANAGEMENT

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE KADUNA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT KADUNA CT.4**

SUIT NO: KDH/KAD/407/2010

**BETWEEN**  
1) THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF FEDERAL POLY,  
KADUNA  
2) THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, KADUN

} PLAINTIFFS/APPLICANTS

**AND**

1. MR. HASSAN SARKI  
2. MR. LUKA BARDE ALHAJI  
3. MR. DANTATA AUTA  
4. MR. JOEL BALA  
5. ALH. USMAN ALI  
6. OTHER DEFENDANTS WHO ARE  
PERSONS AS YET UNKNOWN

} DEFENDANTS/RESPONDENTS

COURT ORDER

Upon a motion exparte brought pursuant to order 15 Rule 3 (I) and order 7 Rules 5 (I) and (2) of Kaduna State High Court (civil procedure) Rules 2007. The inherent powers and sanctions of the Honourable Court, praying for the following orders:-

1. And order granting the Plaintiffs/Applicants leave to effect the service of the originating summons, statement of claim and other Court processes in this suit by substituted means, advertising the afore mention Court processes in one issue of the DAILY TRUST Newspaper which has wide circulation within Kaduna township where the disputed Land is situated in particular and Kaduna state generally, and to deem such service as proper and sufficient service on all the Defendants/Respondents in this suit. And/or by pasting same on any building, fence, trees or prominent place in the particular part of the Land in dispute where the activities of the trespasser and encroachers are more pronounced.

And for such further other orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit and just to make in the circumstances, coming up for hearing on the 17th of May, 2010 before the Hon. Justice J.S. ABIRIYI-JUDGE

And upon hearing S. Atung ESQ with M.T. Wodung (Miss) and D. Toro ESQ counsel for the Plaintiffs/Applicants moving the motion exparte

with a 4 paragraph affidavit, Exhibit A, B,C,D,E,F and a written address all in support of the motion exparte dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

*Hon. Justice J.S. Abiriyi*  
Judge

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

Application is granted as prayed.

- 1 An order is hereby made granting the Plaintiffs/Applicants leave to effect the service of the originating summons, statement of claim and other Court processes in this suit by substituted means, by advertising the aforementioned Court processes in one issue of the DAILY TRUST Newspaper which has wide circulation within Kaduna township where the disputed Land is situated in particular and Kaduna State generally.

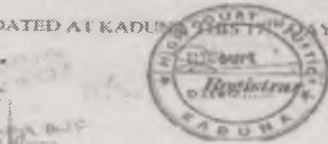
And/or by pasting same on any building, fence, trees or prominent place in the particular part of the Land in dispute where the activities of the trespassers and encroachers are more pronounced.

2. This shall be deemed proper and sufficient service on all the Defendants/Respondents in this Suit.

Adj. to 11/16/2010 for mention.

DATED AT KADUNA THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2010

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WRIT OF SUMMONS

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE IN THE KADUNA  
JUDICIAL DIVISION HOLDEN AT KADUNA**

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

SUIT NO. KDH/KAD/407/2010

**BETWEEN:**  
1. THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OF THE  
FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC KADUNA.  
2. THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, KADUNA

} PLAINTIFFS/APPLICANTS

**AND**

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2. MR. LUKA BARDE ALHAJI  
3. MR. DANTATA AUTA  
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OTHER DEFENDANTS WHO ARE  
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} DEFENDANTS/RESPONDENTS

**TO:**

1. MR. HASSAN SARKI  
(Address for service yet to be ascertained)
2. MR. LUKA BARDE ALHAJI  
(Address for service yet to be ascertained)
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6. OTHER DEFENDANTS WHO ARE PERSONS AS YET UNKNOWN  
(Their Names and addresses still unknown)

You are hereby commanded that within 21 days after the service of this writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in an action at the above - named plaintiffs, and take notice that in default of your so doing the plaintiffs may proceed therein and judgment may be given in your absence.

DATED THIS 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2010.  
BY ORDER OF COURT.



MEMORANDUM TO BE SUBSCRIBED ON WRIT

**N.B:** This Writ is to be served within three calendar months from the date thereof, or, if renewed, within three Calendar months from the date of the last renewal, including the day of such date, and not afterwards.

The Defendant may enter appearance personally or, by Legal Practitioner, either by handing in the appropriate forms, duly completed, at the Registry of the High Court of the Judicial Division in which the action is brought or by sending them to the Registry by registered post.

ENDORSEMENT ON THE WRIT BEFORE ISSUE THEREOF

The Plaintiffs claim against the Defendants, jointly and severally for the following relief:

1. A DECLARATION that the plaintiffs are the rightful and beneficial owners of all that parcel of land suite opposite Angwan Television Village, Kaduna South along the Kaduna Bye-pass Road, measuring about 1000 Acres and covered by Kaduna State Statutory Certificate of Occupancy No. 3075 for the period of 99 years commencing from the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 1976 and Ending on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2075. The Plaintiffs have partially developed the said land by building their Staff Quarters and the Campus of the Polytechnic's College of Administrative Studies and Social Sciences (CASSS), therein.
2. A PERPETUAL INJUNCTION restraining the Defendants, whether acting by themselves or through their servants agents, workmen, privies and assigns whosoever and howsoever otherwise from trespassing or further trespassing unto the Plaintiffs said parcel of land and committing unlawful acts of erecting illegal structures therein or causing waste to the said land.
3. AND such further or other relief s or orders as the Honourable Court may deem fit and just to make in the circumstances.

THIS WRIT was issued by 'THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, KADUNA & THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC KADUNA' who are represented by EMMAUUEL TORO ESQ, SAN of the Solicitors' firm of MESSRS. EMMANUEL TORO & COMPANY, of No. 1<sup>st</sup> Tanko Tete Crescent, By Gwari Avenue, Barnawa G.R.A., Kaduna, within jurisdiction.

THIS WRIT was served by me at.....on the Defendants (here insert mode of service) on the.....day of .....2010

INDORSED the .....day of .....2010 at the Registry of the High Court, Kaduna.

(Signed)

(Address)

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

*Registrar Stephen...*  
Dated... 17/5/2010

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE KADUNA JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT KADUNA CT.4**

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KADUNA STATE IN THE KADUNA  
JUDICIAL DIVISION HOLDEN AT KADUNA

SUIT NO. KDH/KAD/407/2010

BETWEEN:

- 1. THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OF THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, KADUNA.
  - 2. THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, KADUNA.
- } PLAINTIFFS/APPLICANTS

AND

- 1. MR. HASSAN SARKI
  - 2. MR. LUKA BARDE ALHAJI
  - 3. MR. DANTATA AUTA
  - 4. MR. JOEL BALA
  - 5. ALH. USMAN ALI
  - 6. OTHER DEFENDANTS WHO ARE PERSONS AS YET UNKNOWN
- } DEFENDANTS/RESPO

**STATEMENT OF CLAIM.**

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Plaintiff in this suit is a tertiary educational institution established by the Federal Government of Nigeria under and by virtue of the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, LFN, 2004 and is vested with powers by the said Act to *inter alia*, acquired and own landed property or interest in land. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Plaintiff is still popularly known and referred to by its defunct, name of 'KADUNA POLYTECHNIC.
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Plaintiff is the Governing Council of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plaintiff and is charged under the aforementioned Federal Polytechnics Act with the statutory duty of formulating policies for and running the affairs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plaintiff.
3. The Plaintiffs are the rightful and beneficial owners of all that parcel of land situate and being opposite Angwan Television Village, Kaduna South along the Kaduna Bye-Pass Road, measuring about 1000 Acres and covered by Kaduna State Statutory Certificate of Occupancy No. 3075 granted to the Plaintiffs by the Governor of Kaduna State, for the period of 99 years commencing from the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 1976 and ending on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2075. The Plaintiff will rely on the letter of offer of Right of Occupancy of the said parcel of land a copy of which is annexed hereto. A survey sketch map of the land is also annexed hereto. The Statutory Certificate of Occupancy is presently being processed by the Kaduna State Government for issuance to the Plaintiffs and its relevant Ministry of Lands and Surveys file is hereby also pleaded.
4. The Plaintiffs have partially developed the said parcel of land by building the Polytechnic's Staff Quarters and the Campus of the Polytechnic's College of Administrative Studies and Social Sciences (CASSS), therein. In addition, the Plaintiffs have demarcated the said land and erected a wire fence in most places for the purpose of clearly demarcating the said parcel of land and keep off any trespassers from encroaching unto the said land.
5. The named Defendants herein whose addresses are for now unknown as well as numerous other people whose names and addresses are yet to be ascertained have now illegally trespassed unto encroached on the said land and carved same into plots which are presently been sold to buyers who have started buildings structures on the parcel of land and paving roads therein.
6. The Plaintiffs aver that these acts of illegal trespass and encroachment and building on the land have assumed the scenario of a bonanza with indiscriminate buying, selling and building on the land and creation of roads therein which is seriously endangering the Plaintiffs' rights and interests in the said land.
7. That to ward off such acts of trespass, encroachment and building of illegal structures on the land, the Plaintiffs mounted warning signboards in strategic areas of the land in addition to paid newspaper advertisement to warn people from transacting any land transactions in respect of the land. The Plaintiffs plead and shall found at the trial on the CAVEAT EMPTOR published by the Solicitors' firm of Messrs. Emmanuel Toro and Company on the Plaintiffs' behalf on page 20 of the New Nigerian Daily Newspaper of May 5th, 2009, and another CAVEAT EMPTOR published by Plaintiffs on page 53 of the Daily Trust Daily Newspaper of Thursday, March 18, 2010; copies of which publications are annexed hereto.

8. The 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Defendants in this suit responded to the aforesaid 2<sup>nd</sup> advertisement of the Plaintiffs on page 53 in the Daily Trust Newspaper of Thursday, March 18, 2010 by their own advertisement made on their behalf by their Solicitors, Messrs. Emmanuel Kantiok and Company, on page 24 of the New Nigerian Daily Newspaper of March 19, 2010, Asserting *inter alia*, that they are the beneficial owners of the said land under Customary Occupancy. The said Newspaper publication is hereby also pleaded and copy thereof annexed hereto.
9. In the case of the 5th Defendant, he had on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2009 lodged a direct Criminal Complaint concerning the same parcel of land No. KAD/101DC/2009 - Alhaji Usman Ali V. Lawal M. Jibrin, Deputy Rector Kaduna Polytechnic & 1 other before the Chief Magistrate's Court, Ibrahim Taiwo Road, Kaduna, for the offences of Criminal Conspiracy, Trespass and Mischief contrary to Sections 97, 343 and 327 of the Penal Code, against the officers of the Polytechnic named therein which criminal case is still pending before the said Chief Magistrates Court. The Plaintiffs shall found on the said Direct Complaint dated 27th July, 2009 and Judicial Form 2 - Summons To An Accused Person, dated 31st July, 2009 served on the accused Officers of the Plaintiffs in the said direct criminal complaint.
10. The Plaintiffs are presently making serious efforts to identify numerous other trespasses on the land and their collaborators for the purpose of joining them as parties to this suit.
11. The Plaintiffs aver that unless they are stopped by an order of this Honourable Court, the Defendants, presently known and unknown would continue to commit further acts of trespass, encroachment development on the land which was granted for the use of the Polytechnic, a Federal Government educational institution belonging to the generality of Nigerians. The persons purporting to sell off parts of the land to unsuspecting buyers are continuing and threaten to continue in their negative activities in respect of the said parcel of land.
12. The Plaintiffs claim against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for the following reliefs:
  1. A DECLARATION that the Plaintiffs are the rightful and beneficial owners to the exclusion of the Defendants, of all that parcel of land situate opposite Angwan Television Village, Kaduna South along the Kaduna Bye-pass Road, measuring about 1000 Acres and covered by Kaduna State Statutory Certificate of Occupancy No. 3075. for the period of 99 years commencing from the 9th of July, 1976 and ending on the all of July, 2075. The Plaintiffs have partially developed the said land by building their Staff Quarters and the Campus of the Polytechnic's College of Administrative Studies and Social Sciences (CASSS), therein.
  2. A PERPETUAL INJUNCTION restraining the Defendants, whether acting by themselves or through their servants agents, workmen, privies and assigns whosoever and howsoever otherwise from trespassing or further trespassing unto the Plaintiffs said parcel of land and committing unlawful acts of erecting illegal structures and roads therein or causing waste to the said land.
  3. AND such further or other reliefs or orders as the Honourable Court may deem fit and just to make in the circumstances

DATED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2010.

8/10/2010  
EMMANUEL J.J. TORO ESQ., SAN.  
PP: EMMANUEL TORO & COMPANY,  
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Date: 24/05/2010



Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

**BENUE STATE HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT-II  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
STATE SECRETARIAT, HIGH LEVEL, MAKURDI**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR  
CONSULTING FIRMS FOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DESIGN OF SOLAR  
BOREHOLES AND PREPARATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENT FOR SAME**

1. This invitation for Expression of Interest follows the General procurement Notice for the project that appeared in the Development Business Issue No. 637 and Daily Trust newspaper of Nigeria of July 3, 2009.
2. The Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies to finance the cost of Health System Development Project-II. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the consultancy services for geological survey, design of solar boreholes and preparation of tender documents.
3. The Benue State Health System Development Project-II now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interests to pre-qualify for submission of proposals for provision of conceptual Design studies and preparation of Tender documents for solar powered boreholes at ten different sites in the state.

The interested consultant must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignment and experience in similar conditions).

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank procedures for hiring consultant contained in the guidelines for selection and employment of consultants.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm on Monday to Friday except on public holidays

All Expression of Interests shall be delivered to the address below not later than 4.00 pm on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. Late submission shall be rejected.

The Contact Address and person:

The Project Manager  
Benue State Health System Development Project-II  
Ministry of Health and Human Services  
State Secretariat High Level, Makurdi.

**Signed:**

Gabriel I. Ameh  
Project Manager  
08062544461



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date: 24 May 2010

Contact identification number: IFB/NG/HSDPIV/NCB/007/09

Bank/fund loan number: 2100150006938

Bank/fund Loan Name: ADF

1. The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a loan from the African Development Bank in various currencies to finance the cost of HSDP (Health IV). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of Hospital Equipment, Consumable and Disinfectants.
2. The Niger state Health System Development Project (Health IV), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Hospital Equipment, Consumable and Disinfectants.

Lots	Description	Location	Amt. of Bid security	Completion of period
Lot 1	Hospital Equipment	Central Med. Store Min of Health, Minna	N500,000	60 days after signing contract
Lot 2	Consumable		N200,000	60 days after signing contract
Lot 3	Disinfectants		N200,000	60 days after signing contract

Bidders may bid for one lot, two lots or all the three lots.

Bidders must present separate bid security for each lot. Bids with combined securities will be considered **non responsive**.

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of:  
The Project Manager,  
Niger State Health Development Project (Health IV),  
Old Secretariat Block C, Behind Pilgrims Board, Minna.  
Office Hours: 8.00am- 4.00pm.  
Tel. no. 066-222275, 08063887043, 08035951375.  
Fax 066-222275
4. A complete set of the Bidding Documents must be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of N10,000.00. The method of payment will be Cash or Bank draft. The document will be sent by courier or hand.
5. Bids must be delivered to the above office on or before 12.00 noon of 21 June 2010 and must be accompanied by a security of Five Hundred Thousand (N500,000.00) Naira for lots 1, Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200,000.00) for lot 2 and 3 each.

The Bid security shall be in the format prescribed in this document. Bidders bidding for more than one lot must provide separate bid security for each lot bid. Combined bid security will render the bids non-responsive.

6. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend, at the address below at 12.30pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

Name of office: NIGER STATE MINISTRY OF HEALTH CONFERENCE ROOM.

Name of Officer: (PROJECT MANAGER MOHAMMED NDAWASH  
Postal Address: NEW SECRETARIAT MINNA-SULEJA ROAD,  
MINNA, NIGER STATE P.M.B 57, MINNA

Telephone Number: 066-222275, 08037864309, 08035951375.

Cable number:

Fax: 006222275

Email address: hsdplings@yahoo.com

## SPORT

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THIEMO De Bakker of the Netherlands serves during his first round match against Olivier Patience of France on day one of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris, France yesterday.

# Okocha tips Eagles for World Cup semis

AUSTIN 'Jay Jay' Okocha, a former captain of the Super Eagles, has tipped the team to reach the semi-finals of the 2010 World Cup because of the quality of the players.

Okocha told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Saturday in Abuja that all the team needed was to be confident and focused in South Africa.

"The send-off for the Super Eagles by President Goodluck Jonathan on Friday will go a long way to tell them that more than 150 million Nigerians are behind them.

"They should go out there; do what they know and believe in the strength of Nigeria.

"I hope that with the quality of

Coach Lars Lagerback and the experience of the players, they will make Nigeria proud," he said.

"The good thing is that when a team has a new coach, he brings in a lot of challenges for the players."

Okocha said the players on their own would want to show their new boss what they were made of, add-

ing that Africa looked up to the Super Eagles' performance in the World Cup.

"The Eagles are unpredictable; we have always sailed through impossible positions and I am sure the team will defeat Argentina.

"They should see the pressure being put on them as a plus because

in football it is better you have the crowd to motivate you," the former sensational midfielder.

He urged the players to believe in themselves and play purposeful football rather than entertaining the crowd.

The World Cup, the first on African soil, is expected to kick off on June 11.

## Lagerback to work on Eagles defence

NIGERIA coach Lars Lagerback is laying emphasis on a tight Eagles defence at the World Cup next month.

Like most African teams, the Eagles defensive discipline has come under criticisms and after watching a load of videos of the team's past games over the past year or so, former Sweden coach Lagerback has set to work on how the team could keep out the other team more effec-

tively.

"His focus has been on the defence going by our first two training sessions in Abuja. He has been thorough about this and reminds most of us of what we are used to at our clubs in Europe," said Red Bull Salzburg defender Rabiu Afolabi.

"We are really excited by what we have seen in our first trainings with the coach. The defenders have to work for each other," added

Olympique Marseille defender Taye Taiwo.

A reporter who sneaked into the closed training of the team Saturday afternoon at Abuja National Stadium told MTNFootball.com: "It was really a sharp departure from what we were used to seeing with coach (Shuaibu) Amodu. The team played two-a-side and the emphasis was on defence.

"Lagerback got the team to repeat

several defending moves. When (Chinedu) Obasi would beat Taye Taiwo on the left wing, he will call back the action and get them to start all over again."

Taiwo also revealed that the simple, easy-going drills have been physically demanding.

"The exercises look very easy and simple but by the time we finished them, we all knew we had punished our bodies. It was tough," said the

former Lobi Stars left back.

Lagerback himself has praised the attitude of the players in training.

"I'm satisfied with the attitude of the players in training and expect more from them going forward," he said.

Nigeria are pitched against Argentina, South Korea and Greece in the first round of the World Cup, which kicks off June 11 in Johannesburg.

# Eagles settle down in England

By Orkula Shaagee

THE Super Eagles arrived in the United Kingdom Saturday evening and have settled down to the business of final preparation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals.

Players and technical crew members flew out to London aboard a British Airways flight from the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja on Saturday morning and were able to make it to the Five Lakes Hotel and Country Club, Essex by evening.

The other players who did not travel down to Nigeria for the Send Forth Dinner with President Goodluck Jonathan, namely Yusuf Ayila, Dickson Etuhu, Vincent Enyeama and John Utaka were already waiting in at the camp. Midfielder John Mikel Obi is still in London recuperating from injury, but team medics were traveling

to London Sunday afternoon to ascertain if he should remain with Chelsea doctors or come to camp.

The team had its first training session with a light work-out at the hotel's training facility, ahead of Monday's departure to Wattens, Austria for the international friendly against Saudi Arabia.

However, forward Brown Ideye will be joining up with the team during the week after it was discovered that his work permit had expired.

His French club, Sochaux had issued him a pass to travel to the United Kingdom, but only through Paris. The Nigeria Football Federation bought him an Air France ticket only to discover that his work permit had expired. He was immediately flown to Lagos so that NFF officials can process for him a United Kingdom entry visa early in the week.

Nigeria take on Saudi Arabia at the Alpenstadion Wattens on Tuesday evening, in the first of a three-match run ahead of their first outing at the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals against Argentina. On May 30, the Eagles will play Colombia in London, 24 hours before Lars Lagerback will unveil his 23-man final squad for the World Cup.

Six days to their clash with Argentina, the Eagles will play fellow World Cup finalists North Korea in Johannesburg.



OBAFERMI Martin and other members of the Super Eagles are in London for the final World Cup preparation

## Musa on brink of new record

KANO Pillars striker Ahmed Musa is now only a goal shy of the all-time Nigeria Premier League (NPL) record of 17 goals after he found target from the penalty spot on Saturday against visiting Dolphins of Port Harcourt.

Dolphins took the lead after 37 minutes through former Heartland Ghanaian star Owusu Addae, before fit-again Musa drew the host team level seven minutes from time when he converted a penalty after goal-bound Gambo Mohammed was upended inside the box.

Ishaya Jatau set a 17-goal record in 1990, before Orok Akarandut equalled this mark last season.

However, the 1-1 draw was a setback for the title aspirations of Pillars.

Pillars moved back to the summit of the NPL on 59 points, but second-placed Enyimba could open a three-point gap if they win away at bottom team Gateway FC on Sunday.

Enyimba also have two outstanding matches.

Tension was high during the Pillars home game against Dolphins so much so that the game was held up in the second half for about 15 minutes following a dispute over a call by the referee.

And at the end of the match, over 200 policemen had to accompany the match officials to safety.

In other matches on Saturday, Niger Tornadoes defeated Kaduna United 3-0, while Sharks pipped Kwara United 1-0.

**John Mikel Obi is still in London recuperating from injury**

## Visa may stop Ideye from World Cup

SOCHAUX striker Brown Ideye is in a race against time to join the Super Eagles in England to stake a claim for a place in Nigeria's World Cup final squad as he does not have an entry visa to the United Kingdom.

On Saturday, chairman of the technical committee of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), Taiwo Ogunjobi, assured that Ideye will join the rest of the squad in England through Paris, but MTNFootball.com has since gathered that another complica-

tion has arisen over the player's travel papers after it was discovered that his work permit in France has expired.

"Ideye is still in Lagos and did not travel with the rest of the team to London on Saturday,"

NFF spokesman, Ademola Olajire, told MTNFootball.com.

"His French club did him a pass that would allow him enter the United Kingdom, but this he can only do from Paris. We therefore bought him an Air France ticket to London only for us to

discover that his work permit has expired.

"We are now doing everything to fast track an application for an entry visa to the UK for the player."

It will really be a race against time for Ideye as the British High Commission insists on a minimum of two weeks to process an entry visa application to the UK.

The uncapped Ideye did not fly out to London with the Super Eagles Saturday morning on board British Airways.

A top source had informed MTNFootball.com that he flew with Ideye on an early morning Arik flight from Abuja to Lagos.

Ideye was accompanied by his agent, Yomi Bremner.

The former youth international was a surprise inclusion on Nigeria's 30-man provisional squad for next month's World Cup as he has yet to be capped by the Eagles and was considered ahead of more accomplished strikers like Joseph Akpala of Club Brugge and Michael Eneramo of Esperance of Tunisia.

Six other players did not make it back for a Presidential dinner in Abuja Friday night and will now join up with the rest of the squad in England.

The players are goalkeepers Vincent Enyeama and Dele Aiyenuga, Mikel Obi, John Utaka, Yusuf Ayila and Dickson Etuhu.



BROWN Ideye's trip to England is being threatened by visa hitches

## Oyinlola laments the death of golfers

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

THE President of the Nigerian Golf Federation, (NGF) who is also the Osun State Governor, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola has described the death of the country's leading professional golfer, Abdullahi Ali along side eleven others in motor accidents as a setback to the game of golf.

Ali and some other golfers had lost their lives on Wednesday in separate auto crashes on their way to Minna, Niger State to participate in the Minna Cantonment

open Golf Tournament.

But in a statement by his Press Secretary, Mr. Kayode Oladeji, Prince Oyinlola bemoaned that the death of the golfers would create a vacuum that would be difficult to fill on time.

"The news of Ali's demise and others involved in the mishap is coming at a time when the NGF is re-engineering the golfing sector. This will no doubt create a vacuum, but we shall not allow their dreams of having the game lifted a lofty height, perish".

## CBN tennis serves off May 27

From Adeolu Johnson, Lagos

Tennis players in the country will smile to the bank in the next two weeks when the 32nd edition of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) senior championship comes to an end on June 5.

This is because the sponsor, CBN has jerked up the total prize money from N4.6m it offered last year to 6m this year.

Disclosing this to journalist at the Media Centre of the National Stadium Lagos on Friday, Mr. Mohammed Abdullahi, who represented the Mr. Farouk Garko, Director Governors' Department of CBN

said the total prize money was reviewed in order to make the championship more competitive and as well attract foreign based players.

He explained that CBN was proud to associate itself with the championship in the last 32 years because it has produced talented players that had represented the country in tournaments such as the Davis Cup, the All Africa Games and the Commonwealth Games.

Abdullahi added that championship has in fact become the selection ground for the country's preparation in the aforementioned tournaments.

## THE MONDAY COLUMN

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## Progress report or situation report?

This is the week leading up to May 29, and in thinking about it, I remembered a passage in Frances FitzGerald's classic 1972 book *Fire in the Lake*, about the American military involvement in Vietnam in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Sometime in 1967 or so, with the war going on badly for the Americans and with domestic anti-war protest reaching new heights, President Lyndon Johnson asked a Harvard University academic to undertake a tour of embattled South Vietnam and submit to him a "progress report" on the social and political effort "to win Vietnamese hearts and minds," as a corollary to the military effort to defeat the Viet Cong Communist insurgents and their North Vietnamese backers.

With ample logistic and security support from the American military, the professor undertook the tour and studied such things as the "strategic hamlets program" built all over the South Vietnamese countryside by the Americans. When he returned to Washington, he submitted an upbeat report to Johnson and listed in detail all the progress that had been recorded.

President Johnson was very happy, and after collecting the report, he asked the professor to brief the ever cynical White House press corps on his findings. This the Prof did, but as he recounted his optimistic assessment of the Vietnam effort, one cynical reporter shouted, "Come on Prof! You know very well the situation is not as rosy as that!" To which the Prof sternly replied, "Listen! The President asked for a progress report. He did not ask for a situation report! He asked for a progress report, and that is what I gave him. Who is talking about the goddamn situation?"

For President Goodluck Jonathan and for 27 state governors who began their current terms in office on May 29, 2010 this week marks the end of the third year of a four-year term. That means 75% of the tenure is up in smoke, with only a quarter to go. For those state governors who are second-termers, they have now spent 7 out of 8 years in office or 87.5% of their maximum term.

This week, we are going to read in the newspapers many progress reports detailing what the administrations and their various components have been able to accomplish in office. Just remember one thing as you read them: what you are reading are progress reports, not situation reports.

No progress report is going to remind us about what the ruler promised to accomplish at the time of the electioneering campaigns or even in his inaugural speech, because in most cases the progress is far behind the promise.

Many of the progress reports we are going to read this week are likely to list, for example, the number of hospital wards that were built, how much money was spent in providing drugs and dressings to the hospitals, and how many big hospital equipment were imported.

Now, that's a very good progress report, but it is not a situation report because a giant hospital block may have been built that has no running water, electricity or beds and dressings. Or maybe it has all those, but it could be that there is no doctor in the hospital, or maybe there is a doctor but all the drugs supplied had been diverted to private pharmacies.

Similarly, many of the progress reports we are going to read this week about the education sector are likely to enumerate the number of classroom blocks built, the thousands of furniture pieces procured, maybe the number of teachers employed and the millions of naira spent on labo-

ratory chemicals, textbooks and school equipment.

This is also a good progress report but it is not a situation report, because it will never mention that many classrooms are still overcrowded, or that many pupils still sit on the floor, or that many pupils run round for hours because there is no teacher to teach them. Or perhaps there is a teacher, but he is not qualified to teach because he did not pass his own Grade II or NCE examinations. Or maybe he is qualified to teach, but does not do so because he is poorly motivated and the old arrangement of the much-feared Visiting School Inspector no longer exists today.

President Goodluck Jonathan's Administration at the Federal level is unlikely to put forward any report this week, progress or situation. Dr. Jonathan believes that his is a new Administration that began last February or even earlier this month, and is not a continuation of the Yar'adua-Jonathan regime that began in May 2007.

I don't blame him there, for if he admits that this regime began in 2007, what will he say to Nigerians about the promise to declare a state of emergency in the power sector and to deliver on a 7-point agenda? Not one of the 7-point agenda has been delivered, so it is very convenient to forsake the agenda as a whole and to try on a new beginning.

The trouble is, President Jonathan is not making it easy for us to evaluate him next year. Although he has made lofty promises of a "new beginning" of what he intends to accomplish in the next one year that remains for the Administration, which together presented him to Nigerians as a promising and visionary miracle worker, his promises so far have all been of a general nature. He has refused to be pinned down to any specifics.

For example, how many megawatts of electricity will be generated by May next year under Minister of Power Dr. Jonathan who reports directly to himself? Without such a clear set target, it will be impossible to determine by next year if indeed Jonathan has proved to be a miracle worker, despite his sincere apologies to the nation last January for Yar'adua's failure to deliver on his 6,000 megawatts promise by last December.

Now, even with respect to the Niger Delta, which is dear to his son-of-the-soil heart, Dr. Jonathan has not publicly articulated any clear vision of what he will do, including his plan to consolidate on the so far successful amnesty program, much less to take it forward to the next level. If and when the Niger Delta militants ultimately lose faith in the process, they will have to say that a son-of-the-soil caused it.

Dr. Jonathan has refused to provide any specifics about his Administration's socio-economic goals and targets, but has spent most of his time in office manoeuvring to sack the PDP's National Working Committee in order to gain control of the party, overturn its power rotation policy and contest the next elections [and, what no one usually adds, to win it by hook or by crook, Obasanjo style]. Why can't he, for example, publish the report he received from the T.Y Danjuma Presidential Advisory Committee [PAC] and identify the 60% of it that he intends to achieve, as he said on the day he received the report?

The problems that we have this week with evaluating progress reports usually began from lack of specificity in campaign promises or Administration programs. Anyway, the next time any Nigerian ruler at any level comes around to deliver a progress report, ask him for a situation report instead.

“Listen! The President asked for a progress report. He did not ask for a situation report! He asked for a progress report, and that is what I gave him. Who is talking about the goddamn situation?”

## SPORTS REPORT



VICTORIA Azarenka

## Azarenka bows out at French Open

Tenth-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus has lost in the first round of the French Open.

Azarenka, who reached the quarter-finals last year, lost 6-1, 6-2 to Gisela Dulko of Argentina yesterday.

The 25-year-old Dulko broke Azarenka five times and closed out

the match in one hour and 12 minutes with a forehand winner.

Dulko, whose best result at the French Open was reaching the fourth round in 2006, secured her first victory after losing four straight opening matches.

Earlier this month, Azarenka had to retire in Madrid with a thigh injury.



USAIN Bolt

## Bolt cruises to 200m victory in Shanghai

Jamaica's Usain Bolt snatched victory in the 200 meters at the Diamond League meet in Shanghai on Sunday with a time of 19.76 seconds.

The reigning world and Olympic champion over 100 and 200 meters was never tested, finishing out in relaxed style ahead of Americans Angelo Taylor, who finished in 20.34 seconds, and Ryan Bailey with a time of 20.43 seconds.

The win builds on an excellent start to Bolt's season that began with a year's best 9.86-second win in the 100 meters on Wednesday at Daegu in South Korea.

Earlier in the Shanghai meet, Carmelita Jeter of the United States claimed victory in the women's 100 meters with a time of 11.09 seconds.