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## OPUTA PANEL

# Ogonis reject Shell's peace move

By Uwem Umo

Hopes that Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) will soon resume operations in

Ogoni land dimmed yesterday in Abuja as the people rejected the company's peace move.

Speaking while cross-

examining the Managing Director, SPDC, Mr. Bon. M. Van Den Berg, at the hearing of the Human Rights Violations Investigation Commission (HRVIC),

counsel to Ogoni and Deputy Leader of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP), Mr. Ledun Mitee, informed the commission that the crisis between the Ogonis and the SPDC has continued to deepen.

The Ogoni leader, who further informed the commission that SPDC and the Ogonis have been unable to

reach an amicable settlement, was evasive when Justice Oputa wanted him to choose between "war and peace."

Earlier in his testimony, the Managing Director of SPDC, Mr. Berg, had reiterated the company's willingness to seek "lasting peace and reconciliation with MOSOP and the Ogoni people."

According to him, "we

have been looking forward to receiving details of the reconciliatory initiative brokered by the commission and relentlessly pursued by the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN).

His words: "Our hands of friendship towards MOSOP and the Ogoni people, which has been outstretched for these several years, still re-

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President Olusegun Obasanjo with other world leaders at the G8 summit in Genoa, Italy... recently.

## FG takes stock of property

By Suleiman Mohammed

Poised to curtail future alienation of its landed property across the country, the Federal Government has approved the establishment of a unit in the presidency to serve as a repository for all data on its property.

Already, the Federal Government has identified and recovered over 100 of its landed property illegally acquired by government officials and other personalities across the country.

The new unit to be placed under the supervision of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), is coming on the heels of the recommendation by the Brigadier-General Oluwale Rotimi (rtd), panel of inquiry into federal government landed property across the country.

The white paper report, compiled by a committee

headed by Alhaji Isa Yuguda, said the absence of a comprehensive data on government property paved the way for much of the alienation of the property under past military regimes.

To this end, all the Fed-

eral Government agencies and parastatals have been directed to take stock of their landed property, as reports compiled by the commission of inquiry were said to be incomprehensive.

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## PRIVATISATION

### Obasanjo to decide Nigeria Airways' fate

By Osborne Adi Jnr.

or resuscitated from its ailing situation and maintained by the government.

The Deputy Director, Public Affairs of BPE, Joseph Anichebe, who spoke to newsmen in Abuja said the President is to decide the fate of the airline and that at the appropriate time, he will give his words as to what is to be done with the company.

Anichebe who dispelled speculations that the Interna-

tional Finance Corporation (IFC) pulled out of the proposed selling of NAL over allegations of lack of transparency in the process, said IFC opted out following disagreement with the ministry of aviation and not for any sharp practices.

He said the global finance firm has drawn up a programme detailing how it wanted the privatisation of the airline to be executed, but the ministry has a differ-

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## FARMERS/PASTORALISTS CLASHES

# Buhari blames selfish Nigerians

From Abdu Labaran, in Katsina

The perennial clashes between farmers and pastoralists across the country have been blamed on selfish people, whose stock-in-trade is making a living out of the misery of their compatriots.

The assertion was variously made by the former Head of State, General Muhammadu Buhari (rtd), the Deputy Governor of Katsina State, Alhaji Tukur Ahmed Jikamshi and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) and former Inspector-General of Police, Alhaji M.D. Yusufu.

They stated this on Monday during the opening cer-

emony of a three-day workshop on conflict resolution between farmers and herds-men in Katsina, organised by CAREFOR in collaboration with USAID/OTI.

Describing the clashes as unfortunate, General Buhari maintained that the incidents were preventable if government and leading citizens

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Maj.-Gen. Buhari (rtd)

## Police arrest nine for electoral offences

From Kabir Dogon Daji, in Birnin Kebbi

No fewer than nine people were arrested by the Kebbi State Police Command for allegedly violating electoral laws during last Saturday's by-election in the Kebbi-North Senatorial District.

Confirming this, the State Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Bukar Dikwa, explained that the nine people

were arrested in Argungu while committing one electoral offence or the other.

According to him, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had directed the police "to arrest anybody who was not on official duty, including politicians outside Kebbi-North Senatorial District."

Alhaji Bukar Dikwa further disclosed that most of the arrested persons were prominent politicians belonging to either APP or PDP.

The commissioner, who could not disclose the names of the arrested persons, however, said the arrested persons have since been arraigned before a magistrate court in Argungu.



Mr. Musilin Smith, IGP

## NEWS

## NEPA PROBLEM

## My reputation at stake, says Obasanjo

President Olusegun Obasanjo yesterday declared that his reputation was at stake. He said this in respect of the promise of steady power supply to the nation by December this year.

He assured that he would do everything possible to redeem the promise since he had committed himself and because of its critical importance to national development.

Speaking at an audience with the Chief Executive Officer of the Italian oil and energy group, ENI, Mr. Vittorio Mincato, at the State House, Abuja, President Obasanjo welcomed the signing of an agreement between ENI, the NNPC and NEPA for an independent power supply project that would add 450 megawatts to the national grid.

He said the agreement was very significant, because being the first to be entered into directly by the Federal Government, it would serve as a model for all other subsequent agreements.

"You have become a pioneer in this area which is of critical importance to us. I have staked my reputation on this and by adding 450 megawatts to our power grid, you will help me keep my pledge," he told the ENI delegation.

By Suleiman Mohammed

The president also welcomed the group's reaffirmation of its commitment to building a second LNG plant in Nigeria with a terminal at Brass, with the NNPC and Philips Oil as joint venture partners. Subject to the results of the ongoing feasibility studies, the new LNG project is expected to yield

five million metric tonnes per annum and is expected to take-off in 2005.

The president assured the group that all obstacles in the way of a successful execution of the second LNG project would be removed.

The team had earlier told president Obasanjo that it plans to begin the export of NGL gas from Okirika by the second quarter of 2003.

## FG budgets N5.6bn for AIDS

The Federal Government has earmarked \$40 million (about N5.6 billion) for emergency action against the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The head of the National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA), Prof. Ibironke Akinsete, who announced this yesterday in Abuja at a meeting with international organisations collaborating with the Nigerian health sector and the ministry of health, expressed optimism that the fund will make the required impact in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Prof. Akinsete advocated for a better and wider approach to the control of the pandemic, adding that, non-governmental organisations, committees and schools should be involved at all levels.

The Minister of Health, Prof. Alphonsus Nwosu, called for a new image for

By Ikenna Emeka Okpani

AIDS patients, pointing out that stigmatisation would not solve the problem.

According to the minister, when people infected by HIV declare their status, they would be able to get help and care from government. He declared that President Obasanjo was committed to the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Prof. Nwosu decried the astronomical use in the number of infected Nigerians from two in 1987 to 2.6 million people in 2001.

Expressing displeasure over the assessment of the health sector in Nigeria by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in its year 2000 reports, the minister said he was determined "to ensure a rapid turnaround in the system."

The minister blamed the International donor agencies for running parallel health policies and programmes instead of using government

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"The review committee was of the view that the commission's exclusive reliance on reported cases of alienation for its findings raises the question of whether the cases are the only ones that actually ex-

isted," government noted in a statement released at the State House, Abuja.

It further noted that some federal government agencies and parastatals declined making any submission to the panel in respect of their

landed property.

Government has, therefore, directed that action be taken to fully identify, document and possibly recover all other alienated landed property belonging to the Federal Government across the country.

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main outstretched to them." The Managing Director enumerated several peace overtures he had personally made both with Ledum Mitee and other Ogoni leaders to no avail and pleaded with Ogoni people to reciprocate Shell's gestures.

Berg, who came to Nigeria in 1997 attributed 60% of oil spillage in Ogoni land to vandalism and stated that Shell "has always undertaken to control all spills as a matter of duty and social responsibility."

He used the occasion to highlight SPDC's pioneering efforts against gas flaring and his company's community development efforts.

He reiterated that Shell was not only concerned

MOSOP people. "SPDC is also concerned about protecting the environment," he said.

The Managing Director listed five ingredients for lasting peace, chief of which is the need for a group that is representative of Ogonis to sing an agreement with SPDC.

Earlier, counsel for Shell, Mr. O.C. J. Okocha (SAN), had led Berg in his testimony during which the latter denied funding the Internal Security Force (ISF).

The force, which was commanded by Lt. Col. Okuntimo, allegedly violated the rights of the Ogoni people.

It would be recalled that Shell had since 1993 sus-

land.

Hearing continues today. Meanwhile, the petition by one Abubakar Sadiq Umar, alleging abuse of human rights and unlawful detention against the son of former Head of State, Alhaji Mohammed Abacha and Major Hamza Al-Mustapha could not be heard because counsel to Abacha, Mr. Ibrahim Adamu, had successfully argued before the commission that there was an injunction from a Kano High Court in Suit No. K276/99 restraining the commission from entertaining any petition from Umar until the determination of a substantive suit.

The matter was then adjourned to August 21, 2001, to enable the Kano High

The management of National Hospital purportedly acting on the orders of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), is threatening to sack members of the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives in its employ currently on strike.

According to a statement from the association's headquarters in Abuja signed by the Secretary-General, Alhaji Nwugo C. Nwugo, the Assistant Director (Personnel Management) at the

## National Hospital threatens to sack striking nurses

National Hospital, Hajiya L.B. Sada had in a letter dated July 17, 2001 expressed the Federal Government's dismay with the involvement of the staff of National Hospital in the current nationwide strike of NANNM and added that the government may be compelled to terminate their appointments.

In its reaction to the threat, the Nurses Association described the threat as part of efforts to break the ranks of its members.

"Unfortunately however, this is not the first time the staff of National Hospital have embarked on a strike action, one, therefore, wonders why that of the nurses should attract the wrath of the Secretary to Government of the Federation to issue such threats," the statement said.

According to the statement, similar threats have been received from states

like Kano, Kebbi and Oyo States. Other hospitals involved in the threat include university of Benin Teaching Hospital and Federal Medical Centre, Keffi.

The Association, therefore, called on concerned Nigerians to prevail on the Federal Government to find an amicable solution to the crisis adding that "uncivilised and undemocratic approach," will not solve the problem.



Professor A.B.C. Nwosu

policy thrust. This, he said, was counter productive as it often leads to chaos in the system.

He, however, called on the participants to discuss the areas of conflict thoroughly to enable the health sector in the country change for the better.

The meeting was attended by representatives of World Health Organisation, USAID, JAICA, CIDA and other international organisations.

## Businessman imports empty container with forex

An empty container, falsely declared to be containing 4,500 tomato pastes and allegedly from Italy, was discovered at the weekend by customs officers at the Kirikiri Lighter Terminal.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that on examination, the customs discovered that the container, with No. GSTU 26589us2210 was empty.

NAN learnt that the container had all papers well-pressed, including form 'M', and Pre-shipment Inspection Agency Seal No. MLIT 0466942.

ent idea altogether, so it decided to call it quits.

"They drew up a programme which contradicted the policy of the Ministry of Aviation, management of Nigeria Airways and even the position of the staff.

would show unwavering resolve to address the cause of the problem.

"It is indeed preventable if the political will and the wherewithal could be mustered," he stated.

The former head of state, who is also the President of the African Pastoralists, association however, commended Katsina State government for its leading role in addressing the root cause of the problem by redemarcating cattle routes and grazing reserves in the state. He urged other states

The clearing agent was said to have collapsed on finding his container empty.

The Deputy Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Dr. John Nwaiwu, who made the disclosure, confirmed that the empty container was imported by an Indian.

"This is economic sabotage as the importer had completed form 'M' and collected foreign exchange with the impression of importing tomato paste only to bring an empty container," he said.

According to him, another container with No. OTAU-41042 BB4310 was

imported by a pre-shipment agent and declared to contain items like used complete engines; used jacks; used radiators; used televisions and used kick-starters, but on inspection, however, the customs found that two Mercedes Benz cars, C and L class models were concealed behind the used items and well-covered with rug carpets.

On this, the Deputy Comptroller-General said that the penalty for this act was outright seizure and forfeiture after full investigation had been conducted.

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So the president decided to take over the matter," he maintained.

He stated that based on the following scenario, BPE had to withdraw from the entire process pending the decision to be taken by the

president.

The spokesman said it was against his background that BPE decided not to make any further pronouncement on the matter to avoid sending the wrong signals to any quarters.

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Katsina example.

The Deputy Governor who also spoke, said the state government has resolved to "henceforth confiscate lands and herds involved in any conflicts and auction them to the public, besides punishing all those found to be involved in the matter."

Alhaji Tukur Jikamshi also disclosed that the state government has approved N500 million for the construction of dams, reservoirs and water points as part of the government's resolve to protect the environment and

the state.

In his remarks, Alhaji M.D. Yusufu, who is also chairman, CAREFOR B, of Trustees, noted that "the basis of all conflict in the state is 'cut-throat competition for our God-given natural resources.'"

He maintained that unless greed, privation, and mismanagement were checked, efforts to contain the situation would remain futile "even if we call for the kind of workshop daily." He urged elected representatives to make things easier for the electorate by shunning all forms of corruption and

NEWS

## Upgrading of Yola airport to be completed in August

The upgrading of the runway of the Yola airport to 3,000 metres capacity will be completed in August, the Airport Manager, Mr. Chris Bature, has said.

Bature told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Yola on Monday, that when completed, the airport would have the capacity to accommodate 727 and 707 aircraft. The airport, Bature said, would on completion handle international flights after all other policies such as gazetting, passage into law, provision of customs and immigration structures, health and other facilities were completed.

He explained that the management of the airport, which had planned to close it for four months, adopted a system called "construct and operate," where smaller aircraft were allowed to fly into the airport while work was going on.

Bature explained that the project was being executed in three phases, with the rehabilitation of the extension

of the 600 metres and the 900 metres, while the remaining 1,500 metres was left for landing and taking-off of aircraft, before it was finally being executed.

He said work on the first phase, the runway, had been completed, marked and ready for landing and taking-off,



Gov Boni Haruna

while work on the second phase, covering 1,500 metres, had reached advanced stage and that it would be completed in August.

He called on the people of Adamawa State to assist in developing the airport by

being involved in aviation-associated projects.

A NAN correspondent who visited the project site reported that work on the N1.6 billion project had reached advanced stage, as the contractors, Julius Berger, were now in the stage of "milling the cracked areas of the remaining part of the runway."

Scores of Nigerian girls resident in Italy are dying of various infectious diseases, including the dreaded HIV/AIDS, the President of the Association of Nigerians resident in that country, Mr. Barry Igbeare, has said.

"Almost on a fortnightly basis, our girls here die of AIDS and other strange ailments in large numbers," Igbeare told newsmen in Rome on Monday. He said parents back home needed to be persuaded to stop encouraging their daughters to come to Italy for prostitution.

## "Scores of Nigerian girls are dying of AIDS in Italy"

By Salihu Abubakar

The president said the association was doing its best to reduce the incidence of deaths of innocent Nigerian girls, many of whom were lured to Italy on false promises that they could get rich quick through prostitution.

"Some of them, unfortunately, are

encouraged to come here by their own parents," he said, adding that in many cases also, some of the girls were in Italy of their own volition through illegal contracts with "some men and cash madams who invest in the destiny of others."

Igbeare, however, said that within the past two years of civilian administration, there had been an appreciable level of improvement in the image of the country in Italy. He noted that there was now active collaboration between the association and the country's embassy in Rome on one hand, and the country and the Italian government on the other.

Igbeare said the association was rehabilitating girls willing to leave the sex trade, but expressed regret that such rehabilitated girls did not have any good jobs to return to "except perhaps being nannies and taking care of the aged in old people's home."

With a population of more than 45,000 and some 33 associations, Nigerians constitute about the highest number of immigrants in Italy, he said, pointing out that while a large number of them were engaged in legitimate businesses, some "bad eggs" were into prostitution, armed robbery and drug trafficking.

## APP stalwart in Zamfara to appear before Sharia court

An All Peoples' Party (APP) stalwart in Zamfara State (names withheld) may soon appear before a Sharia court as he was allegedly arrested with two female commercial sex workers at his guest house in Government Reserved Area (GRA) in Gusau, the state capital. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) learnt that the APP official had been using the guest house as a "love nest" for many years.

NAN also learnt that he was arrested by members of Sharia monitoring team on patrol, who descended on the "love nest" following a tip-off by concerned people in the area. The randy official, who was arrested in the night last weekend in Gusau, dangled huge amount of money to the team to save

himself from disgrace.

NAN further gathered that the monitoring group rejected the offer, arguing that receiving bribe was against the Sharia legal system being implemented in the state. Investigations by NAN indicated that many



Gov Sani Ahmed

prominent people were trying to provide "iron-strong alibi" to save the randy official, the party and the state government from

public ridicule.

When contacted, the Director-General of the Directorate of Sharia Monitoring and Implementation, Dr. Atiku Zawuyya, denied the arrest of the official.

Zawuyya said he only heard of the "rumours" of the sex escapades of the official and mounted surveillance on the guest house, "but the official proved elusive and has not been arrested by myself or my men."

"When we could not arrest the suspected randy official, we invited him for questioning, where he informed us that his enemies were planning to destroy him," the director-general said.

## Gov Odili denies sponsoring Alamieyesiegha's impeachment

The Rivers State Governor, Dr. Peter Odili, has denied sponsoring any plot to impeach his Bayelsa State counterpart, Chief D.S.P. Alamieyesiegha.

Odili, who appeared visibly disturbed by the allegations which followed an interview his Bayelsa counterpart granted a Lagos-based news magazine, told journalists that he was disappointed that such a statement came from a person he calls a brother.

Briefing pressmen at the Government House

yesterday in Port Harcourt, Odili stated: "I would like to believe that the governor of Bayelsa State has been misquoted."

He stated further that: "I meet regularly and consult with my Bayelsa counterpart with all openness."

"For the records, I make an outright denial of any knowledge of my being instrumental to the problem Bayelsa State governor and his legislators are having."

From Wisdom-Uduak Patrick, in Port Harcourt

## Abia traditional rulers' council suspends members over visit to Obasanjo

The Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers has suspended its members who visited Aso Rock in June without the permission of the state government and condemned their action.

In a communiqué issued by the council at the end of its emergency meeting held in Umuahia last weekend, the traditional rulers said that their meeting was prompted by a media publication of the "recent visit of some traditional rulers to President Olusegun Obasanjo."

"The traditional rulers involved have been asked by the government to explain their mission to Abuja without due

consultation with the appropriate authorities," it added. Signed by the council's chairman and its two deputies, Chief Eze Ukandu and Chief Alexander Ihuoma and Chief Isaac Ikonne respectively, the traditional rulers resolved that all affected traditional rulers should reply the query individually.

They also resolved that non-state council members of traditional rulers should be suspended from their respective local government chieftaincy advisory committees. The royal fathers said that the affected traditional rulers would remain suspended until they cleared their names on the aforementioned issue.

## Niger indigenes intensify clamour for HPPADEC

Hundreds of placard-carrying youths, backed by women and children, last Saturday, lined up the bank of River Shiroro to further press their demand for the establishment of the Hydro-Power Producing Areas, Development Commission (HYPPADEC).

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the protesters had welcomed the joint House of Representatives Committee on Environment, Power and Steel, Water Resources, Justice and Human Rights on a visit to the areas. The joint committee was rounding up its on-the-spot assessment of the impact of the hydro-power dams for the final passage of the HYPPADEC bill which had passed its first and second readings.

Some of the cards hoisted by the communities read, "give the goose its golden egg, yes to dialogue, no to violence we need HYPPADEC and only HYPPADEC can salvage our

plight."

The leader of the team, Alhaji Abdullahi Umar, who was touched by the pathetic conditions of the communities promised that the bill would be passed before the end of the year. He appealed to the communities to be patient as the present civilian government was poised to offer all communities the dividends of democracy and equal opportunities as Nigerians.

A member of the community who gave his name as Mamman



Gov Abdulkadri Kure

Isa, told NAN that "we have been subjected to dismal life since the commencement of the dam project, having lost our farmlands, fishing ponds, good drinking water and worst still, even the electricity generated here is not extended to us."

## Edo EXCO disagrees over sharing formula

Disagreement within the Edo State Executive Council (EXCO) over its sharing formula is stalling the disbursement of an estimated N15 million the state government received from donors toward helping victims of the kerosene explosions that rocked the state few months ago.

The Edo Governor, Chief Lucky Igbinedion, made the disclosure as he fielded questions from newsmen in Benin on Monday.



Alhaji Sule Lamido

"I suggested in the Exco that we share the money across board to all victims but members of my Exco overruled me," he said. Igbinedion said other Exco members were of the opinion that there were varying degrees of injuries and as such, the sharing ought to be proportional.

"Since we could not agree, I have asked the Health Commissioner to go and evolve an acceptable formula to share the money to the victims," he added.

## NEWS

## Obasanjo traces councils' ineffectiveness to 1976 reforms

President Olusegun Obasanjo has disclosed that the ineffectiveness of local government councils in the country is largely due to the bastardization of the 1976 local government reforms.

He said the reforms were initiated purposely to empower local government councils in rendering services to their communities in the areas of education, healthcare delivery and the provision of other social services, but regretted that such intention could not be realized.

Speaking at an audience with a delegation from the Imo-North senatorial zone, led by Senator Ifeanyi Ararume, President Obasanjo declared that his administration has no intention to neglect any part of the country in terms of physical development.

He said no part of the

By Suleiman Mohammed

country needed to be unduly worried about lack of physical development "as long as we have peace, as long as the economy remains



President Olusegun Obasanjo in reasonable order and as long as this administration remains at the helm of affairs.

The president declared: "if we continue to enjoy peace and the international

market for oil – the mainstay of our economy remains stable, we shall be able to touch the lives of all Nigerians for good.

"We cannot do everything at once and we have to privatize but take it from me that your developmental concerns will be addressed," he said.

He also promised that all federal roads in the zone would be rehabilitated in due course, and the imbalance in federal political appointment from Imo State would be addressed.

President Obasanjo had received a delegation of the governing council of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, led by the Pro-chancellor, Prof. Fabian Osuji. He assured the delegation of government's commitment to the "physical and academic rehabilitation" of all federal universities in the country.

## ID card project: Case against Senate for hearing today

Hearing will begin today in a motion at the Abuja Federal High Court, for a stay of further proceeding on the public hearing being conducted by the Senate Committee on Public Accounts on the National ID card project.

The motion which was filed by Prof. Abiodun Adesanya on behalf of Hydroma International S.A., Afro Continental (Nig.) Ltd., NOGAFIM S.A., Companie Noga d' Importation et d' Exportation S.A., Mr. Nessim Goan and Optitex S.A. followed an order by Justice

By Osborne Adi Jnr.

Ibrahim Auta for the judicial review of the Senate Committee funding on the National ID card project.

The committee on public account had indicted the companies and their chairman, Mr. Nessim Goan over the execution of the project contract. But not satisfied with the verdict, Mr. Goan took the matter to court to ask for a judicial review.

The suit which joined all the members of the committee, led by its chairman, Senator Idris

Abubakar, the Clerk of the National Assembly and the Attorney-General of the Federation is also seeking for an order of interlocutory injunction restraining the respondents, each and everyone of them, their servants, agents and/or privies including anyone acting for all or any of them, from implementing, carrying any decision, resolution, recommendations or orders to the respondents or any of the respondent pending the determination of the application for judicial review pending in the court.

## Nurses, FG, talks breakdown

Negotiations between the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNM) and the Federal Ministry of Health last Monday ended in a deadlock as the President of the Association, Dr. Pat Eze led other members of his team out of the venue in protest.

The nurses, whose strike entered its tenth day, are striking to press home their demands for equitable ratio in allowances among health professionals.

Monday's negotiation was the first since the association went on strike. With what looked like an ominous start, the talks, billed to begin by 10 a.m. could not

By Ikenna-Emeka Okpani

start until 1.52 p.m., because the Minister of Health, Prof. A.B.C. Nwosu was attending to a representative of the World Health Organisation (WHO) who called in relation to a grant, the body is



Prof. A.B.C. Nwosu

offering the health sector in Nigeria.

Prof. Nwosu, in his opening remarks, pleaded with the nurses to call-off the strike to pave way for what he called, 'constructive engagement.'

"Negotiating while the strike is on is like doing so with a gun on my head," the minister said.

Prof. Nwosu said he was working towards a wholistic approach that will solve all the problems of all health professionals in the system.

He proposed the establishment of an "automatic" agreed arrangement for solving all labour issues in the health sector. He promised the nurses that he would solve their problems in the next four weeks, provided they call-off the strike.



## TENDER NOTICE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA NIGERIAN TREASURY BILLS

Notice is hereby given by the Central Bank of Nigeria that 91-day Federal Government of Nigeria Treasury Bills amounting to N21,000 million will be issued by an auction-based system on Thursday, 02/08/2001.

Interested Authorized Dealers (Commercial/Merchant Banks, Designated Discount Houses and Brokers) are invited to submit tenders to reach the Public Debt Office, Central Bank of Nigeria, Lagos, not later than 1.30 p.m on Tuesday, 31/07/2001.

Each tender must be in multiple of N1,000, subject to a minimum of N10,000 per tender. Authorized Dealers are allowed to submit multiple bids and quote multiple rates. A tender may be for own account of Authorised Dealers or made on behalf of interested members of the public, who are advised to apply to their banks or Brokers for the Bills.

Tenders for the Bills should be submitted on the prescribed printed forms in duplicate and in sealed envelopes clearly marked "TENDER FOR BILLS." The result of the tender will be announced before the close of business on Tuesday, 31/07/2001. The Bank reserves the right to reject any tender in part or in full.

Allotment letters will be issued to successful tenderers on Wednesday, 01/08/2001. Payment in full for the amounts of the accepted tenders must be made to the Central Bank of Nigeria not later than 1.30p. m on the issue date 02/08/2001. This will normally be effected by direct debit to the accounts of the affected Authorized Dealers which should ensure that their accounts with the Bank are adequately funded for this purpose.

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## STATE HOUSE CLINIC, ABUJA

### INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Tenders are hereby invited from suitably qualified contractors for the construction of the following:

- (i) Two -Bedroom Bungalow (semi-detached)
- (ii) Three -Bedroom Duplex

Tenders should be accompanied with the underlisted documents viz;

- (a) Certificate of Incorporation or registration
- (b) Current tax clearance for the last three years
- (c) Current Certificate of Registration with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing
- (d) Tender processing fee receipt

Tenders should show evidence of previous construction works, particularly those similar to the proposed works mentioned above, including construction works currently being handled (names of clients and Architects to be stated)

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(SECRETARY, M.T. B.)

For Chairman

DAILY TRUST

EDITORIAL

When governors, deputies fight . . .

Governor of Lagos State, Ahmed Bola Tinubu and his deputy, Kofoworola Akerele-Bucknor, have been taxing each other's patience soon after they, both Senators in 1993, assumed duty in May 1999. The war of nerves took a dramatic turn recently when the deputy accused the governor of planning an acid attack on her and the governor referred to his deputy, old enough to be his mother, as a "sinking crying grandma".

The desire of the governor to belittle his deputy has involved a well-publicised photograph of Chief Akerele-Bucknor sitting outside council chambers from where she had been locked out, starving her of funds, removal of any civil servant or politician with close links with her and sundry other provocative actions.

The public display of such deep-seated enmity between governors and deputies since the inception of the present democratic dispensation is by no means restricted to Lagos. In other places, the events took murderous proportions and sordid unconstitutional turns when, for instance, absent governors preferred to temporarily hand over power to whoever they wished, except their deputies.

In Cross River State, Governor Donald Duke is locked in a hostile struggle with his deputy, John Okpa. In Osun, Bisi Akande is at daggers drawn with his deputy, Otunba Iyiola Omisore. Governor Mala Kachallah in Borno deprived his deputy of funds to such an extent that he could not lead the state's hajj team to Mecca. In Ebonyi, Sam Egwu would not see eye to eye with Dr. Emmanuel Isu who apparently prefers the main thing, tired of deputising.

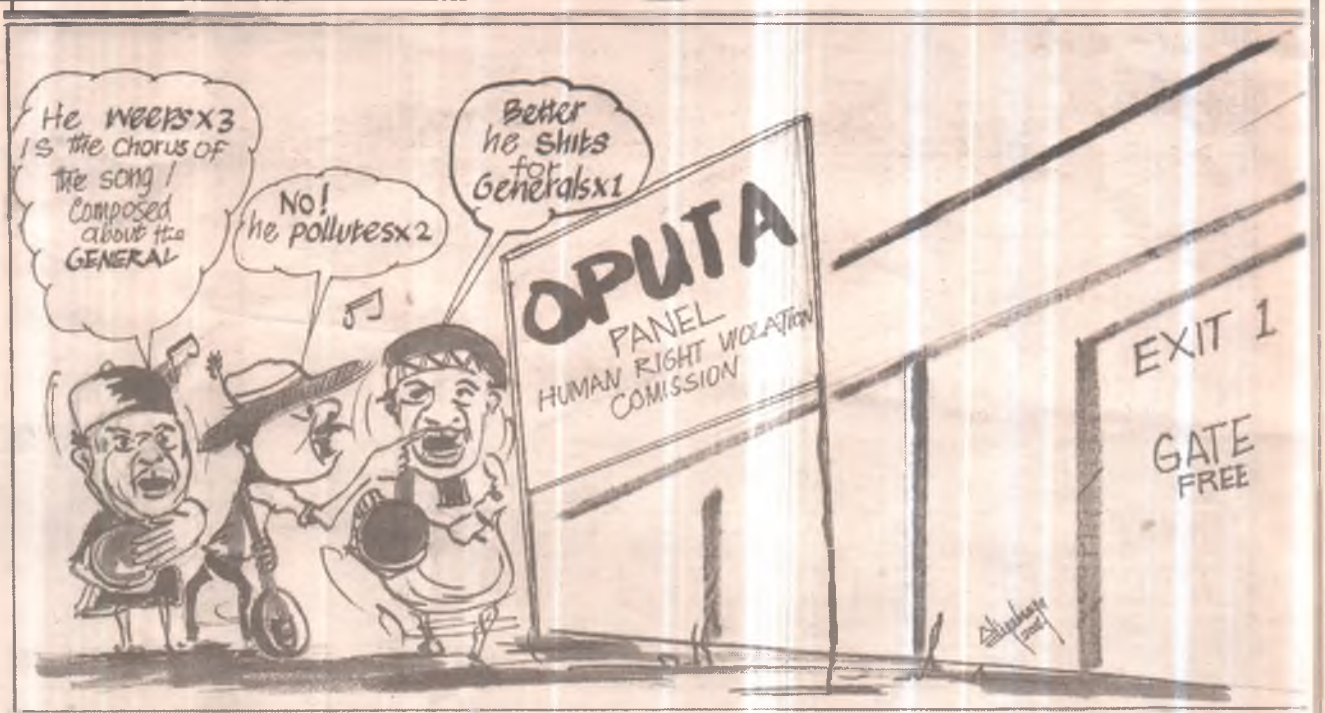
At the root of these hostilities are the inordinate ambitions of the two combatants. In many cases, the governors and their deputies have been in diametrically opposed camps in the same political party. They usually have been gubernatorial contenders at primaries whose differences were papered over in delicate horse-trading after a bitter primary.

The result has been that the incumbents are ever looking over their shoulders and sniffing for any evidence of attempts by their subordinates to outdo them or gain any political advantage. The various hangers on and political contractors who stood to benefit from the improved fortunes of their clients have usually not helped matters.

Several of these rivalries will be further exacerbated as we inch towards the 2003 elections and at the receiving end, as usual, when two giants fight, is the electorate. Indeed they have been worse for it because funds which otherwise would have gone to alleviate their poverty by bringing the so-called 'democracy dividends' will go for, at best, white elephant projects to take dubious political advantage, or at worst, on diabolical activities and spurious security expenses to counter real or perceived adversaries.

Daily Trust believes that with the ongoing constitutional review, deputy governors and vice presidents should be given a definite work schedule and not be left to the discretion of their principals.

Such a constitutional provision creating defined functions within the administrative structure should reduce to the barest minimum any source of friction between the two. In the alternative, the constitution may scrap the position and provide for the state assembly to elect a successor in the event of death, impeachment or incapacitation of the incumbent. This should ensure sanity rather than create a situation where a governor is always suspicious of the deputy who he sees as always wishing him ill luck, standing by to take over.



WEDNESDAY COLUMN

Sharia: The battle goes on

By Mohammed Haruna

Nearly two years after Alhaji Ahmed Sani, the executive governor of Zamfara State, started what opponents of Sharia have dismissed as 'political Sharia' - that is the expansion of the old civil Sharia to cover criminal matters - it seems the war over the Islamic legal system is far from over. Much water, to use a cliché, has passed under the bridge since then. President Olusegun Obasanjo, who, rather unwisely, first dismissed Zamfara's action as unconstitutional in far away United States, has since modified his position. Even though he continues to pooh-pooh "political Sharia", he has now merely been wringing his hands about its spread, hoping that it will eventually go away.

In spite of the opposition from President Obasanjo, not to mention from the rump of Southern leaders, and of course, from much of the press, "political Sharia" has continued to spread. Obviously, the opposition's weapons have been rather ineffective, even though the arsenal consisting of ridicule, blackmail, subterfuge, gentle persuasion and, in very rare cases, sound logic, is very formidable.

Whereas southern leaders and the press have relied mostly on ridicule and on blackmail, the federal government had relied initially on subterfuge and, later on, on gentle persuasion. The most obvious case of subterfuge was the federal government's attempt in February 2000, in the wake of the "Sharia riots" in Kaduna State, to use the National Council of State to bully governors who had either enacted Sharia or were about to do so, in reversing themselves.

Examples of the weapon of ridicule deployed by the press include front page news and editorial headlines like "SHARIA: North burns its fingers" (Sunday Tribune, April 2, 2000), "Islamic fanatics plan secession" (Sunday Champion, April 2, 2000), "80 billion naira gift to Sharia state" (Nigerian Tribune, June 28, 2000) and "Retreat from the Sharia brink" (The Guardian, March 3, 2000). Two common features of the news headlines were their variance from the text of the stories and their insensitivity to the feelings of Muslims.

As for blackmail, the most glaring examples were the orchestrated campaigns by certain Southern leaders that the federal government must stop oil and Valued Added Tax (VAT) monies from going to Sharia states. It also included the campaigns to stop members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) from being deployed to Sharia states.

Whereas the federal government seems to have jettisoned subterfuge at least to some extent and for now, in its campaign against "political Sharia", the press, like the proverbial leopard, seems incapable of changing its spots; after what seems a long lull in trying to ridicule and blackmail the Muslim North into submission, it has recently redeployed the weapons. The first opportunity to do so seems to have been provided by the invitation of former Sudanese Prime Minister, Sadiq El-Mahdi, by a new Muslim organisation, the Assembly of Muslims in Nigeria (AMIN), to undertake a lecture tour of Nigeria and speak on the lessons of implementing Sharia in Sudan and elsewhere.

The second opportunity for the renewed press ridicule and blackmail of Muslims has been a recent court case in which a 20-year-old housewife, Lami, had pleaded before a Sharia court in Gusau, the Zamfara State capital, for the dissolution of her marriage to Gwarma'u Chiwake, because his male organ, she claims, is too big to penetrate her female organ without causing her untold physical and psychological damage.

Not surprisingly, these two opportunities have inspired negative stories and comments in the press. For example, the Vanguard (July 4) captioned its story of El-Mahdi's lecture in Kaduna on June 30, as "Scrap Sharia if . . ." The less cautious Champion (July 2) captioned its page one lead story "Sharia will fail unless . . ." It said in the introduction to the story that El-Mahdi had cautioned against the implementation of "political Sharia" in Nigeria, because Sharia had failed in many countries where it had been introduced. Predictably, the Champion's emphasis was on the failures themselves, rather than El-Mahdi's own emphasis on the reasons for the apparent failures.

The Nigerian Tribune (July 3) which, in this case, was more cautious than both the Vanguard and the Champion, captioned its story "Ex-Sudanese leader cautions Sharia governors". The paper laid emphasis on El-Mahdi's arguments that Sharia penalties, such as the amputation of hands, are not to be

implemented in times of economic hardships like the one Nigeria is currently facing and that, in any case, political leaders should not manipulate Sharia for political gain.

The negative slant of these stories can be seen from the fact that the papers did not report the reactions from the floor, including one from Professor Tijjani El-Misqeen, a senior lecturer at the Nigerian Defence Academy, reactions which drew the audience's attention to the fact that whereas the crises of Sharia in Sudan, Pakistan and Afghanistan have been due largely to the dictatorial nature of the regimes of those countries, in countries like Algeria, Turkey and Iran, Sharia had demonstrated a potential for success because its advocates have been freely and fairly elected as political leaders.

That Sharia seems to have collapsed in Algeria and Turkey and seems to be in a crisis in Iran, has been largely because of Western sabotage of the experiment in cahoots with domestic anti-Sharia elements, especially the military and security agencies. This partnership has been forged out of the understandable fear that the success of freely elected pro-Sharia governments anywhere would set a "bad" example for the restive populations of Muslim countries, especially those in the oil-rich Middle East.

As for the case of Lami's fear of her husband's male organ on account of its size, it is obvious from press comments on the matter that there remains considerable, much of it deliberate, ignorance among anti-Sharia elements on the subject of sex and Sharia. Typical of such commentaries was one by Olusegun Adeniyi, the popular columnist of Thisday in his article of July 13 titled "The record breaker in Zamfara . . ."

"Since Sharia courts are supposed to be for the furtherance of Islamic religion" he pontificated in the article in question, "one could imagine that sexual related matters should be the last thing to be discussed or adjudicated upon in such religious settings." He then proceeded from this mistaken notion that Islam is against sexual discussion, to rebuke the presiding judge in the Gusau Sharia court in question for entertaining the case at all.

And then, never one to miss an opportunity to ridicule Sharia, just like his professional colleagues, Adeniyi urged for an independent examination of the husband's organ because, in the columnist's lewd imagination, the size may earn Chiwake an entry into the Guinness Book of Records! If it does, said an obviously gloating Adeniyi, Sharia could, after all, turn out to be one of Professor Jerry Gana's "dividends" of democracy since without democracy "there would have been no Sharia and without Sharia, there would have been no such discovery".

Adeniyi, obviously thinks his sarcasm should make Muslims feel ashamed of or feel embarrassed by the Gusau case. Far from shaming or embarrassing Muslims, columnists like Adeniyi should be told they are the ones who should feel ashamed and embarrassed that they are so ignorant about the values and beliefs of a people who form more than 50 percent of the population of this country. Sharia, Adeniyi and Company should be told, has never frowned on sex or on its discussion in public, provided it is not pre-marital or extra-marital. For his information, the Qur'an contains verses, and the Hadith, the second most important guide for the practice of Islam, has many explicit narrations on how married couples can have fulfilling sexual relationships. It is therefore very much in order for Sharia courts to entertain sexual cases.

Adeniyi does have a point about the preponderance of such cases being those involving only the poor. But that cannot be a valid enough argument against Sharia because the same argument can also be made against the so-called common law. Youthful as Adeniyi is, I am sure he is not too young to remember that the rested Lagos Weekend as once a leading title in the stable of Daily Times of Nigeria because it regularly served a steady diet of titillating sexual stories from magistrates' courts, mostly in Lagos.

The lesson in all this for both sides in the battle over Sharia should be obvious: neither ridicule, nor blackmail nor subterfuge on the part of Sharia antagonists, nor imposition on the part of its protagonists, can win the war in the long run. The only effective weapons are truth, logic, gentle persuasion and exemplary conduct. The reason is obvious: ridicule, blackmail, subterfuge and force depend on lies and distortions for success. But as an African proverb says, lies may produce flowers but they can never bear fruits.

Note: This column will be away for five weeks, to return on September 5, in sha Allah.


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Opinion

# Politicians and the Acquired Tazarce syndrome

By Bala Maidala

Leaders on the African continent are known for their hold on power even when it is conspicuously clear to them that they are doing it at their own peril. Remember Samuel Doe of Liberia who despite several signals that he had outlived his usefulness as president, decided to remain in power until when he was captured, murdered and mutilated by the forces of Prince Yomie Johnson. The tiger skin cap of Mobutu Sese Seko could not frighten Laurent Kabila who emerged from the jungle of Zaire to displace the over thirty years rule of Mobutu.

This phenomenon in Nigeria is not peculiar to a particular state or geopolitical zone of the country and it is not only state governors that are involved but also almost all elected representatives including the councillors. One disturbing thing is that just two years into the four-year term of the present civil administration, most of the state governors are preoccupied with their Tazarce as demonstrated by series of nocturnal meetings and political rallies giving less attention to fulfilling their electioneering campaign promises to the electorates. What baffles my mind most is not the Tazarce itself but the blatant disregard for accountability as could be seen in the use of public funds to finance the Tazarce project.

One unfortunate thing about our political office holders' obsession with power is that they are doing so not with the good intention of improving the living conditions of our people but rather to satisfy their greed for personal aggrandizement. Nigeria is located in the part of the world where provision of potable water, food and shelter etc. are still relevant tools for political campaigns. Most of these have ceased to be issues that would attract the sympathy of the electorates in the developed countries of the world who have now shifted emphasis to international relations, abortion and space.

One factor that is aiding this ugly situation is the low level of education and ignorance of the electorate. One continues to wonder why an elected official who has not fulfilled his electioneering campaign promises will at the expiration of his tenure come back to the electorate seeking for re-election just because he has the money to dole out. It is high time for the electorate to appreciate the value of their votes in deciding who becomes what. So long as the electorate remains uneducated, the politicians will continue to exploit their ignorance for their selfish political goals.

It is also time for the masses to learn how to reject the apostles of Tazarce who, by the grace of their masters' influence and affluence, have since, through paid advertisements and posters, started urging the electorates to give their masters a second chance. Instead, the electorate should also learn how to reject politicians who because of the wealth they amassed, may attempt to buy their conscience.

Maidala writes from Damaturu, Yobe State.

# Calling Northern governors

By Ismaila Umar

I wish to refer your excellencies to a statement made by the well-known columnist in the *Sunday Vanguard*, Mr. Dele Sobowale. For your information, Mr. Sobowale has never hidden his "anti-North" posture in almost all his write-ups. However, on Sunday July 1, 2001, in his column, he wrote a very interesting article which he titled "Back to Birnin Kebbi: back to the future".

The crux of that article is on the need for the Nigerian nation to give the agricultural sector of the economy the serious attention it deserves. In that article, Mr. Sobowale reminded us that agriculture is the most reliable mainstay of the Nigerian economy. But of immediate interest to me are the last two sentences in that article which go like this "For Nigeria's future the advice is 'Go Northwest', that region will outlast all the crude oil deposits in the South. The future of Nigeria is in the North."

What Mr. Sobowale meant by these two positive sentences is that the agricultural potentials of the North Western zone of the country and indeed the entire North is enormous. He therefore is of the opinion that if this great potential could be exploited and harnessed, Nigeria as a nation would become prosperous by being in a position to feed itself and export its agricultural produce as a revenue earner, which by the special grace of the Almighty God can remain infinite in terms of usage and benefit.

Based on this observation by Mr. Sobowale, I felt the urge to appeal to your excellencies to pay more than lip service to the development of agriculture as the economic base of your respective states. I am particularly pained each time I either read in the newspapers or listen to radio and television of how the North is being vilified as a parasite that feeds fat on the sweat of others; simply because oil has not been found in this region. We are often reminded that it is the North that depends on the rest of the country for survival, while the other parts don't need anything from the North.

Forget the fallacy in these aspersions and bother yourself with the humiliation it gives to all of us Northerners. In this

modern time, the easiest way to make falsehood accepted as the truth is by repeating it over and over and via various media, and this is exactly the case in Nigeria, where it has largely become accepted that the North is an economic vampire.

For any living Northerner who is forty-five years and above, it is easy to recall how the government of the defunct Northern Region was able to satisfy the yearnings and aspirations of its population by using agriculture as the mainstay of its economy. At that time, nobody was talking about crude oil. Those of us within this age bracket went to school free of charge. It was free in all respects, not only free tuition. Books, desks and chairs and all other instruments of learning were given to us free.

At the tertiary level other additional needs were equally provided. They include uniforms and soap for washing them regularly. A certain amount as pocket money was paid to students to do their hair and other things. Government also paid allowances to students for their transportation to and back from holidays. In the larger societies, other social infrastructures were equally provided. Such was the magic of agriculture under the defunct Northern Nigeria. In a nutshell, the government was a hundred per cent responsible for the education and other basic needs of the citizenry.

It may interest your excellencies to know that I lived my formative years in the geographical area now called Zamfara State. And I recall with nostalgia the harvest season referred to in Hausa as *Huloti*. That was a period when farmers would harvest both their food and cash crops. The latter would be taken out for sale to the famous LPOs. (Licensed Purchasing Officers) at designated positions, from where prosperity radiates in all directions. The farmers would realise money from the sale of their farm produce and would in turn buy new clothes, bicycles and other needs. They also built new houses or mended old ones. Marriages were often contracted within this period. Food sellers would prepare and sell all sorts of delicacies at *Huloti* sites.

In the social sphere, it was that time festivities such as *Kalankuwa* were organised. In the nights, *Kalangu* and *Duma* music would fill the air and the young and young at heart would besiege such places for relaxation. Indeed it was a place where people picked their future life partners. In a nutshell, harvest time was such a big economic boom for everybody in the society, including the government, which recorded highest revenue within the period.

The policy of the Northern Regional government to promote agriculture among all the strata of the communities made this "paradise" possible. It provided agricultural inputs for farmers at affordable prices, while attractive prices were also fixed on farm produce. On the social level, agricultural shows known in Hausa as *bukin nuna amfanin gona* were organised from where an overall best farmer (*Sarkin noma*) of the year would be selected and turbaned. It was designed to encourage healthy competition for higher productivity. Indeed, everything that was capable of enticing people to go into agriculture was done and the people and the government benefited in concrete terms from such measures.

Those were the glorious years when groundnut and cotton pyramids were common sights in Gusau, Kotokoshi and Chafe towns among other places. I also believe similar things happened in other locations across the Northern Region. Such bliss in the lives of the people was realised because government then encouraged people to create wealth for themselves and the state. This in my humble opinion is what all the Northern state governments should now go back to. It is the only living legacy they could lay as a foundation for the survival, self-sufficiency and overall development of the region.

The latest vogue of Northern state governments giving buses, cars and motorcycles on hire purchase to people under whatever pretext is not a solid economic investment. Turning all citizens into overnight contractors contributes nothing to our economic emancipation. The jamboree of sponsoring hundreds of people to annual hajj is nothing but a waste of public resources - for all these do not build economically powerful and developed states. The best thing to do is to encourage people to create wealth for themselves and the state through agriculture. That way people can individually afford to buy all the buses, cars, motorcycles and other things for themselves. That way also they could afford to go on the annual hajj with their *halal* (legitimate means) which is more recognised and rewarded by Allah (SWT).

Your Excellencies, the Almighty God has given you a rare and special privilege to redirect your people towards a glorious future. It is your chance to free your people from undue embarrassment, harassment and victimisation. It is your responsibility to lay a solid foundation for a lasting economic legacy. The almighty God in his infinite wisdom chose you among hundreds of others and placed this responsibility on your shoulders. But it is up to you to either flunk it (God forbid) or fulfil God's positive will. It is however certain that posterity is ever around to judge you and place you on the scale of public opinion depending on how you handle this important assignment given to you by God himself.

Ismaila is a deputy director at the NDE headquarters, Box 104, Wuse Abuja.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Re: ACF meets over Obasanjo's second term

After a long and careful consideration, the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), has decided to issue this rejoinder to the front-page lead story of Monday, 9th July, 2001 edition of *Daily Trust*, titled "ACF meets over Obasanjo's second term".

The story has been a source of considerable embarrassment and it is intended, by this rejoinder, to put the record straight and dispel any unfavourable impression, which might have arisen on account of the story, particularly from among members of the various organs of ACF.

It has been an established tradition of ACF to involve its members in the discussion of issues upon which the Forum wishes to take a stand. At such meetings, communiqués are drawn up and read to members for further discussion, amendments and eventual adoption. The aim always, is to ensure that members are not only informed of any stand taken by Forum, but are actively involved in the discussions which form the basis of such a stand.

The story carried by *Daily Trust* on Obasanjo's second term presidential aspirations clearly indicated that Forum had decided to discuss and adopt a position on whether or not to support Obasanjo's second term aspirations within a week of that publication. I wish to state that Forum had

never taken any such decision on the candidature of Obasanjo or any candidate for that matter. Indeed if a decision on an issue of such great importance to the North and the Nigerian nation is ever to be taken by the ACF, all its organs have to discuss and arrive at an understanding on the issue. It is noted that since within the one week when *Daily Trust* story claimed that the issue was to be discussed, none of the Forum's organs was slated to meet and discuss this issue or any matter at all, the unfortunate and false impression was bound to be created that a discussion and decision on this vital subject was to be undertaken by an executive council clique that has no constitutional relevance and authority.

This was something that could adversely affect the integrity of the executive council and the confidence the council needs to carry out its day-to-day operations. It needs to be stated also, that such a situation can create a feeling of alienation among Forum's members and undermine thereby, cohesion and solidarity within the organisation.

It is in order to dispel any misconception that I wish to reiterate that the story carried by *Daily Trust* does not reflect the position of Forum.

Alhaji Aliyu Hayatu,  
Publicity Secretary,  
Arewa Consultative Forum.

### Hypocrites in the Umma

Whenever they are with those who believe they proclaim that they believe; but when they are alone with their evil ones (co-friends) they said openly 'we are only mocking the believers'. Allah will return their mocking and evil plans on them."

It is not a new thing to anyone who is conversant with holy history of Islam to deny the existence of hypocrites who at times pretend to be holy and good followers of *Hadrat* Muhammad.

In fact, what Alhaji B. Bello, Zamfara State PDP secretary wants is a state where vices, social schizophrenia and moral maladies will become the order of the day.

Allah says: "They try to put out the light of Allah with their mouths; but Allah will perfect His light whether unbelievers dislike it."

Indeed, every Muslim has the only goal of being governed by the holy Qur'an and Sunnah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW). But to Alhaji B. Bello, it seems to be a painful thing to have a state where the Qur'an and Sunnah become the code of life. But one will wonder why Alhaji B. Bello seems opposed to the leadership of Islam.

Allah says: "Deaf, dumb, they will not return to way."

Yakub Yunus Sakpe,  
Emir's Palace,  
Bida, Niger State.

# TRUST INTERNATIONAL

## AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

### Burundi rebels surrender

Rebel troops who staged a coup attempt in Burundi have given themselves up to forces loyal to President Pierre Buyoya.

The rebels had attempted to halt the approval of plans for a transitional government at peace negotiations in the Tanzanian town of Arusha.

After gunfire in the capital, Bujumbura, on Sunday night, about 100 army rebels were pursued by loyalists before surrendering in the town of Ngozi.

Two soldiers were reported killed in the uprising.

The rebels, from the minority Tutsi ethnic group, are thought to be hardliners who fear a compromise deal will play into the hands of the ethnic Hutu majority.

The summit in Arusha earlier announced a breakthrough in attempts to end the bitter ethnic conflict which has killed at least 200,000 people in Burundi in the past eight years.

Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni said that the majority of regional heads of state and political parties at the talks had approved arrangements for a transitional government which would see power shared between Hutus and Tutsis.

A Hutu president is supposed to take over as president after Mr Buyoya's 18 months at the helm.

Three months ago Tutsi troops staged a failed attempted takeover by seizing the state radio building.

Many of the country's politically dominant Tutsi are concerned about the current peace process which they fear will hand power to the Hutu majority and expose Tutsis to risk of ethnic massacres.

And Mr Buyoya, who seized power in a coup in 1996 is bitterly opposed by a number

of Hutu and Tutsi parties.

Nelson Mandela, the chief mediator of the talks, has used all his moral muscle to drag the parties to the negotiating table.

But so far the two main armed Hutu rebel groups have stayed outside the peace process.

And analysts say that without their participation, Burundi's peace talks do not bring the country one centimetre closer to a ceasefire.

### UK Minister for Africa visits Nigeria

By Kevin Ebele Adinnu

The new British Minister for Africa, Baroness Amos, will today begin a three-day visit to Nigeria since her appointment after the general election in United Kingdom in June.

According to a release from the British High Commission, Valerie Amos will hold talks with representatives of the government including the Presidency and the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

She will also meet the leadership of the National Assembly, Economic Community of West African States, business and non-governmental organisations.

Baroness Amos whose visit to Nigeria is her first to Africa as minister said in London that she was looking forward to identifying ways in which the two countries could strengthen their strong relationship.

Born in Guyana, Valerie Amos studied at the Universities of Warwick, Birmingham and East Anglia.

Among other positions, Amos was appointed Chief Executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission in 1989, a position she held till 1994.

She had been an adviser to the South African Government on public service reform, human rights and employment equity.

Created a life peer in 1997, Baroness Amos became a Government Whip in the House of Lords in 1998. She was also appointed Government spokesperson on International Development in the House of Lords.



Burundian Defence Minister, Gen. Cyrille Ndayirukiye addresses a news conference following a coup attempt in Bujumbura, Burundi, on Monday.

### Gambia lifts ban on politics

Gambian President Yahyah Jammeh has lifted the ban on political activities of parties he overthrew in a military coup in 1994.

This announcement will, correspondents suggest, open the way for political parties to challenge the president in multi-party elections due in October.

In an address to a rally in Banjul he said: "You are free to choose and support anyone you want. But you do not have a right to instigate or take part in violence. If you do you will go six feet deep."

Mr Jammeh's order, which surprised many Gambians, coincided with the anniversary of his 1994 coup that toppled the elected government of Sir Dauda Jawara who is now

living in exile in Britain.

The notoriously restrictive Decree 89 had until now prevented parties like the Peoples Progressive Party, which had ruled the country since independence from Britain in 1965, from participating in elections.

A former minister of Agriculture in the government of Sir Dauda, Mr Omar Jallow told the BBC's Network Africa programme: "There is no cause for jubilation."

He said the decree that had been in force was "draconian, despotic and obnoxious", adding that a country that believes in the rule of law and human rights "has no business to enslave its citizens" by discriminating against them on political grounds.

Mr Jammeh, who seized

power as a young officer, has been under pressure from donors and the Commonwealth to provide a broader political base.

Pressure has also come from within. Local politicians who had become increasingly restive had begun re-grouping and re-organising themselves, threatening to defy the ban.

Mr Jammeh has tried to win over Gambians by making improvements to the country's infrastructure, building new roads, hospitals and schools.

In 1996, he called presidential and parliamentary elections. Opposition participation was limited.

Although Mr Jammeh's party won the elections, his most strident critic, opposition party leader and lawyer, Mr Ousainou Darboe won 38% of the votes in the ten days of campaigning he was allowed.

### Palestinian police clash with gunmen

Fighting has broken out in Gaza City between gunmen and Palestinian police.

The clashes were centred on the home of Gaza's chief of military intelligence, Moussa Arafat.

At the height of the trouble, as many as a thousand people had gathered outside the residence, in one of Gaza City's main streets.

Shots were fired and stones and bottles thrown at the building.

Palestinian police stationed throughout the city converged on the crowd and broke up their demonstration.

It appears the people were supporters of the Popular Resistance Movement.

On Sunday three of its members were shot and wounded by police at a Palestinian checkpoint.

The men were returning from what the movement describes as a military action against an Israeli settlement in the north of the Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian Authority says the men were shot by police on high alert because undercover Israeli agents were believed to be operating in the area.

But one of the leaders of the Popular Movement - a Fatah activist, Mohammed al Baba - has told the BBC the

rein in activists engaged in anti-Israeli attacks.

In refugee camps in the Gaza Strip late on Monday, the Popular Resistance called on Palestinians not to accept the apparent Palestinian Authority crackdown and accused the Authority of acting in collaboration with Israel.

### Apartheid's chemical weapon boss testifies

The head of South Africa's chemical and biological weapons programme during the apartheid era, Dr Wouter Basson, said at his trial that he was given unlimited power by the authorities to further his work.

Taking the stand for the first time in a court in Pretoria, Dr Basson said the then government had allowed him to exchange information with the country's enemies as long as he got more out of them.

Dr Basson, christened "Doctor Death" by South Africa's media, has pleaded not guilty to 61 charges of murder, fraud and drug peddling.

Marlene Burger, observer at the trial for the Centre for Conflict Resolution told the Associated Press: "He shows no emotion. He and his legal team are very arrogantly confident that he will be acquitted."

Dr Basson told the court

In return, he said, he was only required to tell the army if the country was in danger.

Evidence at his trial, which started 21 months ago, has revealed gruesome and sometimes bizarre details of apartheid government's attempts to eliminate and pacify political enemies.

They have ranged from plans to supply poisoned beer for tests on unsuspecting black taxi drivers, to creating poisoned chocolate and clothes and releasing cholera in the

water supply at a refugee camp.

Last year a bacteriologist testified that he had freeze-dried HIV-infected blood for use against enemies as part of Dr Basson's programme.

Witnesses also told the court that the doctor had been involved in the illegal manufacture of drugs such as ecstasy to help in crowd control.

The hearing also heard that Dr Basson, a cardiologist, travelled around the world on false identities to gather funds, information and materials.



### Israel demands details on observers

Israel says it wants further details about American proposals to send more CIA agents to monitor the ceasefire with the Palestinians before it decides whether to accept such a move.

The comments come after the United States gave its support for the first time last week along with other G8 member states to Palestinian calls for a foreign observer force to monitor the truce.

Israel has long resisted pressure to accept international observers, but Foreign Minister Shimon Peres says Israel might agree to a solely American delegation.

The unrest claimed two more lives on Monday.

Israeli forces intercepted and killed a man who an Israeli official said was a suicide bomber carrying a bomb.

Earlier, a 15-year-old Palestinian was shot by Israeli troops in the town of Rafah in the Gaza Strip.

There had been clashes in the area earlier in the day, but residents said the area was quiet at the time of the shooting.

Mr Peres gave details on Israeli public television of his acceptance in principle of US monitors.

"We were never against the idea that the CIA bring other monitors to help their work, but we are against an international force," he told Israel public television on Monday.

"If it is a question of American monitors, we don't have a problem," he added.

An unknown number of CIA agents already operate in Israel and the Palestinian territories, mainly monitoring on-off security co-operation between the two sides.

Ultimately, Israel's acceptance of a foreign delegation might hinge on its definition.

The BBC reports that the distinction between monitors, observers and peace-keepers is hugely important to Israelis.

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# BUSINESS DAY

## Nigerian Stock Dealings (NSE)

Price List as at 24/07/2001

COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE	DEALS	VOLUME	VALUE
7UP	6.01	6.00	0.01	17	49,815	298,406.15
ACCESSBANK	1.25	1.23	0.02	22	41,545,800	46,875,190.00
AFPRINT	0.97	0.97	0.00	20	311,567	301,646.24
AFRIBANK	8.80	8.80	0.00	39	347,004	3,054,985.20
AGIP	31.50	31.10	0.40	36	205,922	6,341,817.57
AGLEVENT	1.18	1.18	0.00	1	1,382	1,630.76
AIICO	3.16	3.30	0.14	6	55,875	183,61.50
AP	19.34	19.34	0.00	5	4,301	83,181.34
ASHAKACEM	17.20	16.45	0.75	15	54,361	902,476.25
AVONCROWN	1.54	1.54	0.00	1	156	240.24
BATA	0.30	0.30	0.00	1	298	89.40
BCC	4.79	4.79	0.00	3	94,163	451,040.77
BERGER	2.80	2.80	0.00	8	24,500	68,600.00
CADBURY	24.41	24.20	0.21	60	239,574	5,756,967.38
CAP	2.69	2.58	0.11	1	15,000	38,700.00
CAPALBETO	7.60	7.60	0.00	3	1,114	8,466.40
CFAO	2.78	2.91	0.13	17	81,415	235,778.59
CHARTERED	8.09	8.49	0.40	77	1,272,690	10,750,588.10
CMB	0.68	0.68	0.00	3	11,932	8,113.76
COOPBANK	2.14	2.14	0.00	2	52,000	111,280.00
CORNERST	1.55	1.62	0.07	2	1000,000	162,000.00
COSTAIN	1.26	1.32	0.06	3	57,000	72,120.00
CUTIX	3.26	3.26	0.00	1	1,323	4,312.98
DNMEYER	7.30	7.15	0.15	3	5,050	36,307.50
DUNLOP	3.28	3.30	0.02	22	69,332	232,830.26
EKOBANK	1.53	1.46	0.07	13	141,936	224,741.26
ETERNAOIL	1.46	1.53	0.07	8	45,200	66,342.00
FIRSTALUM	1.79	1.79	0.00	2	30,000	53,700.00
FIRSTBANK	25.75	25.05	0.70	223	1,334,238	34,086,430.06
FLOURMILL	14.93	14.19	0.74	28	87,250	1,238,077.50
FOREMOST	0.47	0.47	0.00	1	625	293.75
FSB	6.54	6.40	0.14	21	272,546	1,703,639.76
GOLDBREW	0.58	0.58	0.00	18	388,040	219,480.64
GUARANTY	5.70	5.70	0.00	36	616,457	3,513,804.90
GUINNESS	38.40	38.00	0.40	31	86,296	3,319,807.50
HALLBANK	4.60	4.56	0.04	3	5,300	24,168.00
IGL	6.35	6.15	0.20	7	17,118	105,851.70
IMB	1.72	1.70	0.02	20	326,850	537,851.60
INLANDBANK	1.50	1.50	0.00	2	100,000	150,350.00
JBERGER	45.00	47.25	2.25	5	6,370	297,900.00
JOHNHOLT	2.18	2.08	0.10	11	101,694	211,761.72
JOSBREW	0.68	0.68	0.00	2	10,400	7,072.00
LEVBROS	25.00	25.00	0.00	66	277,053	6,819,272.83
LIONBANK	1.81	1.90	0.09	10	100,499	175,792.59
LONGMAN	4.52	4.53	0.01	1	1,200	5,436.00
MANDRID	6.68	7.01	0.33	1	2,000	14,020.00
MANNYBANK	1.80	1.80	0.00	5	12,000	21,680.00
MAY&BAKER	2.80	2.70	0.10	4	10,400	28,130.00
MNS	93.47	92.47	1.00	1	7,500	693,525.00
MOBIL	65.00	64.00	1.00	7	8,515	547,805.00
NAL	5.10	5.20	0.10	73	852,505	4,339,952.08
NB	27.25	27.20	0.05	84	237,360	6,421,457.51
NBC	20.18	20.20	0.02	29	42,839	864,913.02
NCR	1.91	1.90	0.01	2	23,677	44,986.30
NESTLE	65.00	64.00	1.00	25	81,524	5,191,230.82
NIGERCEM	0.54	0.54	0.00	3	4,350	2,349.0
NIGERINS	4.75	4.98	0.23	10	30,527	143,895.98
NIGROPES	1.92	1.92	0.00	1	14,100	27,072.00
NIWICABLE	2.17	2.17	0.00	2	1,700	3,689.00
NNFM	11.40	11.40	0.00	2	19,690	224,466.00
NOLCHEM	30.00	31.50	1.50	51	145,477	4,432,665.99
OKOMUOIL	9.45	9.45	0.00	3	6,200	58,590.00
OWENBANK	2.81	2.81	0.00	2	7,718	21,687.58
PFIZER	5.44	5.44	0.00	1	1,000	5,440.00
POLYPROD	0.50	0.50	0.00	1	564	282.00
PREMBREW	0.45	0.45	0.00	1	700	315.00
PRESTIGE	2.30	2.30	0.00	3	5,163	11,874.90
PZ	13.85	13.99	0.14	42	165,898	2,298,699.22
ROYALEX	5.35	5.61	0.26	5	81,538	457,403.48
RTBRISCOE	1.23	1.25	0.02	2	455	566.76
SAVANNA	1.15	1.20	0.05	9	330,588	396,705.60
SCOA	1.82	1.90	0.08	8	8,425	15,529.58
SKBEECHAM	2.36	2.36	0.00	23	144,805	340,981.30
SUNINS	0.65	0.65	0.00	1	32,908	21,390.20
TEXACO	63.99	63.00	0.99	14	11,909	758,613.69
TIB	2.63	2.63	0.00	20	282,878	739,285.75
TOTAL	67.10	67.10	0.00	16	9,869	662,209.90
TRIPPLEG	1.30	1.30	0.00	5	20,050	26,065.00
UAC-PROP	3.00	2.95	0.05	28	369,450	1,103,375.50
UACN	3.55	3.40	0.15	58	331,656	1,142,665.57
UBA	14.99	14.46	0.53	69	259,629	3,799,694.56
UBN	29.60	28.13	1.47	51	586,845	16,702,215.55
UNIC	2.25	2.25	0.00	1	500	1,125.00
UNIONDICON	16.50	16.80	0.30	2	450	7,485.00
UNIPETROL	41.65	43.73	2.08	41	67,812	2,828,731.50
UNTL	3.74	3.92	0.18	8	70,075	274,331.12
UPL	3.50	3.48	0.02	3	16,250	56,850.00
UTB	5.00	5.00	0.00	30	511,205	2,532,277.20
UTC	1.30	1.31	0.01	8	200,000	263,500.00
VANLEER	2.96	2.96	0.00	3	30,000	88,800.00
VITAFOAM	4.40	4.45	0.05	22	165,781	733,959.55
WAPCO	21.38	21.30	0.08	41	212,540	4,544,689.14
WAPIC	1.78	1.78	0.00	1	4,000	7,120.00
WEMABANK	2.99	2.85	0.14	26	225,267	645,860.95
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1,724</b>	<b>54,206,938</b>	<b>195,291,972.50</b>

## Nigerian Stock Dealings-(NSE)

Gainers/Losers as at 24/07/2001

Gainers			
COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE
JBERGER	45.00	47.25	2.25
UNIPETROL	41.65	43.73	2.08
NOLCHEM	30.00	31.50	1.50
CHARTERED	8.09	8.49	0.40
MANDRID	6.68	7.01	0.33
UNIONDICON	16.50	16.80	0.30
ROYALEX	5.35	5.61	0.26
NIGERINS	4.75	4.98	0.23
UNTL	3.74	3.92	0.18
PZ	13.85	13.99	0.14
AIICO	3.16	3.30	0.14
CFAO	2.78	2.91	0.13
NAL	5.10	5.20	0.10
LIONBANK	1.81	1.90	0.09
SCOA	1.82	1.90	0.08
ETERNAOIL	1.46	1.53	0.07
CORNERST	1.55	1.62	0.07
COSTAIN	1.26	1.32	0.06
VITAFOAM	4.40	4.45	0.05
SAVANNA	1.15	1.20	0.05
NBC	20.18	20.20	0.02
DUNLOP	3.28	3.30	0.02
RTBRISCOE	1.23	1.25	0.02
LONGMAN	4.52	4.53	0.01
UTC	1.30	1.31	0.01

Losers			
COMPANY	OPENING PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE
JBERGER	29.60	28.13	1.47
NESTLE	65.00	64.00	1.00
NOLCHEM	65.00	64.00	1.00
UNIONDICON	93.47	92.47	1.00
CADBURY	63.99	63.00	0.99
7UP	17.20	16.45	0.75
AIICO	14.93	14.19	0.74
ADC	25.75	25.05	0.70
CAP	14.99	14.46	0.53
HALLBANK	38.40	38.00	0.40
NBC	31.50	31.00	0.40
IMB	24.41	24.20	0.21
UTC	6.35	6.15	0.20
C&ILEASING	7.30	7.15	0.15
ACCESSBANK	3.55	3.40	0.15
GOLDBREW	2.99	2.85	0.14
AFPRINT	6.54	6.40	0.14
CORNERST	2.69	2.58	0.11
MORISON	2.80	2.70	0.10
NAL	2.18	2.08	0.10
MANNYBANK	1.53	1.46	0.07
	3.00	2.95	0.05
	4.60	4.56	0.04
	1.72	1.70	0.02
	1.25	1.23	0.02

### Summary of Transactions

	OPENING	CLOSING	% AGE CHANGE
MKT.	634,752,533,086.20	629,242,789,640.65	-0.87
INDEX	10,736.36	10,643.17	-0.87
DEALS	VOLUME	VALUE	No. OF COMPANIES
1,724	54,206,938	195,291,972.50	94

Source: NSE, Abuja Area Office

## The bulls maintain their lead at NSE yesterday

Trading reports collected from Abuja Area office of the Nigerian Stock Exchange indicated that a total of 54.21 million shares valued at N195.29 million in 1,724 deals were traded on the floors of the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

There were no transactions in the Industrial Loans/Preference Stocks sector and the Federal Government Development stocks sector.

### Price Movement:

The Nigerian Stock Exchange All-Share Index closed at 10,643.17, a decrease of 0.87 percent. The index opened at 10,736.36. While the market capitalization closed at N629.24 billion, a decrease of 0.87 percent, it opened at N634.75 billion.

The bears lost to the bulls on the floor yesterday, with a total of 25 companies gaining and 24 losing in their share prices.

Gains were recorded in the Construction, Petroleum Marketing, Banking, Food/Beverages & Tobacco, Insurance, Textiles, Conglomerates, Industrial & Domestic Products, Automobile and Tyre and the Printing & Publishing sub sector.

JBerger Plc led the price gainers, as it appreciated by 225 kobo to close the day at N47.25 per share, followed by Unipetrol Plc, which appreciated by 208 kobo to close at N43.73 per share.

Other price gainers include Nolchem (150 kobo); Chartered (40 kobo); Mandrid (33 kobo); Uniondicon (30 kobo); Royalex (26 kobo); Nigerins (23 kobo); UNTL (18 kobo); PZ and AIICO (14 kobo apiece); CFAO (13 kobo); Nal (10 kobo) and Lionbank (9 kobo).

Union Bank of Nigeria Plc led the price losers, dropping by 147 kobo to close at and N28.13 per share, followed by Mobil Plc and Nestle foods Plc, which both lost 100 kobo to close each at N64.00 per share, MNS also lost 100 kobo to close at N92.47 per share.

Other price losers include Texaco (99 kobo); Ashakacem (75 kobo); Flourmill (74 kobo); Firstbank (70 kobo); UBA (53 kobo); Guinness and Agip (40 kobo apiece); Cadbury (21 kobo); IGL (20 kobo); DN Meyer and UACN (15 kobo apiece) and Wemabank and FSB (14 kobo apiece).

# BUSINESS DAY

## ECOWAS monetary council meets tomorrow

The convergence council of ministers of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ), will hold its fifth meeting tomorrow at the ECOWAS Secretariat in Abuja.

Top on the agenda of the meeting are the consideration of reports from the Director-General of the West African Monetary Institute (WAMI), Dr. Michael Olufemi Ojo, on macro-economic developments in the sub-region; the design and technical preparation of the proposed single currency for West African Monetary Zone and issues relating to the harmonisation of National Central Bank Acts.

By Ahmed Shekarau

A statement issued from the ECOWAS Secretariat in Abuja, revealed that the council's meeting is preceded by a meeting of the committee of Central Bank governors of the Second Monetary Zone, held between Monday and Tuesday, July 23rd and 24th.

Also, the WAMZ's Technical Committee deliberated on the status of the convergence for 2000 and the harmonisation of National Central Bank Acts between last Monday and Tuesday, ahead of the council of ministers' meeting tomorrow.

WAMI, which was

established at a mini-summit of member Heads of State of Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, in Lome, Togo, in December, 1999, has as its mandate the setting up of a legal framework to harmonise laws relating to financial institutions of the member states.

WAMZ also requires member states to fulfil certain criteria that would allow the adoption of a single currency for the sub-region by 2003, and a common monetary and exchange rate policy.

These policies are targeted at achieving price stability, sustainable budget deficits, reduction of

inflationary sources of financing budget deficits, and the maintenance of an adequate level of foreign exchange reserves.

Specific conditions for meeting these targets include restriction, by each nation, of its budget deficit/GDP ratio not exceeding five percent by 2000 and four percent by 2002; a limit of annual inflation rate to a single digit by 2000 and five percent by 2003, and a call on Central Banks' financing of budget deficits to 10 percent of previous year's tax revenue by 2000, among others.

The idea of establishing a single monetary zone by the five West African states was informed by slow economic progress observed by ECOWAS Heads of State in the early 1980s. The ECOWAS monetary cooperation programme was not however adopted until December 1999.

## Nigeria accounts for 28 percent of global gas flares - Commissioner

The flaring of petroleum associated gases in Nigeria alone accounted for 28 percent of the global flares in 1995, according to the Environment Commissioner for Akwa Ibom State, Obong Isidore Akpan-Ebe.

Akpan-Ebe made this assertion in a paper entitled: "Role of Government and Oil Companies in Environmental Protection," presented at the World Conference of Mayors in Eket in Akwa-Ibom State.

"Oil companies' activities, which account for some 90 percent of the nation's revenue, is a major factor in Nigeria's

environmental equation," Akpan-Ebe noted.

He maintained that gas flaring, a common feature in the Niger Delta region, was responsible for ecosystem heat, stress, acid rain, destruction of fresh water fishes, forests and property.

"Not long ago, an expert indicated that the heat and energy generated from gas flaring in 1986 was equivalent to all the electrical energy generated by the National Electric Power Authority (NEPA)," he noted.

Akpan-Ebe stated that oil companies operating in Nigeria had a great responsibility "in ensuring that the fragile Niger Delta ecosystem and its communities are protected."

The environment commissioner noted that before 1988, the nation's initiatives in environmental protection were "haphazard and largely uncoordinated."

He said: "It took the 1988 Koko toxic dump episode to impress on the nation, the need to set-up a specialised institution to oversee the protection of its environment, through the promulgation of the federal environmental protection decree 58 of 1988," he said.

## ITB promotes 87

International Trust Bank (ITB), has promoted 87 staff following the performance appraisal for the half-year ended March 2001.

A statement from the bank said four of the promotions took effect from April, while 52 became effective on July 1st with 11 others taking effect later in October.

A breakdown showed that the promotions produced a new assistant general manager (AGM), a senior manager, three managers, nine deputy managers, 14 assistant managers and 59 other executives cutting across branch management and functional lines.

Among those elevated is Iiyasu Murtala, Senior Manager in charge of Kaduna Branch who now becomes an Assistant General Manager, even as the Kano Branch Manager, Mahmoud Sharfodeen, will become a Senior Manager come October.

Two other branch managers, Dalhatu Batagarawa (Gusau) and Tony Ezemba (Victoria Island), as well as Olu Nioke, Head of Information Technology, were also promoted substantive managers from deputy managers.

Other branch managers elevated were Samuel Ubani (Alaba), Tony Yaro (Apapa), Sani Shuaibu Adamu (Kaura Namoda) and Ibrahim Balarabe who all moved from assistant managers to Deputy Managers.

The other emergent Deputy Managers are Chinedu Emerole, Junaidu Usman, Iiyasu Garba-Koshi, Musa Tanko and Adeola Hamzat.

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# Travelogue

## Five days in Brussels, the Belgian capital

It was gladdening to have spent five days in Brussels, the capital city of Belgium, courtesy of the recent visit of President Olusegun Obasanjo to that country. As a member of the State House Press Corps (SHPC), covering the president and the vice-president, work does not stop mainly at the Presidential villa, Abuja, or any part of the country. Rather, it involves covering their official activities abroad when the need arises. Therefore, one was privileged along with Paul Odeniyi of *The Comet* newspapers to be part of the Advance Presidential crew to Belgium. The visit unlike others was at the instance of the Belgian Prime Minister, Mr. Guy Verhofstadt.

Our journey began on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July aboard Swiss air from Lagos enroute Zurich International Airport, where we boarded Sabena Air after a twenty-minute stop-over to finalise airport formalities. We arrived Brussels International Airport at about 11a.m. local time (Belgium is one hour ahead of Nigeria) into the waiting hands of the Nigerian Embassy officials who were detailed to receive us on arrival. As expected, the airport routine, which involves customs and immigration checks, took a few minutes, especially since we were guests of the Belgian authority. A 15-minute drive took us to the Nigerian Embassy located at 288, Avenue De Tervinen, 1150, Brussels.

After a rest at the Embassy, we were conveyed to Hotel Reyers at Boulevard Auguste Reyers, 40-42-1030 Bruselles, where we checked in for a rest, 30 hours to the arrival of President Olusegun Obasanjo who was attending the OAU Summit at Lusaka, Zambia.

The city of Brussels unfolds as a historical town and it is remarkably different from most of its contemporaries in today's



The arch of the palaise du cinquantenaire, a symbolic entry point into the city of Brussels

By Suleiman Mohammed, just back from Brussels

Europe. With most of the buildings being of average height, the city appears different and unique from other capitals of the developed nations, whose architectural prowess is demonstrated with dozens of skyscrapers that reflect modernity.

Belgium, which assumes the leadership of Europe with the location of the headquarters of the European Commission there, came into being in 1830, courtesy of a revolution against the authoritarian regime of King Williams I of the Netherlands. History recounts that on September 9, 1830, a confrontation ensued between the Dutch troops and a Belgian volunteer army, leading to a fight that the provisional Belgian government won, and eventually in October, proclaimed independence for the Belgium province.

The members of the then provisional government immediately ordered the election of the National Congress on November 3, and two weeks later, the congress proclaimed the independence of the Belgian people and Belgium was recognised by the London Conference of December 26, 1830. It drew its constitution in 1831, which paved way for a monarchy and introduced a unitary parliamentary state with a decentralisation of power towards the provinces and communes. Parliament consisted of two assemblies; being the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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President Obasanjo was impressive. He was seen not only as a Nigerian leader, but also as an



The Royal palace of Laeken where the Belgian King, Albert II lives

African President whose action and inaction portrays the thinking of the African leadership. A case in point was when a member of the Belgian parliament sought to know the president's reaction to

the perceived conflict between the Kenya authorities and religious leaders over the use of condom in that country. Similarly, another parliamentarian who was so disturbed over the happenings in Zimbabwe regarding the land issue, said he was disappointed that President Obasanjo was part of the OAU Summit that "supported" President Robert Mugabe against Britons whose lands were seized. However, the president used his wisdom to clear the air on all issues, and ended up convincing the Belgian lawmakers as he addressed them on situations in Africa and

the participation of Belgian businessmen in the development of the railway sector, the ports reforms and the conversion of the nation's \$400 million looted and stashed in a Belgian bank by a former Nigerian leader into the development of the railway system in Nigeria.

The President's visit to the Antwerp Sea Port, considered as the second largest in Europe, was to explore the possibility of re-shaping Nigeria's dilapidated Sea Ports into a modern status. The Antwerp Port according to the city mayor, Leona Deticge, has a turn-over of 130 million tons of cargo

Nigeria in particular.

President Obasanjo's two-day official visit to Belgium was indeed a landmark visit. He had audience with the Prime Minister, Guy Verhofstadt, the Belgium King, Albert II, the African, Caribbean and Pacific Heads of Mission and a visit to the Antwerp Port. The president also had a business luncheon hosted by the Belgium Foreign Trade Board where he used the forum, along side the Minister of Economic matters, Prince Vincent Ogbulafor to showcase Nigeria and woo foreign investors into the country.

The highest point of the visit was the ratification of several agreements between Nigeria and the Belgian authorities. These include,

in 2000, a record which made it the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest International Port in the world.

Antwerp, one of the 10 provinces of Belgium, has also been recognised as the second largest centre of the chemical and petroleum industry in the world, second only after Houston in the United States. With a population of 1.6 million (the highest of the 10 provinces), Antwerp enjoys a worldwide reputation as a tourist-friendly city, with various attractions comprising museums, a theatre, a zoo, the harbour and musical programmes. The city is known for its famous diamond trade thereby contributing enormously to the revenue drive of Belgium, which depends almost 80

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Conrad International hotel, Brussels, where President Obasanjo lodged. Other world leaders use it while in Belgium

# Travelogue



Igbo Community in Belgium welcoming President Obasanjo at Abelag Internaional Airport, Zaventem, Brussels

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percent on tax.

Despite the contribution of Antwerp to the Belgium economy, the other provinces such as Wallon Brabant, Flemish Brabant, West Flanders, East Flanders, Hainaut, Liege, Limbourg, Luxembourg and Namur also play significant roles in the area of economic development with the various resources abounding in them.

But for the short period of our visit, one could have at least taken a tram (train) ride across Belgium and its neighbouring Holland and Germany to explore Europe a little.

### Nigerians in Belgium

Like any part of the world, Belgium has a great concentration of Nigerians who live there and even attained citizenship status. At least, there are no fewer than 4,000 Nigerians living in different cities of Belgium, mostly of Igbo and Yoruba extraction. They engaged in different trades and professions.

For the Yoruba "Boys" in that country, they take advantage of the increasing demand for second-hand vehicles in Nigeria and immersed themselves in the business of "Tokunbo" exports from Belgium to Nigeria and other parts of West Africa. The female ones among them engage in restaurant business with specialisation in Nigerian dishes. But these are few among the thousands roaming the streets of Belgium. In fact, the

Nigerian Embassy cannot in categorical terms produce the exact number of Nigerians living in Belgium. This is because majority came in through unorthodox routes and they find it difficult to introduce themselves to the Embassy for proper documentation.

Prior to the president's arrival, we were informed that most Nigerians living illegally in Belgium went into hiding, based on their presumption that President Obasanjo was in that country to approve their deportation back home. Majority of those in this category were Nigerian girls involved in prostitution. So far, it is asserted that about 60 percent of Nigerian ladies formed the bulk of prostitutes that the Belgian authorities are daily confronting even though government receives tax from prostitutes in that country.

The street of shame in Brussels is the Nordon Street, where prostitutes parade themselves in absolute nakedness. A visit to the street, reminds one of the decay in modern society.

Despite our expressed disgust, an embassy staff told us that the worst of Nigerian girls operate in Holland and Italy. There, prostitutes have fun for \$100 to \$300. In Brussels, the prize tag ranges from 1,500 Belgium Franc (BF) about \$40 to 3,000 BF (about \$100) for a round of fun, while those aspiring for an all-night affair are

charged between \$300 to \$500. In the process, we were told that many Nigerian girls in Belgium have succeeded in getting married, thus paving way for their citizenship status. However, the unlucky ones ended up being deceived and later on abandoned by their would-be husbands. The stories are pathetic but the victims appear unperturbed as they vigorously pursue their trade with zeal and determination. The situation made it difficult for those innocent Nigerians and other African ladies to freely walk on the streets of Europe without being given the stigma of a prostitute.

A Nigerian female journalist based in Brussels told me of her experience while waiting for a taxi on

the street of Brussels. A white Belgian stopped over in his car and asked her for fun. To him she was waiting for customers, even in the daytime. That's the tragedy with African women in Europe. As a friend rightly pointed out, Mrs. Titi Atiku Abubakar has a long way to go with her WOTCLEF programme. But for this problem and that of the advanced fee fraud (419) which some Nigerians engage in, Nigeria's image abroad has begun to regain confidence as pointed out by Mr. Bruno, the proprietor of Hotel Reyers, where we lodged.

On the other hand, as some Nigerians are busy denting the nation's image, others are doggedly pursuing their legal and legitimate means of livelihood in Belgium. There are many Nigerians as taxi drivers and hotel

operators like Mrs. Kike, who proudly named her restaurant "Aso Rock Café," situated at 36, Rue Desfiennes, 1070-Anderlect, and Mrs. Nkechi who also runs a restaurant named, "Meeting Point" in the heart of Brussels. They are both married to Nigerians and have been resident in Brussels for the last eight years.

One striking thing that makes Nigerians resident abroad to decline returning home is the reported crime rate in Lagos and other cities. According to Mr. Stephen who lives in Holland, one and a half hour's drive from Brussels, a friend of his lost about \$10,000 cash to armed robbers in Lagos two months ago when he came to Nigeria. He made this disclosure in a chat at the Nigerian Embassy when President Obasanjo addressed the Nigerian community. Despite the president's repeated assurance and desire to transform the nation in all

its ramifications, these Nigerians are not quite sure of coming back home in the near future.

Their quest, like the foreign investor, centres mainly on the need for adequate security, good communications network, power supply and provision of basic amenities to the citizenry to curtail crime. But for these problems, Europe or America can never be better than Nigeria. Our low level of maintenance culture coupled with greed, competition and self-centred attitude further made nonsense of the abundant resources Nigeria possesses.

Indeed, the task is Herculean. But remember, to live in Europe or Belgium in particular you must be able to speak English, French, Flemish or Dutch, else, forget the dream. Indeed, home is always sweeter, when you weigh everything.

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President Obasanjo and his host, the Belgian Prime Minister, Mr. Guy Verhofstadt at his office in Brussels

# NEWS

## Gov Makarfi indicts religious leaders

In what looked like a polite indictment of religious leaders over their roles during the recent religious killings in some parts of the country, Governor Ahmed Makarfi of Kaduna State has asserted that God would hold them accountable for the killings more than he would hold the killers responsible.

The governor, who was speaking at a workshop organised by Inter-Faith Mediation Centre Kaduna, on intra-inter-religious conflict transformation for senior religious leaders at Hamdala Hotel, Kaduna, Monday, noted that the acts of the culprits of religious crisis were largely the function of the kind of teachings and inspiration they got from their respective religious leaders.

Said he, "Religion is nobody's property; it's God's own, so if you say you are a man of God go to the people and preach to them peace. But if you preach otherwise, they will not live in peace and God will not hold them responsible for not living in peace but you, the religious leaders."

Governor Makarfi noted that religious leaders are supposed to receive the greatest of heavenly rewards but because of the manner of their preaching, they have more to account before God than the followers and therefore called for restraint on reli-

From Ibrahim Ka-Almasih, in Kaduna

gious utterances so that the society could move forward." Religion is like a flame; it's like an atomic bomb or neutron bomb which when exploded the issue of reason or common sense would give way, it is the most deadly weapon that can be used to bring down any society in this world," he stressed.

He, therefore, commended those religious leaders who had been preaching peace particularly during the critical times and urged them to continue.

The governor also commended the Inter-Faith Mediation Centre, Kaduna, for organising the workshop besides other peaceful role they played in the society and promised them a piece of land and a bus as they had earlier requested.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Joint National



Gov. Makarfi

Coordinator of the organisation, Sheikh A. Ashafa, commended the governor for establishing a seminar agency called Bureau for Religious Affairs because, according to him Nigerians are passionate about their faith. "From the foregoing, it is imperative to have a functional structure, trained personnel to man this Religious outfit; we are humbly offering ourselves consultants so as to nurse the agency to her full potentials based on our experience," he assured.

The Zamfara State Poverty Alleviation Programme is grounding to a halt following the refusal of the beneficiaries to pay back the loans they received from the state government.

The programme, which has gulped N950 million has only recovered N30 million, a situation which forced the state government to suspend the poverty alleviation activities in the state until further notice.

Governor Ahmed Sani, while expressing his annoyance over the issue at the weekly special preaching at the Ali Akilu square, said his government will take necessary measures toward ensuring the recovery of the loans.

The recovery measures,

## Loan defaulters ground poverty alleviation in Zamfara

From Salisu Zakari Maradun, in Gusau

according to the governor, would include preaching, announcing the names of the beneficiaries in print and electronic media and even alerting security agents to arrest the debtors as the last resort.

Ahmed Sani maintained that the loans disbursed were aimed at alleviating poverty and hardship and wondered why the beneficiaries were not willing to pay back after such a long period of time.

He also explained that

some of the buses given out to people as loans were purchased by his government at the cost of N2.9m each and issued at the cost of N2 million only to the beneficiaries.

Governor Sani, therefore, called on all beneficiaries to hasten the payment of the loans or face the wrath of law.

He disclosed that because of the procurement of the buses given out on loans to the people, about N70 million was being deducted monthly from the state's allocation as part of efforts to settle the amount used in the purchase of such vehicles.



Gov. Ahmed Sani

## Gov Akume calls on FG to reactivate livestock facilities

From Terna Doki, in Makurdi

Benue State Governor, Mr. George Akume, has called on the Federal Government to reactivate all livestock facilities in the state in order to ensure quick diagnosis and proper treatment of animal diseases.

Governor Akume made the call recently at Annune, Tarka Local Government Area, during the official opening of this year's Contagious Bovine Pleuro-Pneumonia (CBPP) vaccination campaign.

The governor, who decried the loss of about 300,000 pigs to African

swine fever in the state from 1988 to date, said this would have been averted if the National Animal Production Research Institute (NAPRI) swine research station, Otukpo, was in a position to proffer solutions to the epidemic.

Mr. Akume said the setback suffered by over 3,500 farmers who lost an estimated N350m in this livestock disaster cannot be easily overcome, pointing out that as the food basket of the nation, Benue State occupies

a special and strategic position in the success of any agricultural development programme in the country.

He pointed out further that the state is endowed with fertile land, adequate water and clement weather for crop production just as it has a fresh green pasture for large scale production of livestock of various species, saying the state also has a large scale population which offers a large market for meat products for investors in this profitable area of agriculture.

## Gov Lawal calls for re-channelling of River Niger

From Abdul Laro, in Ilorin

Governor Muhammad Lawal of Kwara State, has called for the re-channelling of the River Niger as a permanent

solution to the incessant flood ravaging the states in the Hydro-Power Producing Area.

Speaking while responding to a remark by the chairman of the joint committee of the House of Representatives on power, steel, environment, justice and legal matters, led by Barrister Abdullahi Idris Umar, Governor Lawal commended the committee for its efforts in ensuring the passage of the HYPPADEC bill.

A statement signed by the

Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr. Deji Oni, said the governor had earlier in a recent event explained why himself and his Kebbi, Kogi and Niger States counterparts have been harnessing moves to ensure the passage of the HYPPADEC bill now before the National Assembly.

The governor told the committee that their efforts in going round the affected areas in the state would enable them to see the positive efforts put in place by his administration to bring suc-

cour to the affected areas.

In his remark, Barrister Umar disclosed that the HYPPADEC bill was already receiving attention at the National Assembly and going through its third reading. He noted the remarkable improvement in the provision of social infrastructures in Kwara State and commended the governor on the various road projects and the provision of other essential amenities aimed at making life more meaningful for the people of the state.

## Gov Audu frowns at permanent secretaries

Governor Abubakar Audu of Kogi State has frowned at the action of permanent secretaries in the state civil service, saying that "some of you have engaged in acts of blackmailing my administration and have failed to live up to expectation."

He stated this in Lokoja while holding a meeting with the permanent secretaries last weekend.

The Governor said that his administration has created an enabling environment for the optimum operations of the civil service and urged them to show commitment and support for his administration.

Audu warned that if his administration continues to be portrayed in bad light to the outside world, he would be forced to show some of them the way out.

The meeting, which was convened in order to brief the senior civil servants on some programmes and poli-

From Mamman Akpena, in Lokoja

cies of the administration, dwelt on the need to reach the people through the senior officials.

Prince Audu used the opportunity to enumerate the facilities so far made available to the permanent secretaries, such as owner's occupier houses, the purchase of official vehicles for them and making them accounting of-



Gov. Audu

cers of their ministries and parastatals.

He urged them to reciprocate government's gestures by showing total commitment and loyalty to service.

## Rivers to tackle problem of illegal structures

From Aisha Momoh, in Port Harcourt

The Rivers State Executive Council rose from its weekly meeting with the resolve to tackle the problem of illegal structures within the Port Harcourt township.

Briefing newsmen at the Government House, Port Harcourt after the meeting,

Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Dr. Abiye Sekibo, stated that the decision was to restore the dignity of the garden city." He added that the council has set up a task force to enforce the demolition of illegal struc-

tures in the state.

Dr. Sekibo also stated that government has directed the Ministry of Water Resources to work out the modalities for the provision of potable water to over 600 rural communities in the state.

He said the "decision is

to alleviate the difficulties experienced by people at the grassroots" and called on the communities to protest government projects in their area."

Dr. Sekibo added that government also set up a task force on traffic decongestion in the state capital.

## Gov Adesina makes case for Yoruba unity

From Olumide Bajulaiye, in Abeokuta

As a demonstration of his commitment to the unity of the Yoruba race, Governor Lam Adesina of Oyo State has expressed his readiness to sacrifice his seat.

Governor Lam made the declaration recently while featuring on Ogun State

Television (OGTV). He emphasised the need for Yoruba unity, promising to put his job on the line to achieve that purpose.

He used the forum to urge President Obasanjo not to delay the convocation of

a sovereign National Conference, adding that "it is the platform through which the injustices in the land could be addressed."

His words: "It is a must that we go to the Sovereign National Conference (SNC) without which we cannot

have a free society where equity would reign supreme."

He pointed out that part of the injustices in the land include the continued denial of Western Nigeria of required states, as given to other two defunct region of Eastern and Northern.

# NIGERIAN EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL



## INVITATION FOR INTERVIEW

Following the recently conducted aptitude test to recruit senior staff into the Nigerian Export Promotion Council, the following successful candidates are being invited to appear for a final interview at NEPC, Headquarters Zone 2, Wuse - Abuja.

S/No.	NAME	POST APPLIED FOR	S/No.	NAME	POST APPLIED FOR	S/No.	NAME	POST APPLIED FOR	S/No.	NAME	POST APPLIED FOR
<b>ADAMAWA STATE</b>											
1.	AHMED AHJO TIJANI	TPO II	16.	MONE ABRAHAM	TPO II	11.	ONOWISE VICTOR EROBO	CTPO	6.	AKINTOKUN MOJISOLA	TPO II
2.	GARBA SILTALI ADAMU	TPO II	17.	NKIRIKUA C. OBAI	TPO II	12.	OSADEBE UCHE JOY	CTPO	7.	IBE AMARACHI	TPO II
3.	MAHMUD MUHAMMAD DODO	PTPO	18.	AUSTINE C. MAUREEN	TPO II	13.	OKONJI NNAMDI CHRISTOPHER	ACCT.II	8.	OLABISI JAYEOLA	TPO II
4.	MUDA MUSTAPHA	TPO II	19.	N. OSITA BENEDICT	TPO II	14.	ACHIBONG ANTHONY	TPO II	9.	NKIRU NNABUIFE	TPO II
5.	SIRAJ USMAN	TPO II	20.	DR. IGIE. I. PAUL	TPO II	15.	IJEH PETER CHUKWUDI	S TPO	10.	NWAFOR KATE	TPO II
6.	JONAH ANTHONY	TPO I	<b>BAUCHI STATE</b>			16.	BEZY ODE OKIE-MUTE	TPO II	11.	RAIMI A. ZAINAB	ACCT.II
7.	TAFIDA A SAEED	ACTPO	1.	ABDULLAHI AUWALU AZARE	TPO II	17.	AUGUSTINA CHALOKWU	TPO II	12.	OLAGBEMIRO COMFORT OLAYEMI	ACCT.II
8.	TIKI JUSTINA AARON	TPO I	2.	GLORIA F. STEPHEN USMAN	TPO II	18.	OGBOGBO A. R.	S TPO	13.	SALIU SULE DANLADI	TPO I
9.	FATI LAWAL GABDO	TPO II	3.	BABA GARUBA AHMED	TPO II	19.	ISITUA C. J.	ACTPO	14.	OBIWUNMA I. (MRS)	TPO II
10.	ABUBAKAR MUSA	TPO I	4.	ABDUL-MAJID JAMAL A.	TPO II	20.	AZUBIKE G. O.	TPO II	15.	FAMODU O. IYABO	TPO
11.	ABUBAKAR YAKUBU	TPO II	5.	AHMED DADIQ ABUBAKAR	TPO II	<b>EKITI STATE</b>			16.	AJUNWA NGOZI	TPO I
12.	ALIYU MOHAMMED	CTPO	6.	AHMED AHMED	TPO II	1.	FOLORUNSHO AKINTUNDE	TPO I	17.	ZAINAB HARUNA PAI	TPO II
13.	BASHIR BELLO MORMONI	TPO I	7.	AHMED SALEH JARMAJO	CTPO	2.	OJO OLUWAFEMI BABATUNDE	TPO I	18.	SHERIFAT HASSAN	TPO II
14.	KWAJ KWADE NIWADE	S TPO	8.	ASABE INUWA ADAMU	S TPO	3.	ROTIBA F. BABATUNDE	PTPO	19.	OGUNTIMILEHIN T. OLADIRAN	C/ACCT
15.	MOHAMMED BELLO USMAN	S TPO	9.	BALA ADAMU	TPO I	4.	THEOPHILUS FEMI OJUROUNGBE	C/ACCT	20.	UJU OKOYE	TPO II
16.	PAUL ISHAYA	PTPO	10.	HARUNA ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED	TPO II	5.	SAMUEL OLUWOLE OLAOYE	TPO II	<b>GOMBE STATE</b>		
17.	STELLA ABALIS	TPO II	11.	HUDU JUBRIL YUSUF	ACCT.II	6.	KEHINDE OWOLABI	TPO I	1.	ABDUL-AZIZ ABUBAKAR	TPO II
18.	MAKEN PHILIP JANET	TPO II	12.	IBRAHIM BALA	TPO II	7.	ADEOLA OMONIJO	TPO II	2.	ADAMU BALA ALIYU	TPO II
19.	BENJAMIN MBEBO	PTPO	13.	JAMILA MOHAMMED	TPO II	8.	AKINYA IFEDAYO	ST PO	3.	ADEGEBE ABU ALABI	ACCT.II
20.	AMINA HASSAN	TPO II	14.	MOHAMMED ISAH SHEHU	TPO II	9.	ONIPEDA MICHAEL	ACCT.II	4.	ASABE ALANAN D. THAANDA	TPO II
<b>ABIA STATE</b>			15.	KABIR HASSAN MANSIR	TPO II	10.	TOYIBO ADEFUNKE JOSEPHINE	TPO II	5.	BALA DANBATA	TPO II
1.	DIMBA CHIKA	TPO II	16.	HADIZA HAMZA	TPO II	11.	AJEWOLE OLUWOKOLA M.	TPO II	6.	BUKAR MOHAMMED	S TPO
2.	EKPO CHUKWUEMEKA	TPO II	17.	TAHIRU MOHAMMED	TPO II	12.	OGUNSOLA J. O.	ACTPO	7.	BOLUS JIMMY MAI	TPO II
3.	HENRY M. AGBAEZE	TPO II	18.	SALISU AHMED TIJJANI	TPO II	13.	LANRE KOLAWOLE	TPO II	8.	JERUSA CHRISTIANAH	TPO II
4.	PAULINE NDULAKA	PTPO	19.	SULEIMAN AHMED ISYAKU	TPO II	14.	BABAJIDE KAYODE	TPO II	9.	MONICA ADAMU	TPO II
5.	NGOZI ONWUCHEKWA	TPO II	20.	IBRAHIM I. DAWANA	TPO II	15.	AYOBAMI LAWAL	TPO II	10.	NUHU JOSEPH MAIGARI	TPO II
6.	IFEANYINWA HERBERT	PTPO	<b>BENUE STATE</b>			16.	OLANREWaju AWOGBEMI PETSON	TPO I	11.	PERI JOSEPH NGU	ACCT.II
7.	NWOKORO V. CHUKWU	TPO II	1.	JOSEPH M. TAN-AR	TPO II	17.	OJO STEPHEN	TPO II	12.	RAMATU MUHAMMED	ACCT.II
8.	EJIKE ACHAGBU	PTPO	2.	SAMUEL ABOH OKIRIGWE	TPO II	18.	BENGA OLUFEMI OJO	TPO II	13.	ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED GWANI	TPO II
9.	PATIENCE C. P. CHUKWU	S TPO	3.	JAMES UJAH ADAKOLE	TPO II	19.	OJO AKINWUMI RICHARD	TPO II	14.	IBRAHIM GARBA	TPO II
10.	REX UCHE NWANKWO	S TPO	4.	JOYCE NGHIEMEN ANGYO	TPO II	20.	AJAYI SAMUEL OLUWASEUN	TPO II	15.	AHMED USMAN MATAWALLE	CTPO
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12.	BARR UDEAGHA NWIGWE	S TPO	6.	FINNIN ALLAH	TPO II	1.	CHIOMA IDENYI	TPO II	17.	SANI B. HAMISU	TPO II
13.	CHARITY NWOSU	S TPO	7.	AINDIGH TERSEER ALBERTO	TPO II	2.	BOSIL OTO	CTPO	18.	MARYAM ABDULRAZAK	TPO II
14.	CHIMA NKWOONTA	CTPO	8.	AGEMA SCHOLASTICA	TPO II	3.	EKE IWOGU	PTPO	19.	AHMED M. MUSTAPHA	TPO II
15.	CHRISTIAN ELEKWA	ACTPO	9.	ALOGA ONYEBI	TPO II	4.	EZEH ISAAC	TPO II	20.	YUSUF I. AHMED	TPO II
16.	UZOECHIMA DARLINGTON	TPO II	10.	EDWARD ANE	TPO II	5.	IGWE-EBI GABRIEL	TPO II	<b>IMO STATE</b>		
17.	IMO B. CHIKA	TPO I	11.	AGBO ODIEKWU	TPO II	6.	ORJI OKO EMEA	TPO II	1.	UZOR ONYEKACHI PAUL KELVIN	PTPO
18.	JOHN OKOLIE	TPO II	12.	HUR ATSEN PAUL	TPO II	7.	OKAM AUGUSTA	STOP	2.	ENWERE JUDE EJIKE	TPO II
19.	NGOZI BETTY EKENYERE	TPO II	13.	ALEXANDER AMEH	ACCT.II	8.	OKOLO EJOFOR	TPO II	3.	GABRIEL O. OKONKWO	TPO II
20.	AKPU JUDITH	TPO II	14.	JULIE IGADO	TPO II	9.	OKORIE O. OKORIE	TPO II	4.	OPRARA PANTALEON C.	TPO I
<b>AKWA-IBOM STATE</b>			15.	PRICKSILLIA AMEH	TPO II	10.	OKPARA IDAM	TPO II	5.	KEKE STELLA	TPO I
1.	UDEME EFFIONG INYANG	TPO II	16.	REBECCA UTSA	TPO II	11.	EJIKE AKPA	TPO II	6.	LUKE NJOKU	CTPO
2.	ABRAHAM AKPA UMOH	CTPO	17.	TERFA GODWIN TALI	TPO II	12.	PETER E. OMAGHA MARY	TPO II	7.	NKWOGHA PETER	TPO II
3.	AKPABIO OFION	PTPO	18.	EIHODE IGBE QUEEN	TPO II	13.	OKORO JOHN	TPO II	8.	OPARAOCHA ELIGUIUS	TPO II
4.	COMFORT ALBERT UDOM	ACCT.II	19.	GERMAN ANN NGOHIDE	TPO II	14.	NNACHI AZU	TPO I	9.	THERESA ADUNAGUN	TPO II
5.	COMFORT IMOWO	TPO II	20.	JOSEPH IORZUA	TPO II*	15.	PETER E. AZUBUIKE	TPO I	10.	ECHENDU EMILE	TPO II
6.	EFIONG ANIEFOK UWANTA	TPO II	<b>BORNO STATE</b>			16.	EDWIN NKEMJIKA	TPO II	11.	NUMANZE SAMUEL	TPO II
7.	EMMANUEL SATURDAY AKPAN	TPO II	1.	ATTAH FRIDAY	TPO II	17.	ELEKWACHI LIVINUS	ACCT.II	12.	JOY C. ONYELEDO	TPO II
8.	HAPPY MONDAY AKPAN	ACCT.II	2.	BABAGANA WAZIRI	CTPO	18.	AGWU IBIAM	TPO II	13.	EDIT O. ANORIBE	TPO II
9.	ARNOLD JACKSON UDOH	TPO II	3.	BADANWSI BASHIRU	ACCT.II	19.	ONYEMA OGO	TPO I	14.	AZOGU IFEOMA	TPO II
10.	NDIFEKE ASIKPO	STOP	4.	DAVID M. DUKWA	PTPO	20.	AJA BARTHOLOMEW	TPO II	15.	BONIFACE NWONU	TPO I
11.	TONY S. UDOM	TPO I	5.	DIBAI L. IBRAHIM	C ACCT	<b>EDO STATE</b>			16.	DAMIAN C. NJOKU	TPO II
12.	SUNDAY EKANEM	PTPO	6.	DIBAL U. BATA	ACCT.II	1.	ANTHONIA ODAFEN	CTPO	17.	OPARAJI NNENNA LEONA	TPO I
13.	AKARAH A. DOMINIC	TPO II	7.	GRACE SAMBO	S TPO	2.	GOMINA VICTORIA OSUASHI	TPO II	18.	EMMANUEL UKAEGBU	TPO I
14.	IME IMEH UDOBON	TPO II	8.	MOHAMMED B. IBRAHIM SALEH	TPO II	3.	HABIBA KASIMU	CTPO	19.	NOYEREM ONYENKWU	TPO II
15.	STELLA UDO	TPO II	9.	MOHAMMED BUKUR UMAR	ACTPO	4.	LADI JOSEPH	TPO II	20.	OGECHE AKALAONU	TPO II
16.	ETEFIA N. MERCY	TPO II	10.	MHELLA A. BATA	CTPO	5.	MOMODU I. MOMODU	CTPO	<b>JIGAWA STATE</b>		
17.	VICTOR SUNDAY UKO	TPO I	11.	FATIMA IDRIS BULTU	TPO II	6.	OBOH JOAN OTANOIGBE	PTPO	1.	AHMED DAUDA ABUBAKAR	ACTPO
18.	IME I. UKPANAHA	TPO II	12.	HAMIDU MOHAMMED	TPO II	7.	OMOTAYO ALIU	TPO I	2.	AMINA MUSA AMINU	TPO II
19.	FABIAN L. EKPO	ACTPO	13.	MARY MOHAMMED GARBA	TPO II	8.	OVBIAGELE OKUNSERI ROSEMARY	TPO II	3.	GINSAU MANSUR	S TPO
20.	GLORIA ETOKEBE	TPO II	14.	BABA GONI ALI	S TPO	9.	SANDRA OKOGIE	TPO II	4.	HASSAN ISMAILA	TPO II
<b>ANAMBRA STATE</b>			15.	MOHAMMED IDRIS	TPO II	10.	ANDREW OKHIULU	TPO I	5.	HADIZA MUSTAPHA JUNAIDU	TPO II
1.	IGWEBUIKE STEPHEN ANNUNOBI	TPO II	16.	MOHAMMED BAI	TPO II	11.	LAWANI JAMES VIVIAN	TPO I	6.	IBRAHIM GARBA	TPO II
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6.	ANYAEGBU NKEM ANTHONIA	TPO II	<b>CROSS-RIVERS STATE</b>			16.	ALEX OJO MAIYAKI	ACCT.II	11.	RUFAI-KONI	CTPO
7.	ARINZE OSUNOR ALEXANDER	TPO II	1.	AKAN VERONICA JABE	TPO II	17.	EDOBOR AIBOR TUNDE	TPO II	12.	SANI ABDUL-RAFIU	ACTPO
8.	VICTOR C. OKAFOR	TPO II	2.	ALFRED MBOTO ABENG	C ACCT.	18.	AIGBDION AGNES AYODELE	TPO II	13.	UMARU SHEHU TAL.	TPO II
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10.	ALEXANDER O. OBUKAR	CTPO	4.	ELEMI SITV	TPO I	20.	IZEVBOKUN R. O.	TPO II	15.	AUTA ALH. MUHAMMAD	S TPO
11.	AGATHA CHINASA EMEJUE	TPO II	5.	FLORENCE BAIBARA DELE-OJE	TPO II	<b>ENUGU STATE</b>			16.	ZULYADAINI ISHAQ	TPO II
12.	ARINIE AMAKA IMELDA	TPO II	6.	IMOKE JOEL ILOKE	ACTPO	1.	CHINBOLI P. IJEOMA	TPO II	17.	AISHA A. RAFINDADI	CTPO
13.	ETHEL NWAFOR	ACCT.II	7.	OFFION ONONO ESSIEN	TPO II	2.	EMEJA M. MADUKAIFE	TPO II	18.	MAIGARI AUDU BAWA	S TPO
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17.	ONWUBUYA UCHE	ACCT.II	11.	ANIEDI ASUQUO BASSEY	TPO II	6.	RODAH N. NNENA	TPO II	1.	FATIMA A. BEN MUSA	CTPO
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<b>BAYELSA STATE</b>			15.	ELIZABETH ACHIBONG	TPO II	10.	NWANDU GHINEZE MWABUEZE	TPO II	5.	KASIM BELLO	ACCT.II
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2.	AGONODI ADU	PTPO	17.	JOHN OTU	ACCTS.II	12.	MOSES AGALLAH	ACCT.II	7.	RABI ISMAIL	TPO I
3.	CHARLES AGOLOMAOWE	ACCT.II	18.	O. WILFRED	TPO II	13.	ONYINTA ELIZABETH	ACCT.II	8.	SAFIYA SHAIBU	TPO II
4.	EBIYERINE BRISIBE	TPO I	19.	CHRISTOPHER U. A.	TPO II	14.	CHARLES OYANTA	TPO II	9.	ISAH JALALUDEEN	S TPO
5.	YOUNBAGHA VIVIAN	TPO II	20.	N. CELINE	TPO II	15.	JOY EKEOMA	TPO II	10.	ABDUL-MAJEED AHMED	PTPO
6.	KASS O. ODJEMU	TPO II	<b>DELTA STATE</b>			16.	OMURA OKORIE	TPO II	11.	ALIYU ISIAKU YAHAYA	TPO I
7.	JOHNNY P. EBIKABONEI	TPO I	1.	OBICHE GEORGINA	TPO II	17.	UZOAMAKA SYBIL OKEKE	TPO I	12.	SULEIMAN BINTA FATI	PTPO
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9.	OGBUKU INEBHARAPU	TPO I	3.	OSUME EJIU AINAH	TPO II	19.	EZEBILE PATIENCE U.	TPO II	14.	SUNDAY DALHATU	TPO II
10.	OGUNDELE-DIFFA IYABODE	TPO II	4.	PETER OKPONSOR	TPO II	20.	ONUIGBO STELLA	TPO II	15.	SANI DANJA	TPO I
11.	REX-OGBUKU INEBHRARAPU	TPO II	5.	AFAMUAFUNA I. ANTHONY	TPO II	<b>FCT</b>			16.	MICAH HOSEA	TPO II
12.	ODJEMU CHRIS	TPO II	6.	ITEGBE FRANCIS	TPO II	1.	AGBONIKA OMOLE BELLO	TPO I	17.	INNOCENT KAWAI	TPO II
13.	RACHEL ELIJAH	TPO II	7.	JOHN EMEKE	TPO II	2.	ODUSANYA T. K.	TPO II	18.	HUAWA ISHYAKU	TPO II
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M. S. RIMAYE	TPO II
AMINU LAWAL	TPO II
YAKUBU SANI STORES	PTPO
ZUBIRU IBRAHIM MOHAMMED	TPO II
LABARAN BELLO	TPO II
MU BARAK KAITA	TPO II
MUHAMMED DAYABUS PAPA	TPO II
YAKUBU GAMBO	TPO II
SAN USMAN UMAR	TPO II
IBRAHIM SIRIKA	ACTPO
TUJANI ABDULLAHI IMAM	S TPO
BILU ISU IBRAHIM	TPO II
YAKUBU SANI ZANGONDAURA	TPO II
ABDULLAHI HASSAN RAFINDADI	TPO I
YAKUBU ZANGAWA	TPO I
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MATILIA YAKUBU USMAN	ACTCT.II
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ABDULLAHI MAHMUD	CTPO
MOHAMED MAZU NA'ABBA	S TPO
MUHAMMED K. DAAKATA	PTPO
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ABDULWAHAB S. UMAR	TPO I
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MATILIA YUSUF USMAN	TPO I
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RAFUK BUBARI	TPO I
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<b>KEBBI STATE</b>	
ABBA RABU ABUBAKAR	PTPO
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ABBAKAR MOHAMMED	TPO I
ADAMU MOHAMMED	TPO II
AMINU ABUBAKAR	TPO II
FAFUK KOKO	ACC II
MUHAMMED B. BASHIR	TPO II
MUHAMMED SIRAJ DANLADI	TPO I
MUSA HUMAMMAD ISGOGO	ACTPO
UMMU HALIRU GWANDU	TPO II
USMAN ABUBAKAR GARBA	CTPO
SHEHU DIKKO GORA	PTPO
FAROUK HALIRU ABUBAKAR	PTPO
NASIRU LADAN BASHIR	TPO II
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HAMBOLU OLUFUNMILAYO	TPO II
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ALIJUMA TANKO	S TPO
MATHEW OLORODE	TPO II
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KINLEYE ADEWALE AKEEM	TPO II
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OLAJI KUDIRAT	TPO II
ODUKOYA OLUFEMI F.	TPO II
DESINA OLABISI CHRISTY	TPO II
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OGUNGBILE SOLA	CTPO
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3.	AMINA S. OTHMAN	TPO II
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6.	AUDU SALAMATU	TPO II
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8.	RUTH ANGBAZO	TPO II
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3.	AKILU MUSA	TPO II
4.	ATIKU MARAF A	PTPO
5.	ILIASU YAKUBU	CTPO
6.	IBRAHIM KUTA ABUBAKAR	TPO II
7.	IBRAHIM LADAN DANLADI	TPO I
8.	AMINA ABDULMALIK	TPO II
9.	MOHAMMED NAZIHI BALA	TPO II
10.	MUSA MOHAMMED MAKWANDO	CTPO
11.	SHEHU SAIDU NAMASKA	TPO II
12.	KABIRU S. YUSUF	TPO I
13.	UMAR SALIHU DANLAMI	TPO II
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16.	ALIYU IBRAHIM DANTATA	TPO II
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4.	FADIPE IBRAHIM YEMI	PTPO
5.	ODERINDE ABIODUN KIDIAT	TPO II
6.	ONASILE ADEBOLA NATHANIEL	TPO II
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11.	ADEGBITE BASHIR ADENIYI	TPO II
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13.	AKINYA IFEDAYO	S TPO
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8.	OYINSAN FUNMI	TPO II
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10.	OLANIYAN A. S. ADEGBOYEGA	PTPO
11.	OLAJOYE ADETOYESE	TPO I
12.	JALADE K.	TPO I
13.	OYEDELE CHRISTIANA A.	TPO I
14.	OLUWOLE S. MONEHIN	PTPO
15.	AKINSOLU OLATOUN	TPO I
16.	THOMPSON E. MOGBEYI	ACTPO
17.	AKEFM A ADEKOLA	TPO I
18.	RAYMOND OLU IKULAJOLA	TPO II
19.	ODERINU EZEKIEL OLUKOLA	TPO I
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4.	ADEWOLU A. A.	TPO I
5.	AJALA ADEWOLE OPOOLA	S TPO
6.	OLATUNDE YETUNDE	TPO II
7.	AKIN OGUNGBILE	TPO II
8.	ALAO ADEWALE ADESHINA	S TPO
9.	AYOFE KAYODE ADISA	TPO II
10.	BAMIDURO OLUSOLA	CTPO
11.	OYERINDE BOLAJI	TPO II
12.	ONI SUSANA OLUKEMI	TPO II
13.	OKEYINKA SUNDAY	TPO II
14.	EBODA YOMI	TPO II
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18.	ADEBAYO ADEDIRAN	CTPO
19.	OJETUNDE ABIMBOLA TAIWO	TPO II
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<b>OYO STATE</b>		
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3.	ADEWUSI TAJUDEEN ADEWOLE	ACTPO
4.	ADIJAT RAHIM	TPO II
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13.	OTEJU JAMES OLUWATOYIN	TPO II
14.	ADENLE S. O.	ACTCT.II
15.	KAYODE BABAJIDE AKINSANMI	TPO I
16.	OYEBIYI OLABISI OYEKANMI	TPO I
17.	OWOLABI S. ADEDAYO	TPO I
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19.	OLURODE ISHOLA M.	TPO II
20.	B. BABALOLA (MRS)	PTPO
<b>PLATEAU STATE</b>		
1.	ABDULLAHI ZUNGUM	CTPO
2.	AISHATU AKILU	ACTPO
3.	AKPA L. GILLIAN	ACTCT.I
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8.	FRANCIS SABO	PTPO
9.	JULCTI DAUDU	CTPO
10.	LUKA S. GOTWAN	TPO II
11.	RELICX SHOLBAN	TPO II
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13.	BRIDGET AKPAN	TPO I
14.	ADAMU MICAH B. G.	TPO II
15.	IDORENYIN ETIM BENEDICT	TPO II
16.	EMMANUEL TONGMAN	TPO II
17.	ANITA DADA BRAIMA	ACTCT.II
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19.	U. I. FRANKLIN	TPO II
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3.	FINEFACE MPAKA	TPO II
4.	HARRY HENRY N.	CTPO
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6.	DOIGWOG ASUEIZA	TPO II
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11.	MARY ONUA	TPO I
12.	DIMKPA VICTOR CHIKANELE	ACTCT.II
13.	WORENWI CHIMEZIE	ACTCT.II
14.	NSITEM CHIZENUN DENIS	TPO I
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16.	DICK C. OFEM	TPO II
17.	FIDELIS O.	TPO II
18.	BENIBO MONIMA SIBO	TPO I
19.	IGANI ASELEMI DAVID	TPO II
20.	ABI ASELEMI DAVID	TPO I
<b>SOKOTO STATE</b>		
1.	ISA U. MUSA	TPO II
2.	ABDULLAHI JAGO	CTPO
3.	ABUBAKAR GONDONDAJI	TPO II
4.	ABDULRAZAQ TANKO	TPO II
5.	ABUBAKAR OMAR	TPO II
6.	AHMED L. ALA	ACTPO
7.	ALIYU ABDULKADIR	PTPO
8.	BELLO ASMA'AU ABUBAKAR	TPO II
9.	MAGA WATA	TPO I
10.	HAMZA SHEHU	CTPO
11.	MALAMI MOHAMMED	TPO II
12.	MOHAMMED KABIR	TPO I
13.	MUHAMMED ALIYU	S TPO
14.	MUSTAFA AMINU	TPO II

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15.	USMAN BELLO	TPO II
16.	IBRAHIM MUSA	TPO II
17.	BALA USMAN MOHAMMED	TPO II
18.	MOHAMMED AUDU SAMBO	TPO II
19.	A. S. JIYA	TPO II
20.	T. O. HASSAN	TPO II
<b>TARABA STATE</b>		
1.	SAULA TANKO	TPO II
2.	DR. PAUL I. IGIE	TPO II
3.	NUHU NASIRU MUSA	TPO II
4.	BALAN M DANDASADU	TPO II
5.	ASHMMFA U. RIMAYSIKWE	TPO II
6.	ATIKU G. IBRAHIM	CTPO
7.	AYUBA ANYA	S TPO
8.	DOUGLAS KISABA	TPO II
9.	MATIDI DANJUMA	TPO II
10.	MOSES A. ADMU	ACTCT.II
11.	NYANGUA C. ASHASM	TPO II
12.	RIMMAMSONTE OBABIAH	TPO II
13.	SARA S. ANDEYABE	TPO II
14.	SARA PANTUVO	TPO II
15.	THERESA A. MAINGUWA	TPO II
16.	USMAN UMAR	TPO II
17.	WILLIAMS FANTA	TPO II
18.	YAKUBU AJAGAI	TPO II
19.	MAIRO MOHAMMED	TPO II
20.	PHILIMON AHMED	TPO II
<b>YOBE STATE</b>		
1.	ABUBAKAR M. SADIQ	TPO II
2.	ABUBAKAR YIMATIN	TPO II
3.	AHMED A. MOHAMMED	TPO II
4.	ALI M. BUKAR	TPO II
5.	BABA Y. AISHA	ACTCT.II
6.	ABBA SIDI BARDE	TPO II
7.	HADIZA ABBO	TPO II
8.	JONAH B.BAWA	ACTPO
9.	MOHAMMED Z. LARAI	TPO II
10.	SANUSI A. NAMAI	TPO I
11.	USMAN B. JAJERE	PTPO
12.	ZANAB BABA YUSUF	TPO II
13.	ADAMU ABUBAKAR	PTPO
14.	FINANGA P. AMTASSA	TPO II
15.	EZEKIEL DOGO	TPO I
16.	ABUBAKAR MA'AJI	TPO II
17.	MOHAMMED SANI TAHIR	TPO II
18.	FATIMA BENTA ABUBAKAR	TPO II
19.	SIRAJO RABU	TPO II
20.	ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED	TPO II
<b>ZAMFARA STATE</b>		
1.	DANDARE SHEHU GITHURI	TPO II
2.	GARBA ALHAJI BARAU	ACTPO
3.	IBRAHIM BALA GUSAU	CTPO
4.	IBRAHIM BALA MUSA	PTPO
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## Life Line

### JAPAN

A Japanese man kept his dead father refrigerated for 13 years apparently in hopes he could be brought back to life, a news report said today.

The *Daily Asahi Shimbun*, quoting the police, said the son did not want the body of his father, who had died of an illness, to be cremated as is the custom in Japan. Instead he tried to preserve it with dry ice before buying a large refrigerator to serve as a temporary burial vault.

Recently, however, a neighbour smelled a strange odour emanating from the son's city apartment and alerted the police, the newspaper said.

The police discovered that the electricity in the dwelling had been turned off and that the son, who was described as unemployed and about 50 years old, had disappeared.

Later, the man telephoned the police, who were unable to persuade him to pick up the body of his father. Since that phone call, the police have had no contact with the son, the newspaper said.

### ENGLAND

A bride and groom in northern England spent their wedding night in jail cells after a fight broke out at their reception, police said today.

Lee and Tracy Pearson were among five people arrested during the brawl involving 40 guests in Leeds. Police had to use CS spray to douse the fight.

At the reception, it was alleged that two uninvited guests had stolen some CDs and when Pearson, 31, confronted them a fight broke out.

Dozens of people joined in and Pearson said that he struck a man, unaware that he was a plain clothes officer who had been called to stem the fracas. Mrs. Pearson, 37, said that she was sprayed in the face with CS spray.

Pearson said: "I ended up in cell Number 10 at the Leeds Bridewell police station and Tracy was in cell 41. It wasn't how we planned to spend our wedding night, that's for sure."

### GERMANY

Germany's constitutional court today rejected moves by two of the nation's states to head off a new government law aimed at recognising gay and lesbian partnerships, clearing the way for homosexual couples to register their relationships from August 1.

The two states, Sazony and Bavaria, which are ruled by conservative-led governments, had sought to overturn the law drawn up by Germany's ruling Social Democrat-Green coalition.

Lawyers for the two states argued that the legislation was a violation of the protection of marriage and the family as set out in the nation's constitution.

Berlin's law is aimed at bringing homosexual couples into line with heterosexual relationships. This includes improving the rights of those in gay partnerships in terms of tax, inheritance and housing.

### SWEDEN

A Swedish bullterrier swallowed 1,000 crowns (\$94) but returned the money, almost unspoiled, to its mistress the natural way, the Swedish daily *Dagens Nyheter* reported on Tuesday.

The six-year old bitch Tassilla gobbled up two 500-crown bills. The first bill emerged the next morning, smelly but undamaged, followed by the second during an evening walk.

"They (the bills) are slightly yellow and I think I'll iron them," mistress Gunilla Gonon-Sabelstrom was quoted as saying.

### GREECE

The Athens Acropolis, the Oracle of Delphi and hundreds of other ancient sites and museums across Greece were closed on Tuesday as Culture Ministry employees went on strike demanding pay hikes and increase in staff.

"From today until July 29 we will be on strike..." culture ministry employees' representative Giorgos Alvanos told Reuters.

He said workers on Monday met Deputy Finance Minister, George Drys but the two sides failed to reach agreement.

## ASP Zadok: MKO Abiola's adopted son

By Uwem Umo

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Theodore Bethuel Zadok of the Nigeria Police Force, 'B' Department, force headquarters, Abuja, can be described as one of the sons of the late Chief Moshood Abiola who died in detention on June 8, 1999.

Zadok who was deployed to the police mobile force, Number 24 Squadron, Presidential Escort, Doddan Barracks, Ikoyi in November 1989 as escort to the President and Commander-In-Chief, Federal Republic of Nigeria eventually transferred to Abuja in 1991 as the officer in charge of the squadron responsible for providing escort and guard to the presidency.

That was how the police officer eventually got posted to the detention base of the late political hero when he was taken into detention in 1994.

However, ASP Zadok, among other duties apart from heading the detention base also was in charge of overseeing everything concerning Abiola including food, toiletries and medicaments.

ASP Zadok had the onerous duty of tasting Abiola's food, water and beverages anytime the chief wanted to eat or drink and in that duty there were many implications and grave risks but duty made demands of him and he had to obey.

For over two years the

policeman attended to Abiola, they became so close and friendly because Zadok was the only person who had access to the chief anytime of the day

or night even to the extent that they shared very personal close moments.

Such close moments were manifested in some personal letters the chief wrote to Zadok, one of which was ten-

dered as exhibit before the Human Rights Violations and Investigation Commission (HRVIC) in Abuja recently.

In the letter tendered before the commission, Abiola in his characteristic passionate manner wrote very affectionately to Zadok in appreciation of his services, called the policeman His "son" and promised to show his "appreciation in practical terms" if he ever left the detention centre.

Unfortunately, there was a very serious ironic situation in the relationship between the two men because Abiola never knew ASP Zadok in his true identity because he was introduced to the chief as a certain army lieutenant.

Thus, until his death on that fateful day, July 7, 1999, Abiola never knew ASP Zadok as a policeman but as a "son" and what has pained the ASP so much is that the chief died mysteriously after a purported cup of tea at a meeting in Aguda house attended by top American officials, the UN boss, Kofi Annan, Emeka Anyaoku, then Head of the Commonwealth and the then Head of State, Abdulsalam Abubakar and his officials.



Theodore Zadok

## When drama serves health

From Bose Musari, in Lagos

The Afrotainment Production has begun a drama enlightenment campaign to put a stop to the rapidly spreading HBuman immune virus endemic claiming millions of lives in our society.

The group which consist of

students from the University of Lagos at the weekend in Lagos staged a play titled "Hell's Invitation" to educate the youth on the cause and consequences of contacting the disease.

Stressing condom's incapability to prevent AIDS, the group unveiled the mystery surrounding HIV/AIDS, which has beaten the most ardent of researchers.

The disease which could also be transmitted through blood covenant in the secret cult in our higher schools has become an endemic global phenomenon. Statists shows that 8,500 people contact HIV everyday.

Featuring 5 undergraduates who got initiated into a secret cult the same clay through blood covenants with 4 of them down with HIV transferred by one of them, the drama not only taught the spiritual implication of cultism but also the physical and health hazard which could result from it.

Hell's invitation also featured a young lady, Stella, who

was HIV victim's councillor but unfortunately tested positive of HIV through some ignorant acts that could make the most careful being a victim.

Stella couldn't comprehend the nightmare of knowing she would soon leave the sweet world for the great beyond and so decided to commit suicide. Thank God for roommates who walked in on time to avert the tragic end of the elegant looking beauty. She later became an HIV campaigner.

"Hell's Invitation, written and directed by Jekwu Ozoemene and Bunmi Davies respectively taught the microscopic nature of the HIV and its ability to penetrate a rubber sheet such as the condom aside the known ways of contacting it; thereby rendering condom unproductive in respect of AIDS.

Bunmi Davies, a Banking and Finance student of UNILAG who coupled as the director of the play described AIDS as the most generous public enemy saying at least 2.6 million Nigerian adults live with HIV, a number which constitute 10 percent of the African figures.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* at the end of the show, Bunmi said 25 million of the 36 million AIDS victims are Africans and 21 million of this number are dead already; Africa accounting for more than 75 percent of the figure.

He also stated the prevalent rate of the HIV in the country from 1.8 percent in 1993 to 3.8 percent in 1994, 4.5 percent in 1996 and 5.4 percent in 1999.

Bunmi described Afrotainment as a production outfit with a view to connecting society ills using drama as a medium. Shot into limelight by its first production "Iyawo," the Unilag theatre 15 president said Afrotainment is a formidable future market leader with young talented members.

## Sex-mad 'ghost' scares Zanzibaris

Fear has struck residents of the Zanzibar Islands after rumours of the re-emergence of a sexually voracious ghost that attacks people while they sleep in their beds at night.

Many Zanzibaris are now refusing to sleep in their houses as they believe it only preys on people in the comfort of their own beds.

The ghost or genie goes by the name of Popo Bawa and people believe that it sodomises its victims, most of whom are men.

In recent years the residents on the semi-autonomous Tanzanian islands claimed that Popo Bawa only visited the islanders during voting, such as in the contentious general elections in 1995 and 2000.

But to the surprise of many this current ghost has reappeared when there is no polling of any kind.

In the latest panic, he is said to be striking in the north of Zanzibar island as well as in central Pemba.

Zanzibar has semi-autonomous status.

People claim his presence in a house is revealed by an acrid smell and a puff of smoke.

Victims then speak of being in a trance or dreamlike state as they are molested.

And, so the story goes, if they do not reveal what has happened then Popo Bawa will strike the next night.

A previous ghost, known for attacking children, was reported to have terrorised the islands for six months.



Cast of 'Hell's invitation'



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# The Media Tour

## Democracy dividends abound in Rivers

The team of journalists currently going around the country to assess the achievements recorded by the three tiers of government within the first two years of democracy in Nigeria visited Rivers State between 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2001.

It is almost impossible not to admire Rivers State. Although it must be pointed out that discussing the achievements of a state like Rivers will arguably be less interesting than discussing why it has failed to succeed. The State is so naturally endowed that it has only itself to beat. It has oil, a seaport, and infrastructure dating back more than 30 years. Despite this preconceived notion on its national advantage, however, Rivers State still managed to mesmerise the visiting journalists.

First there was the governor himself, 53 years old medical Doctor, Peter Odili. When Dr. Odili received the group during a courtesy visit on the first day of the tour, he requested after the preliminary greetings, for "a few minutes" so that he could, in his own words, "acquaint" the journalist with what they will be doing during the visit.

Those few minutes stretched into more than one hour. Using a Giant Computer Monitor, the governor started by recalling and explaining the promises he made to the people of Rivers State two years ago. At this juncture one had the feeling that either some clever trick was being hatched or something quite noble was about to unfold. This was because traditionally, politicians would rather make new promises than revisit old ones. Having recounted his promises, the governor then went on to reel out his achievements and the two (the promises and the achievements) matched each other almost word for word. What was left was for the governor to show to his visitors concrete evidence of what he claimed he had achieved.

One of the most striking achievements of Rivers State is

Garba Deen Muhammad, in Port Harcourt

in the Area of power generation. Like its Western neighbour, Bayelsa, Rivers State simply ignored NEPA and instead, decided to use what it has to get what it needs. Perhaps Rivers is the only state that has a Ministry for Power. In accordance with the 1999 Constitution which placed power generation, transmission and distribution on the concurrent list (i.e. within the ambit of the State) Rivers embarked on an Independent Power Project (IPP) with the construction of three gas turbine stations. When completed, the three turbines will cost the Rivers State government about N14bn and will generate a total of 125MW; 55MW over and above the present energy requirement of the state. Indeed the troubled Ogoni are already benefiting from the Eleme Gas Turbine, which was inherited from the last military administration and refurbished at the cost of N944m. Thus according to Mr. Reginald Wilcox the Rivers State Commissioner for Power, by November 2002 Rivers State will not only be self-reliant with respect to electricity but it will also be in a position to help its neighbours!

Another evidence of developments in Rivers State is its housing project. Perhaps the impressive achievement recorded in this direction is the reason why the Obasanjo administration appointed Dr. P. Odili as the chairman, National Housing Policy Scheme.

The state government has so far completed 1000 housing units and another 4000 are in various stages of completion. Although the Provision of houses or accommodation appears to be a cardinal principle of all the political parties, the difference could be in the form of accessibility of these houses by the lower and middle income citizens of the states. In Rivers and Bayelsa there is a visible effort

towards ensuring equity in the eventual distribution of the houses.

While some states concentrate their efforts on the urban centres, the Rivers State government has spread the 5,000 housing projects across the 23 local governments in the state with population density as the major determinant of how many units are sited in each location.

verdict of the journalist who rode in one of those ferries to Bonny Island was that the boats are well worth the N2m paid for them. Although the governor had insisted, the visiting journalists could not take a train ride due to time constraints. But the continuous hooting of the big machines was enough evidence of their activity.

Coming from small,

visit.

The first was Abomena, the home of the former Election Commission boss, Chief Samna Dagogo-Jack. The Islanders here gave the visitors a rousing welcome, which was appropriate since they are by far among the greatest beneficiaries of democracy dividends which came in the form of a N6bn. F.G. bridge and a road that now links

excited about visits by top government officials to Bonny.

The complaints directed at the Federal government by the monarch sounded rather strange because another monarch, the Eze Oba of Ogbia land had made similar complaints of neglect. It is strange because the state Governor, Dr. Odili who should be doing all the grunting was in fact full of praises for the federal Government. In an official document cataloguing the achievements of his administration the governor listed a number of federal government projects in the state. These included shore protection erosion for Ndom town, the Otamiri river water project (N1.2.b) extension of railway lines to Ahoada, approval for Lufthansa Airline to fly in and out of Port Harcourt, dredging of Orashi and Opobo river, construction of a new river Port, dualisation of Port Harcourt, Eleme road among others.

There is one other interesting phenomena noticed in Rivers. This reporter had noticed the presence of an unusual pair of men among the officials of the River State Government that moved in the convoy of the Minister and his entourage. They were unusual because they dressed and looked like Hausas from the North.

On enquiry, one of them, a Mallam Abubakar Ibrahim explained that they are indeed Hausas from the North but settled in Rivers. According to them, the state Governor, Dr. Odili had always involved them in all official ceremonies. Even the Minister when he noticed the duo had asked the governor, lightly if he was "taking good care of my people." To which the governor has replied, "Yes, they are."

Despite its size, wealth and sophistication Port Harcourt still enjoys a relatively minimal level of crime rate. To keep it so, the state government contributes generously to the Police Command in the state through providing them with extra security vans, bullet proof vests and a handsome extra allowance!

For this, the governor declared that the state enjoys a certain amount of security so that in his own words "Rivers State has never had and never will need, the services of a tribal army."



RIVLINE Buses in Port Harcourt

Equally commendable is the price and the mode of payment. The houses in Rivers which range from 2-3 bedroom flats, detached or Semi-detached are to be sold for a maximum price of N1.2m per house. Only 10% down payment is required, the rest is to be paid in 10 years!

In Transport, Education and Health, there are visible signs of serious and well focused efforts aimed at making life easier for the people.

For instance in the area of transport, Governor Odili had boasted that the visiting journalists will ride on land, rail and water in order to experience first hand how far the state government had gone in that direction. Again, Rivers is the only state where all three forms of transportation still function together. Sure enough, the entire sojourn through the nooks and crannies of the state was done via buses provided by Riv-line Transport. The state-owned transport Authority owns 57 of these 58-seater buses; judiciously distributed to cover the state capital, Port Harcourt and the Local Councils and some were designated for the use of primary, secondary and tertiary institutions (University of Port Harcourt and Port Harcourt University of Science & Technology). Interestingly, all categories of students enjoy free rides on those buses. Also children under six and adults over 60 years enjoy free medical care.

An equal amount of attention was also given to water transport. Eight 35 seater boats were allocated to cover travel by water in the local government areas. For longer sailing purposes, Rivers State ordered 10, 74-seater state of the art ferry boats from Italy. Two of those are already on ground and in full operation. Perhaps it is necessary here to say that the

suburban, water logged and cramped Yenagoa, Port Harcourt seemed like another world to the visiting journalists.

With its long snaky road network, its glittering skyline and lively population, Port Harcourt seemed to have captured the best of Lagos without its accompanying horrors such as daylight robbery, drab appearance and dirt. It is also a very gentle city. Where Lagos and, to a lesser extent, Kano intimidate and throw rude challenges that makes the squeamish visitors want to flee, Port Harcourt smiles and beckons, promising every kind of pleasure.

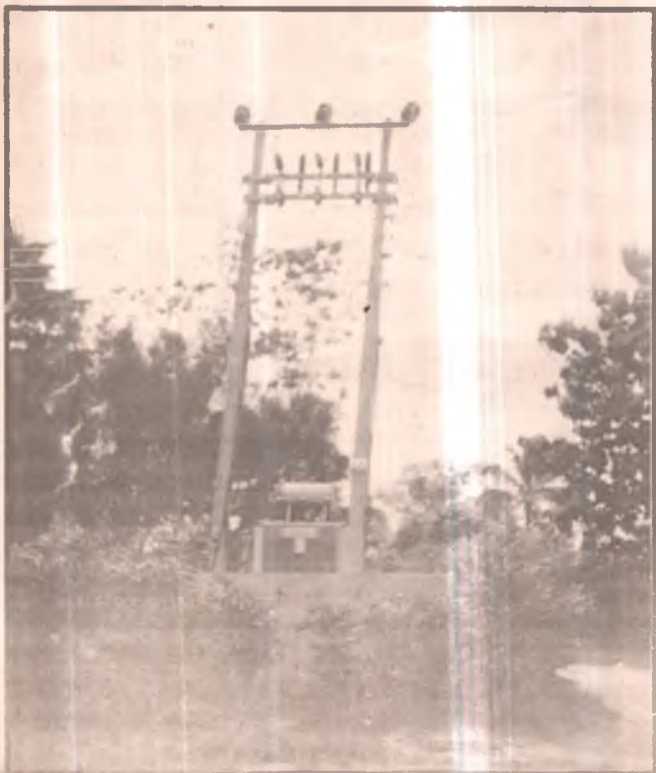
But it is AIDS-infested. This revelation came from no other authority than the articulate state Governor Dr. Peter Odili who should know, being a medical doctor. So he warned his visitors to be careful. Little did the governor know that the warning was unnecessary since the tight schedule of the visitors precluded, in the main what he was alluding to.

To complement or perhaps compete with Port Harcourt in fun and beauty are a number of Islands two of which the journalists were privileged to

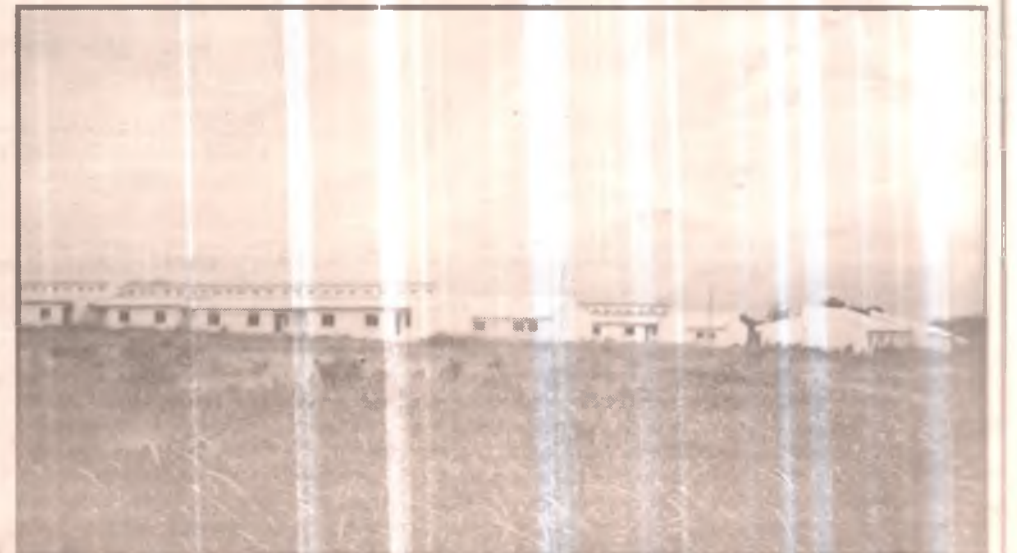
them to the rest of humanity.

The other Island visited was Bonny, home of Nigeria's future (or present) gold mine: the liquefied Natural Gas Project (LNG). The two hour boat ride from Port Harcourt to Bonny was in itself a noble experience for most of the journalists because it involved travelling along the River Niger and crossing the point where the river meets the Atlantic Ocean.

The Island of Bonny itself is something of a national antiquity. The millions of slaves that were shipped from Nigeria and other neighbouring countries actually departed their fatherland from Bonny. Although there are no monuments that may evoke those dark, sad memories, the island still spots tell-tale signs of a once strategic and proud city-state. Among other things, it has its own Police department, an Immigration post, a customs point, a library and a monarch. In spite of the multi-billion naira LNG project on its soil, the monarch, Amaneyebo Pepple William who is in his late thirties feels that Bonny suffers a lot of neglect despite its economic contributions to the nation's economy. He told Professor Jerry Gana that he was no longer



Rural electrification at Uniyankha one of the many such projects in Rivers State



The Rivers State Housing Scheme in Bonny Island



# Crime & Punishment



## Bank robbery: 15 held

The Lagos State police command will tomorrow parade about 15 suspected robbers arrested in connection with the robbery at Diamond Bank, Marina, Lagos during which N36 million was allegedly carted away.

The command's Public Relations Officer (PRO) Victor Chilaka (an ASP), told *Daily Trust* in an interview that the robbers have made useful statements to the police.

The robbers were said to have stormed the bank on July 11, at about 8:45 a.m. and ransacked the bank, carting away the money.

About one million naira cash was said to have been recovered in the premises of the bank immediately after the robbery incident.

Meanwhile, in its continued onslaught on armed robbers in Lagos, the state police command has again shot dead five members of a 10-man robbery gang as they were sharing their loot in a Banana plantation at Ago road area of Ikorodu.

According to *Daily Trust* source, the robbers were

*From Adelanwa Bamgboye, in Lagos*

sharing their loot when information reached the police that they were with sophisticated weapons.

A joint team of detectives led by Inspector Samuel Owolabi moved to the area

but on sighting them the hoodlums opened fired forcing the police to take cover.

But the police team speedily re-organised and fired back, gunning down five of the robbers while the rest fled through a canal.

## Bisket's trial continues

Further hearing in the child stealing case preferred against a Lagos business woman Mrs. Adebisi Dan Musa a.k.a BISKET and two others will continue today at the Ebute Metta Chief magistrate court

At the last hearing, prosecuting police officer, Assistant Superintendent Gabriel Nnaji had prayed the court to revoke the bail granted to Bisket.

Contrary to Mrs. Dan Musa's claim that Ademola (one of the children allegedly stolen) had been sent to the United States, the police prosecutor told the senior magistrate, Ms. Sybil Nwaka that the 16th child did not travel overseas but had died.

ASP Nnaji told the court

that Ademola's death was discovered from the statements volunteered by the 15 children found in the accused person's custody.

Said Nnaji "we learnt somebody was killed and we asked the accused who is now on bail to come and clear this. The children are actually 16 and not 15.

One of them, Ademola, said to have travelled did not travel, he died. "We discovered this from the statements of the kids."

Mrs. Dan Musa had during interrogation informed police that one of the kids had travelled to USA for studies.

The prosecutor also told the court that police had not completed investigations. "Based on this, an invitation letter was sent to Bisket and her husband to come to state Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Panti, Yaba to make further statements to enable

Despite the long-standing request by natives of Ekwulobia, Anambara State resident in Lagos for the release of the corpses of their four kinsmen allegedly killed in error by the police, the Lagos State police command has indicated its intention to retain the bodies until it has

## Police retain corpses of four suspects

concluded investigations into the case.

The four victims were; Aloysius Osigwe, Anthony Ezenwafor, Chukwuebuka Ezeofor and Izuchukwu Exama all living together in a flat, at No. 22, Olaitan street in Surulere area of Lagos State.

They were reported to have on July 1, 2001 escaped from an armed robbery invasion but were shot moments later in a nearby compound where they had sought safety.

Chief Chuks Olisa, lawyer to the Ekwulobia Assembly, Lagos branch, an umbrella organisation of all natives of Ekwulobia in

Lagos, had July 16, on behalf of his clients filed a formal application to the commissioner of police in Lagos State, requesting him to immediately release the corpses for a befitting burial.

Earlier, in a petition dated July 2, (a day after the killing), the lawyer on behalf of the Ekwulobia Community had petitioned the commissioner of police, insisting that the four persons killed by the police were not armed robbers and dominated for immediate release of their bodies.

The community's Secretary - General, Mr. Ifeanyi Ogwatu also at a subsequent press briefing in Lagos said: "Police have murdered four of our sons who were running away from robbers. And when we got to Area C (of the Lagos Police Command), they (the police) realised that they (our sons) were not robbers but the corpses have not been released to us."

In the latest application for the release of the dead bodies, Chief E. Nwoluwa stated that it had become necessary since his clients, the Ekwulobia people had been invited to inspect corpses to know their state, not to testify before any panel or investigating body as requested in their petition of July 2.

He said that his clients had been placed in suspense since they forwarded their petition to the office of the police commissioner, Lagos State command, and appealed to the police commissioner, Mr. Mike Okiro to release the corpses to their relations in the interest of Justice.

police get more information on the alleged stolen children.

But chief Babasola Rhodes SAN counsel to Bisket told the court that he acknowledged the invitation letter from the police.

Meanwhile Rhodes has asked the court to release the 15 children to the accused persons for custody.

## Robbers kill bizman, four others

Hell was let loose in Lagos at the weekend as notorious armed robbers unleashed terror on Lagosians killing no fewer than five people in the process, including a Lagos based businessman named Chief Samuel Bola Taiwo.

According to a police situation report (SITREP), about four armed robbers on Friday July 20, invaded National filling station Onipanu.

Bola Taiwo, the owner of the filling station was shot dead. Also killed was the security guard whose name and address are yet to be ascertained.

The late businessman was said to be on his way to attend the graduation ceremony of his child when the incident happened.

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Barrister H. Shuaibu  
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# German firm bids for scoreboard contract

By Patrick Andrew  
**Abuja Stadium**

The bid for the installation of electronic scoreboard at the new National Stadium, Abuja has begun in earnest.

Leading the bidding exercise was a Germany firm, which pleaded with the sports ministry to give it consideration when the contract for the project will be made.

The firm argued on Tuesday that it would need expert handling to install the electronic scoreboard because of the technicalities involved in the project.

The firm, WIGE ASIA, a management information consultant told Sports Minister, Ishaya Mark Aku that an excellent electronic scoreboard was inevitable in view of the All Africa Games and the Commonwealth Games.

Ms. Schneider who represented the chairman of the firm said the edifice in Abuja

requires the most technically sound scoreboard capable of performing functions expected of modern scoreboards.

Mr. Scheindor observed

that the firm was capable of handling all technical installation of the scoreboard noting that it would give Nigeria guarantee on its installation.

Sports Minister, Ishaya Mark Aku lauded the firm for expressing interest in the installation of the scoreboard

noting that Nigeria will not sacrifice competence for mediocrity.

The minister said Nigeria will therefore, not tolerate technical lapses in the installation of the electronic scoreboard, in view of the huge amount expended in the construction of the stadium.

## Nigeria/Ghana cracker

### It's a brotherly affair - Rivers Dep. Gov

The Rivers State deputy governor, Sir Gabriel Toby, has assured that the Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> World Cup qualifier between the Black Stars of Ghana and Nigeria's Super Eagles in Port Harcourt is going to be between two brotherly teams.

Sir Toby said this at the weekend while receiving Ghana's Acting High Commissioner in Nigeria at the Government House, Port

From Aisha Momoh, in Port Harcourt

Harcourt. "I recalled the common experiences of both countries and their long fraternal relationship even in sport and would like it maintained," he stressed.

Sir Toby said Nigerians are friendly people, particularly, the people of Rivers State, have shared a relationship with Ghanaians and believed that working together

will achieve a lot for both countries.

He assured the visitors of adequate security and added that as part of his efforts to this direction, tickets for the match would be sold between Thursday and Saturday to ensure effective crowd control.

Ghana's High Commissioner to Nigeria, Mrs Nana Bema Kumi, who is in Port Harcourt with a message from President John Kuffor said he prayed that the match will be a milestone the relationship between both countries.



Saul Martinez, left, of Honduras fights for the ball against Juan of Brazil during a quarterfinal game of the Copa America at the Palo Grande in Manizales, Colombia on Monday. Martinez scored the two goals that gave the victory to Honduras.

## Agge wins Kano sports fiesta

From Jamilah Nuhu Musa, in Kano

The Kano State Mini Sports Festival ended at the weekend with Agge Local Government taking the first position and winning the Governor Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso trophy.

Municipal Local Government came second and Mini Local Government while Kibiya Local Government won first positions in cycling competition and table tennis.

Agge Local Government, which exhibited excellent performance, won medals in volleyball, basketball and handball games.

The traditional games competition saw Tarauni, Garun Mallam and Dawakin Local Governments winning medals for Dambe, Kokuwa and Langa respectively.

Kano Municipal Council won the football gold beating Kumbotso Local Government in a penalty shoot-out after a goalless draw.

Declaring the sporting fes-

tival closed, Governor Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso said government is highly impressed with the level of discipline and sportsmanship shown during the competition.

He expressed hope that the athletes would now be better equipped to face future encounters.

The governor, who was represented by the Chief Justice of the state Alhaji Sanusi Chiroma Yusuf promised to continue to give necessary support by renovating all existing facilities in the state.

He expressed appreciation to some individuals and organisations who gave moral and material assistance as part of their social responsibility towards enhancing the success of the festival.

In his own closing remarks the chairman of Kano

State Sports Council, Alhaji Wada Waziri Ibrahim, said that mini sporting activities had been a motivating factor as demonstrated in the interest shown by local governments in the state towards the development of sports.

He congratulated the winning teams and the officials for their fair, judgment and also the media for excellent coverage.

## Honduras stun Brazil in Copa America

Honduras pulled off the biggest shock in Copa America history by beating Brazil to reach the semi-finals.

The Central American underdogs were only invited to take part in the competition as last-minute replacements for Argentina.

They will meet hosts Colombia, who earlier beat Peru 3-0 with two goals from striker Victor Hugo Aristizabal and one from Giovanni Hernandez, all in

the second half.

An own goal by midfielder Belletti and an injury-time effort from Saul Martinez handed Brazil yet another shock defeat following similar upsets against Ecuador and Australia earlier this year.

Although both teams were missing their best players, the result is still likely to go down as a high point in Honduran football history alongside their sole World Cup appearance in 1982.

It could also plunge Brazil back into the crisis from which they appeared to have escaped with earlier wins over Peru and Paraguay in the first round.

"We played well below our capabilities," said Brazilian striker Guilherme.

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said: "I will go down in history as the Brazil coach who lost to Honduras - it's horrible.

"But Honduras played better, they deserved their win."

Brazil, who are also in danger of missing out on the World Cup finals for the first time in their history, were left to concentrate on next month's key qualifier at home to Paraguay.

Honduras opened the scoring in Manizales just as

## Colombia stroll into semis

Colombia's second-half blitz propelled Colombia into the semi-finals of the Copa America.

The hosts steamrolled Peru with a double from Victor Hugo Aristizabal and one from Giovanni Hernandez.

The Colombians continued where they left off, having strolled through the group phase with maximum points and without conceding a goal.

They now face either Brazil or minnows Honduras for a place in the final.

Colombia took a while to get into their stride as Peru

stuck doggedly to their defensive task in a sterile opening period.

Gerardo Bedoya sent a free kick wide after 15 minutes, and a Jerson Gonzalez strike, also from a dead ball, was well saved by Peruvian keeper Oscar Ibanez on 36 minutes.

Ibanez was lucky to still be on the field after handling the ball just outside his area on the half hour - but Mexican referee Gilberto Alcala let him off with a yellow card.

Colombia finally breached the Peruvian rear-guard five minutes after half-time.

A loose ball was half-cleared and Aristizabal blasted home with Ibanez only able to get a couple of fingers to his rasping effort.

The keeper then did superbly to block another Aristizabal drive, but the floodgates were about to open as the hosts kept up relentless pressure.

The Peruvian defence were now struggling to keep Colombia at bay, and Hernandez drilled in their second on 66 minutes.

Within three minutes it was 3-0, Aristizabal nodding in unchallenged following a Freddy Grisales cross.

The striker took his tournament total to five, becoming joint-top scorer, with Paulo Wanchopo of Colombia, who scored Sunday by Uruguay.

An offside Jose Del Solar effort was about as the deflated Peruvians could muster as their heads dropped in the closing stages.



David Duval, of the United States, plays a shot to the 18th green during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship at Royal Lytham and St. Annes golf course in England on Sunday. Duval won the event with a 4-round 10-under-par total of 274 after compiling a final round of 67.

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## Ipswich chase Finidi

By Ismaila Umaru Lere, with agency report

The manager of the English Premiership side, Ipswich, George Burley has confirmed his mystery international midfield target is Nigerian international, Finidi George.

The 30-year-old Super Eagles dynamo, currently with Mallorca, would cost the Suffolk club around £4m and Burley hopes to finalise personal terms in the next few days.

Finidi's Spanish club have accepted the offer, but it is thought that Ipswich have another target in mind should the former Ajax winger himself decide against a move to the Premiership.

"Manager George Burley confirmed that the club are in discussions with Finidi George," said a statement on the Ipswich official website.

Ipswich, who begin their UEFA Cup campaign in mid-September, have already signed Spanish under-21 international striker, Pablo Counago.

They have also brought in keeper, Andy Marshall from Norwich and Hartlepool midfielder, Tommy Miller as they prepare for their first season in Europe for 18 years.

If Burley manages to lure George to Portman Road, he would re-unite the Nigerian with his former Ajax team-mate Martijn Reuser.

George won the 1995 Champions League final and three Dutch League titles while with the Amsterdam club.



Finidi

## Kanu, Finidi liven up Eagles camp

By Patrick Andrew

The cream of the Super Eagles that would confront the Black Stars in the make a break 2002 World Cup qualifier have arrived even though the technical crew have set noon today as the deadline for closing the camp.

Led by Finidi George who was the team's skipper in Omdurman when the Eagles crushed the Falcons of Sudan, Nwankwo Kanu, Ifeanyi Udezue, Austin Okocha, Garba Lawal, Karibe Ojigwe all arrived. While Taribo West, Joseph Yobo, Tijani Babangida and Pius Ikedia were expected last night.

These Eagles joined the nine home-based who resumed camping on Sunday in a light walk out at the Shell field, Port Harcourt.

Already, chief coach Ahmodu Shuaibu has set noon today as the deadline for closing the camp. Coach Ahmodu vowed he would not tolerate laxity in camp stressing that late arrival would distract as well as exert undue pressure on the technical crew to realign strategies.

Aside from Isaac Okoronkwo whose club Spartack Donesk has insisted on using him, their club engagement this week-

end, all invitees to the Eagles camp have informed the NFA and the technical crew about their arrival time.

However, the NFA has been in a running battle with Spartack Donesk management over this. Spokesman Austin Mgbolu said Okoronkwo's presence would make battle for the central defence role fiercer. Patrick Ovie, Sani Abacha and Emeka Ifejiagwa are contending for the position made vacant by Eric Ejiofor due to FIFA's suspension for card offence.

Meanwhile, 12 governors will cheer the Eagles on the victory in Sunday's

match. Consequently, major hotels in the Garden City have been fully booked according to the NFA spokesman Mgbolu who also revealed that security in the venue would be adequate to forestall any ugly inci-

dence. Trustsports learnt that the Eagles opponent in the match, the Black Stars are expected to arrive on Friday while officials for the match will come in tomorrow from Tunisia.



Fernando Platas, of Mexico, dives in the Men's 3M Springboard Semi-final during the 9th FINA World Swimming Championships in Fukuoka, Japan. Platas took fourth place, going into Tuesday's final.



Brazil's captain Emerson (C) is expelled by referee Ubaldo Aquino as teammate Juninho Paulista tries to defend him, during their Copa America quarterfinal match against Honduras in Manizales, Colombia on Monday.

## Strands of Fate: written & illustrated by Bulama Mustapha

