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FG borrows \$1bn from World Bank

By Turaki A. Hassan & Mohammed S. Shehu

THE Federal Government has borrowed US \$915 million from the World Bank to finance an expected deficit in the 2010 budget, it emerged yesterday.

Acting President Goodluck Jonathan sent a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives seeking approval to borrow the money.

Jonathan said the money was needed because Nigeria was in dire need of funds to finance an infra-

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structure deficit, which he said is critical to rapid development. He also said the credit is highly concessionary, offered by multilateral agencies to which Nigeria belongs and commits substantial resources as affiliation fees.

Jonathan said in the letter, “The World Bank portfolio of the facilities totalling \$915 million out of which \$179 million would be drawn in fiscal 2010 is

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PHOTO: OLADIPUPO ODUNEWU

FROM right: Afribank directors Mr. Chinedu Onyia and Mr. Osa Osunde in the dock at the Federal High Court, Ikoyi, Lagos yesterday.

Jonathan caves in PDP NEC meets Tuesday

By Habeeb I. Pindiga

NEARLY six weeks since he first withheld approval for a meeting of the Peoples Democratic Party's

[PDP] National Executive Committee (NEC) to hold, Acting President Goodluck Jonathan relented on Tuesday night and told the party's executive officers to organise a meeting for

Tuesday next week, April 27. He gave the approval soon after he met with the PDP's 28 state governors at a meeting described by a participant as “tense and

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'Why Kaduna prisoners rioted'

From Ibraheem Musa, Kaduna

THE transfer of Reverend King out of the Kaduna central prison and the authorities' mishandling of inmates have been identified as some of the immediate causes of Tuesday's attempted jail break. A source who spoke with our correspondent in Kaduna yesterday said Reverend King was a high profile prisoner who had been influencing both prison staff and inmates with a lot of money to bend the rules in his favour.

"He is so popular with the inmates that he was a virtual lord

in the Kaduna central prison. He was in the habit of buying drugs for sick prisoners, paying the stipulated fines for other convicts and giving welfare to prison staff", the source said.

King used to receive visitors up to 9pm, when the official visiting period is from 10am to 2pm, Daily Trust also gathered. Both the officer-in-charge of the prison and his second-in-command were on suspension even before last Tuesday's riot over their alleged complicity.

King's attitude, according to another source, bred a lot of indis-

cipline in the Kaduna prison to the extent that inmates started refusing to subject themselves to the routine search that is usually conducted by prison officials to fish out concealed weapons.

"Things got out of hand when the authorities transferred King out of the Kaduna prison," he added. In order to protest King's transfer, the prisoners embarked on a hunger strike Sunday and that led to the transfer of about 39 inmates who were considered as arrow heads of the agitation. "The state comptroller, Malam Abdulrahman Ashafa, made the

mistake of visiting the prison and not only that, he subjected some inmates to corporal punishment", the source added.

According to him, the inmates booed him because of what he called the former's undue interference in prison administration.

"The transfer of Reverend King and the state comptroller's visit to the prison were the immediate causes of Tuesday's riot. But before then, tension had been building up", he added.

The source added that maximum force was used to quell the riot which was unnecessary.

"Contrary to reports, no staff was wounded and that means that there were personnel to contain the riot without necessarily resorting to shooting. Although, Kaduna prison does not have a dog section, the warders should have used their riot baton number 7, shields and helmets as well as tear gas to contain the riot", he added.

When contacted, state comptroller Ashafa declined to speak to Daily Trust, arguing that Comptroller General of Prisons Olushola Ogundipe had already spoken to the press and investigations were still going on.

PIC: SANI MAIKATANGA



SPEAKER, Kano State House of Assembly Abdul'aziz Garba Gafasa, the Clerk and other staff, during their sitting yesterday on the issues of refuse dump and scavengers in Kano.

Task force arrests four over Riyom killings

From Andrew Agbese, Ahmed Mohammed and Mahmud Lalo, Jos

THE Special Task Force maintaining security in Plateau State has confirmed the arrest of four persons in connection with killings along the Abuja-Jos federal highway near Riyom.

Seven persons who were travelling through Jos from other parts of the country were Tuesday killed by youths near Riyom after barricading the high way about 30 kilometers from the state capital.

The state government condemned the killings and has expressed condolences to the families and victims of those affected.

The state Police Command said it had commenced investigations into the incident to bring those behind the incident to book.

In three separate briefings, the state Police Commissioner Ikechukwu Aduba, the STF Operational Officer Colonel Kayode Ogundele and the state Commissioner for Information Gregory Yenlong confirmed the incident, explaining efforts they are making to bring those behind the incident to book. The police commissioner said his men had arrested some people in connection with the incident while the Riyom Local Government Chairman, Simon Mwadkon, a traditional ruler in the area and the youth chairman of the local government and his executives are with the Police helping them in their investigations.

The STF who narrated possible cause of the killings said four corpses were discovered in one village near Riyom on Monday with the bodies were partially burnt which made the local population in that area to become agitated.

"Unfortunately for the murderers, troops were alerted and some of them were caught when they were trying to bury the corpses of those they murdered on the high way, some were buried in shallow graves, four corpses were found in one shallow grave, another set of two corpses were found in another shallow grave and another corpse they were about to bury," he said.

He said investigations were still on to determine who were responsible for the act but warned the youths not to take the law into their hands.

The information commissioner said the state government had directed the police to conduct a thorough investigation and bring the perpetrators to book.

EFCC re-arraigns Afribank former executives over N38bn fraud

From Benjamin Auta, Lagos

THE former Chief Executive Officer of Afribank Sebastian Adigwe and six others including the former Chairman of the bank, Mr Osa Osundre, were yesterday arraigned by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) at the Federal High Court in Lagos over a N38 billion fraud. Others charged before Justice T. I Tsoho are three board members of Afribank, Isa Zailani, Chinedu Onyia, Henry Arogundade and a stockbroker, Peter Ololo along side his firm, Falcons Securities Limited. They were all charged on a 33 count charge including criminal grant of loans worth billions of naira without collateral, abuse of office, manipulation of the bank's shares and granting loan beyond the limit laid down by the regulations of the bank.

Adamawa PDP blocks Atiku

From Ibrahim Muhammad, Yola

THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Adamawa State says it has banned former Vice President Alhaji Atiku Abubakar from returning to the state chapter of the Party.

The action followed a unanimous decision taken by party leaders in the state. A statement issued yesterday by the state chairman of the party, Alhaji Umaru Mijinyawa Kugama said, "The ban was finalized after a brief discussion between the national leadership of the PDP and the leadership of the Adamawa State chapter consisting of the state executive members of the party, National Vice Chairman (North-East) Sen. Paul Wampana, Gov. Murtala Nyako, Senators Jibril Aminu, Muhammadu Mana and Grace Jackson-Bent, Speaker, Adamawa House of Assembly and others when they visited the PDP National Secretariat in Abuja on Monday to formally inform the National Working Committee (NWC) of the development."

The stake holders said, "We are happy to inform Nigerians, especially our PDP supporters, that after presenting our resolution to the NWC under the leadership of the National Chairman, Prince Vincent Ogbulafor, the party

totally agreed with our position. Since Turaki left the PDP, the party has been waxing stronger and stronger.

His presence in the party between 1999 and 2007 only brought division and misery to the people of Adamawa State and his return will certainly not add any value to the system and the state, but himself. Indeed, if Alhaji Atiku Abubakar had something to offer to the Adamawa People and Nigeria at large".

But the Prince Medan Teneke's led faction has insisted that the issue of Atiku Abubakar's return to the PDP is a settled matter, saying he had been re-registered and that a card had also been issued to him in accordance with the directives of the PDP national headquarters. A statement by Prince Medan Teneke said, "There are rogue elements and anti-democratic forces within our party who are trying to hold the PDP to ransom in Adamawa State and need to be flushed out.

While we await the action of the National Secretariat along these lines, let me restate that our earlier expulsion of Admiral Murtala Nyako, Prof. Jubril Aminu and the former Chairman Alhaji Umaru Mijinyawa Kiugama still stands until they show sufficient proof that they have purged themselves of anti-party

activities".

Meanwhile, the National Working Committee (NWC) of the Peoples Democratic Party after its meeting in Abuja yesterday advised all state branches of the party to receive former Vice President Atiku Abubakar and all his supporters back.

Wampana, said the advice was for all state chapters and that Adamawa State was not excluded.

Wampana told newsmen that he had been mandated to inform all Nigerians of 18 years and above that they had an unrestricted right to join the party so long as they were willing to abide by its rules and regulations.

On the former vice president and his supporters, Wampana said Atiku should go to his ward and re-register if he had not already done so.

Reacting, Special Adviser to former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, Mallam Garba Shehu, said none of those resisting Atiku's return is a founding member of the party, saying the former vice president is one of the founding members of the PDP, who built the party into what it is.

He urged the party members not to turn the issue into a fight, saying Atiku was not looking for a fight.

PIC: NASIR IMAM



THREE days after the FCT minister ordered the removal of speed bumps in the city centre, none has been removed as at yesterday.

Police: Onslaught can't prevent Ibori's arrest

By Misbahu Bashir

THE attack on police officers assigned to arrest former Governor of Delta State James Onanefe Ibori will not deter the force, the Police Public Relations Officer ACP Emmanuel Ojukwu has said.

A police team led by a Deputy Inspector General of Police Udom Ekpoudom assigned to arrest Ibori on Tuesday was attacked by alleged supporters of the former governor in his hometown of Oghara, Delta State.

Others in the police team included Assistant Inspector General in Zone 5 Benin, M.D Abubakar, the state Commissioner of Police Yakubu Alkali, soldiers and operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

Ojukwu said the police were attacked in process of tracing Ibori but the assault on the police will not stop the arrest of the former governor.

"There was a Federal High Court order to arrest Ibori and the Order must be implemented. Police will not be distracted from doing their work," he said.

Ibori is wanted over N44 billion fraud and other corrupt practices while he was governor of the state for eight years.

N2.3bn car scam: EFCC withdraws Nafada's invitation

By Boco Edet

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has withdrawn its invitation to Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Usman Bayero Nafada for interrogation over the alleged N2.3 billion car purchase scam which rocked the lower legislative chamber last year.

The anti-graft agency had earlier invited Nafada to appear before it today.

The invitation which was confirmed by spokesman of the EFCC Femi Babafemi on Tuesday morning was later retracted same day on the orders of the EFCC Chairman Farida Waziri.

Though no reason was given for the withdrawal of the invitation Babafemi had earlier said that Nafada was invited because the monies were traced to his personal account, adding that investigations have been ongoing.

In 2007, Lagos based lawyer Festus Keyamo alleged fraud in the execution of the contract, saying that although the clerk of the National Assembly had awarded the contract for the supply of the 380 units of 407 ST (Sports) Auto to PAN at N2,359,486,500 what was eventually supplied was the 407 Comfort Automatic at a total of N1,570,800,000.

Come and clear your name — Farida tells Ibori

By Boco Edet

CHAIRMAN of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Mrs. Farida Waziri said former Delta State governor should come out, go to court and clears his name if his hands are clean.

The EFCC chairman said this in Abuja after a reported failed attempt to arrest the former governor on Tuesday in his hometown of Oghara in Delta State.

Mrs. Waziri who also received a petition from a group named the True Face of Lagos alleg-

ing corruption on the part of Lagos State governor Babatunde Fashola, said the EFCC would re-consult with the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Charles Onovo on the best way to secure Ibori's arrest.

She said nobody was above the law and "where you make it impossible and you say you are above the law, you can't even answer to a call by the law enforcement to come and clear some situation, it's a pity."

On the petition against Fashola, the EFCC chairman said

operatives were already investigating the case but the commission would not go public with the case until there was reason to invite officials for interrogation.

She said EFCC had received the petition which was submitted two months ago and the Lagos office was handling the matter.

She said usually the commission conducts discrete investigation first by verifying allegations which could include checking with banks, the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and other relevant bodies as part of

its observance of the rule of law.

The EFCC boss also responded to the statement attributed to the National Security Adviser Gen. Aliyu Mohammed Gusau that the anti-corruption war was selective, saying, "To me the issue of selectivity does not arise. There is no federal character in crime."

Adesina Adebayo who spoke on behalf of the group said they expected the commission to have gone into the books of Lagos State and invite officials as part of investigations.

Jos: Muslims advised not to travel through Riyom

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

MUSLIMS in Plateau State have advised Muslims in other parts of the country to avoid passing through the federal highway in Riyom Local Government Area of the state.

The Muslims in a joint press conference addressed by its Media and Publicity Secretary Mallam Sani Mudi warned that the road has become a danger

zone.

They said the Plateau State government is not serious about the return of peace to the state and is encouraging the crisis which has claimed many innocent Muslim lives along the road.

"In the interim, we advise all Muslims traveling from the North-east to Abuja to avoid passing through this danger zone pending the improvement of security in the area", they advised.

The Muslims said Governor Jang was culpable in the recent crises in the state and called on the Federal Government to take appropriate measures to deal with him. They also urged security agencies to act with dispatch on all reported cases of genocide pending before them and resist attempts by Jang to portray them as taking sides and called on the police to make its findings on the killings at Kuru in January public

and take necessary measures to see that justice is done.

The Muslims say the insincerity of the Plateau state government on the peace process and its attempt to undermine it had left them with no choice but to call on Hausa/Fulani representatives on the presidential committee on Jos crisis to withdraw their membership until there is a guarantee that its recommendations would be implemented.

'Why doctors must head health ministry'

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar

THE absence of the office of the Surgeon-General of the Federation as practiced in other countries makes it imperative to have medical doctors as heads of the ministry of health, minister-designate Prof. Christian Onyebuchi Chukwu told the Senate yesterday.

Chukwu, who is the nominee from Ebonyi State, said in coun-

tries such as the United States where the office of surgeon general exists, the health ministry could be headed by persons without training in the medical field.

Chukwu said in countries like the USA, office of the Surgeon-General is constitutionally provided and he is actually the chief medical officer of the USA. "There is none yet in our constitution and most often, even Mr. President without knowing

it expects the minister of health to also double as chief medical adviser for the federation. If a person is going to be the Chief Medical Adviser he should have the requisite qualification," he said.

The professor of orthopedic, who is expected to be health minister, said the superiority feud between various professionals in the health sector is unnecessary because "The bottom line is that

without team work nobody can do it alone."

Also speaking, Dr. Obadiah Ando, ministerial nominee from Taraba State, said he will work hard to ensure the construction of the proposed hydro-electric dam at Mambilla and to also create a receptor dam for the impending danger of Lake Nyos in the Republic of Cameroun.

The two nominees were later confirmed by the Senate.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 41st Annual General Meeting of members of FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC will be held at the Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton, No 1, Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 11.00 a.m. to transact the following:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

1. To receive the audited accounts for the nine months ended 31st December, 2009 together with the reports of the Directors, Auditors and Audit Committee thereon.
2. To approve dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To approve the remuneration of Directors.
5. To authorize the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Joint Auditors.
6. To elect members of the Audit Committee.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following as Special Resolutions:

7. "That the authorized share capital of the Company be and is hereby increased from ₦15,000,000,000 to ₦25,000,000,000 by the addition thereto of the sum of ₦10,000,000,000 divided into 20,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each ranking in all respects pari-passu with the existing shares of the Company."
8. "That the Memorandum of Association of the Company be and is hereby amended by deleting the words 'The authorized share capital of the Company is ₦15,000,000,000 divided into 30,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each' and substituting therefor the following words "The authorized share capital of the Company is ₦25,000,000,000 divided into 50,000,000,000 ordinary shares of 50 kobo each."
9. "That pursuant to Article 47 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors having so recommended, it is desirable to capitalize the sum of ₦1,812,893,575 from the balance of General Reserve and accordingly that such sum be set free for distribution amongst the members on the Register of Members at the close of business on Friday, April 30, 2010, on condition that the same be not paid in cash but applied in paying up in full at par 3,625,787,151 of the unissued ordinary shares of 50 kobo each to be allotted, distributed and credited as fully paid-up to and amongst such members in the proportion of one new ordinary share for every eight ordinary shares held by them on that day, and such new shares shall rank for all purposes pari-passu with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company, the shares so distributed being treated for all purposes as capital and not as income and these new shares shall not qualify for payment of dividend in respect of the 2009 accounts, and the Directors shall give effect to this resolution on receipt of the necessary permission from the authorities."
10. "That the Company be and is hereby authorised to accept a US\$50 million Convertible Loan facility from the International Finance Corporation ("IFC") on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Directors."
11. "That in the event of IFC exercising its conversion rights, the Board of Directors be and are hereby authorised to convert the Convertible loan amount into ordinary shares of the Company at the agreed conversion price and to allot such shares to IFC."

PROXY

A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his stead. A Proxy need not also be a member. A proxy form is at the end of the financial statements. All instruments of proxy should be duly stamped at the Stamp Duties Office and deposited at the registered Office of the Company or the Office of the Registrar, Plot 2, Abebe Village Road, Iganmu, Lagos not later than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS

If the dividend recommended by the Directors is approved by members at the Annual General Meeting, the dividend warrants will be posted on 31st May, 2010 to members whose names appear in the Register of members at the close of business on Friday, April 30, 2010.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 3rd to 7th May, 2010 (both dates inclusive) for the purpose of payment of dividend.

NOTE

Any member may nominate a shareholder as a member of the Audit Committee by giving notice in writing of such nomination to the Secretary of the Company at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Tijjani M. Borodo
COMPANY SECRETARY

35 MARINA, LAGOS

Dated this 31st day of March, 2010



**FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2009**

ASSETS

Cash and balances with Central Bank of Nigeria
Due from banks and other financial institutions
Treasury bills
Trading securities
Managed funds
Investments
Investment properties
Loans and advances
Advances under finance lease
Other assets
Fixed assets

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Deposit and current accounts
Due to other banks
Managed funds
Tax payable
Deferred taxation
Other liabilities
Long-term borrowing

CAPITAL & RESERVES

Share capital
Share premium
Statutory reserve
Exchange difference reserve
General reserve
Bonus issue reserve
Reserve for small/medium scale industries

Core capital
Fixed assets revaluation reserve

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

TOTAL LIABILITIES

Contingent liabilities and other obligations on behalf of customers and customers' liabilities thereof

TOTAL ASSETS AND CONTINGENCIES

THE GROUP

THE BANK

Dec-2009 =N= 'M	Mar-2009 =N= 'M	Dec-2009 =N= 'M	Mar-2009 =N= 'M
70,332	140,403	67,576	140,353
514,193	764,048	255,902	510,722
14,219	17,697	14,219	17,697
221,863	151,111	221,863	151,111
84,630	36,894	-	-
67,985	49,918	82,026	65,336
6,631	6,098	-	-
1,078,452	740,397	1,022,486	684,107
10,835	11,769	10,835	11,769
55,226	51,884	51,245	48,007
47,980	39,695	46,302	38,320
2,172,346	2,009,914	1,772,454	1,667,422
1,339,142	1,194,455	1,236,599	1,071,836
173,280	170,410	65,087	78,980
148,224	93,296	-	-
19,625	11,283	14,948	7,238
10,612	13,634	10,144	12,758
136,432	154,389	92,716	110,514
35,473	35,042	35,473	35,042
1,882,788	1,672,509	1,484,967	1,316,368
14,504	12,432	14,504	12,432
254,524	254,524	254,524	254,524
23,660	23,424	23,475	23,284
3,962	733	2,836	2,836
549	30,648	9,789	42,334
-	2,072	-	2,072
9,980	11,193	9,980	11,193
307,179	335,026	315,107	348,675
2,379	2,379	2,379	2,379
309,558	337,405	317,487	351,054
2,172,346	2,009,914	1,772,454	1,667,422
972,601	696,378	431,316	314,973
3,144,947	2,706,292	2,203,770	1,982,395

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Gross earnings
Profit before taxation
Exceptional item
Profit before taxation after exceptional item
Information technology development levy
Current taxation
Deferred taxation
Profit after taxation

Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders

Dealt with as follows:
Statutory reserve
Reserve for small scale industries
General reserve

Dec-2009 =N= 'M	Mar-2009 =N= 'M	Dec-2009 =N= 'M	Mar-2009 =N= 'M
196,408	217,630	175,355	184,536
11,585	53,799	7,689	46,110
-	(26,113)	-	-
11,585	27,686	7,689	46,110
(107)	(526)	(76)	(461)
(4,199)	(7,690)	(1,838)	(4,529)
(6,090)	(6,901)	(4,509)	(6,046)
3,189	12,569	1,275	35,074
3,189	12,569	1,275	35,074
236	5,368	191	5,261
64	1,754	64	1,754
2,889	5,447	1,020	28,059
3,189	12,569	1,275	35,074

OBA AYoola OTUDEKO
CHAIRMAN

STEPHEN OLAbisi ONASANYA
GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REMI ODUNLAMI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT JOINT AUDITORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF FIRST BANK OF NIGERIA PLC**

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of First Bank of Nigeria Plc (the bank) and its subsidiaries (the group) as at 31 December 2009, from which the summarised financial statements were derived, in accordance with International Standard on Auditing. In our report dated 31 March 2010, we expressed unqualified opinion on the financial statements.

Directors' Responsibility for the summarised audited Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing and presenting an appropriate summary of the financial statements in accordance with Section 355 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act CAP C20 LFN 2004 and Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act CAP B3 LFN 2004.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarised financial statements based on our procedures which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA 800), "the Independent Auditors Report on Summarised Audited Financial Statements".

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying summarised financial statements of First Bank of Nigeria Plc (the bank and the group) as at 31 December 2009 are consistent, in all material respect, with the financial statements from which they were derived, in accordance with Statements of Accounting Standards applicable in Nigeria and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria, and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria circulars.

Other reporting responsibilities

In accordance with Circular BSD/1/2004 issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria details of insider related credits are as disclosed in the financial statements.

Contraventions

No contravention of the provision of the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap B3, LFN 2004, was brought to our attention during the audit of the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009.

Notice to Readers

For a better understanding of the Bank's financial position and the results of its operations for the period and of the scope of our audit, the summarised financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which the summarised financial statements were derived and our audit report thereon.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LAGOS, NIGERIA



31st March 2010
LAGOS, NIGERIA

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LAGOS, NIGERIA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Chairman, Oba A. Otudeko (OFR), Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Bisi Onasanya, Directors: Abdu Abubakar, Bola Adesola, Alpha A. Aronje, Inia A. Ajumogobia, Garba Duba, Oye Hassan-Odukale (MFR), Kehinde Lawanson, Abdulkarim Mahmoud, Yerima I. Ngama, Remi Odunlami, Alex C. Otu, Oladapo Oyedola, Mosley R. Rasheed (OFR)

PDP NEC meets Tuesday

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anxious.”

Asked last night if the PDP NEC is indeed meeting on Tuesday, the party's spokesman Professor Rufai Ahmed Alkali said, “It is correct.” He however refused to give any more details, saying only that the party's leadership was now in the process of communicating with members of the NEC before publishing a notice.

Daily Trust had exclusively reported on Tuesday that Dr. Jonathan sat on a proposal submitted to him last week by PDP's National Working Committee (NWC), calling for a NEC meeting to be held in Abuja today, April 22. He had earlier refused to approve a meeting to be held on April 8, saying he was preparing for his trip to the US on April 10. Two weeks earlier, Dr. Jonathan also refused to approve a NWC committee proposal to hold a NEC meeting on March 31, saying the date clashed with his other schedules.

While the Acting President stalled the NEC meeting, party chieftains known to be close to him plotted to remove party national chairman Prince Vincent Ogbulafor for alleged incompetence and corruption. The PDP Reform Forum spearheaded by former House of Representatives Speaker Aminu Bello Masari, chairman of AIT Chief Raymond Dokpesi as well as former Senate Presidents Ken Nnamani and Adolphus Wabara summoned meetings to discuss Ogbulafor's removal. They proposed to replace him with Chief Bernard Eze, a former acting secretary of the PDP.

After their meeting on Monday night, the PDP Governors Forum lashed out at the PDP Reform Forum, saying it was destabilising the party. Emboldened by the governors' stance, the PDP NWC charged at the Forum members on Tuesday, accusing them of anti-party activities and ordering them to appear before the NWC today to defend themselves of the charges. Even though the PDP Reform Forum was widely suspected of being a front for the Acting President's ambitions to contest the 2011 elections on PDP's ticket, a senior party officer said on Tuesday that after the PDP Governors' Forum met with Jonathan on Tuesday, the governors were satisfied that Jonathan was not behind the push to replace Ogbulafor.

He said, “The governors explained to the Acting President why they came out in Ogbulafor's support, based on the need to adhere to the PDP's constitution in replacing any officer. The Acting President agreed with the governors' position.” He also said 26 of the 28 PDP governors and all the state PDP chairmen, representing nearly 80% of all NEC members, were solidly behind Ogbulafor.

The senior party officer however said “the Acting President had some issues with the chairman.” The main issue, he said, was Ogbulafor's announcement last February, at the behest of the governors, that the PDP's 2011 ticket was zoned to the North. Dr. Jonathan took exception to that statement and said as party leader, such a weighty statement should not have been made without consulting him. However, the governors maintained their support for the stand, saying it was not a new decision as such, but a reaffirmation of an already existing party decision.

Dr. Jonathan's serial stalling of the PDP NEC was believed to be due to the fact that the meeting would approve guidelines for the party's primaries towards the 2011 elections. Once such guidelines are approved, it would be impossible for Jonathan to contest, given the agreed zoning formula. The senior party officer said “the only way the Acting President can contest under the PDP is to somehow convince the NEC to change the zoning arrangement. That would be very difficult, but not impossible.”

A possible step towards that end was the corruption charges slammed against Prince Vincent Ogbulafor on Tuesday by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission [ICPC] in an Abuja Federal High Court. *Daily Trust* learnt that a day earlier, when rumours of the impending charges first surfaced, the Presidency assured PDP Governors that ICPC was not about to charge Ogbulafor, but that an NGO had gone to court to obtain an order of mandamus to compel ICPC to prosecute him. Although an ICPC source told *Daily Trust* on Monday that the commission was yet to conclude its investigations into the case, the matter was charged to court the next day.

While the move to oust Ogbulafor was on, another move was launched by members of the pro-Jonathan Nigeria First Forum (NFF) in the House of Representatives to oust House Speaker Oladimeji Bankole. The official reason for the move was his failure to pay some legislators' allowances and also his impending shake up of House committees, but *Daily Trust* learnt that the actual reason for wanting to get Bankole out of the way was to pave way for the push to make Jonathan substantive president. Bankole was away from the country, stranded in Europe due to the volcanic ash-induced closure of most European airports.

Next Tuesday's meeting of the PDP NEC could witness a showdown between pro-Ogbulafor forces, led by the PDP governors, and the anti-Ogbulafor forces, led by some pro-Jonathan members. More substantively, the PDP governors and the NWC are likely to push for a quick adoption of the primary election guidelines. Their position is that PDP must be prepared to submit the names of its candidates to INEC by October in time for likely elections in January next year. To be able to do that, they propose a timetable working backwards to May 1, beginning with expressions of interest for all positions, sale of nomination forms, screening, ward, local government and state congresses, and a national convention.



CORPS members at the National Human Rights Commission during a rally to stop torture and extra-judicial killing held in Abuja yesterday.

FG borrows \$1bn from World Bank

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of particular essence as it would be deployed to Urban Water and Transport, Human Capacity Development and Power infrastructure projects across the country.” He said the borrowing plan was in consonance with due process and appealed to the House of Representatives to approve it. The total budget deficit in the 2010 budget stands at N1.3 trillion naira, while the whole budget is N4.06 trillion naira.

Meanwhile, the Acting President is expected to sign the 2010 budget at 10am today at the Presidential Villa. This followed a meeting between him and the leadership of the National Assembly on Tuesday, during which the lawmakers agreed to remove projects that were inserted in the budget without the knowledge of the executive.

Jonathan was reportedly not happy with the padding of the budget by the appropriation committees of the two chambers, saying they might have taken advantage of President Umaru Yar'adua's illness.

Passage of the budget, which was approved by the National Assembly and forwarded to Jonathan last month, has been

delayed for weeks due to differences between the Presidency and the lawmakers.

Minister of State for Information and Communications Labaran Maku, while briefing reporters shortly after the Federal Executive Council meeting yesterday, said the budget would be signed before the week runs out. He said Jonathan was unable to assent to the budget because of certain discrepancies which he said have to be sorted out.

But later yesterday, Jonathan's spokesman Ima Niboro came up with a terse statement saying the budget would be signed today by 10 am. “Budget to be signed tomorrow by 10 am”, Niboro said in the statement.

“The Acting President told us that the National Assembly has forwarded the approved budget which the executive arm is looking at, so from what the Acting President told council, the leadership of the National Assembly and the presidency are discussing on the areas of discrepancies and we expect that between now and some few days, the budget will be signed into law because we do not have a lot of time to wait. Already we are in the month of April, the nation is expecting a lot of activities to regenerate the economy

and give life to socio-economic activities in the country,” Maku said.

The budget aims to increase expenditure by 50 percent this year as Nigeria tries to spend its way out of a downturn, but the increase risks pushing the country to a budget deficit of more than 5 percent.

On the golden jubilee anniversary, Maku said the council had received the report of the presidential committee chaired by the Secretary to Government of Federation Mahmud Yayale Ahmed.

He said the council called on Nigerians to be mobilized to celebrate the golden jubilee of the nation. “The state governments are expected to draw up their own programs as well. The logo would also be unveiled very soon,” Maku said.

On the recent trip of the acting President to United States, foreign affairs Minister Odein Ajumogobia said the trip had tangible benefits to Nigeria. “The tangible benefit of the Acting President's trip to US is something we have to work on in terms of follow up, in terms of trying to engage our partners to address our domestic issues of power, infrastructure and so on and that is what this trip did,” he said.

Moves to oust me will not succeed, says Ogbulafor

By Muideen Olaniyi

THE embattled National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Prince Vincent Ogbulafor yesterday described efforts to remove him from office as 'dirty' politics which cannot last any longer.

Ogbulafor along with four others is facing a 16-count charge preferred against him by the ICPC over fraudulent payment of over N104million for non-existent contracts.

His leadership is also being challenged by PDP Reform Forum which had eminent members of the party including former House of Representative Speaker Aminu Bello Masari.

Speaking when a delegation of PDP state chairmen paid him a solidarity visit, Ogbulafor said the ongoing move to destabilize the party is not only temporary but also incapable of changing their leadership stance.

He said: "We are happy to know that you are solidly behind the Working Committee of this great party. We want to assure you that no amount of distraction can stop us. This party is a party that has vowed to lead this nation and to support the Acting President and our Governors and the National Assembly to deliver democratic dividends to the people who have elected us."

Ogbulafor, who said the recent challenge faced by Nigeria

is alien to its political history, prayed God to grant President Umaru Musa Yar'adua quick recovery and Acting President Goodluck Jonathan the ability to unite the party.

Earlier, Chairman of the PDP State Chairmen forum Emmanuel Agbo described the establishment of 'PDP Reform Forum' as unconstitutional, adding that his colleagues would not associate with the forum which he said was meant to cause confusion, chaos and confusion and divide the party.

Agbo, who expressed confidence in Ogbulafor-led PDP National Working Committee (NWC), said any change of leadership of the party at any level has a constitutional procedure which must be followed and respected.

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We'll prioritise e-learning initiative, says minister

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

MINISTER of Education Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i has said that e-learning initiative will be among the core areas the government will concentrate on in the next few months.

Speaking shortly after she received the report of the Federal Government Implementation Committee on E-Learning, Professor Ruqayyat said government will focus on electronic learning because it is becoming a common platform for enhancing education delivery all over the world.

She said the e-learning initiative would be pursued through public private partnership under the guidance of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) to guaranty its sustainability.

She said the Federal Executive Council has approved the deployment of e-learning infrastructure across the education sector, and called on ministries and private sector partners in the e-learning initiative implementation to play their roles effectively.

Permanent Secretary in the ministry Professor Oladapo Afolabi said the e-learning initiative would aid the conduct of online examinations in future, stressing that there was no way the nation could move forward while still doing things the same way they were done forty years ago.

In his presentation, chairman of the committee and Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) Professor Godswill Obioma highlighted strategies for the implementation of the e-learning initiative as contained in the report submitted to the minister.

Students want FG to abolish HND, degree dichotomy

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

NATIONAL Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) has called on the Federal Government to eliminate the dichotomy between degree and Higher National Diploma (HND) holders as recommended by a committee set up by government.

President of the association Comrade Mustapha Tijjani who made the call in Kaduna said discriminating between university and polytechnic graduates is not healthy.

He also accused office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation of tinkering with the original report which recommended the immediate abolishment of the dichotomy.

He said the allegedly altered report would soon be sent to acting President Goodluck Jonathan for ratification and implementation.

He therefore called on the acting president not to approve the retention of the existing dichotomy as canvassed by the office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation.

He said the association will resist attempts by the office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation to retain the dichotomy between HND and degree holders.



CHIEF Justice of Nigeria Justice Aloysius Kastina Alu (left) with former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India Pravella Bhgwati during the lecture by Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Abuja yesterday.

ANPP demands Igbeke's swearing-in at Senate

By Abbas Jimoh

ALL Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) has demanded the immediate swearing-in of the declared winner of the Anambra North Senatorial District, Mr Alphonus Ubanieze Igbeke of the ANPP.

The Court of Appeal, Enugu Division in a ruling by Justice Kayode Ariwoola sacked Mrs. Joy Emodi representing Anambra North Senatorial

District and declared Igbeke as the authentic winner of the seat in the April 28, 2007 elections.

National Publicity Secretary of the party, Emma Eneukwu, said that with the recent development in the Senate concerning the refusal of the leadership to swear in Igbeke, it would be right to say that the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) is leading the country into the state of oblivion.

"Our party is not happy that the litigation process lingered for three years since the election in April 2007, this is because the PDP has deliberately decided to delay the judgment so that Senator Joy Emordi who is wrongfully sworn-in would continue taking the allocation meant for the ANPP candidate who has only one year left to represent his mandate given to him by his constituency," Eneukwu said.

NANS: 10% admission level not fair to students

By Maureen Onochie

IT is not fair that one million candidates obtain JAMB forms and apply for admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria but only one-tenth of them are given admission, President of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) Comrade Jude Imagwe said in Abuja yesterday.

He called on the Federal Government to increase the admission capac-

ity of universities, polytechnics and colleges of education so as to admit most of the students who are qualified to secure admission. Comrade Imagwe said if most of the 1,375,642 candidates that sat for the recent Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) are not admitted into the schools, then JAMB will still be burdened with a very large number of candidates in next year's exercise. He however commended JAMB for successfully conducting the maiden

examination of the UTME.

Meanwhile, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) chapter of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) has challenged students in tertiary institution to maintain decent dressing in campuses.

Chairman of the association Comrade Mukhtar Akoshile made this challenge at a workshop on "Dress Culture in Nigeria" organized by the National Institute for Cultural Orientation in Abuja.

Refugees commission seeks support of Customs service

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

FEDERAL Commissioner for Refugees Hajiya Hadiza Sani Kangiwa has solicited the assistance of the Nigeria Customs as well as Custom Officers Wives Association (COWA) in aiding the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) affected by the Plateau State conflicts.

Hajiya Hadiza made the call when she visited the Comptroller-General

of Customs Alhaji Abdullahi Dikko in his office. She said rainy season is approaching, thereby increasing vulnerability of the IDPs especially in the areas of provision of shelter, clothing and other non food items.

She said due to the gap in funding and delays in budgetary release, the Commission deems it necessary to seek intervention from organisations and agencies such as the Nigeria Custom Service so as to ameliorate the

suffering of the internally displaced persons.

The commissioner was accompanied by the Head of the Internally Displaced Persons Division Mrs. Bajoga Petel as well as the Head of the Legal Unit of the Commission Barr. Garba Isimbabi.

Responding, Comptroller-General of Customs Abdullahi Dikko expressed appreciation for the visit and pledged "assistance and support to this course".

Northern govts to meet on Jos killings today

From Ayegba Israel Ebije, Minna

THE 19 governors of the North are to meet in Jos today to find lasting solution to the killings in Plateau State, the Coordinating Chairman, Forum of Secretar-

ies to the Governments of the Northern States Dr Muhammed Yahaya Kuta has said.

DR Kuta said in a statement that the meeting was expected to discuss issues that led to the killings in the state with a view

to finding lasting solution to the problem.

"The meeting of the Northern Governors Forum was called out of the concern to address the incessant attacks and systematic killings of innocent

people going on in Plateau State.

The forum is determined to fashion out strategies that will bring lasting peace to the plateau in collaboration with the Plateau State government as well as

other stakeholders", it said.

The statement stressed the need to end to the civil unrests in the state, adding that it would also discuss other security issues that have been challenging the peace of the region.

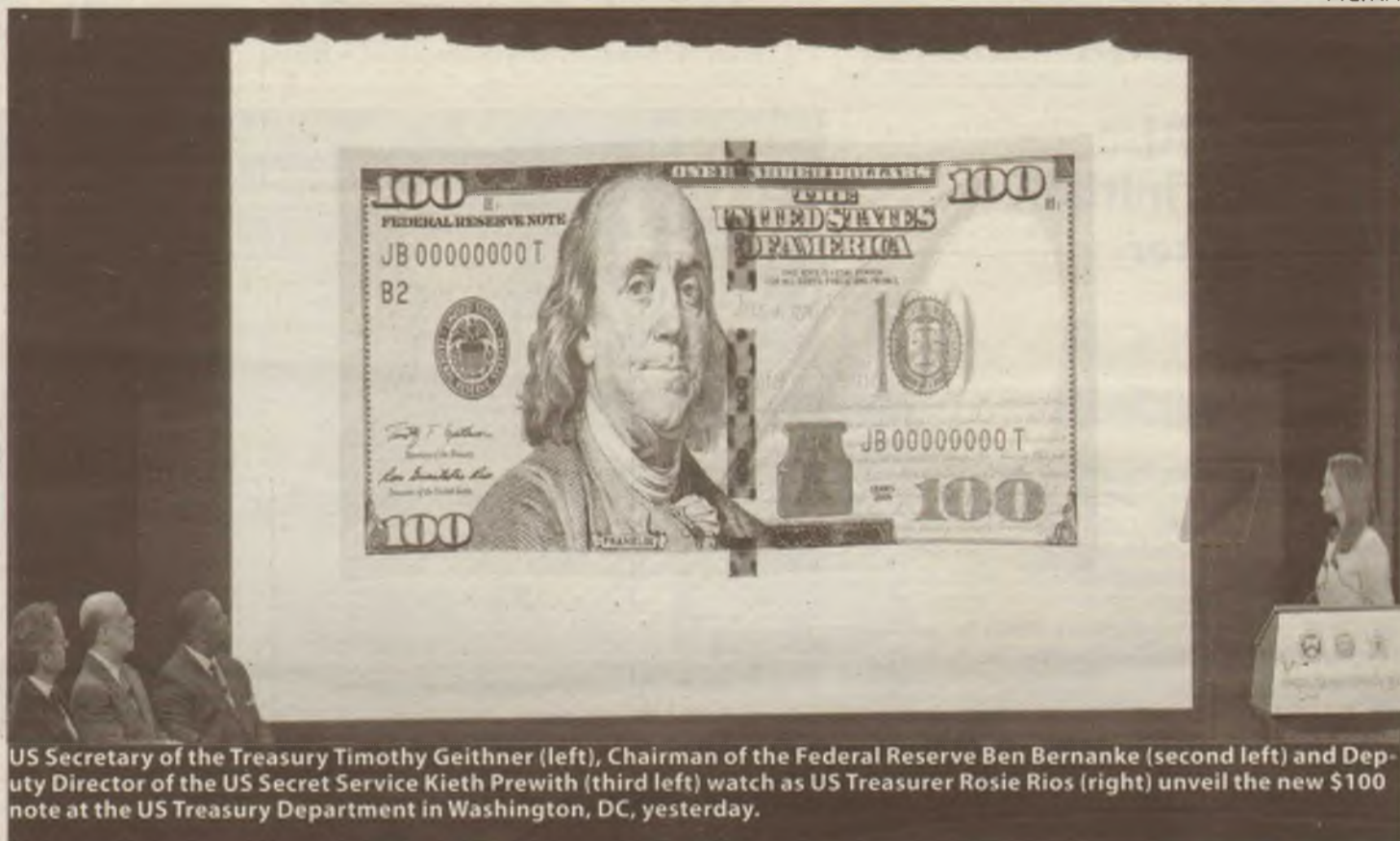
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Akwa Ibom community to raise N50m for hall

ORO community, made up of five local government areas in Akwa Ibom State, is set to raise N50m this Saturday, 24th April, for the construction of a multi-purpose hall, in the Federal Capital City, during an event tagged, "Oron Day".

To be chaired by Crown Prince Edet Ekerendu, a retired Federal Permanent Secretary, the occasion, which will also witness the installation of Offong-Oro-Abuja, Chief Unwana Unanaonwi Amba (Okete-Okete Oro), will have former Deputy Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Chief Etim Okpoyo, as Guest of Honour, and Chief Peter Linus Umoh, a member of the House of Representatives, representing the area, as Special Guest of Honour.

In a release issued by the Secretary of the Planning Committee of the fundraiser, Mr. Okon Henshaw, activities marked down for the day include a bouquet of the cultural heritage of this third largest grouping in the State, through such traditional plays as "Nkuho", "afiak-ayit". It will also be a platform to further strengthen the unity of the people of Oro resident in Abuja. Henshaw said that the installation of Offong-Oro-Abuja, would help the community relate more effectively with other ethnic groups in the capital city, as there would now be an authority to speak, and act for the Oro people, even as disputes among members of the community would be better resolved by the Offong-Oro-Abuja-in-Council.



US Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner (left), Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke (second left) and Deputy Director of the US Secret Service Kieth Prewith (third left) watch as US Treasurer Rosie Rios (right) unveil the new \$100 note at the US Treasury Department in Washington, DC, yesterday.

Police arrest Nigerien for attempting to sell daughter

THE Sokoto State Police Command Tuesday arrested one Nasiru Mohammed, a Nigerien national, for allegedly attempting to sell his five year old daughter for N7 million.

The state's Commissioner of Police Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar announced this in Sokoto when the state chapter of the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) led by its chairman, Alhaji Bello Abu-

bakar visited him. According to him, the arrest followed a tip off which also led to the arrest of his accomplice, one Sirajo Hussaini, also a national of Niger. Abubakar explained that they were arrested with the five year old girl.

"They were alleged to have brought the girl for sale in Nigeria to a yet -to-be identified buyer. Both suspects confessed to the crime and admitted to have placed a price tag of N7 million on

the girl for any would be buyer," the commissioner said.

Abubakar said investigation was in progress while efforts were in top gear to track down the purported would be buyer. In a related development, the police have arrested four armed robbery suspects who were said to have blocked the Tambuwal-Dogondaji road with a view to attacking travellers. He said two dane guns , an iron rod, iron cutter and a

hand set among other items were recovered from them.

He also announced the arrest of one Mrs Faith Aguobche in Tambuwal with a sack of some substances suspected to be Indian hemp.

"The suspect was on transit from Benin in Edo en route Jega in Kebbi State with the substance. She will be handed to NDLEA along with the exhibit for further action," Abubakar said. (NAN)

Usmanu Danfodio Varsity VC cautions students on ethnicity, religion

From Abdulfatai Abdulsalami, Sokoto

STUDENTS of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, have been enjoined to steer clear of extremism and intolerance in especially ethnic and religious matters.

This advice was given by the Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Riskuwa Araba Shehu on the occasion of the 2009/2010 matriculation ceremony held yesterday.

He said these were some of the vices that pose major threats to the nation, adding that everyone, and the younger generation in particular, had a duty to stamp them out of their campuses and national life.

He said this year, out of the about 10,000 UME applicants to the university who sat for the screening examination and 5,000 direct entry applicants, only 3,812 matriculated yesterday.

He added that science related programmes got the larger priority. This he noted was in response to the desire for rapid advance in Science and Technology.

"Every year, we have had increase in the number of students seeking admission into this important institution", he said, stressing that this was due to the track record of academic excellence, peace, absence of cultists and concern for good moral values

in the university.

The vice chancellor urged the matriculating students to work hard, adhere strictly to the university's rules and regulations, maintain high moral standards and have respect for constituted authority. Professor Shehu said the university was not prepared to compromise standards and that they should be mindful of the fact that there are no sacred cows.

Speaking earlier, the Dean, Students Affairs Dr. Ibrahim Magawata said with regard to discipline, the university was second to none, noting that it had its watch dogs all over the campuses to ensure that rules and regulations were obeyed.

...As Teaching Hospital gets new CMD

From Abdulfatai Abdulsalami, Sokoto

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan has approved the appointment of Dr. Yakubu Ahmed as the substantive Chief Medical Director of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto for a term of four years in the first instance with effect from April 18, 2010.

This was contained in a press statement signed by the Public Relations Officer of the hospital Mallam Tijjani Sadique in Sokoto yesterday.

He said this was conveyed in a letter date 8th March, 2010 signed

by Professor Babatunde Osotimehin, the former Minister of Health.

Dr. Yakubu Ahmed hails from Musawa in Katsina State. He is a graduate of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and a Fellow of The West African College of Surgeons (FWACS). He is also a Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Usmanu Fanfodiyo University, Sokoto. Dr. Ahmed's area of interest in research is Urogynaecology and Emergency Obstetrics. Dr. Yakubu Ahmed, who was the Chairman, Medical Advisory Committee of the Hospital, succeeded Prof. B. B. Shehu. He assumed duties yesterday.



EMPLOYEES of The Oberoi Hotel give a traditional greeting in the hotel lobby in Mumbai yesterday. The Oberoi, which was one of three luxury hotels stormed by Islamist militants more than 18 months ago, reopens on Saturday following a 40-million-dollar refit.

Gummi harps on reforms to promote fair legal system

By John Chuks Azu

CHIEF Judge of the FCT High Court Justice Lawal Gummi said Nigeria's justice system needs a major surgery to facilitate case management in a way that the objectives of speed and reliability could be met.

Justice Gummi said this while delivering an opening address at the on-going two-day Stakeholders' End Users Refresher Course on the

FCT High Court Civil Procedure Rules taking place at the Ceremonial Court on Wednesday.

He also said justice should be dispensed with a human touch that permanently settles the disputes between parties.

The FCT Chief Judge pointed out three aspects of the reforms that could change the face of civil litigations in the FCT towards enhancing speedy and cheaper costs of trials.

"We could eliminate all manner of pleadings, oral and documentary discovery (and) achieve a system in which an increasing number of ordinary people can achieve a fair result in resolving their civil disputes, in a cost effective manner," he said.

The training programme is being attended by legal practitioners in the FCT and staff of the FCT High Court.

FG, UN collaborate to fight drugs, crimes with \$3.8m

By Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar

NIGERIA will cooperate with the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) in the fight against drugs, human trafficking, organised crime and money laundering in West Africa.

Interior Minister Capt. Emmanuel Ihanacho disclosed this yesterday while receiving the UNODC delegation and the Chairman of Nigeria's Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA).

The minister said Nigeria had put much effort into fighting internal

and cross border crime like drug and human trafficking, with support and initiative of other agencies.

UNODC country representative in Nigeria Dagmar Thomas promised that the project would be fully implemented in 3 phases and will be funded by the European Union Commission to the tune of \$3.8m USD.

He said the initiative is to create a link among all the airports in West Africa, and Nigeria being the hub of air traffic in the sub-region will benefit immensely from the project.

Thomas said this would further

strengthen the work of all the security agencies at the airports, as they would have access to an integral database linking with airport and the world custom organisation.

The first phase will include Nigeria, Senegal, Mali and Morocco and would be extended to other parts of the world including Europe and North America.

Minister of state for Interior Mr. Humprey Abah bemoaned the attitude of "few Nigerians" who portrayed the country in a bad image by their illegal activities.

Women hold dialogue on leadership

By Akor Ojoma

WOMEN scholars, activists and NGOs have commenced a three day intergenerational dialogue on leadership development for women in the country.

Participants at the dialogue which began yesterday are drawn from three generations. The first generation consists of those from 60 years and above; the second generation comprises those between 40 and 59 years; while the third generation has those below

40 years.

Executive Director of Centre for Human Development Professor Simi Afonja said at the opening of the dialogue held in Abuja that an assessment of the contributions women's movement to women's empowerment and gender equality in the last 50 years identified generational divide that may inhibit growth and continuity among other major constraints.

Professor Afonja said women are focusing at leadership development in order to develop strategies for

building a new generation of women leaders for the movement and for the nation as well.

Mrs Oby Nwankwo, Executive Director Civil Resource Development and Documentation Enugu said transformational leadership leads to positive changes in those who follow.

President of the National Council of Women Societies (NCWS) Hajija Ramatu Usman in her presentation called for gender policy on peace and security and gender policy on agriculture.

Idomas take request for Apa State to N/Assembly

By Abdul-Rahman Abubakar & Turaki A. Hassan

IDOMA speaking people yesterday stormed the National Assembly requesting for the creation of Apa State out of the present Benue and Nasarawa states.

Speaking when the group presented its request to Senate President David Mark, Secretary of the Movement for the Creation of Apa State Chief Benson Abuonu said besides the need to actualise self determination, the Apa State would be economically and politically viable if created.

At the House, the group was received by the Deputy Speaker Bayero Nafada on behalf of Speaker Dimeji Bankole and promised to look into their request.

He said the area is endowed with rich mineral resources that include lime stone, salt, petroleum and gas deposits among others saying "The state if created has the potential to sustain itself economically."

Reacting to the request, Mark who is also an Idoma elder said the Senate is aware of the popular agitations by various sections of the country for creation of more states.

He said the constitution amendment exercise by the National Assembly will soon be completed adding that "We shall be guided by national interest, the Constitution and the standing rules of the Senate in all our actions"

Minister to meet with state govts with rail presence

By Shehu Abubakar

TRANSPORT Minister Yusuf Suleiman said he will meet with governors of states with railway stations to draw a modality on how to improve on the rail transportation in their various states.

The minister made the remarks while receiving Taraba State Governor Danbaba Suntai in his office.

Suleiman said the transport ministry is critical to the development of the nation's infrastructure just as the infrastructural facilities are in turn critical for nation building and overall economic development.

He noted that the on-going rehabilitation and modernization of the nation's rail system will be fast-tracked to ensure the total revitalization of the transport system.

The minister stated that the Federal Government is determined to complete the on-going efforts at resuscitating and the introduction of rail mass transit in Port Harcourt, Lagos, Kano, Maiduguri, Jos and Enugu, before the end of the year. The minister also promised to explore the possibility of a rail link between Calabar, Port Harcourt and Taraba State in view of the economic potentials of Taraba State, especially as an agricultural state. He said such a link will also help reduce the pressure on the roads and in the area of fertilizer distribution.

Earlier, Suntai said he was in the minister's office solicit the assistance of the ministry in the development of rail transport system in the state.

Pharmacists flays NAFDAC over drug war

By Ruby Leo

ASSOCIATION of Community Pharmacists of Nigeria (ACPN) has criticised the leadership of the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) over the declining struggle against counterfeit drugs in the country.

The chairman of the association, Abuja branch, Alkali Albert said the fight against fake and counterfeit drugs has almost come to a halt under Dr Paul Orhii because he is a neuro-pharmacologist and not qualified to be called a pharmacist.

"Our only problem is with the leadership, the kind of person who should head NAFDAC should be a pharmacist with professional training in the art of manufacturing, compounding, dispensing, retailing and distribution of drugs," the group said.

He said the association is collaborating with NAFDAC to ensure that the war against fake drugs is won to help safeguard and protect lives of Nigerians.

He said they would be destroying expired drugs worth about N27million voluntarily submitted by some of their members who have stored them up since they expired on the shelves.

Albert called on the public to always look for the pharmacy emblem (Green Cross) whenever they go to purchase a drug from a pharmacy.

Police probe explosion in barrack

From Sharafa Dauda, Maiduguri

THE Anti-bomb unit of the Borno State Police Command has begun inquiry into the explosion of a military type bomb weigh-

ing about 92kilograms which exploded at the Wulari police barracks injuring two persons, ASP Isa Azare, the command's Public Relations Officer said yesterday.

He said the incident happened

Sunday night around the busy Mami market. Azare also said the anti-bomb squad had begun combing the area to find out if more of such explosives were still lying undetected in order to neutralize them. He said fragments of

the exploded bomb had already been collected for investigation.

The PPRO said the two persons with minor injuries had since been treated. Azare urged residents not to panic because the police had the ability and equip-

ment to detect, neutralize and sweep any type of bomb.

He urged members of the general public to report to the nearest police station, any suspicious objects for investigation and not to try to touch such objects.



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From left: Attorney General and Minister of Justice Mohammed Adoke, Minister of Works Senator Sanusi Daggash and Minister of Special Duties retired Navy Capt. Ernest Olabolade at the Federal Executive Council Meeting in Abuja yesterday.

Auchi Poly axes 2 lecturers for indiscipline

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE appointments of two lecturers in the Federal Polytechnic Auchi have been terminated by the governing council of the institution over what it described as 'acts of gross misconduct.'

The lecturers are Mr. Friday Idugie, a Chief Instructor in the School of Art and Design and Mr. Tom Osazuwa, a lecturer and former Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The lecturers were said to have been in conflict with the institution's authorities over some 'irreconcilable differences', officials said.

A letter from the Information and Public Relations Unit of the Rector's office read, "we have found that the conduct of the two lecturers was a gross violation of public service regulations while their behavior became an embarrassment to the polytechnic."

Sources closed to the sacked lecturers said they would challenge their termination in court. They accused the Polytechnic Rector Dr Philippa Idogbo of instigating their sack as a witch hunt. Chairman of the Council, Alhaji Yahaya Alhassan had in a meeting with members of staff promised to be fair and just to all staff.

Alhaji Alhassan had insisted that for the Polytechnic to uphold its long standing reputation as a centre of academic excellence, all members of staff must abide strictly with public service regulations, adding that those who breach service rules would be sanctioned.

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Management

Adasu, Mutallab, Mark for Benue varsity honours

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

BENUE State University (BSU) Makurdi has nominated for honorary doctor degrees, the founder of the university and second civilian governor of Benue State, late Reverend Father Moses Orshio Adasu, Alhaji Umaru Abdul Mutallab and Senate President David Mark among others. While the late Adasu would be honoured for the role he played in the establishment of the university, Mutallab's is for his contributions in various areas of national development, the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the university, Mr. Garshagu Atovigba told *Daily Trust* yesterday. He said the Vice Chancellor of the university Professor Akase Sorkaa had already held a pre-convocation briefing on the awards which are expected to be conferred on the recipients at the university's 6th to 10th convocation ceremony this weekend. Mutallab, according to Atovigba, would also be installed as the Chancellor of the university.

He was appointed the Chancellor of the university in October last year, by the Benue State governor. He is Northern Nigeria's first Chartered Accountant, a one time ambassador to the US, a former minister, a business and banking leader, the spokesman said. He said the university is also conferring the honour on other prominent Nigerians including Senate President David Mark, Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Aloysius Katsina-Alu, Tony Elumelu of the United Bank for Africa (UBA) and Alhaji Alhassan Dantata of the Dantata Group.

Police sergeant dismissed for extra judicial killing

From Yemi Bamidele, Ibadan

AUTHORITIES of the Oyo State Police Command yesterday dismissed a police sergeant, Fakere Adegboyega, attached to the Agodi Divisional Police headquarters in Ibadan for torturing to death a student robbery suspect, Monsuru Akanji, who was kept in the police cell.

The sergeant who had put in 20 years in service, was the Investigating Police Officer (IPO) in charge of the robbery case. But he allegedly tortured to death the suspect, Akanji, a student of The Polytechnic, Ibadan who was said to have stolen a laptop at Iwo road in the Oyo State capital.

Ex-perm sec Aliyu dies at 66

From Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar, Yola

FORMER Permanent Secretary (Establishment) in Adamawa State Alhaji Aliyu Alkali Abba died Tuesday in Yola at the age of 66.

His son-in-law, former Head of the Information Unit of the Federal University of Technology Yola Mohammed Haruna, told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the former public servant died at 6:45 pm Tuesday after a brief illness.

Lamido Adamawa Dr Bar-Kindo Aliyu Musdafa led the dignitaries in the state who attended his funeral ceremony yesterday in Yola.

Several members of the Adamawa Emirate Council, district heads and top government functionaries as well as his elder brother, Justice Abubakar Alkali Abba, attended the burial ceremony.

Chief of State to Governor Murtala Nyako, former Deputy Governor Bello Tukur, was among the early callers at the home of the deceased yesterday.

UNIBEN elevates 8 to professors

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

THE University of Benin Governing Council has elevated eight of its academic staff to the rank of Professor.

A statement from the university's Head of Public Relations Officer Harris Osasere said the promotion was part of the efforts to reward hard work and excellence.

Those elevated include, Dr O.N. Obukwe, Dr B.U. Anyata, Dr G.C. Ovuorie, Dr L.I. Eze-emonye, Dr N.H. Achime, Dr I.A. Ogboghodo, Dr [Mrs] A.O. Aisien and Dr T.U. Toby. The statement further explained that apart from the eight, 12 others were also elevated to Associate Professors.

High Court can rule on Shari'ah Penal Code – court

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

THE Kano State High Court presided over by the state's Chief Judge Justice Shehu Atiku yesterday ruled that the court had the powers to entertain and try offences under the Shari'ah Penal Code law. The ruling followed

an objection by defence lawyers representing one Lami Adamu, who was charged before the court for allegedly killing one Abdullahi Wawu of Sumaila Local Government Area of the state.

Lami was arraigned before the court early this month for intentional murder, contrary to Sec-

tion 143(a) of the Kano Shari'ah Penal Code Law 2000 by the state's Attorney General Barrister Aliyu Umar. Lawyers representing the defendant, Barrister N.O Ishola, Barrister Aisha A. Abdullahi and Barrister Amina U. Garba had raised the issue of jurisdiction, arguing that the matter could not

be taken to the court on appeal at the initial stage.

They also asked the court to transfer the matter to a Shari'ah court and discharge the suspect. But the Attorney General countered the argument, saying the case be entertained and tried by the court under its power of originating jurisdiction.

Delivering judgment, Justice Atiku said the Kano State High Court had the jurisdiction to try Penal Code offences and that Lami's case would be transferred to another High Court judge, who is conversant with Shari'ah Law for trial.

This judgment is a first, in that it will be the

first time an accused person will be tried for contravening the Islamic legal code by a High Court judge.

Since the introduction of the Shari'ah legal system in the state in 2000, offenders charged under the provisions of the code have been tried by Shari'ah court judges.

Al-Mustapha: Kurfi flays northern leaders

From Benjamin Auta, Lagos

AHMADU Bello University (ABU) don, Dr. Bashir Kurfi, has flayed Northern leaders for allowing the continued incarceration of Major Hamza Almustapha.

Kurfi who was present at the trial of Major Hamza Al-Mustapha and four others, James Danbaba, Jibrin Bala Yakubu and Mohammed Rabo Lawal yesterday said the trial had ridiculed political and judicial systems in the country. Dr. Kurfi, who was visibly annoyed with the proceedings said, "No one is asking ques-

tions about it, but on our own part, we are going to mobilize every sector of the society to make sure that justice is done in this matter". He said the continued incarceration of the four was totally unacceptable as they had been standing trial for the past 10 years without any tangible result.

"It is totally unacceptable and irresponsible on the side of the establishment for people to be standing trial for over 10 years in this 21st century. Why are people like Gani Adams, Asari Dokubo and Uwazurike, who have killed people, still walking around free?" he said.

Yoruba group warns Jonathan on Obasanjo's advice

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

THE Coalition of Yoruba Self Determination Group has advised Acting President Goodluck Jonathan not to take every advice given to him by former President Olusegun Obasanjo if he wants to make a positive impact on the country.

The group gave the advice Tuesday after a meeting in Lagos to dis-

cuss the reported plot to impeach the Speaker of House of Representatives Dimeji Bankole. Speaking through its secretary, Rasaq Olokooba, the group alleged that the crisis rocking the House of Representatives could be traced to the former president. It maintained that the Yorubas were uncomfortable with Obasanjo's interference in the political affairs of the country.



PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE

FROM left: Business Development Director, Pivot Engineering Company Limited, Mr Kehinde Bolo-deoku, Managing Director, Pivot Engineering Company Limited, Mr Dave Obray, Assistant General Manager, Technical Services, PHCN Abuja, Mr Hope Torru, Assistant Head of Nyanya/Karu, Traditional Ruler Chief John Bawa Pyape and Coordinator, Distribution PHCN, Mr Ciroma Joseph at the handover of the project on the conversion of low voltage distribution system to high voltage distribution system on Karu Feeder 3, in Abuja yesterday.

Expatriates' kidnappers demand \$30m

From Muhammad Bello, Port Harcourt

POLICE in Abia State yesterday said the abductors of two German construction workers in the state have demanded a ransom of \$

30 million. They said the gunmen, who kidnapped the expatriates contacted some of their friends.

The men were abducted on April 18 at the Blue River beach in the state. This brings to six the number of

expatriates, who have been kidnapped in the state this month. Three Syrian and a Lebanese, all construction workers were abducted at Etche, about 30 kilometres south of Port Harcourt by more than 10 armed men

on April 9, but were later freed unharmed after five days. A woman, who was kidnapped alongside her husband last Sunday was also released, but was told to pay N50 million for the release of her husband.

Nigerian police among world's least paid - DIG

From Ayegba Israel Ebiye, Minna

THE Nigeria Police Force is one of the least paid in the world, Deputy Inspector General of Police Mr John Ahmadu said yesterday in Minna.

Ahmadu, who spoke during a facility inspection tour of the command, said the Federal Government was work-

ing hard to address the poor welfare package of policemen in the country to boost their morale.

He said the Inspector General of Police was working on several welfare packages to ensure that the force is among the enviable security agencies in the country. He called on the men to be hardworking.

Mr Ahmadu added

that the men would be given bullet proof vests to prepare them for the challenges of the 2011 elections. He however warned the men not to interfere with the process, but to ensure security of lives and property.

Earlier, Mr Michael Zuokumor, the Niger State Commissioner of Police told the DIG that the morale of his men

was waning due to poor working conditions and inadequate salaries.

"We are craving the indulgence of the DIG of police to use his good offices and assist the command because this visit is a rare opportunity for us to tell you of our achievements and challenges in the command so that you can have compassion on us", he said.

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Ex-Siemens execs found guilty of bribing Nigerian officials

A court in Germany found two former Siemens managers guilty of breach of trust and abetting bribery for their roles in a corruption scandal that rocked the German engineering group.

Michael Kutschenreuter, former financial head of its telecoms unit and the most senior executive found guilty so far, was placed on probation for two years and fined 160,000

euros (\$215,300), ruling judge Joachim Eckert said on Tuesday.

A second defendant, the former head of accounting at Siemens' telecoms unit, was placed on probation for one and a half years and fined 40,000 euros.

Kutschenreuter, who now lives in Dubai, had admitted that he covered up slush funds and bribing practices of his employees.

According to the prosecution, the funds were used to bribe government officials and business contacts to win telecom contracts in Russia and Nigeria.

Siemens has identified around 1.3 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) in dubious payments that changed hands between 2000 and 2006.

The trial of Kutschenreuter and his alleged accomplices

could be the last in the case. Legal experts think the nearly 300 people still under investigation could get summary punishments.

The affair - the biggest bribery case in German history - has cost the company around 2.5 billion euros in fines, investigations and back taxes.

In 2008, Siemens agreed to pay \$1.3 billion to end corrup-

tion probes in the United States and Germany.

Carmaker Daimler has also come under investigation for bribing foreign government officials with money and gifts to win contracts.

Last month it agreed to pay \$185 million to settle U.S. charges by the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission. (Reuters)

Jonathan gives Reps ultimatum on anti-terror bill

By Turaki A. Hassan

ACTING President Goodluck Jonathan has given the House of Representatives from now to the end of June to pass the Anti-Terrorism and the Money Laundering amendment bills currently stalled in the green chamber.

Jonathan's ultimatum to the lawmakers was contained in a letter to the Speaker Dimeji Bankole dated 8th April 2010.

Jonathan said in October 2009, a Presidential Inter-Ministerial/Agency Committee on Financial Action Task Force (FATF) headed by the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation was constituted which had identified strategic deficiencies in Nigeria's

anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism regime.

The acting president maintained that there is a serious economic consequence if Nigeria is blacklisted again by FATF as it will hamper legitimate international financial transactions flowing from Nigeria.

"Mr. Speaker and the respected Honorable Members of the Federal House of Representatives are therefore kindly requested to ensure the passage of the two bills into law before the end of June, 2010," the letter read in part.

Daily Trust gathered that, as at January this year, over 70 executive bills are said to be pending before the two chambers of the National Assembly awaiting legislation.

Workers storm labour ministry over salary increment

By Francis Okeke

THE Joint Public Service Union has stormed the office of the Minister of Labour and Productivity demanding an immediate continuation of negotiation and for a concrete agreement to be reached on salary increment on or before May 1st as the patience of Nigerian workers has been over tasked.

The workers who picketed the ministry and led by Comrade Ayo Olorun-

femi who is the president of the FCT chapter of the union also protested what they called the insensitivity of the Federal Government to the welfare of the Civil Service workforce.

While responding to the protesting workers, the Minister of Labour and productivity Chief Emeka Wogu reaffirmed government's commitment to improving the welfare of Nigerian workers as this is paramount on the agenda of the present administra-

tion. He said "The administration of Acting President Goodluck Jonathan is so passionate about the welfare of Nigerian workers because there are certain committees that have been put in place specifically for the welfare of Nigerian workers".

Wogu said the maturity displayed by the Nigerian workforce over the wages/salaries matter has placed their demands at the heart of the government.

Lufthansa air records high passenger traffic

By Shehu Abubakar

GERMAN leading airliner Lufthansa said it has recorded higher traffic of passengers between January and March this year compared to similar period in previous years which enabled it to make higher turnover for both its passenger and cargo planes. The airline has also opened more routes in the Middle East including Iran and maintained its daily flight to and from Nigeria's capital city, Abuja.

Lufthansa's head of Nigeria's public relations office Mr Hakeem Jimoh said in a statement.

"Lufthansa carried more passengers in the first quarter of 2010 than in the previous year's first quarter. In the period January through March, around 12.2 million passengers' opted for flights with Lufthansa, an

increase of 1.2 percent on the year-earlier level.

"During the same period, capacity was raised by 2.2 percent. All in all during the year, the airlines in the Lufthansa group welcome a total of more than 19 million passengers' on board their flights. This was equivalent to a plus of about 26.5 percent compared with the first three months in the previous year," the statement read in part.

Jimoh stated that there was increase of about 391,000 tonnes of freight and mails in the Lufthansa cargo performance within the reported period which represent 19.3 percent increase.

The statement said Lufthansa air will continue to provide excellent services to its customers including the three operational points of the airline in Nigeria that include Lagos, Port-Harcourt and Abuja.

Albinos worry over stigmatisation

By Romoke W. Ahmad

ISSUES around albinism such as skin cancer, low vision impairment, poverty, stigma and other social challenges need great deal of resources to overcome, Mr Jake Epelle, founder and CEO of the Albino Foundation has said.

Mr Epelle said this when he visited the Director General of National Orientation Agency (NOA)

Alhaji Idi M. Faruk.

He asked the agency to support the efforts of the foundation in addressing challenges in albinism by creating awareness and educating the populace on what albinism is and what is not.

He said that the foundation has recorded achievement through government support and the efforts have also been made to integrate albinos and to ensure that their health

and social well being is protected.

Mr Epelle said much more is needed in term of policy frame work; resources and effective collaboration to address our challenges especially skin cancer.

Director General of NOA Alhaji Idi Faruk promised to partner with the foundation in their coming conference and their subsequent programmes.

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Jos: 7 bus passengers dragged out, killed

WHAT do these people want? Will killing innocent passengers because of a problem you had in your village solve this problem or create more enemies for you? What do you expect the relatives of those you killed to do?

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When shall we stop this madness? It's barbaric and uncivilized for Nigeria of the 21st century. Let's give peace a chance.

Adaka Terfa
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If the FG is sincere about peace in Plateau State, a state of emergency must be declared before we begin to react from other states. People are sick and tired of these unmentionable killings in Jos.

Isa Mariri
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It is common knowledge that what we spend a thousand years building can be destroyed in a day. During times of inter or intra (religious, ethnic, racial, tribal or political) crises and as such the tiniest peace can never be overpriced. The

recent clashes in Plateau state proved that we can't rely on government to provide us with security either as passers-by or even as residents. News of killings in Jos no longer make the headlines because of government's refusal to take serious measures such as declaring a state of emergency which has been and still remains the only successful means of curbing the situation. The resultant effect of this on people and the media is that we have all become used to hearing stories of death tolls daily from various locations. Hmmm... Plateau state, a state

that threatens the peace in 35 states and the FCT.

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Can somebody tell me why a state of emergency should not be declared in Jos with all these killings still going on? Please, it is people that are being killed and the worst part is that many of them are innocent.

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It is very unfortunate that the federal government has mishandled the

violence that is continuously claiming the lives of innocent people in Plateau state, and even passers-by whose main interest in Jos is nothing more than using a road to which only lead them to the other parts of the country. Our fear here is that the Jos crisis, if not radically approached, will possibly lead our dear Nigeria to intolerable civil unrest which may know no limit. I finally assert that confronting Jos is more important than the politics our leaders are more concerned about, so let us be wise.

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Emodi returns as Senate rejects Igbeke

THE judiciary should not add to our many woes please or how can the same court give different rulings on the same matter? Please stop rubbing our name in the mud. It is enough.

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The Appeal court in Enugu should clear itself of the purported conflicting judgment. How can a court give two judgments, both victories, to two set of persons on the same issue? We should be above things like this. Unless the court is saying the recent judgment supercedes the previous one, Emordi remains the senator.

Ken Oboh
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I think the law should take its course. The law created the problem by making two pronouncements in the same breath. Senator Emodi should retain her seat in the upper chamber until the final interpretation by the court. That is what is expected in any civilized society.

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This is quite ridiculous. For Goodness sake what does the case of LP have to do with that of ANPP? I think there is need for NBA to start taking action against any lawyer



SENATOR Joy Emodi

who is in the senate that supports this kind of utter disregard for our judicial system. It's quite unfortunate that in a chamber where the likes of Indoma Egba (SAN) sit, such shenanigan will be happening. The Appeal court might have declared the election proper in LP's case because LP did not do its home work well and yet find ANNP's petition meritorious. And assuming now that the Court of Appeal has said the election was not proper in LP's case and it found out that neither LP nor PDP won the election, what do you want it to do since ANNP is not a party to the case? The court can not declare in favor of a party not before it. For me there is no any contradiction in the judgment. We are so unfortunate to have such distinguished people as our senators.

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Wonders shall never end? What is happening in wonderland Nigeria can never happen in any other country in the world. Imagine how the upper chamber of the National Assembly, the top law making house in the country is trying to shun the verdict of an Appeal court because of their personal agendas. It is very unfortunate and such kinds of stamped of justice sometimes compel people to take the law into their hands. God forbid. I want to remind the members of the senate of their constitutional responsibilities of honesty and integrity. You should not put your personal interest above your responsibilities. Don't forget, we the younger generation are copying and emulating all you say and do.

Zanna Baruwa Gashua
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They are so learned that they give judgments which cannot be understood by anybody. I would like to advise the NJC to set up another court for interpretation and call it something like... "National Tribunal for Interpretation of Court Judgments". And God help those making the case for jerking up retirement age for Nigerian judges to 75.

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What is wrong with our dear country? How can two senators be representing the same constituency? The issue of a closed door meeting with the Senate President does that mean he cannot obey the rule of law. INEC please tell us who the actual elected senator is.

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Is this how the senators want the nation to become? Are they trying to ridicule the judiciary because it is their own case now?

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Democracy is dead in Nigeria. **Ter**
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Do we need further interpretation to know that the 2010 judgment supersedes that of 2009? INEC respected a court ruling and issued a certificate of return but the Senate defied the ruling, pretending that the case is before a court. For God's sake this is not an appeal case. We know it will be difficult for the senators to tell the 'Joy' of the senate the truth, but it is better it is told.

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LARS Lagerback

Lagerback's list a big shame –Bassey

LAGERBACK'S list of invited players has actually vindicated Shuaibu Amodu because all the players he used were still recalled by the technical adviser. It is high time we start recognizing the talented coaches we have and give them the opportunity to excel after working hard to qualify us for the biggest tournament in football.

A.U. Abdullahi
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Lagerback's decision to include names like Utaka, Kanu, and Sodje, clearly shows that he has lost touch with contemporary football. You cannot continue to do the same thing and expect a different result.

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Yes. We knew that that's what is going to happen. These people will never allow the man to do his job. What a shame.

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FORMER President Ibrahim Babangida

TUC asks IBB, others to quit politics

HOW long have you been in the labor circle? Remove the log that is in your eye before you ask the same of others.

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7 die in Kaduna jail break

IT is a trite law that convicts should be allowed all the rights that any citizen has except those which must be denied on account of the curtailment of liberty entailed by punishment. The authorities should consider strongly the welfare of the inmates. The prison system needs to be reformed in order for it to deliver quality services.

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I suggest that our wardens must be fully armed when they are on duty and they should be very vigilant because they are



SECURITYMEN mount watch at the Kaduna Prisons following the attempted jail break

carrying out a very a delicate job.

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When the country is dry and

there is no water, electricity or food for the masses, what do you expect in the case of prisoners who have been forgotten and abandoned? I am not support-

ing the prisoners but it happened for a reason. More than half of them have been awaiting trial for years without justice or release?

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Sincerely speaking there is nothing behind this other than the intense poor condition that they are subjected to. Nigerians should not be blamed for their behavior for whosoever is subjected to similar conditions will not behave any differently.

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Time to do away with celibacy law (III)

The argument some have brought up in support of celibacy is that Jesus Christ lived a celibate life; therefore priests should also follow in his example. It is true that Christ was a celibate. But there is nowhere in the Scriptures or in the history of the church where it is mentioned that although he projected a celibate life, he went about committing adultery, fornication, sodomy and pederasty by the side as his successor priests have done since copy that good thing, do not use the excuse of your seeking to do good to commit worse atrocities. If you cannot be sexually pure as you desire, do not become sexually perverse time immemorial and are still doing today. It is good to copy a good thing but if you cannot or become so polluted that it would have been better you had not taken the vow of chastity in the first place.

It is true that Christ never married. Yet, I have searched the scriptures and the epistles, there is no where it is stated that Christ condemned marriage. In fact, the very first miracle Christ performed in his earthly ministry was at a marriage ceremony in Cana of Galilee. If he was against marriage, he certainly would not have chosen a marriage occasion to perform his very first miracle. The teaching

Are there no other things I have seen elsewhere that I can talk about other than the issue of celibacy?

I have been given is that in the eyes of God, the immediate family is higher in the hierarchy of good deeds than even the church or spiritual ministry. In other words, a priest or any man of God has a primary responsibility of taking care of a family first before pursuing or ministering to a congregation! Without good families it is doubtful if anyone can have a successful church ministry.

No reason is given in the Bible or in church history as to why Christ never married. It is possible to suppose that he remained single because he knew he had a short stay here on earth. He therefore did not want to leave a widow and orphans to suffer here on earth by marrying and fathering children. He also knew that he had the spiritual strength to withstand sexual temptation. How many men, least of all the priests we have seen over the years, would have withstood the sexual provocation of Mary Magdalene who used her hair to wipe Jesus' feet?

Christ was a priest and so modern day priests want to emulate his celibate example; which is commendable. If, however, we are to stretch that assertion a little, we are told in Revelation 5:10 that we Christians are a kingdom of priests and prophets. If therefore all of us who are priests and prophets are not to marry and raise children I wonder how our earth will be replenished.

In spite of cogent arguments in the

Bible in support of marriage, the question is: why then has the Roman Catholic Church for centuries now stuck stubbornly to celibacy which has no foundation in the Bible? The answer is simple: the stranglehold of the traditions of men on men. Men choose to hold on most tenaciously to their traditions than to obey the clear-cut rules of God which are even simpler to keep than the traditions evolved by their pathetic human wisdom.

There are many among Roman Catholics who will read this and nod their heads that we are making some points. But the effect of tradition and indoctrination on them will not allow them to side with what I have been inspired to say here.

I am not saying this because I am a Pentecostal Christian. I have been taught that Christ hates division in his church. I speak as a member of that indivisible body of Christ called the universal church. The sexual sin of Roman Catholic priest is giving the entire church of Jesus Christ a very bad name. Many parents will now be scared stiff to allow their children access to priests, the very persons who are supposed to mould the character of children.

If anyone chooses not to see anything very wrong or extra-ordinary in the nature of misbehaviour of some Roman Catholic priests in the name of doctrine or solidarity or whatever, then it is possible that that person does not know the gravity of the sin and crime priests are committing for trying to do what is anti-nature. No child who is sexually abused by a personage like a priest who is supposed to be an epitome of piety, purity and un-defilement, will live to have a normal life again. He may be traumatized for life except by the grace of God himself.

I have so much to say on this matter because the fire of the Holy Spirit is burning in me. If I have to say it all, it will look like I have something special against that tradition of the Roman Catholic Church or against that part of the body of the church itself.

Some think that the motive of this write up springs from the sectarian rivalry that has unfortunately become a part of the body of Christ in which some see themselves as catholic faithful, some as protestant advocates. I am above such petty divisions. I am speaking for the entire body of Christ. The church has been brought to disrepute by the misbehaviour of many priests and the root cause of that misbehaviour is known to all of us. My simple message is that let us have the courage to remove that root cause. Let no one allow pride or a feeling of sectarian solidarity to prevent him from pursuing this cause.

Some may ask: why am I so much concerned about this? Are there no other things I have seen elsewhere that I can talk about other than the issue of celibacy? Well, there are many other sins happening everyday some right under my nose and some even committed by myself. But I have not been commanded to talk about those. As I said before, I have been inspired by the Holy Spirit to have the courage to wage this somehow lonely crusade for which many have sent me abusive messages.

“ By Musa Aliyu Abubakar

2011: I oppose Babangida's bid

Please permit me a space in your widely read newspaper to air my view on Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida and the 2011 presidential bid and more importantly to question whether he is a credible candidate of the north.

When Babangida took over the reins of power in a coup de' tat in 1985, little did Nigerians know he was out to take them for a ride. He promised a purposeful leadership through an open administration and a respect for the fundamental rights of the individual, but regrettably all his sweet pronouncements ended as mere cosmetics and indeed commercial micks as he plundered the economy of the nation to suit his whims and caprices.

With respect to the economy of this country, if there has been any head of state that paid lip service to corruption and treated it with careless condescension, I.B.B. it was. I.B.B. contrived ignorance of the practice of this creepy-crawly with its twin, fraud within the rank and file of the people in his administration and allowed them to make mincemeat of the economy leaving tears of poverty and penury to slant the skeletal checks of the masses.

When the I.B.B.'s government came into power, Nigerian external debts was reported anticipated at billions of naira, but unluckily I.B.B. told a perplexed nation that in its effort and desire to recapture the economy, Nigeria must accept deflation of naira since he perhaps considered the nation currency as overrated. In addition, it was during the I.B.B. administration that the advanced fee fraud, euphemistically called 419 came into prominence, with some measure of acceptance, because a lot of people became rich and politically important

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through it.

The structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) which was initiated by the I.B.B. was one of the several scandalous policies of his administration. SAP in simple terms was aimed at widening the gap between the rich and the poor. For the obvious defects of SAP, the country witnessed anti SAP riots, student demonstration and strike actions which in a nutshell spoke of the doldrums of the nation at that time. Another reprehensible thing is that I.B.B. bequeathed a huge debt stock for the administration that was to come. Another thing that worked at contra purposes to the yearning of the nation is People's Bank established by I.B.B., while the bank was set up to gratify the needs of the people especially the masses, it ended up in economic woes with blatant cases of widespread stealing, fraud, etc, all of which were the stamp of the I.B.B. epoch.

With respect to his political blun-

ders, I.B.B. in order to get a strong political footing and consolidate himself into interactions of state, he promised that his government would hand over to elected civilian administration in 1990. This promise immediately placed Nigerians on the waiting list as they grasped and gasped with bated breath to welcome the dawn of a long-delayed era.

It was I.B.B. and his mob of discredited backers who short-changed the future of the country, and reduced it to a personal fiefdom. That is why it is rather horrendous that the man who gambled with the reputation and destiny of this great nation is still allowed to walk free on the streets of Nigeria without facing trial. Is he above the law because he is wealthy?

It would be recalled with melancholy vehemence that as a step towards democratization, I.B.B. decreed the formation of two political parties which were launched, thus causing a major setback on the election schedule having completed all stages and formalities of the transition programme, the presidential election that held on June 12, it saw Late M.K.O. Abiola as the acclaimed winner, even though it was not officially declared. The nagging question here is why I.B.B. didn't handover to Abiola by that time, was it because he was Yoruba? Or was it because he never expected to step down so soon?

But many Nigerians have very short memory especially the protagonists of I.B.B. who are protecting their personal interest only, because we were all living witnesses to what happened during his era; it was him who annulled the election having wasted millions of naira on the exercise but unfortunately some hopeless and irresponsible Nigerians are still supporting the retired General especially after he declared his intention to contest for the next presidential election. I.B.B. does not deserve to contest whatsoever because he is the architect, initiator and founding father of the present political impasse.

Moreover, all Nigerians have inalienable right to participate in politics as enshrined in the *Grund Norm* (constitution) but I.B.B. with his draconian decrees barred many eminent and deserving politicians from participating using the self-serving argument of producing a new breed of political leaders. Many of those disqualified were so treated on account of corruption, yet I.B.B.'s government eventually went into history as one of the most corrupt in Nigeria and indeed the world as he held the country by the jugular, running it as a personal estate and in the end dumping it in the chasm of political, economic and religious crisis from which it is yet to recuperate.

The General himself knows he has a lot of questions to answer for, here and hereafter in due course. Now that he wants to contest, he has launched scathing attacks on the "new breed" he so much cherished and wanted to take over the reins of government from his own. It's pathetic. The long and short of it is that IBB is wrong; his own experience actually disqualifies from any further attempt to want to return to State House as de jure occupant, courtesy of the electorate. We are wiser now.

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By Abba Mohammed Bashir Shuwa

2011: I support Babangida's bid

Since after he made public his intention to contest the forthcoming election, there has been unprecedented support for Alhaji Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida in all parts of Nigeria and also from Nigerians in the Diaspora. This open show of support for his candidature is the true manifestation of the love and trust the people of our country have in Babangida who has what it takes to win the election in whatever platform he contests.

It is not surprising that several groups are coming out to show their support for IBB openly and most of these groups are doing so purely based on patriotic reasons. The support for IBB cuts across all strata of Nigerians and it is devoid of any regional, religious, tribal or selfish consideration. What makes it unique is that the show of support for IBB is coming at a time when Nigerians are fighting one another based on discordant sentiments in the country which makes it very important for a strong, intelligent and charismatic leader who can build bridge across the nation and unite the people. Babangida stands out among those who have the virtues to promote our unity in diversity.

At a time when politicians and so-called civil society groups hire crowds to show their numbers, amazingly IBB has only come out to say "Yes I can" and the people came out to answer his call by saying "Yes We Want You" and that is from the heart since no one gave out a single kobo for anybody including this writer to answer the call but it was due to the trust and confidence generally people have in his ability to impact positively in their lives as their leader.

Of course there were those who are opposed to IBB and it is assumed that there are many of them. However since we are in a democracy and if those who opposed him believe in the true doctrines of democracy, then they should put their effort at mobilising their supporters to vote for the candidate of their choice. But resorting to cheap blackmail and smear campaign for which they are always known would not help their cause. In fact that would neither help the process to enshrine a democratic culture in our country nor their cause.

However we wish to make it clear to them that Nigerians are aware of the antics of those who never wished well for the country and have the inclination to demean our leaders. It is therefore the right of the supporters of IBB to take all necessary steps to expose them and defend him. Furthermore let it be known that the people of Nigeria on whose mandate IBB is seeking to actualise his ambition would resist any attempt by disgruntled politicians to smear his image. Even though as democrats we welcome genuine criticism and we are ready to engage in debate over policy and manifesto but will not respond to cheap blackmail and propaganda.

As observed earlier the support for IBB is natural and not induced in any form. That in itself is a major achievement for testing his popularity among Nigerians who are eager to have a leader who can stabilise the nation and create the atmosphere for development. Babangida is a compassionate leader who understands the needs of Nigerians. He is good at mobilising people for nation building which is what Nigeria urgently needs so as to get out from the current state of insecurity and underdevelopment created by our present crop of politicians. If you can recall it was typical IBB who during his leadership made a satirical remark to the then Inspector General of Police by tapping him on the shoulder and questioning "my friend where is Anenih?" in public thereby sending him a strong signal that he was concerned that the police had failed to arrest a gang of robbers who were terrorising the people of Edo state. Within a short time after that occasion the robber and his gang were arrested and taken to court. The present state of insecurity in Nigeria is of utmost concern to all peace loving citizens and it requires a leader such as IBB to restore law and order, equitably distribute scarce resources, and address the genuine fears and desires of Nigerians.

It is also on record that IBB recognised merit and rewarded hard work which is among the characteristics of a good leader. His government also helped the weak and assisted the disadvantaged to achieve their potential. Those who served under his regime stand out to be the best cream of Nigerians in their respective calls to date and the legacies of his people oriented policies such as Directorate of Food Roads and Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI), National Directorate for Employment (NDE) etc still remains unrivalled till date.

Despite the criticisms against him Babangida was never heard joining issues with his critics or making baseless allegations against them nor was he ever seen quarrelling with people no matter the provocation which cannot be said about some others who are more of bullies than leaders.

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Is Jonathan sincere?

If Acting President Goodluck Jonathan's recent claims to have conducted three free and fair elections within the period he has been acting president are anything to go by, then he may not be different from the typical politicians who often are insincere. My doubt is coming on the heels of the Acting President's recent interview with CNN in which the Anambra governorship election and the local council election in the FCT among others, were adjudged free and fair by

Dr. Jonathan. It is also worthy to state that the Chairman of INEC, Professor Maurice Iwu has been claiming to have conducted credible elections during the period in review.

I have become sceptical of Dr. Jonathan's sincerity after his making reference to the past three elections as credible. Though according to the Acting President, "he is not defending Maurice Iwu" but can Nigerians really trust Dr. Goodluck to deliver on his promises? Most of our past leaders have made similar promises but they failed to deliver.

It was reported that the Umaru Yar' Adua cabinet was sacked in order to inject fresh blood into the system but that did not happen. Nigerians were surprised to

discover that the newly appointed ministers were individuals with are everything but young blood. Many of them were picked along party lines and also on the recommendations of some godfathers and influential politicians.

One expected a departure from the old ways of selecting ministers but the fact that Dr. Jonathan is a typical politician did not give way for the appointment of technocrats which Nigeria is blessed with. Though nothing is impossible, this might just be Dr. Jonathan's one and only chance to lead the country. Therefore, he must not allow some power brokers to influence his decisions on issues affecting the nation.

Bolaji Samson Aregbeshola, Ikeja, Lagos.

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If Iwu must go...

GOV Sule Lamido of Jigawa State spoke the truth, when he said that every elected leader whose said iwu should be removed should resign too. **ABBA Usman, Nguru, Yobe state, 08036808234.**

Jos again!

THE tit for tat going on is another name for reprisal killing. But for how long would this barbaric act continue; for as long as all the inhabitants (both so-called settlers and the so-called indigenes) perished, I suppose? Government must do something, and fast. **MARWAN, Kano, 080366470090.**

Not safe anywhere?

SEVEN bus passengers dragged out, killed in Jos, according to the news. It seems that no any security officer in Nigeria is worth his office. They cannot protect lives or properties in just one state. How can they handle interstate rift? Obviously our sovereignty is undoubtedly at risk.

SALIHU, AB., Katsina, 08027419258.

Like army, like police

I'M appealing to the Inspector General of Police to consider

changing police uniform from black to another colour, because those personnel who serve in Yola, Maiduguri and Damaturu don't find it easy at all. It's the hot weather. May I ask, is the new blue uniform solely for senior officers?

08067246800.

Calling NECO

I wonder why NECO charges candidates N10, 000 to correct mistakes they (NECO) made on certificates. This is unbearable.

WALI Abdulkareem, Kaduna, 08035309553.

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ICPC and capital projects probe

The chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Justice Emmanuel Ayoola disclosed recently that the commission would soon launch an inquiry to determine how N796.7 billion earmarked for capital projects in the 2009 budget was spent. Such a probe is important and welcome, even as the nation expects the commission to be more robust and to cast its net wider. Justice Ayoola told the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Mohammed Adoke during a courtesy visit that corrupt practices in the country were currently at their peak, particularly at federal ministries, departments and agencies (MDGs) "where capital votes end up in private pockets." But we wonder whether the ICPC is serious in the prosecution of public officers found to be corrupt? This is an issue because the records don't say much about whether any government functionary has been successfully prosecuted and jailed on corruption charges since it was established a decade ago. The foundation for the ICPC chairman's interest today in probing the 2009 allocation for capital projects is therefore difficult to perceive. What functionaries did with the 2009 allocations for recurrent expenditures is as important an area of inquiry as probing expenditures of preceding years. However, the commission's desire to probe the allocations casts serious doubts on the government's due process mantra. It is taken as given that every contract for capital projects must have passed through the tenders' board and the due process office respectively before awards are made. It would be useful in resolving this issue to inquire whether ICPC's stance was informed by complaints from the office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation or the Due Process Office on failed projects.

Perhaps the ICPC chairman's remarks were a response to the recent attack on the commission by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dimeji Bankole, who had accused the commission of non-performance. The Speaker who expressed his views at the inauguration of the Board of Trustees and Governing Council of the Yoruba Academy in Ibadan early this month had said that the ICPC and the EFCC were playing to the gallery in carrying out their mandates, saying that in spite of several reports from the National Assembly on cases of alleged financial malpractices in government circles, both anti-graft organs were yet to act. For instance, the House of Representatives' findings following its oversight work at the Nigeria Ports Authority [NPA] sometime ago allegedly showed short-remittance by the parastatal of N11 billion, instead of the N548 billion it generated. Similarly, reports by the House of Representatives indicated that over the years, between N800 billion and N1 trillion internally generated revenue was being collected annually by the three tiers of government, but without remittances to the treasury; yet there was no action from the two anti-graft bodies. If these are true, then there is serious systemic problem with the on-going anti-graft war in the country.

Though both agencies have previously attributed their predicament to the slow pace of the judicial system, this cannot justify incompetence. A rigorous overhaul of the system is called for. But this can only be achieved with the full commitment and support of those at the helm of affairs. It is imperative that they summon the political will to do so. The office of the Director of Budget and the Due Process Office must be empowered to assert their authority in the budgeting process and monitoring; and all the MDAs should ensure that their operations are in line with the rules guiding the application of funds allocated for the execution of capital projects as outlined in the budget.

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A tribunal on girls' education (II)

Civil Society Watch

By Hajiya Bilkisu (mni)

The first part of this report ended with the verdict of the Panel of Judges at the Tribunal on Girls' Education in Nigeria organised by Change Managers International Network as a pre-Beijing plus fifteen activities, at the Bayelsa House in Abuja. The verdict identified the following issues as obstacles to girl child education in the country: poverty, child labour and economic issues, early marriage and teenage pregnancy, inadequate school infrastructure and cultural and religious biases. Others include gender bias in content, teaching and learning processes, poorly qualified teachers and poorly paid teachers. All these were discussed in detail and in addition the last part of the Tribunal's verdict highlighted the following:

The Lack of information on UBE: During the cross-examination of the testifiers, they were asked if they know that primary education was free in Nigeria and they said they did not know. Their parents and 'madams' may know about the UBE policy but have not enrolled them in school for other reasons. It is therefore necessary to include children on the list of targeted groups particularly on programmes that affect them and their livelihood.

On Vulnerability: Testimonies showed that death or divorce of parents of the girl children placed them in difficult circumstances and the nation that is expected by the Child's Rights Act to come to the rescue of such children who are in need of care and protection has failed them. The testifier who lives in an uncompleted building in Kaduna with her siblings was an orphan and vulnerable child. The testifier who dropped out of school because her parents divorced never had access to school until she got married early and had children of her own before she returned to school and was in the same class with her daughter. A case of opportunity lost due to poverty and family instability.

After listening to these sad stories of denial of education to girl children the Panel of Judges also deliberated on education and human rights and the Tribunal organizers, Change Managers International produced a summarised report for dissemination to promote advocacy on girl child education. The report underscored the fact that education is a basic human right and has been recognized as such since the 1948 with the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Since then, numerous human rights treaties have reaffirmed this right and have supported entitlement to free, compulsory primary education for all children. In 1990, the Education For All (EFA) commitment was launched to ensure that by 2015 all children, particularly girls, those in difficult circumstances and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to and complete, free and compulsory primary education of good quality. Although Nigeria has had a National Policy on Education since 1981, it has not been implemented effectively and efficiently due to rapid population growth, insufficient political will, a

long period of undemocratic governance, and poor management of scarce resources. Women and girls have been most affected by these negative factors. The national literacy rate for females is only 56%, compared to 72% for males, and in certain states the female literacy, enrolment and achievement rates are much lower. The Tribunal cited the fact that these poor statistics mask regional disparities in educationally disadvantaged states most of which are in the Northern states. For example, girls' net enrolment in Sokoto is 15%, compared to 59% for boys. An equally disturbing issue is the poor health indicators in these states with low school enrolment confirming that the link between education

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It is extremely important that girls have access to education. For every additional year girls go to school, they receive 20% higher wages and suffer 10% fewer child deaths. Women with some formal education are more likely to seek medical care, ensure their children are immunized, be better informed about their children's nutritional requirements, and adopt improved sanitation practices. As a result, their infants and children have higher survival rates and tend to be healthier and better nourished. According to the International Centre for Research on Women, the education that a girl receives is a critical factor in reducing the prevalence of child marriage.

The Tribunal urged government at federal, states and local government levels to do more in order to achieve Universal Basic Education and attain gender parity in education in Nigeria. Many girls are out of school for no fault of theirs. Some of them found themselves in difficult situations as a result of being orphaned or through the divorce of their parents. Others are out of school because of poverty of their parents. It is the responsibility of government to protect such children who are in need.

In 2000, the international community committed to achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the year 2015. Two of the goals specifically relate to education: MDG 2 focuses on universal primary education and MDG 3 aims to reduce the gender gap in education. While notable progress has been made in the category of enrol-

ment, much progress is still needed, especially in addressing gender parity and quality of education that addresses socio-economic needs. The Tribunal therefore recommends as follows: The issue of education should be addressed from a rights-based approach. Three inter-related rights are notable and must be addressed in concert in order to provide education for all:

- The right of access to education - Education must be available for, accessible to and inclusive of all children.
- The right to quality education - Education needs to be child-centered, relevant and embrace a broad curriculum, and be appropriately resourced and monitored.
- The right to respect within the learning environment - Education must be provided in a way that is consistent with human rights, equal respect for culture, religion and language and free from all forms of violence.

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Other recommendations are: addressing cultural, socio-economic and gender barriers to ensure that all children have access to a quality education in an environment where they feel safe and where their rights are protected. Sexual violence, insecure school environments and inadequate sanitation that adversely affect girls' self-esteem, participation and retention need to be addressed. Increased funding and prudent use of funds, and implementation of the UBE Act and the Child's Rights Act: The National assembly passed the Child's Rights Act in 2003 and since then, 23 states have passed similar legislation in their states. The Act provides for community homes and registered children's institutions to take care of different categories of children and the age of marriage was put at 18. Responsible governments should commence the implementation of the Act and laws including the establishment of these institutions. Parents who have failed or refused to send their daughters to school must be made to face the wrath of the law as is happening in Lagos state. Others recommendations which were detailed but have to be abridged due to space constraints include improving the learning environment by refurbishing schools, providing classroom furniture, books and materials, water and toilets for schools provide trained teachers, flexible programs, improving the quality of educational service delivery for gender sensitivity, improving the learning environment by refurbishing schools, providing classroom furniture, books and materials, water and toilets for schools and information dissemination on UBE Act.



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Summary of Gross Revenue Allocation by Federation Account Allocation Committee for the Month of February, 2010 shared in March, 2010

S/n	Beneficiaries	Statutory =N=	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Crude Savings Account =N=	Exchanged Gain Difference =N=	VAT =N=	Total =N=
1	FGN (see Table II)	108,756,864,220.20	33,777,889,200.00	-	6,686,985,576.89	149,221,738,997.09
2	State (see Table III)	55,162,934,927.18	32,839,559,278.06	-	22,289,951,922.97	110,292,446,128.21
3	LGCs (see Table IV)	42,528,310,610.03	26,417,028,000.00	-	15,602,866,346.08	84,548,304,956.11
4	13% Derivation Fund Deductions: Cost of Collections (FIRS & NCS)	22,211,794,574.47	19,162,000,000.00	-	-	41,373,794,574.47
5	LGCs Refund Escrow	-	-	-	1,857,495,993.58	1,857,495,993.58
6	Total	228,659,904,331.88	35,203,523,521.94	-	46,437,399,839.52	422,497,304,171.40

Table II

Distribution of Revenue Allocation to FGN by Federation Account Allocation Committee for the Month of February, 2010 shared in March, 2010

1	2	3	4	5-3-4	6	7	8	9	10=5+6+7+8+9
S/n	Beneficiaries	Gross Statutory Allocation	Less External Debt Deduction	Net Statutory Allocation	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Crude Savings Account	Exchange Gain Difference	VAT	Total Net Amount	
1	FGN (CRF Account)	100,127,333,232.34	3,049,825,364.37	97,077,507,867.97	31,097,715,000.00	-	6,241,186,538.43	134,416,409,406.41	
2	Share of Derivation & Ecology	2,064,481,097.57	62,882,997.20	2,001,598,100.37	641,190,000.00	-	-	2,642,788,100.37	
3	Stabilization	1,032,240,548.79	31,441,498.60	1,000,799,050.19	320,595,000.00	-	-	1,321,394,050.19	
4	Development of Natural Resources	3,488,328,243.92	105,643,435.30	3,362,684,808.62	1,077,199,200.00	-	-	4,439,884,008.62	
5	FCI-Abuja	2,064,481,097.57	62,882,997.20	2,001,598,100.37	641,190,000.00	-	445,799,038.46	3,088,587,138.83	
	Sub-total	108,756,864,220.20	3,312,676,292.68	105,444,187,927.52	33,777,889,200.00	-	6,686,985,576.89	145,909,062,704.41	

The above information is also available on the Federal Ministry of Finance website: www.fmf.gov.ng and Office of Accountant-General of the Federation website: www.oagf.gov.ng. In addition, you would find on these websites details of the Capital and Recurrent allocations to all arms of Government including Federal Ministries and Agencies. The Budget Office website www.budgetoffice.gov.ng also contains information about the Budget.

Source: Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation

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Table III

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

Distribution of Revenue Allocation to State Governments by Federation Account Allocation Committee for the month of February, 2010 shared in March, 2010

Sl. No.	Beneficiaries	No. of LOCs	Gross Statutory Allocation	15% Share of Derivation (Net)	Gross Total	Deductions			Net Statutory Allocation	Distribution from Foreign Banks Credit Scheme Account for August, 2009 Appropriation	Contributions of F1 Billion from Foreign Banks Credit Scheme Savings Account	Exchange Rate Allocation	VAT Allocation	Total Gross Amount	Total Net Amount
						External Debt	Contractual Obligations (SP/OL)	Other Deductions (Net Note)							
1	ABIA	17	1,526,677,569.02	348,707,450.16	1,678,295,039.17	17,066,645.80	-	13,245,837.07	1,647,872,756.30	-	563,350,490.51	-	467,599,737.32	2,795,211,263.20	2,678,898,990.33
2	ADAMAWA	21	1,484,330,605.81	-	1,484,330,605.81	9,011,794.23	-	-	1,474,689,811.58	-	921,993,140.81	-	479,829,141.36	2,083,913,887.77	2,873,362,090.54
3	AKWA IBOM	31	1,501,604,201.90	8,231,355,865.10	7,732,960,067.00	139,993,999.02	-	-	7,592,966,068.00	-	8,308,699,919.40	-	542,961,747.26	14,643,528,093.73	14,443,528,093.73
4	ANAMBRA	21	1,499,256,227.13	-	1,499,256,227.13	9,011,830.08	-	-	1,479,644,397.05	-	931,284,268.81	-	536,472,299.09	2,866,616,764.03	2,946,453,153.95
5	BAUJI	20	1,738,872,662.85	-	1,738,872,662.85	91,173,098.63	-	-	1,590,899,564.22	-	1,680,123,973.04	-	540,559,599.84	3,245,350,216.53	3,214,594,094.71
6	BAYELSA	8	1,190,781,555.15	2,672,787,903.47	3,763,569,458.62	10,171,449.81	-	509,813,020.90	3,237,884,985.11	-	2,850,200,648.16	-	462,744,814.38	7,125,514,819.98	6,999,530,448.57
7	BENUE	20	1,602,826,260.04	-	1,602,826,260.04	17,599,644.01	-	-	1,584,827,706.93	-	966,019,969.27	-	541,434,619.25	3,138,877,849.56	3,121,879,305.56
8	BORNO	27	1,786,498,037.97	-	1,786,498,037.97	19,878,154.78	-	-	1,748,625,383.19	-	1,068,628,400.96	-	536,014,911.89	3,483,830,830.82	3,383,151,776.14
9	CROSS RIVER	18	1,393,382,751.33	-	1,393,382,751.33	176,154,876.11	-	-	899,781,455.78	-	865,919,301.31	-	457,116,766.93	2,716,817,819.97	2,213,416,534.62
10	DELTA	25	1,500,713,830.72	5,425,051,025.76	6,925,764,856.48	77,656,895.33	-	279,876,466.12	6,566,431,485.63	-	8,612,351,622.71	-	636,019,559.35	13,174,136,239.53	12,816,802,888.09
11	EBOYO	13	1,230,542,763.31	-	1,230,542,763.31	11,222,717.77	-	-	1,219,320,045.54	-	764,368,098.40	-	416,001,499.48	2,419,512,351.19	2,399,259,603.42
12	EDO	18	1,400,658,883.43	699,381,267.34	2,099,040,150.77	69,334,296.33	-	47,198,720.26	1,664,485,025.16	-	1,215,626,142.30	-	562,662,382.61	3,379,196,455.68	3,442,573,530.07
13	EKITI	16	1,241,256,431.33	-	1,241,256,431.33	26,407,279.26	-	-	1,214,851,152.87	-	771,004,248.68	-	445,199,177.96	2,457,481,557.99	2,431,074,578.64
14	ENUGO	17	1,400,437,821.06	-	1,400,437,821.06	19,417,200.49	-	-	1,381,020,321.49	-	434,950,233.99	-	483,426,172.68	2,213,812,868.55	2,299,399,669.00
15	GOURE	11	1,316,466,323.48	-	1,316,466,323.48	19,163,166.63	-	-	1,297,303,217.85	-	817,740,635.11	-	447,529,624.84	2,681,766,603.53	2,592,603,477.80
16	IMMO	27	1,495,126,273.40	341,477,777.56	1,836,604,050.96	28,788,379.29	-	358,424,769.53	1,449,419,993.14	-	1,223,308,708.05	-	903,489,877.24	3,663,462,464.75	3,178,299,336.53
17	LAGOS	27	1,642,261,798.24	-	1,642,261,798.24	40,389,881.25	-	-	1,601,871,916.99	-	1,020,112,844.48	-	640,721,419.56	3,675,659,824.04	3,605,588,787.40
18	NAIJA	22	1,871,704,359.32	-	1,871,704,359.32	69,470,137.44	-	-	1,802,234,221.88	-	1,162,634,154.96	-	640,721,419.56	4,787,880,309.81	4,616,185,449.07
19	OKARA	44	2,345,827,077.87	-	2,345,827,077.87	88,994,860.74	-	-	2,256,832,217.13	-	1,457,141,812.37	-	964,911,419.57	4,787,880,309.81	4,616,185,449.07
20	OKARA	34	1,783,994,478.21	-	1,783,994,478.21	59,715,413.02	-	-	1,724,279,065.19	-	1,109,191,969.91	-	599,669,988.72	3,491,816,452.84	3,432,151,009.62
21	ONDO	21	1,462,207,026.43	-	1,462,207,026.43	42,246,825.11	-	-	1,419,960,201.32	-	928,604,319.35	-	478,001,848.06	2,896,613,193.83	2,855,796,369.72
22	OSUN	21	1,488,482,605.57	-	1,488,482,605.57	30,866,478.87	-	-	1,457,616,126.70	-	924,690,845.69	-	507,955,517.36	2,929,328,608.46	2,890,062,489.59
23	OSUN	16	1,356,407,403.09	-	1,356,407,403.09	25,213,274.13	-	-	1,331,194,128.96	-	642,550,070.03	-	291,539,794.12	2,650,478,877.24	2,425,265,403.11
24	LAGOS	20	2,119,037,154.70	-	2,119,037,154.70	142,664,730.13	-	900,000,000.00	1,476,872,424.57	-	1,319,269,223.35	-	3,904,213,848.71	7,339,519,226.76	6,697,454,496.63
25	HASSARAWA	13	1,270,895,518.98	-	1,270,895,518.98	81,265,413.71	-	-	1,209,899,105.27	-	789,427,508.53	-	407,971,544.69	2,488,120,570.29	2,406,915,156.49
26	OGUN	25	1,735,759,290.58	-	1,735,759,290.58	15,694,518.60	-	142,317,592.73	1,577,827,189.19	-	1,078,190,090.29	-	514,878,676.54	3,328,326,006.91	3,170,754,005.52
27	OGUN	20	1,450,690,827.02	-	1,450,690,827.02	21,489,311.49	-	-	1,429,199,515.53	-	901,109,706.10	-	506,348,248.44	2,825,836,829.96	2,837,141,828.07
28	ONDO	18	1,391,220,879.83	1,847,529,263.95	3,238,750,143.78	40,240,513.62	-	-	2,998,599,629.86	-	1,940,413,492.90	-	917,897,624.16	5,097,660,229.85	5,056,819,707.03
29	OSUN	30	1,375,894,429.07	-	1,375,894,429.07	55,145,388.42	-	4,460,000.00	1,319,349,049.65	-	477,327,598.47	-	484,985,185.50	2,885,210,136.03	2,228,664,747.61
30	OGUN	33	1,733,469,921.42	-	1,733,469,921.42	223,907,690.22	-	-	1,509,562,231.20	-	1,078,782,335.48	-	631,225,436.86	3,441,448,993.56	3,217,940,833.34
31	PLATEAU	17	1,455,769,239.96	-	1,455,769,239.96	116,932,799.79	-	-	1,339,287,460.17	-	904,264,911.27	-	489,738,811.25	2,848,760,962.48	2,732,258,202.70
32	RIVERS	23	1,627,501,196.22	5,644,524,191.13	7,272,025,387.35	41,972,035.95	-	-	7,230,053,351.41	-	5,860,445,793.52	-	871,690,445.26	14,926,331,536.14	13,992,759,500.19
33	SONO	23	1,547,590,924.69	-	1,547,590,924.69	27,444,699.28	-	-	1,520,146,225.41	-	961,308,787.28	-	502,533,027.43	3,011,430,719.40	2,963,996,020.12
34	TARABA	16	1,465,611,113.84	-	1,465,611,113.84	11,398,757.96	-	-	1,454,212,355.88	-	919,545,415.99	-	423,513,525.79	2,796,800,605.23	2,768,331,297.25
35	YOBE	17	1,454,839,192.89	-	1,454,839,192.89	18,765,104.73	-	15,170,000.00	1,422,894,997.97	-	903,887,144.08	-	432,788,271.81	2,791,303,518.98	2,739,068,413.87
36	ZAMFARA	14	1,459,253,264.52	-	1,459,253,264.52	16,947,251.44	-	-	1,442,306,013.08	-	926,434,650.12	-	471,698,787.89	2,837,296,702.53	2,821,249,451.69
37	Soku Disputed Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
38	Overall/Disputed Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total (States/LGCs)			55,162,934,927.18	29,211,784,574.47	77,374,719,501.65	1,915,137,851.54	1,384,997,613.89	870,803,864.37	73,195,490,171.85	52,091,558,278.06	151,468,240,702.68	22,089,551,922.97	151,468,240,702.68	147,287,001,372.89	

Note:

Other Deductions cover, National Water Rehabilitation Projects, National Agricultural Technology Support Programme, Payment for Fertilizer, State Water Supply Project, State Agricultural Project and National Fadama Project

Source: Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation



Table IV

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010 SHARED IN MARCH, 2010

Sl. No.	State	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation ₦bn	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Crude Savings Account ₦bn	Value Added Tax ₦bn	Total Allocation ₦bn
1 ABIA						
1	ABA NORTH		44,325,421.89	27,533,327.55	14,405,025.23	86,263,774.47
2	ABA SOUTH		73,195,081.03	45,466,101.53	24,384,632.15	143,045,815.10
3	AROCHUKWU		55,392,578.23	34,497,838.38	16,502,393.41	106,392,809.01
4	BENDE		55,864,057.09	34,700,704.99	17,234,923.94	107,799,685.02
5	IKWUANO		49,292,528.37	30,618,710.84	15,425,150.49	95,336,389.71
6	ISIALA NGWA NORTH		51,201,427.04	31,804,450.08	15,951,549.17	99,957,426.29
7	ISIALA NGWA SOUTH		49,521,682.72	30,780,979.83	15,317,101.82	95,599,644.47
8	ISURUWATO		51,330,239.28	31,884,463.90	14,637,575.87	97,852,279.05
9	UMU-NNEOCHI		51,416,184.02	31,937,855.48	16,292,449.28	99,646,488.78
10	OBI NGWA		53,903,083.47	33,482,620.04	16,876,038.95	104,261,742.46
11	OHAFIA		60,022,997.09	37,284,066.11	19,098,413.64	116,315,476.84
12	OSISIOMA NGWA		54,701,729.74	33,878,709.84	18,155,260.52	106,735,700.10
13	UGWUNAGBO		42,601,646.10	27,083,682.55	13,573,341.40	83,258,670.05
14	UKWA EAST		40,501,717.19	25,158,182.44	12,770,011.44	78,430,911.07
15	UKWA WEST		42,108,539.18	26,185,039.83	13,771,862.08	82,065,441.09
16	UMUAHIA NORTH		60,528,350.98	37,887,983.42	18,189,638.13	116,605,972.53
17	UMUAHIA SOUTH		49,031,077.07	31,015,355.54	15,444,446.08	95,490,878.69
ABIA Total			888,836,128.73	550,876,191.71	278,356,833.38	1,718,069,153.82
2 ADAMAWA						
1	DEMBA		50,109,041.18	34,852,880.12	16,501,850.93	101,463,772.23
2	FURURE		89,487,845.68	43,144,688.28	17,405,076.51	150,037,609.47
3	GANYE		58,005,373.61	38,030,812.34	15,961,314.60	112,007,500.55
4	GIREI		53,353,133.68	33,141,011.39	14,821,235.58	101,315,380.65
5	GOMBI		51,626,112.65	32,068,348.22	15,370,809.05	99,065,270.92
6	GUYUK		53,793,258.53	33,358,496.11	16,419,382.82	103,571,137.46
7	HONG		59,443,894.46	36,924,368.78	16,129,825.85	112,498,089.09
8	JADA		50,671,837.26	37,065,080.49	16,197,987.92	103,934,905.67
9	YOLA NORTH		54,368,649.27	33,771,812.48	17,103,697.83	105,244,159.58
10	LAMURDE		48,990,264.65	30,436,957.04	14,246,313.65	93,673,535.34
11	MADAGALI		48,850,810.52	30,344,209.01	14,982,923.89	94,177,943.42
12	MAIHA		48,577,018.84	30,174,283.89	14,193,208.98	92,944,511.71
13	MAYO-BELWA		54,819,167.75	34,113,774.36	15,594,885.41	104,527,827.52
14	MICHIKA		52,587,412.53	32,665,373.47	15,667,533.24	100,920,319.24
15	MUBI NORTH		51,250,902.88	31,835,238.37	15,826,076.78	98,912,218.03
16	MUBI SOUTH		48,276,791.04	29,887,773.38	14,785,894.74	93,950,459.16
17	NUMAN		45,888,262.03	28,381,239.12	13,507,820.90	87,777,322.05
18	SHELLENG		51,414,731.17	31,836,846.79	15,456,093.94	98,707,671.90
19	SONG		85,228,418.28	40,516,281.27	16,918,088.70	142,662,788.25
20	TOUNGO		56,271,617.37	34,332,703.18	13,214,323.11	103,818,643.66
21	YOLA SOUTH		54,509,324.75	33,889,194.91	16,981,941.49	105,380,461.14
ADAMAWA Total			1,141,271,758.74	788,916,181.83	328,900,102.70	2,259,088,043.27
3 ANAMBRA						
1	AQUATA		69,973,696.01	43,465,095.61	23,129,712.38	136,568,504.00
2	ANAMBRA EAST		47,816,686.35	29,784,090.78	15,878,278.74	93,559,055.87
3	ANAMBRA WEST		53,032,498.88	32,941,839.82	16,349,296.72	102,323,635.42
4	ANAOCHA		62,183,131.48	38,813,459.15	20,381,521.28	121,378,111.91
5	AWKA NORTH		45,588,660.91	28,324,304.05	14,516,450.81	88,429,415.77
6	AWKA SOUTH		52,805,351.38	32,800,886.98	17,072,733.23	102,678,971.59
7	AYAMELUM		49,516,816.03	30,757,849.30	15,048,126.84	95,322,692.17
8	DUNUKOPIA		44,971,691.41	27,934,393.91	13,973,833.12	86,879,918.44
9	ERWUBIGO		49,037,353.13	30,460,144.86	16,042,140.86	95,539,638.85
10	IDEMILI NORTH		77,544,450.38	48,167,770.70	25,156,619.83	150,868,840.91
11	IDEMILI SOUTH		52,034,587.35	32,321,956.31	17,898,877.45	102,255,411.11
12	IHALA		65,856,402.58	40,783,351.15	20,855,239.33	127,495,093.07
13	NIKOKA		49,361,662.10	30,561,855.02	10,715,053.63	90,638,570.75
14	NNEWI NORTH		48,897,398.09	30,373,243.84	16,020,002.75	95,290,644.68
15	NNEWI SOUTH		57,886,201.76	35,820,131.22	18,584,513.88	112,290,846.86
16	OGBARU		64,946,016.78	34,155,298.03	18,170,009.60	117,271,324.41
17	ONITSHA NORTH		47,178,981.71	29,308,214.73	14,928,915.16	91,416,111.60
18	ONITSHA SOUTH		49,102,446.27	30,500,640.15	15,320,846.58	94,923,933.00
19	ORUMBA NORTH		82,303,488.07	52,488,008.76	26,816,137.11	161,607,633.94
20	ORUMBA SOUTH		52,336,158.28	32,509,303.54	17,010,833.48	101,856,295.31
21	OVI		48,281,881.80	30,399,489.21	16,389,798.20	95,071,169.21
ANAMBRA Total			1,131,348,818.92	702,749,535.72	365,817,542.78	2,199,915,907.42
4 BAUCHI						
1	ALKALERI		86,338,028.82	53,638,166.43	21,381,218.29	161,357,413.54
2	BAUCHI		162,893,719.81	83,915,803.49	26,878,408.26	273,687,931.56
3	BOGORO		48,480,142.00	30,114,087.84	13,181,120.28	91,775,349.91
4	DAMBAW		53,656,348.22	33,328,735.89	15,411,885.88	102,396,969.99
5	DARAZO		68,086,118.89	42,280,177.37	16,778,563.30	127,144,859.56
6	DASS		44,373,571.88	27,582,815.39	13,372,671.83	85,329,059.10
7	GANAWA		72,234,190.01	44,869,231.84	19,942,037.76	137,045,459.61
8	GANJUWA		72,838,499.72	45,245,227.85	18,746,828.13	136,830,555.70
9	GADE		50,826,815.39	31,833,871.39	15,814,104.90	98,474,791.68
10	ITAS/GADAU		56,881,896.08	36,562,852.71	18,056,218.91	111,480,967.70
11	JAMA'ARE		46,973,186.87	29,178,027.95	14,307,028.28	90,458,243.10
12	KATAKUM		89,144,980.99	42,995,079.43	20,362,471.79	152,502,532.21
13	KIRFI		55,247,881.59	34,317,946.93	15,301,395.80	104,867,224.32
14	MISAU		54,296,841.81	35,830,344.77	19,176,199.74	109,303,386.32
15	NINGI		88,732,343.82	53,874,953.47	23,313,048.30	165,920,345.59
16	SHIRI		61,888,928.34	38,309,234.71	18,190,988.84	118,389,151.89
17	TAFAWA BALEWA		87,064,879.24	41,658,301.76	17,721,538.90	146,444,719.90
18	TORO		83,287,780.48	57,897,257.42	22,682,812.67	163,867,850.57
19	WARJI		48,797,088.66	30,310,981.86	14,201,345.63	93,309,416.15
20	ZAKI		86,877,028.45	53,205,891.76	16,787,426.88	156,870,347.09
BAUCHI Total			1,388,473,121.48	812,778,591.68	382,680,901.03	2,583,932,614.19
5 BENUE						
1	BRASS		56,418,821.95	35,044,682.37	17,070,042.37	108,533,546.69
2	EKREMOR		66,490,984.04	41,245,848.75	19,918,504.21	127,654,336.99
3	KOLOKUMA/OPKUMA		42,166,492.42	26,192,323.90	13,466,513.83	81,825,330.15
4	NEMBE		30,387,783.84	31,308,282.89	15,280,268.82	76,976,335.55
5	OGBIA		56,718,622.05	35,230,287.10	16,898,722.88	108,847,632.03
6	SAGBAMA		57,238,080.87	35,868,821.44	17,140,188.67	110,247,090.98
7	SOUTHERN IJAW		81,282,271.03	50,477,144.71	21,583,342.19	153,342,757.93
8	YENAGOA		79,787,827.84	43,878,803.97	22,898,037.17	146,564,668.98
BENUE Total			681,406,783.74	409,032,251.77	166,016,600.33	1,256,455,635.84
6 BAYELSA						
1	ADO		88,944,343.44	36,614,068.99	16,780,438.22	142,338,850.65
2	AGATU		50,796,122.10	31,552,669.51	14,661,634.20	97,010,425.81
3	APA		50,611,058.59	31,378,618.50	14,034,343.27	96,024,020.36
4	BURUKU		88,872,743.31	38,569,890.61	17,811,085.37	145,253,719.29
5	GBOKO		77,718,573.50	48,275,929.87	22,801,668.65	148,796,171.82
6	GUMA		61,888,188.09	38,280,680.37	17,205,710.58	117,374,579.04
7	QWER EAST		57,887,788.91	38,019,884.13	16,270,960.81	112,178,633.85
8	QWER WEST		51,918,811.62	32,788,580.03	14,883,082.14	99,590,473.79
9	KATBINA ALA		65,214,400.64	40,506,795.74	18,313,251.25	124,034,447.63
10	KONSHISHA		80,838,861.73	37,790,684.98	18,345,154.30	136,974,600.91
11	KWANDE		88,574,108.55	42,595,723.17	19,115,138.83	150,284,970.55
12	LOGO		55,198,878.19	34,285,470.34	16,452,078.60	105,936,427.13
13	MAKURDI		63,814,180.48	38,638,038.50	20,743,761.14	123,196,980.12
14	OBI		44,583,828.30	27,643,958.98	14,104,235.48	86,332,022.76
15	OGBADISO		51,491,688.80	31,944,737.82	15,102,523.81	98,539,950.43
16	OHIMIN		46,087,173.94	27,956,806.81	13,188,848.20	87,232,828.95
17	OJU		58,420,399.19	30,288,009.16	16,491,305.19	105,200,713.54
18	OKPOKWU		55,914,189.88	34,731,851.85	16,705,697.03	107,351,738.76
19	OTUKPO		68,346,738.67	42,454,489.34	19,548,835.47	130,350,063.48
20	TARKA					



Table V

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010 SHARED IN MARCH, 2010

Sl. No.	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Crude Revenue Account	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
BORNO					
1	ABADAN	55,961,789.59	34,781,412.84	13,965,715.38	104,718,917.81
2	ASKIRA USA	54,842,008.53	34,065,845.88	15,263,508.53	104,171,360.94
3	BAMA	74,037,444.88	45,969,347.52	19,674,239.91	139,701,032.37
4	BAYO	44,239,904.04	27,480,207.11	13,286,894.05	85,006,805.20
5	BBU	50,814,190.78	37,030,094.69	16,533,638.56	113,177,834.00
6	CHIBOK	44,511,359.21	27,648,825.11	12,956,204.86	85,016,389.18
7	DAMBOA	72,771,005.11	45,282,681.51	18,389,661.25	136,363,347.87
8	DIKWA	48,159,946.68	29,915,193.94	14,187,300.29	92,262,440.92
9	GUBIO	55,822,579.85	34,674,940.85	15,754,658.13	106,252,178.83
10	GUZAMALA	50,050,545.01	31,089,584.34	13,844,198.55	94,984,328.90
11	OYOZA	69,573,750.61	43,218,684.31	19,885,789.24	132,678,224.35
12	HAWUL	50,096,032.31	31,117,819.38	14,669,821.48	95,883,673.18
13	JERE	54,407,830.62	35,038,477.18	17,768,498.48	107,194,806.28
14	KAGA	80,977,782.12	51,685,530.05	23,655,785.10	156,299,097.28
15	KALA BALDE	45,383,840.17	28,190,778.32	12,878,698.72	86,253,317.21
16	KONDUGA	66,824,822.51	41,354,898.12	18,881,268.70	127,060,989.33
17	KUKAWA	67,025,984.90	41,834,081.79	17,483,637.72	126,343,704.42
18	KWAYA KUSAR	39,807,895.18	24,727,187.08	12,535,901.68	77,070,983.94
19	MAFA	54,189,307.66	33,660,412.02	14,187,342.27	101,957,061.95
20	MAGUMERI	83,422,080.98	50,385,478.65	18,336,078.90	152,143,638.53
21	MAIDUGURI METRO	88,788,639.83	55,138,453.23	26,084,914.38	170,012,007.44
22	MARTE	57,388,589.18	35,853,906.07	14,971,885.40	108,214,380.65
23	MOBBAR	52,267,682.78	32,466,684.53	14,046,628.50	98,780,995.81
24	MONGUNO	50,881,186.64	31,583,111.43	14,310,125.68	96,774,423.75
25	NGALA	57,897,774.25	36,963,975.56	18,573,521.23	112,435,271.04
26	NGANZAI	51,500,479.87	31,990,219.74	13,982,974.27	97,473,664.87
27	SHANI	46,840,477.47	29,895,688.02	14,067,170.33	90,803,335.82
BORNO Total		1,529,054,120.89	949,792,384.12	426,281,485.54	2,905,127,000.55
CROSS RIVER					
1	ABI	50,250,686.38	31,213,873.65	15,185,915.89	96,650,475.94
2	AKAMKPA	62,976,213.42	38,118,815.86	15,387,384.90	116,482,414.18
3	AKPABUYO	60,889,843.65	37,898,368.87	18,410,343.78	117,198,556.30
4	BAKASSI	38,828,822.91	24,117,302.96	11,426,551.14	74,366,676.60
5	BEKWARA	44,056,395.08	27,368,578.28	13,882,378.08	85,307,351.44
6	BIASS	54,206,086.13	33,678,784.58	16,091,388.98	103,976,259.69
7	BOKI	63,394,959.36	39,378,594.44	18,988,343.64	121,761,897.44
8	CALABAR MUNICIPAL	49,889,956.42	30,977,389.33	16,342,648.66	97,189,994.40
9	CALABAR SOUTH	81,480,798.82	51,977,988.99	26,781,902.85	160,240,690.66
10	ETUNG	42,258,458.21	26,246,406.58	13,826,416.64	81,331,271.43
11	IKOM	55,214,319.23	34,297,111.65	15,773,846.47	105,285,277.35
12	OBANLIKU	48,888,286.83	30,230,943.80	14,832,828.58	93,952,059.21
13	OBUBRA	54,568,390.55	33,858,688.72	16,116,298.87	104,543,378.14
14	OBUDU	82,081,733.93	52,332,828.98	26,087,700.75	160,502,263.66
15	ODUKPANI	55,821,089.82	34,548,788.85	16,779,123.82	107,149,002.49
16	OGOJA	52,888,975.08	32,716,409.85	16,082,140.27	101,687,525.21
17	YAKURR	55,282,316.24	34,345,588.53	16,913,888.46	106,541,793.23
18	YALA	58,187,843.31	36,131,238.83	17,384,488.34	111,703,570.48
CROSS RIVER Total		890,290,986.79	560,230,038.83	282,784,641.84	1,733,305,667.46
DELTA					
1	ANIOCHA NORTH	43,385,930.08	26,937,328.52	16,584,488.83	86,907,747.43
2	ANIOCHA SOUTH	47,385,475.78	29,322,311.88	17,784,778.34	94,592,565.99
3	BOMADI	40,535,869.87	25,179,398.83	15,990,288.61	81,705,557.31
4	BURUTU	57,935,148.42	35,987,191.03	20,184,294.80	114,106,634.24
5	ETHIOPE EAST	53,416,612.48	32,558,284.87	18,887,837.18	104,762,734.53
6	ETHIOPE WEST	53,670,683.74	33,338,281.65	18,901,172.68	105,910,138.06
7	IKA NORTH EAST	52,343,289.29	32,513,732.08	19,234,621.38	104,091,642.75
8	IKA SOUTH	49,895,226.59	30,893,098.17	18,538,148.38	99,326,473.14
9	ISOKO NORTH	50,880,219.54	31,431,802.01	17,913,525.21	100,225,546.76
10	ISOKO SOUTH	58,621,575.75	36,171,247.82	20,787,775.55	115,580,599.12
11	NDOKWA EAST	47,924,642.38	29,789,031.54	16,542,889.11	94,256,563.03
12	NDOKWA WEST	48,158,329.73	29,913,318.92	16,888,418.48	94,960,066.11
13	OKPE	48,780,883.24	28,424,971.23	17,441,134.14	94,647,088.61
14	OSHIMILI NORTH	48,448,988.58	28,230,689.43	16,948,113.07	93,627,811.08
15	OSHIMILI SOUTH	47,034,673.32	29,316,215.37	16,888,713.13	93,240,601.82
16	PATANI	40,124,283.93	24,823,722.30	15,387,688.78	80,339,695.03
17	SAPELE	49,731,587.87	30,881,438.82	18,840,961.34	99,454,088.03
18	UDU	47,189,247.38	29,311,800.95	17,888,872.88	94,389,921.21
19	UGHELLI NORTH	67,038,226.88	41,648,446.92	23,838,379.03	132,525,052.83
20	UGHELLI SOUTH	54,481,315.33	33,823,181.98	20,238,988.07	108,543,485.38
21	UKWJAN	43,432,475.10	26,878,081.84	17,118,793.98	87,429,350.90
22	UVWIE	50,383,834.29	31,346,888.38	16,488,864.73	98,219,587.40
23	WARRI SOUTH	63,484,781.09	39,421,998.10	23,230,445.22	126,137,224.41
24	WARRI NORTH	62,975,825.77	39,986,144.61	17,884,288.48	120,846,258.86
25	WARRI SOUTH-WEST	48,295,857.48	29,888,616.74	16,984,788.37	95,169,282.60
DELTA Total		1,255,817,212.99	780,129,746.64	404,378,362.36	2,440,325,321.99

Sl. No.	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Crude Revenue Account	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
EBONYI					
1	ABAKALIKI	51,052,636.28	31,712,026.78	15,204,171.47	97,968,834.53
2	AFIKPO NORTH	48,988,162.49	30,429,851.25	15,387,632.29	94,785,446.03
3	AFIKPO SOUTH	49,780,838.90	30,922,094.91	15,383,048.78	96,085,982.59
4	EBONYI	49,645,614.59	30,838,036.40	14,371,952.58	94,855,603.57
5	EZZA NORTH	48,631,055.44	30,207,828.44	15,000,046.09	93,838,930.97
6	EZZA SOUTH	48,918,944.28	30,385,413.11	14,584,906.44	93,889,263.84
7	IKWO	57,383,534.19	35,832,128.22	17,308,990.87	110,524,653.28
8	ISHIELU	50,181,748.81	31,171,063.95	15,181,588.63	96,534,401.39
9	IYO	46,778,292.29	29,857,582.03	14,174,047.27	90,810,921.59
10	IZZI	61,575,823.58	38,248,148.09	17,958,024.78	117,781,996.45
11	OHAEZARA	50,247,820.88	31,212,168.88	15,100,583.92	96,560,573.68
12	OHAIKWU	58,281,363.46	34,947,497.14	18,698,118.30	107,926,978.90
13	ONICHA	57,529,489.28	35,735,189.73	18,050,188.88	111,314,767.89
EBONYI Total		676,853,645.24	420,495,785.85	204,379,330.91	1,301,728,762.00
ENUGO					
1	AKOKO ENO	64,888,058.32	40,368,821.35	22,026,183.90	127,283,063.57
2	EGOR	62,965,433.88	38,863,354.47	24,826,544.13	126,655,332.48
3	ESAN CENTRAL	42,452,460.18	26,389,812.50	16,781,585.25	85,623,857.94
4	ESAN NORTH EAST	44,289,136.74	27,518,788.04	17,250,978.60	89,059,903.38
5	ESAN SOUTH EAST	51,982,788.58	32,277,379.85	18,888,696.96	103,148,865.40
6	ESAN WEST	45,245,238.88	28,104,684.89	17,468,210.95	90,818,134.72
7	ETSAKO CENTRAL	43,882,106.86	27,115,089.88	16,422,603.45	87,420,800.19
8	ETSAKO EAST	49,397,224.75	30,883,745.74	18,142,185.85	98,423,156.34
9	ETSAKO WEST	55,658,270.08	34,572,877.05	19,888,188.88	110,119,336.01
10	IGUEOBEN	40,319,510.30	25,045,002.18	15,588,712.50	80,953,224.98
11	IKPOBA OKHA	68,801,352.74	42,798,995.27	25,870,145.15	137,470,493.15
12	IKHEDO	69,433,642.46	43,129,834.14	25,789,383.20	138,352,859.80
13	ORHIONMWON	56,803,654.28	35,180,115.67	19,370,181.92	111,353,951.87
14	OZIA NORTH EAST	53,817,284.28	33,242,875.74	18,404,799.97	105,464,960.00
15	OZIA SOUTH WEST	57,580,847.17	35,754,688.81	17,788,370.88	111,123,906.86
16	OWAN EAST	51,725,612.18	32,129,992.58	18,422,724.48	102,278,329.24
17	OWAN WEST	43,252,884.13	26,886,932.59	16,516,673.88	86,656,490.60
18	UNUMWONDE	49,520,189.54	30,780,126.96	17,300,034.91	97,600,351.41
ENUGO Total		981,046,315.05	580,788,117.56	348,303,191.88	1,910,137,624.49
EKITI					
1	ADO EKITI	61,786,953.84	38,379,791.39	21,152,522.68	121,319,267.90
2	AIYEKIRE	48,532,343.78	30,148,513.38	18,787,610.17	97,468,467.33
3	EFON	44,888,900.42	27,789,107.21	13,738,266.88	86,416,274.50
4	EKITI EAST	47,587,188.25	29,548,981.70	15,445,238.68	92,581,408.63
5	EKITI SOUTH WEST	48,761,516.75	30,288,867.22	16,358,920.45	95,409,304.42
6	EKITI WEST	49,698,282.98	30,879,702.38	16,847,684.28	97,425,669.64
7	EMURE	41,814,886.55	25,973,758.89	13,971,449.45	81,760,094.89
8	IDO-ORI	50,123,118.98	31,134,845.25	16,152,822.04	97,410,587.27
9	IKERE	54,408,381.38	33,794,629.18	18,235,910.81	106,438,921.37
10	IKERE	48,898,222.83	30,373,784.03	16,758,586.41	95,930,595.27
11	IKOLE	52,886,479.14	32,884,624.12	16,484,581.35	102,255,684.61
12	ISEJAMELI	37,309,856.34	23,113,388.43	12,387,648.85	72,811,893.62
13	IREPODUN/FELODUN	46,532,260.74	28,904,138.08	15,150,755.95	90,587,154.77
14	ISEPORUN	48,320,581.14	28,151,489.34	14,835,927.04	91,308,000.52
15	MOBA	47,804,033.29	29,507,764.58	15,730,860.38	93,042,658.25
16	OYE	47,831,823.79	29,718,879.18	15,320,061.20	92,870,764.17
EKITI Total		773,630,740.11	480,551,064.22	253,040,645.79	1,507,222,450.12
ENUGO					
1	AGWU	52,532,296.17	32,831,081.30	17,278,883.81	102,642,261.29
2	ANIRRI	48,504,132.80	30,128,988.62	15,124,879.80	93,758,001.23
3	ENUGU EAST	63,272,072.5			



Table VI

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010 SHARED IN MARCH, 2010

Sl. No.	State	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Credit Savings Account	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
15	GOMBE	1 AKKO	78,874,363.00	48,993,863.81	22,875,661.74	150,543,878.55
		2 BALANGA	59,606,155.36	37,149,391.97	18,485,329.63	115,440,876.97
		3 BILLIRI	56,501,916.22	36,146,612.78	18,137,373.46	109,865,902.44
		4 DUKKU	64,428,694.03	40,020,743.58	18,306,117.98	122,755,555.60
		5 FUNAKAYE	59,861,667.98	37,183,874.37	19,272,468.72	116,318,012.07
		6 GOMBE	87,197,500.15	41,740,661.75	20,338,680.28	129,277,902.17
		7 KALTUNGO	51,861,110.64	32,214,221.48	16,387,091.98	100,462,424.29
		8 KWAMI	60,498,314.38	37,578,335.77	17,908,434.66	115,985,084.79
		9 NAFADA	53,613,155.97	33,302,527.71	15,998,504.68	102,914,188.36
		10 SHONGOM	50,002,000.17	31,059,426.70	16,444,443.72	97,505,902.58
		11 YAMALTU/DEBA	66,121,332.53	41,072,148.99	19,913,237.47	127,106,718.99
GOMBE Total			415,482,810.53	203,868,335.28	1,288,177,446.50	
16	IMO	1 ABOH MBAISE	55,952,161.82	34,755,432.42	16,709,418.15	107,417,012.39
		2 AHAZU MBAISE	50,630,872.28	31,460,042.37	15,881,747.27	97,962,661.92
		3 EHIME MBANO	47,116,566.48	29,267,084.40	14,545,067.15	90,928,718.04
		4 EZINIHITE	50,145,454.89	31,148,518.88	15,704,207.89	96,998,181.45
		5 IDEATO NORTH	51,530,141.47	32,098,635.43	15,463,885.44	99,092,662.34
		6 IDEATO SOUTH	50,025,039.68	31,073,721.36	15,513,134.40	96,611,895.44
		7 IHITE UBOMA	46,103,761.35	28,637,066.97	14,204,401.18	88,946,129.48
		8 IKEDURU	49,826,249.38	30,990,240.11	15,188,884.90	95,936,373.98
		9 IBIALA MBANO	55,748,882.06	34,629,182.49	16,812,550.06	107,190,595.51
		10 ISU	49,894,097.54	30,992,384.91	15,666,586.28	96,553,068.73
		11 MBAITOLI	58,763,258.29	36,501,582.53	18,110,706.78	113,375,547.58
		12 NGOROKPALA	51,696,068.91	32,111,702.34	15,514,896.78	99,322,668.93
		13 NJABA	48,137,443.38	29,901,215.72	15,019,230.61	93,057,889.71
		14 NKWANGELE	46,364,778.89	28,800,096.53	14,462,835.13	89,627,702.55
		15 NKWERRE	40,574,456.66	25,203,365.47	12,846,954.03	78,624,776.07
		16 OSOWO	45,150,256.12	28,048,684.47	14,116,480.68	87,312,391.27
		17 OGUTA	51,189,946.89	31,791,728.43	14,948,937.18	97,921,612.32
		18 OHAJUEGBEMA	53,680,591.76	33,350,827.98	16,270,889.63	103,312,089.37
		19 OKIGWE	48,486,504.28	30,124,251.18	14,588,741.42	93,209,486.90
		20 UNUIMO	43,945,215.46	27,297,157.37	13,485,514.66	84,727,887.49
		21 ORLU	47,181,198.79	29,307,231.62	14,839,205.76	91,427,636.11
		22 ORSU	45,740,246.70	28,412,164.98	14,179,621.28	88,332,032.89
		23 ORU EAST	47,133,978.66	29,277,886.97	13,906,038.35	90,317,913.98
		24 ORU WEST	46,878,983.37	29,119,487.84	14,095,859.23	90,094,330.44
		25 OWERRI MUNICIPAL	48,573,730.99	29,829,894.88	14,420,732.60	92,824,358.47
		26 OWERRI NORTH	50,511,875.79	31,376,126.12	16,031,998.80	97,920,000.71
		27 OWERRI WEST	48,184,702.66	29,930,871.39	13,486,116.80	91,601,590.85
IMO Total			824,383,977.07	406,085,353.28	2,507,896,782.50	
17	JIGAWA	1 AUYO	46,331,726.93	26,779,570.83	15,176,878.44	88,287,973.21
		2 BABURA	56,797,701.04	35,280,880.40	17,721,484.40	109,799,965.84
		3 BIRNIN KUDU	67,724,424.40	42,067,930.51	21,241,891.44	131,034,236.35
		4 BIRINWA	50,078,867.49	31,107,157.22	15,521,056.65	96,707,081.36
		5 GAGARAWA	42,111,432.06	26,158,078.32	13,460,772.97	81,730,283.35
		6 BUJI	44,737,466.71	27,789,274.61	14,016,505.03	86,543,246.34
		7 DUTSE	60,102,593.60	37,333,528.54	18,993,828.35	116,429,950.49
		8 GARKI	51,824,721.62	32,253,734.17	16,853,158.77	100,931,614.56
		9 GUMEL	45,002,143.03	27,953,682.04	14,345,884.85	87,301,710.92
		10 GURI	46,538,991.51	28,909,315.99	14,806,642.73	90,055,950.23
		11 GWARAM	88,540,818.33	42,575,044.51	19,877,779.50	150,993,642.34
		12 GWWA	48,286,674.17	29,993,912.42	14,926,301.14	93,206,887.73
		13 HADEJIA	42,827,865.83	26,603,100.72	14,294,629.41	83,725,695.96
		14 JAHUN	57,341,749.80	36,618,893.37	18,423,486.81	111,383,829.98
		15 KAFIN HAUSA	63,060,877.74	39,171,106.23	19,826,915.04	122,058,799.01
		16 KAUGAMA	46,217,516.45	28,950,954.18	15,041,305.59	90,209,776.22
		17 KAZAURE	50,789,747.02	31,538,308.27	16,162,858.18	98,489,913.48
		18 KIRI-KASAMMA	52,193,367.88	32,420,607.26	17,187,005.39	101,781,040.54
		19 KIYAWA	53,136,037.89	33,607,401.77	16,544,723.77	102,690,163.43
		20 MAIGATARI	54,225,099.37	33,682,644.52	16,772,191.14	104,679,935.03
		21 MALAM MADURI	51,447,091.73	31,857,047.88	16,160,148.42	99,564,288.12
		22 MIGA	47,563,219.47	29,544,528.87	15,056,956.10	92,164,704.44
		23 RINGIM	54,366,241.70	33,770,318.97	17,183,818.48	105,320,378.15
		24 RONI	43,370,343.81	26,940,088.04	13,384,691.79	83,675,073.41
		25 SULE TAKARKA	49,225,570.93	30,577,120.48	15,138,061.12	94,940,742.73
		26 TAURA	50,230,832.92	31,201,588.01	15,168,415.79	96,600,833.71
		27 YANKWASHI	46,257,328.38	28,733,357.17	13,984,597.74	88,975,283.28
JIGAWA Total			864,815,999.79	438,006,278.66	2,693,334,345.55	
18	KADUNA	1 BIRNIN GWARI	79,297,341.59	49,256,602.50	19,495,866.48	148,049,812.80
		2 CHIKUN	82,214,165.95	51,068,426.96	23,371,274.34	156,653,867.25
		3 GWA	67,888,344.82	42,231,806.18	20,635,011.13	130,755,162.13
		4 KAJURU	53,251,707.15	33,078,008.95	14,764,099.10	101,093,815.20
		5 IGABI	87,623,285.71	54,055,682.12	25,443,929.44	167,122,897.27
		6 IKARA	53,922,817.44	33,494,878.07	17,541,682.28	104,959,377.77
		7 JABA	51,866,250.20	32,021,064.73	16,252,935.60	99,849,850.53
		8 JEMA'A	65,993,526.53	40,688,390.15	20,377,781.05	126,999,697.73
		9 KACHA	72,267,187.18	44,889,709.84	19,325,362.21	136,482,259.23
		10 KADUNA NORTH	67,420,308.83	41,879,024.57	23,018,288.53	132,317,621.94
		11 KADUNA SOUTH	70,087,883.40	43,523,063.48	24,512,958.54	138,123,905.42
		12 KAGARKO	61,431,841.45	38,158,208.58	19,113,968.41	118,704,018.44
		13 KAURA	56,311,302.84	34,978,517.66	18,499,054.34	109,789,874.84
		14 KAURU	57,766,982.35	35,882,676.52	16,741,814.50	110,391,383.37
		15 KUBAU	67,880,705.30	42,214,899.55	20,488,471.58	130,583,876.43
		16 KUDAN	47,286,735.86	29,372,787.25	15,704,860.78	92,364,383.89
		17 LERE	72,913,930.81	45,042,437.20	22,130,971.90	139,886,439.72
		18 MAKARFI	48,981,314.88	30,785,672.33	15,947,618.30	95,714,605.51
		19 SABON GARI	61,153,926.89	37,986,578.25	20,649,889.04	119,790,394.18
		20 SANGA	50,791,769.87	31,548,985.87	16,050,416.70	98,392,172.44
		21 SOBA	68,270,931.98	42,407,400.90	20,863,849.58	131,542,182.55
		22 ZANGON KATAF	74,298,919.53	46,151,308.91	21,636,342.41	142,086,569.85
		23 ZARIA	75,585,098.18	46,950,683.62	24,787,185.31	147,322,967.11
KADUNA Total			493,454,387.83	327,879,122.11	1,457,173,704.49	
19	KANO	1 AJINGI	51,862,410.35	32,090,796.02	17,799,089.85	101,752,296.22
		2 ALBASHI	52,038,918.89	32,323,427.00	18,334,654.68	102,696,999.56
		3 BAGWAI	49,265,390.58	30,601,355.18	17,421,307.95	97,288,053.71
		4 BEBELI	52,128,753.18	32,380,471.10	18,281,381.70	102,800,606.98
		5 BICI	62,479,628.00	38,810,055.20	21,242,237.41	122,531,920.61
		6 BUNKURE	51,161,813.40	31,773,831.95	17,690,509.38	100,625,154.73
		7 DALA	77,548,930.70	48,160,311.40	25,980,126.51	151,689,368.61
		8 DANBATA	55,491,587.81	34,489,340.79	18,930,410.50	108,911,339.10
		9 DAWAKIN KUDU	57,895,510.85	36,024,685.83	19,512,990.48	113,433,186.96
		10 DAWAKIN TOFA	57,532,107.95	35,736,837.06	20,284,950.38	113,553,995.39
		11 DOGUWA	51,478,822.50	31,976,757.97	17,031,382.37	100,486,962.84
		12 FAGGE	51,489,724.25	31,964,894.84	16,834,757.50	100,289,376.59
		13 GABASAWA	56,425,601.99	35,049,516.11	18,033,643.64	110,508,761.73
		14 GARKO	40,860,862.95	25,971,746.80	17,469,903.85	84,292,513.60
		15 GARUN MALLAM	47,286,361.93	29,372,567.54	15,871,405.88	92,530,335.27
		16 GAYA	53,533,461.39	33,253,024.35	16,897,926.95	103,684,412.69
		17 GEZAWA	50,772,826.92	31,749,852.92	21,408,440.41	103,931,120.24
		18 GWALE	72,342,404.04	44,938,450.23	24,083,405.82	141,364,260.08
		19 GWARZO	52,443,133.29	32,575,752.49	18,128,455.94	103,147,341.72
		20 KABO	51,850,280.26	32,083,261.25	17,116,901.35	101,050,442.87
		21 KANO MUNICIPAL	67,609,181.87	41,986,345.58	24,189,313.18	133,884,839.63
		22 KARAYE	48,143,110.02	29,904,735.63	16,784,627.61	94,832,473.26
		23 KIBIYA	48,806,730.82	30,130,897.30	16,548,323.54	95,485,951.66
24 KURU	62,704,289.86	38,948,608.91	20,330,366.12	122,484,264.89		
25 KUMBOTSO	61,357,478.06	38,113,617.34	21,673,608.16	121,144,703.56		
26 KUNCHI	45,171,868.33	28,059,102.96	15,688,281.53	88,919,252.82		
27 KURA	48,464,664.38	30,104,411.28	16,911,338.98	95,480,414.64		
28 MADOBI	46,897,071.33	28,950,604.68	16,544,544.88	92,402,220.89		
29 MAKODA	56,291,921.10	34,941,631.90	19,413,091.15	110,646,644.15		
30 MINJIBIR	57,634,637.40	35,421,614.95	19,125,339.31	111,971,491.67		
31 NASSARAWA	98,322,842.97	61,074,546.78	31,929,056.97	191,326,446.72		
32 RANO	48,670,004.70	30,232,823.39	16,839,382.72	95,741,390.72		
33 RIMIN GADO	47,916,137.87	29,783,748.35	15,489,000.44	93,189,886.		

Table VII



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION
ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010 SHARED IN MARCH, 2010

Sl/No	State	Sl/No	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Distribution of 5% Share from Foreign Loans (Crude Oil Revenue Account)	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
20	KATINA	1	BAKORI	52,085,679.48	32,341,229.91	15,256,294.24	99,683,103.64
		2	BATAGARAWA	53,511,730.41	33,351,642.20	16,433,559.93	103,346,932.54
		3	BATBARI	58,236,475.00	36,174,364.06	17,248,626.70	111,660,465.76
		4	BAURE	55,650,654.00	34,568,165.45	16,863,279.96	107,082,129.40
		5	BINDAWA	48,856,715.21	30,410,117.35	15,358,116.36	94,722,948.93
		6	CHARANCHI	48,556,695.41	30,181,516.94	14,863,692.05	93,603,304.40
		7	DAN-MUSA	46,240,684.90	28,723,018.86	14,063,110.52	89,026,814.28
		8	DANDUME	51,718,211.08	32,126,078.55	15,134,839.63	98,980,129.26
		9	DANJA	47,462,199.14	29,464,201.38	14,464,906.79	91,441,206.31
		10	DAURA	55,868,780.98	34,704,280.09	17,608,888.02	108,182,929.50
		11	DUTSI	49,069,044.26	29,856,728.09	14,274,866.50	92,202,638.85
		12	DUTBINMA	53,262,878.56	33,084,948.22	16,836,161.67	102,282,978.38
		13	FASKARI	57,753,870.28	35,874,587.86	16,818,796.63	110,445,254.60
		14	FUNTUA	57,531,406.97	35,736,401.63	17,604,517.32	111,072,325.92
		15	INGAWA	51,856,539.84	32,272,877.31	16,937,893.75	100,166,310.90
		16	JIBIA	55,819,727.86	34,873,169.20	16,937,726.56	106,430,623.44
		17	KAFUR	58,183,048.88	36,141,737.24	17,048,836.73	111,371,622.65
		18	KAITA	54,455,234.21	33,825,599.85	16,427,741.15	104,708,571.21
		19	KANKARA	51,124,844.84	31,968,575.54	16,478,980.41	111,572,400.60
		20	KANKIA	51,879,842.30	32,288,035.23	16,325,263.53	99,593,261.06
		21	KATSINA	68,646,261.75	41,396,215.39	20,910,807.95	128,955,285.08
		22	KURFI	46,282,756.50	28,749,153.44	14,193,196.97	90,225,106.91
		23	KUSADA	44,874,261.85	27,874,248.94	13,689,783.96	86,329,292.74
		24	MAGADUA	55,630,781.08	34,555,790.05	16,988,784.96	107,178,336.07
		25	MALUMFASHI	53,690,387.63	33,350,482.56	16,378,214.66	103,419,054.84
		26	MANI	53,436,272.99	33,162,854.48	16,178,105.47	102,808,032.95
		27	MASHI	53,217,505.93	33,056,784.40	16,050,958.61	102,325,228.95
		28	MATAZU	45,873,093.09	28,556,800.63	14,117,763.52	88,647,647.24
		29	MUSAWA	52,805,179.88	32,614,293.63	16,003,472.04	101,422,945.55
		30	RIMI	48,766,672.66	30,285,237.09	15,402,532.82	94,443,442.66
		31	SABUWA	48,282,370.30	29,991,239.01	14,818,823.38	93,084,432.69
		32	SAFANA	51,956,825.99	32,273,489.87	16,406,948.69	100,636,954.55
		33	SANDAMU	51,185,448.13	31,794,824.87	14,862,190.20	97,832,162.90
		34	ZANGO	50,924,232.80	31,632,267.18	15,435,940.82	97,992,440.60
KATSINA Total				1,791,818,966.10	1,133,074,410.83	542,589,851.19	3,447,583,256.91
21	KEBBI	1	ALIERU	39,886,630.30	24,638,463.20	12,648,882.20	76,982,475.71
		2	AREWA	53,576,816.48	36,491,028.79	16,599,056.59	119,663,899.86
		3	ARGUNGU	56,090,296.65	34,841,236.74	16,979,981.65	107,911,525.07
		4	AUGIE	47,270,180.21	29,342,503.62	14,264,686.39	90,997,670.23
		5	BAGUOO	59,496,685.17	36,957,180.43	18,396,659.99	114,849,905.59
		6	BIRNIN-KEBBI	73,396,264.92	45,591,059.98	19,419,062.50	138,406,387.40
		7	BUNZA	48,754,828.01	29,042,447.83	14,504,576.16	90,301,946.01
		8	DANDI KAMBA	53,011,037.19	32,928,513.58	16,267,431.91	101,206,982.68
		9	DANKO/WASAGU	54,885,107.88	40,180,018.48	19,311,482.00	124,176,608.36
		10	FAKAI	47,664,075.42	29,645,060.55	14,486,243.29	91,805,379.26
		11	GWANDU	49,367,299.87	30,665,187.50	15,483,028.56	95,525,483.94
		12	JEGA	55,566,678.67	34,515,363.26	16,908,684.91	106,989,736.84
		13	KALGO	46,774,619.07	29,054,617.08	13,298,745.65	89,127,881.79
		14	KOKO/BESSE	51,576,907.85	32,037,685.06	15,812,946.88	99,227,539.89
		15	MAIYAMA	58,242,672.82	36,178,213.98	16,317,621.82	110,738,808.72
		16	NGASKI	48,774,772.31	30,297,101.09	14,615,093.48	93,686,966.89
		17	SAKARA	47,259,270.48	29,355,726.88	13,450,368.26	90,065,365.60
		18	SHANGA	48,587,307.05	30,188,267.18	14,894,683.65	93,430,387.89
		19	SURU	58,187,786.75	36,752,867.00	18,489,641.42	111,387,305.16
		20	YAURI	46,893,131.04	28,569,247.47	13,779,436.14	88,341,808.65
		21	ZURU	50,294,362.03	31,241,014.54	16,978,861.01	97,514,237.58
KEBBI Total				1,113,953,329.39	691,412,784.27	327,601,779.47	2,132,107,893.13
22	KOGI	1	ADAVI	56,536,975.08	35,118,896.99	17,938,087.83	109,613,729.90
		2	AJAKUTA	54,441,278.06	33,816,924.94	16,267,005.04	103,545,208.05
		3	ANKPA	54,051,466.99	36,766,423.73	20,137,056.09	123,974,946.42
		4	BASSA	54,545,007.44	33,881,359.69	16,877,878.77	104,304,345.90
		5	DEKINA	71,393,337.30	44,346,924.81	19,901,596.27	135,641,958.47
		6	IBAJI	52,876,673.48	32,856,702.77	13,481,231.81	100,714,608.05
		7	IDAH	40,646,263.13	25,185,852.74	13,865,551.36	79,697,667.23
		8	IGALAMELA-ODOLU	53,543,716.96	33,289,394.74	16,146,411.67	102,949,523.37
		9	IJUMU	56,258,689.47	34,843,972.88	18,207,013.58	106,406,675.72
		10	KASSA/BUNU	57,822,123.58	35,916,964.12	16,060,333.90	109,799,441.57
		11	KOGI	49,147,561.40	30,528,664.01	15,072,278.79	94,748,504.20
		12	KOTON KARFE	63,939,787.06	39,717,052.50	17,728,209.66	121,385,049.22
		13	MOPA-MURO	42,889,272.54	26,841,244.32	12,689,090.40	82,199,607.26
		14	OFU	56,080,748.90	34,835,306.01	17,822,806.32	108,538,864.22
		15	OGOR/MAGONGO	41,722,416.78	26,916,436.27	12,821,447.29	80,160,300.30
		16	OKEHI	55,128,721.18	34,243,941.26	17,884,654.29	107,257,316.69
		17	OKENE	68,076,864.89	42,286,915.75	21,908,332.19	132,270,212.83
		18	OLAMABORO	53,817,609.77	33,429,526.92	16,552,120.89	103,799,257.57
		19	OMALA	52,568,059.34	32,852,109.85	14,821,636.31	100,039,705.30
		20	YAGBA EAST	55,473,802.34	34,458,293.04	16,179,853.24	106,112,048.62
		21	YAGBA WEST	53,128,289.77	33,001,967.76	16,883,229.05	102,014,486.57
KOGI Total				1,183,884,762.66	716,626,694.67	344,761,897.74	2,218,073,354.47
23	KWARA	1	ASA	50,546,090.93	31,387,354.48	15,314,614.56	97,287,916.99
		2	BARUTEN	53,016,167.13	31,565,979.54	16,090,940.72	100,672,087.39
		3	EDU	53,379,914.54	36,360,280.21	17,823,748.15	120,872,939.90
		4	EKITI	41,384,680.98	25,694,211.49	12,920,622.84	79,979,485.30
		5	IFELODUN	55,831,176.68	40,891,914.42	17,978,871.67	124,899,783.07
		6	ILODIN EAST	55,956,921.80	34,758,389.16	17,918,751.73	108,634,062.67
		7	ILODIN SOUTH	53,887,468.15	33,472,820.38	16,065,257.84	103,425,546.38
		8	ILODIN WEST	59,831,038.27	43,378,481.68	23,281,296.47	138,489,776.99
		9	IREPODUN	51,286,608.54	31,857,361.70	16,066,074.23	99,200,044.47
		10	KAJAMA	57,201,153.42	41,742,893.76	18,238,589.48	124,182,616.66
		11	MORO	54,556,991.68	33,962,162.82	14,724,510.63	103,335,864.83
		12	OFFA	45,421,238.48	28,214,008.78	14,065,180.65	87,720,428.12
		13	DKE-ERO	40,049,690.29	24,877,378.05	13,013,221.65	77,940,289.99
		14	IBIN	41,893,008.59	26,084,518.63	13,084,083.66	81,161,611.88
		15	OYUN	46,785,494.33	29,061,434.61	14,238,306.32	90,085,237.17
		16	PATEGI	54,792,079.67	34,034,879.87	14,849,391.02	103,666,299.76
KWARA Total				888,006,620.91	550,361,116.11	256,674,101.12	1,693,025,838.14
24	LAGOS	1	AGEGE	74,011,902.32	45,973,481.38	117,965,354.60	237,950,738.30
		2	AJEROM/IFELODUN	96,872,111.89	68,967,058.61	125,481,748.36	282,020,813.66
		3	ALIMOSHIN	180,889,382.98	93,546,805.21	145,312,771.03	389,458,939.22
		4	AMUWO-ODOFIN	62,008,246.38	38,517,250.19	113,224,288.50	213,749,785.12
		5	APAPA	51,815,286.89	32,188,780.19	109,853,277.04	193,854,324.12
		6	BADAGRY	56,399,198.10	36,032,468.97	110,646,871.29	202,077,498.38
		7	EPE	54,859,220.07	34,074,873.57	108,850,963.85	197,881,857.49
		8	ETE-OSA	59,742,989.08	37,110,143.53	112,208,310.03	209,061,423.63
		9	IBEJU-LEKKI	43,763,709.82	27,178,201.08	106,513,131.78	177,445,042.67
		10	IFAKO/OJAYE	71,413,655.94	44,359,548.95	116,893,194.76	232,666,399.65
		11	IKEJA	60,623,785.00	37,857,261.12	113,058,085.58	211,339,111.70
		12	IKORODU	83,234,044.01	51,701,937.83	120,486,188.24	255,422,170.08
		13	KOSOFE	82,353,968.60	57,366,906.78	124,835,992.73	274,556,867.11
		14	LAGOS ISLAND	51,537,105.62	32,012,961.31	109,568,255.15	193,138,322.08
		15	LAGOS MAINLAND	61,387,283.34	38,118,107.46	113,208,373.78	212,895,764.58
		16	MUSHIN	61,064,462.41	36,565,908.78	123,763,031.36	211,393,400.55
		17	OJO	88,280,090.45	54,823,908.64	122,584,661.05	265,688,620.33
		18	OSHODI/SOLO	69,708,368.49	43,724,172.10	123,366,457.01	256,801,987.90
		19	SHOMOLU	70,893,352.47	43,912,119.83	116,050,308.11	230,855,780.41
		20	SURULERE	78,776,066.89	48,932,806.81	119,437,873.39	247,146,846.09
LAGOS Total				1,488,791,064.33	924,782,467.51	2,353,112,234.68	4,766,665,796.53
25	NASSARAWA	1	AKWANGA				



Table VIII

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010 SHARED IN MARCH, 2010

S/N	State	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Distribution of 11 Billion Non-Fringe Excess Cross-Sector Account	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
27	OGUN	1 ABEOKUTA NORTH	56,412,358.31	35,041,288.82	17,320,207.04	108,773,854.96
		2 ABEOKUTA SOUTH	57,245,653.11	35,958,901.81	18,957,122.87	111,761,677.59
		3 ADO-ODOFOYA	85,262,138.36	52,981,715.72	28,186,904.71	166,430,758.79
		4 EGBADO NORTH	56,184,151.25	34,887,112.49	16,668,002.38	107,739,266.12
		5 EGBADO SOUTH	52,787,266.84	32,785,727.28	16,234,088.75	101,807,082.88
		6 EWEKORO	39,872,013.12	24,842,800.88	12,431,999.52	76,746,813.52
		7 REMO NORTH	39,984,662.39	24,837,019.37	12,591,012.85	77,412,714.61
		8 IFO	63,289,016.98	51,736,644.07	28,138,718.23	143,164,379.28
		9 IJEBU EAST	50,381,137.09	31,381,127.86	14,272,605.80	95,984,870.55
		10 IJEBU NORTH	62,816,259.80	39,018,158.54	20,096,084.89	121,931,483.03
		11 IJEBU ODE	46,158,193.52	28,671,793.28	15,738,536.34	90,568,443.25
		12 IKENNE	44,826,682.87	27,844,698.83	14,858,160.82	87,529,542.52
		13 IJEBU NORTH EAST	39,717,783.88	24,671,231.80	12,849,279.41	77,238,295.10
		14 IMEKO-AFON	45,625,888.75	28,485,360.83	13,336,953.13	87,448,199.71
		15 IPOKA	48,782,778.17	30,252,380.97	15,617,847.20	94,573,106.33
		16 OBAFEMLOWODE	57,643,308.22	35,930,143.28	18,240,577.96	112,014,029.58
		17 ODEDAH	48,168,686.56	29,920,622.84	14,247,825.19	92,336,934.59
		18 ODOGBOLU	45,485,128.00	28,253,694.89	14,839,889.80	88,577,498.54
		19 OGUN WATERSIDE	42,237,298.78	26,238,282.12	13,828,661.47	81,504,142.36
		20 SHAGAMU	50,188,230.59	37,388,988.20	19,061,927.55	116,639,246.33
OGUN Total			683,158,523.70	660,385,734.11	336,422,530.20	2,080,977,788.01
28	ONDO	1 AKOKO NORTH EAST	53,553,069.94	33,266,201.88	17,320,016.39	104,139,288.30
		2 AKOKO NORTH WEST	57,744,550.26	35,868,798.43	18,803,881.80	112,417,230.49
		3 AKOKO SOUTH WEST	57,949,121.37	35,985,870.51	19,128,418.75	113,073,410.64
		4 AKOKO SOUTH EAST	41,866,675.84	26,069,181.58	14,210,648.84	82,146,506.24
		5 AKURE NORTH	45,305,705.72	28,142,889.22	15,894,594.03	89,343,124.97
		6 AKURE SOUTH	70,456,626.59	43,765,073.78	23,268,937.13	137,489,637.48
		7 IDANRE	49,478,889.78	30,734,346.33	15,768,844.11	95,981,878.21
		8 IFEDORE	50,184,572.03	31,180,393.74	17,359,715.45	98,673,681.23
		9 OKITIPUPA	59,236,398.20	36,795,479.70	19,264,825.60	115,296,703.50
		10 IJAJE	65,310,927.58	40,588,754.72	21,172,848.78	127,052,531.07
		11 ESE-EDO	49,404,290.04	30,889,134.44	16,636,778.26	96,729,202.73
		12 ILE-OLUJA-OKENGBO	51,900,894.61	32,238,933.70	17,235,169.96	101,374,937.28
		13 IRELE	49,082,838.02	30,494,872.41	16,388,657.73	95,966,368.16
		14 ODIGBO	60,732,186.28	37,724,591.08	19,157,245.43	117,614,024.77
		15 ONDO EAST	40,340,787.01	25,058,216.50	13,954,121.38	79,353,124.87
		16 ONDO WEST	66,384,088.24	41,186,227.55	20,849,456.20	128,420,571.99
		17 OSE	51,658,010.81	32,588,063.18	16,299,799.80	100,545,873.80
		18 OWO	69,750,498.25	37,735,983.17	18,773,941.52	117,260,422.95
ONDO Total			981,351,792.43	609,879,769.49	321,248,308.24	2,912,479,868.17
29	OSUN	1 ATAKUMOSA EAST	40,281,379.43	25,021,316.70	12,826,516.87	78,129,212.70
		2 ATAKUMOSA WEST	40,719,185.49	25,293,271.99	12,573,901.38	78,586,358.85
		3 AIYEDADE	49,836,346.43	30,958,449.92	16,307,689.95	97,102,486.30
		4 AIYEDIRE	42,465,483.88	26,378,902.21	12,914,778.60	81,759,164.58
		5 BOLIWADURO	40,404,552.19	25,097,827.10	12,646,198.12	78,147,577.41
		6 BORIPE	46,726,417.99	29,024,738.45	14,938,899.32	90,689,895.76
		7 EDE NORTH	39,994,215.04	24,343,082.82	13,081,807.58	77,419,105.44
		8 EDE SOUTH	41,760,925.95	25,940,356.77	12,821,898.98	80,523,181.71
		9 EGBEDORE	38,848,114.96	24,183,782.83	12,787,983.89	75,819,881.67
		10 EIJOBO	48,062,027.58	28,612,043.48	14,714,074.38	89,388,145.44
		11 IFE CENTRAL	48,068,709.97	28,858,618.56	15,871,576.27	92,798,904.80
		12 IFE EAST	51,821,059.19	32,065,110.19	16,588,387.76	100,474,437.17
		13 IFE NORTH	48,796,789.25	29,310,788.57	15,418,112.95	94,525,690.76
		14 IFE SOUTH	46,688,013.32	28,000,882.88	14,804,265.40	90,493,161.60
		15 IFEDAYO	37,137,763.01	23,066,617.38	11,517,659.87	71,721,039.96
		16 IPELODUN	45,434,943.50	28,222,521.53	13,513,787.65	87,171,252.68
		17 IYA	41,099,573.86	25,529,548.98	12,383,389.78	78,982,512.62
		18 ILESHA EAST	42,924,834.76	26,663,334.27	13,843,782.85	83,431,951.87
		19 ILESHA WEST	44,427,484.14	27,696,712.58	13,741,402.22	85,765,598.94
		20 IREPODUN	44,980,385.87	27,840,167.10	14,374,522.60	87,195,075.27
		21 IREWOLE	48,220,324.42	29,852,698.38	16,080,623.55	94,153,646.35
		22 ISOKAN	43,413,811.44	26,967,068.86	13,728,761.43	84,109,641.53
		23 IWO	51,928,522.04	32,288,094.85	16,878,378.49	100,884,895.37
		24 OBOKUN	44,251,433.18	27,487,388.59	14,174,667.03	85,913,488.80
		25 ODO-OTIN	46,787,556.05	29,082,716.18	14,783,199.55	90,653,470.77
		26 OLA-OLUWA	38,967,459.88	24,205,187.89	12,339,758.30	75,512,376.08
		27 OLORUNDA	46,478,874.79	28,889,848.01	14,684,846.98	90,053,569.76
		28 ORIADI	48,027,818.54	29,833,119.54	15,248,331.73	93,109,269.82
		29 OROLU	43,786,171.76	27,199,607.94	13,725,417.31	84,711,196.65
		30 OSOGBO	47,185,214.88	29,297,302.88	15,516,438.88	91,989,956.21
OSUN Total			1,337,406,845.68	830,747,523.14	422,839,086.52	2,590,992,765.32
30	OYO	1 AFLJO	46,893,553.94	29,128,557.18	15,485,586.21	91,507,677.32
		2 AKINYELE	54,878,344.38	34,087,174.06	18,068,782.36	107,034,298.80
		3 ATIBA	54,766,567.83	34,020,227.09	16,673,700.30	105,460,495.02
		4 ATISBO	54,412,480.32	33,798,989.91	14,783,676.39	102,915,065.71
		5 EGBEDA	58,419,640.49	36,288,139.75	20,414,806.13	115,122,586.37
		6 IBADAN NORTH	60,406,628.94	37,522,379.19	21,258,281.28	119,187,289.41
		7 IBADAN NORTH EAST	61,157,275.47	37,988,658.27	22,047,608.56	121,193,542.30
		8 IBADAN NORTH WEST	48,875,537.75	30,359,882.89	16,109,813.33	95,344,843.97
		9 IBADAN SOUTH EAST	59,097,550.70	36,789,232.73	19,889,563.88	115,782,347.30
		10 IBADAN SOUTH WEST	61,426,298.87	38,155,765.74	20,448,648.67	120,030,713.29
		11 IBARAPA CENTRAL	42,952,724.71	26,680,658.49	14,442,399.92	84,075,783.12
		12 IBARAPA NORTH	45,186,447.04	28,068,164.93	14,379,296.29	87,633,908.26
		13 IDO	44,701,594.92	27,768,992.57	14,451,830.35	86,920,417.84
		14 SAKI WEST	64,886,965.70	40,385,485.15	20,295,387.44	125,487,738.28
		15 IFELOJU	45,470,831.73	28,244,814.29	14,952,278.63	88,667,924.65
		16 IREPO	49,828,598.92	30,951,899.56	15,096,978.91	95,877,277.39
		17 ISEYIN	62,102,528.88	38,575,815.05	19,590,579.70	120,268,923.62
		18 ITESIWAJU	51,699,028.47	32,113,541.85	15,300,837.88	99,113,507.39
		19 IWAJOWA	48,907,212.62	30,379,368.18	14,442,433.38	93,729,014.15
		20 OLORUNSOGO	45,403,487.50	28,202,982.51	13,732,776.64	87,339,246.66
		21 KAJOLA	55,155,384.80	34,280,509.95	17,720,244.15	107,156,148.90
		22 LADELU	49,725,109.82	30,887,415.93	15,946,520.37	96,558,046.12
		23 OGBOMOSHO NORTH	52,237,637.54	32,448,106.07	17,644,098.43	102,329,842.04
		24 OGBOMOSHO SOUTH	44,488,306.60	27,634,505.68	14,370,833.06	86,493,645.34
		25 OGO-OLUWA	41,405,223.85	25,719,407.66	13,178,487.96	80,303,119.47
		26 OLUYOLE	53,070,391.76	32,965,382.47	17,778,030.83	103,813,804.86
		27 ONA-ARA	60,047,594.44	37,299,365.08	19,862,557.37	117,209,516.89
		28 ORELOPE	45,346,784.41	28,167,760.64	14,491,291.03	88,005,836.08
		29 ORI IRE	55,504,539.33	34,353,153.06	16,035,841.94	105,893,534.33
		30 OYO EAST	46,404,199.07	28,824,587.87	15,140,218.44	90,369,005.38
		31 OYO WEST	46,123,485.72	28,650,219.03	15,554,555.50	90,328,260.25
		32 SAKI EAST	46,672,117.34	28,991,080.86	14,684,648.32	90,347,774.55
		33 SURULERE	52,738,156.38	32,757,767.70	15,749,651.74	101,245,575.82
OYO Total			1,710,190,152.06	1,062,307,448.48	549,945,284.29	3,322,442,884.82
31	PLATEAU	1 BARKIN LADI	55,310,487.79	34,356,848.03	16,827,703.66	106,495,039.48
		2 BASSA	60,007,574.36	37,274,506.07	17,215,354.61	114,497,435.03
		3 BOKKOS	57,191,465.96	35,525,242.73	16,934,280.92	109,650,989.61
		4 JOS EAST	45,932,336.89	28,531,484.38	13,829,194.18	88,293,015.44
		5 JOS NORTH	77,000,847.75	47,830,104.75	25,322,884.16	150,153,836.66
		6 JOS SOUTH	85,775,545.14	40,857,358.14	21,223,522.24	127,856,425.52
		7 KANAM	58,039,793.35	36,052,192.62	16,514,392.61	110,606,378.58
		8 KANKE	49,357,920.32	30,659,331.28	15,027,126.58	95,044,378.13
		9 LANGTANG NORTH	49,713,496.44	30,880,202.12	15,889,833.90	96,483,532.46
		10 LANGTANG SOUTH	47,078,772.81	29,243,605.23	14,521,528.33	90,843,906.16
		11 MANGU	66,386,429.22	42,479,143.65	20,829,417.14	131,694,990.00
		12 MIKANG	46,045,422.26	28,801,728.86	14,224,101.87	89,071,252.99
		13 PANKSHIN	62,405,033.79	38,783,720.01	17,376,742.07	118,565,495.86
		14 QUA'AN-PAN	60,963,824.35	37,868,493.52	17,552,107.97	116,384,425.84
		15 RIYOM	47,896,898.23	29,751,797.88	15,385,986.72	93,014,682.83
		16 SHENDAM	61,921,228.55	38,463,197.92	17,922,904.53	118,307,331.00
		17 WASE	65,908,310.50	40,939,827.11	16,374,474.43	123,222,612.04
PLATEAU Total			978,935,387.46	608,078,787.28	292,731,555.90	1,879,745,730.65

Source: Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation



Table IX

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ABUJA

**DISTRIBUTION DETAILS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS BY FEDERATION
ACCOUNT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010 SHARED IN MARCH, 2010**

S/n	State	S/n	Local Government Councils	Gross Statutory Allocation	Distribution of \$1 Billion from Foreign Excess Crude Savings Account	Value Added Tax	Total Allocation
32	RIVERS	1	AHOADA EAST	47,774,175.15	29,875,568.81	23,599,681.14	101,049,433.10
		2	AHOADA WEST	57,962,380.52	36,004,106.61	26,364,546.62	120,331,033.76
		3	AKUKU-TORU	52,371,495.91	32,531,253.98	23,240,498.70	108,143,248.59
		4	ANDONI	55,890,688.78	34,717,247.62	25,079,867.85	115,687,804.05
		5	ASARI-TORU	52,513,608.53	32,619,529.13	25,363,862.03	110,517,019.70
		6	BONNY	53,366,542.40	33,149,340.39	25,225,303.63	111,741,186.42
		7	DEGEMA	58,523,144.32	36,352,432.53	26,376,184.18	121,251,761.04
		8	ELEME	53,948,717.12	33,510,965.99	24,406,862.54	111,866,545.65
		9	EMUOHA	52,574,002.51	32,657,043.66	24,775,284.76	110,006,330.93
		10	ETCHE	59,999,820.88	37,269,689.90	26,365,516.42	123,635,027.20
		11	GONAKA	55,950,639.18	34,754,486.62	25,675,757.24	116,380,883.04
		12	IKWERRE	51,862,786.58	32,215,262.39	24,368,137.57	108,446,186.54
		13	KHANA	64,149,592.40	39,847,375.89	27,862,447.00	131,859,415.28
		14	OBI/AKPOR	75,735,776.07	47,044,288.58	33,566,587.52	156,346,652.17
		15	ABUA/ODUAL	61,843,546.86	38,414,944.91	27,486,935.22	127,745,426.99
		16	OGBA/EGBEMANDOM	63,606,680.08	39,510,138.65	27,521,112.18	130,637,930.91
		17	OGU/BOLO	40,688,482.89	25,274,194.45	20,520,956.10	86,483,633.44
		18	OKRIKA	56,125,747.92	34,863,257.75	25,448,289.88	116,437,295.54
		19	OMUMMA	43,558,386.81	27,056,861.16	21,379,827.67	91,995,055.64
		20	OPOBO/NKORO	46,934,168.39	29,153,785.39	23,090,180.29	99,178,134.07
		21	OYIGBO	43,960,468.38	27,306,631.92	22,126,269.76	93,393,370.06
		22	PORT HARCOURT	84,288,927.29	52,357,192.66	36,119,024.20	172,765,144.14
		23	TAJ	48,240,021.75	29,964,933.64	21,962,742.06	100,167,697.45
RIVERS Total				1,281,869,780.73	796,250,530.63	587,945,904.34	2,666,066,215.70
33	SOKOTO	1	BINJI	45,997,414.61	28,571,908.27	13,961,876.98	88,531,199.87
		2	BODINGA	53,873,153.68	33,464,828.75	16,315,438.56	103,652,620.99
		3	DANGE-SHUNI	54,549,505.61	33,884,153.79	16,955,504.05	105,389,163.45
		4	GADA	62,019,135.46	38,524,814.11	18,752,001.32	119,295,150.88
		5	GORONYO	57,036,170.10	35,428,778.64	16,545,848.76	109,010,797.50
		6	GUDU	51,844,797.38	32,204,088.16	13,644,753.63	97,693,639.17
		7	GWADABAWA	57,996,074.64	36,025,036.16	18,186,543.26	112,207,654.07
		8	ILLELA	52,192,619.64	32,420,142.60	15,482,182.99	100,094,945.22
		9	ISA	53,668,195.82	33,336,716.45	15,335,509.88	102,340,421.95
		10	KEBBE	53,233,705.12	33,066,826.74	14,618,362.12	100,918,893.98
		11	KWARE	47,213,274.81	29,327,156.07	14,927,392.69	91,467,823.57
		12	RABAH	55,078,306.72	34,212,625.66	15,437,906.78	104,728,839.16
		13	SABON BIRNI	61,942,051.40	38,478,132.32	17,392,012.65	117,810,196.37
		14	SHAGARI	50,944,528.58	31,644,874.17	15,680,288.94	98,269,691.69
		15	SILAME	47,586,885.01	29,559,229.04	13,940,173.61	91,086,287.67
		16	SOKOTO NORTH	56,650,894.72	35,189,459.69	18,236,303.84	110,076,658.25
		17	SOKOTO SOUTH	53,123,808.36	32,998,562.90	16,967,810.42	103,090,181.69
		18	TAMBUWAL	60,897,326.31	37,827,187.38	17,971,616.36	116,696,130.05
		19	TANGAZA	51,414,667.43	31,936,907.19	14,257,029.44	97,608,604.06
		20	TURETA	46,582,579.39	28,935,391.19	12,736,021.16	88,253,991.74
		21	WAMAKKO	52,716,261.47	32,745,409.71	16,456,326.54	101,917,997.73
		22	WURNO	51,868,663.66	32,218,913.01	15,877,391.66	99,964,968.33
		23	YABO	50,370,708.08	31,288,437.90	14,295,754.40	95,954,900.38
SOKOTO Total				1,228,800,728.00	763,285,979.91	363,974,049.85	2,356,060,757.76
34	TARABA	1	ARDO-KOLA	49,834,372.51	30,955,285.90	13,092,409.73	93,882,068.14
		2	BALI	83,601,787.23	51,930,366.44	17,172,710.14	152,704,863.80
		3	DONGA	58,125,263.43	36,105,283.50	14,670,502.21	108,901,049.15
		4	GASHAKA	68,265,223.03	42,403,854.80	13,121,189.20	123,790,247.03
		5	GASSOL	75,987,070.88	47,200,383.70	18,370,374.98	141,557,829.56
		6	IBI	50,914,218.19	31,828,046.47	12,996,533.67	95,538,798.33
		7	JALINGO	51,338,985.81	31,889,896.55	14,862,254.33	98,091,136.69
		8	KARIM-LAMIDO	75,537,799.11	46,921,312.54	16,734,930.76	139,194,042.41
		9	KURMI	56,308,251.08	34,976,622.02	13,246,573.88	104,531,446.97
		10	LAU	51,054,997.21	31,713,493.23	13,415,753.15	96,184,243.59
		11	SARDAUNA	72,987,127.04	46,336,928.53	17,891,116.36	136,015,171.94
		12	TAKUM	59,071,616.45	36,893,123.32	14,711,902.48	110,476,642.25
		13	USSA	50,133,680.27	31,141,204.91	13,940,111.92	95,214,997.10
		14	WUKARI	73,099,253.26	45,406,577.23	18,263,262.67	136,769,093.16
		15	YORRO	48,617,459.77	30,199,384.31	13,175,644.99	91,992,489.07
		16	ZING	53,270,287.20	33,089,550.19	14,444,840.67	100,804,678.06
		TARABA Total				978,147,392.45	607,589,313.65
35	YOBE	1	BADE	51,045,414.51	31,707,540.81	15,138,619.43	97,891,574.76
		2	BURSARI	59,630,928.03	37,040,547.18	14,113,377.66	110,784,852.86
		3	DAMATURU	50,591,894.24	31,425,830.64	13,407,432.91	95,425,157.80
		4	FIKA	53,464,442.35	33,210,152.26	15,042,074.55	101,716,669.16
		5	FUNE	77,731,107.98	48,283,715.64	20,521,924.62	146,536,748.24
		6	GEIDAM	63,813,147.22	39,638,388.47	15,724,276.00	119,175,811.69
		7	GUJBA	56,552,316.81	35,128,226.71	14,814,439.97	106,494,983.50
		8	GULANI	51,849,247.13	32,082,619.51	13,925,638.49	97,857,505.12
		9	JAKUSKO	66,874,375.01	41,539,910.99	18,124,956.30	126,539,242.30
		10	KARABUWA	47,998,711.93	29,815,040.82	14,042,080.92	91,855,833.66
		11	MACHINA	42,402,894.91	26,339,000.13	12,524,316.44	81,266,811.48
		12	NANGERE	46,897,765.45	29,131,173.22	13,401,045.64	89,429,984.30
		13	NGURU	54,833,842.59	34,122,889.83	15,501,456.97	104,558,189.39
		14	POTISKUM	57,671,127.10	35,823,190.66	17,348,885.26	110,843,203.03
		15	TARMUA	55,028,584.62	34,181,727.69	13,045,933.03	102,256,225.33
		16	YUNUSARI	56,583,212.98	35,147,418.28	14,671,748.17	106,402,377.43
		17	YUSUFARI	55,695,724.55	34,596,142.99	14,178,989.38	104,478,856.94
YOBE Total				948,584,517.41	589,213,515.81	255,527,193.75	1,793,305,226.97
36	ZAMFARA	1	ANKA	55,398,582.27	34,411,569.10	15,034,596.16	104,844,747.53
		2	BAKURA	53,441,910.36	33,196,156.21	16,526,911.85	103,164,978.42
		3	BUKKUYUM	62,633,726.75	38,905,775.89	17,353,847.02	118,893,349.47
		4	BUNGUDU	68,654,154.33	42,645,444.67	18,901,641.74	130,201,240.74
		5	GUMMI	59,689,425.04	37,064,460.11	17,116,614.81	113,850,499.96
		6	GUSAU	82,949,878.27	51,525,424.49	23,089,990.82	157,565,293.57
		7	KAURA NAMODA	62,481,670.33	38,798,900.55	19,685,839.00	120,946,409.88
		8	BIRNIN MAGAJI	56,903,598.44	35,346,429.98	16,249,817.67	108,499,846.09
		9	MARADUN	63,211,826.95	39,264,746.12	17,327,729.41	119,804,102.49
		10	MARU	82,612,724.52	51,315,996.93	20,038,075.66	153,966,797.11
		11	SHINKAFI	50,430,006.52	31,325,271.93	14,812,847.25	96,568,125.70
		12	TALATA MAFARA	58,670,707.25	36,444,093.22	17,472,396.25	112,587,196.71
		13	TSAFE	63,211,439.74	39,264,629.84	19,172,214.87	121,648,284.45
		14	ZURMI	70,283,614.90	43,657,605.87	20,102,851.36	134,044,072.13
ZAMFARA Total				890,533,065.69	553,166,504.71	252,885,373.88	1,696,584,944.28
37	FCT ABUJA	1	ABAJI	46,498,166.72	28,882,957.13	97,079,128.17	172,460,252.02
		2	ABUJA MUNICIPAL ARE	111,982,181.96	69,540,598.89	121,160,939.86	302,653,730.71
		3	BWARI	62,004,679.63	38,515,034.68	102,723,074.44	203,242,788.75
		4	GWAGWALADA	56,746,814.58	35,249,041.60	100,400,713.54	192,396,569.73
		5	KUJE	49,731,454.36	30,891,356.92	98,380,761.85	179,003,573.14
		6	KWALI	52,041,050.45	32,325,993.37	97,995,184.27	182,362,228.09
FCT ABUJA Total				378,974,357.71	235,404,982.80	617,739,802.13	1,232,119,142.43
Grand Total				42,528,310,810.03	26,417,028,000.00	15,602,966,346.08	84,548,304,956.11

Source: Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation

INTERNATIONAL

South African luxury train crashes

A South African luxury train carrying foreign tourists, most of them Americans, sped out of control downhill and derailed yesterday, killing two crew members as coaches flipped and crumpled against one another.

Rail officials advised passengers and crew to jump from the train after applying the brakes failed to work.

"I screamed at the others to tell them to jump off," said Rovos Rail Managing Director Rohan Vos. "I jumped off while it was moving."

The Rovos Rail voyage had begun in Cape Town and was close to its destination in South Africa's capital when it stopped for what is usually a routine change from an electric to a steam locomotive, said Nothemba Dlali of Metro Rail, which oversees rail service in South Africa's major population centers. The train trip is billed as a re-creation of the golden age of travel.

She said the train began moving after the electric locomotive was removed but before the steam engine could be attached, and gathered speed going down a slope.

Seventeen coaches derailed just outside a station in Pretoria, said Johan Pieterse of the capital's community safety department. Pieterse said two people died at the scene. Power tools had to be used to cut some passengers from the wreckage.

"Patients were strewn all over the scene," said Werner Ver-



EMERGENCY workers search the scene of a train derailment in Pretoria, South Africa.

maak, spokesman for a private ambulance company ER24, the South African Press Association reported.

One of the victims was pregnant. Emergency worker Chris Botha told SAPA the pregnant woman went into labor immedi-

ately after the accident, possibly from the force of the impact, but neither she nor her baby survived. The accident comes just

seven weeks before hundreds of thousands of foreign tourists are expected to descend upon South Africa for the World Cup.

5 headless bodies found in rebel-held Mogadishu

FIVE headless bodies have been found in a rebel-held area of Somalia's capital, and residents said yesterday they suspect the Islamist militant group al-Shabab killed the men because they had helped construct the parliament building.

No group has claimed responsibility for the killings, but al-Shabab has beheaded individuals in the past that it accused of spying for the US- and UN-backed Somali government.

Hardline militants in Somalia give out harsh punishments such as stonings and amputations to people it accuses of crimes. Militants have also banned movies and modern music, saying that those types of entertainment are un-Islamic.

Islamic insurgents control much of Mogadishu and have been trying to topple the fragile government for three years. Somalia has not had an effective government for 18 years. Relatives and friends say the men have been missing for the last five days.

"We suspect they were executed by al-Shabab militants because they had in the past received phone threats accusing them of helping to construct the former Somali parliament premise," said a resident who spoke on condition of anonymity because of fears for his safety.

The al-Qaida-linked militants consider any Somali who works for the fragile government or with the African Union as apostates.

"To slaughter a human being as an animal is a flagrant and brutal violation against international law," said Ahmed Mohamed Ali, the head of a Somali human rights group. "Those behind such remorseless and shocking attacks will be brought to justice one day."

Elsewhere, clashes in central Somalia killed 12 people, mostly combatants, residents said.

Rwanda opposition chief held for 'genocide denial'

RWANDAN opposition leader and presidential hopeful Victoire Ingabire was arrested yesterday on charges of denying the 1994 genocide and "collaborating with a terrorist organisation", an official said. Ingabire, a likely challenger to President Paul Kagame in August presidential elections, was expected to appear before a prosecutor later yesterday.

"She was arrested today in Kigali. She is accused of collaborating with a terrorist organisation, dividing the population, denying and downplaying the genocide," a judicial official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Ingabire's United Democratic Forces (FDU) party formed in exile but not yet registered in Rwanda, condemned the arrest, but said it will not impair her ambitions.

Sahara states move against al-Qaeda

FOUR Sahara desert countries are set to open a joint command headquarters in the south of Algeria to counter a growing al-Qaeda threat, the Algerian defence ministry says.

The command headquarters for Algeria, Mali, Mauritania and Niger will be based in Tamanrasset, about 2,000km south of Algiers, the Algerian capital, it said.

The announcement on Wednesday followed a meeting last month of senior officials from regional governments that the US hailed as a step towards confronting al-Qaeda.

Western countries say that unless the region's fractious governments join forces to combat al-Qaeda, the Sahara could become a safe haven for "terrorists" like Yemen and Somalia.

The defence ministry did not give details about what powers the joint headquarters would have.

But a senior military source in Niger said Saharan states had decided to move towards running joint operations against al-Qaeda.

"We have decided to strengthen our intelligence co-operation against all forms of insecurity and, therefore, plan to move towards joint military operations against terrorism, kidnappings and the trafficking of drugs and weapons," the source said.

Mohamed ben-Madani, editor of the London-based Maghreb Review, said it would not be easy to police the region, also known as the Maghreb.

He said the move had come "too late because al-Qaeda and the Tuareg in the Maghreb have established their bases" in the region.

"They have penetrated the security services in all countries and there is very little they [authorities] can do to control [them]," ben-Madani told *Al Jazeera*.

International

Drug hitman claims to capture 25 rivals in Mexico

POLICE have found the bound bodies of two men in the Mexican city of Cuernavaca, alongside a banner that threatens to kill 25 more drug cartel members.

Police say the killings are part of a battle between traffickers Hector Beltran Leyva and US-born Edgar Valdez Villarreal, known as "La Barbie".

Cuernavaca police say the bodies were found early Wednesday outside a bar.

The message left near the cadavers said 25 of Beltran Leyva's henchmen are being held and interrogated in the Pacific coast resort of Acapulco and would be executed soon.

State police reported that three men were found shot to death Tuesday in a taxi in Acapulco. It was unclear whether they were related to the drug dispute.

Oil rig blaze off Louisiana leaves at least 11 missing

US coast guards are searching the Gulf of Mexico for at least 11 oil workers missing after an explosion and fire on a drilling platform. The rig was still burning hours after the blast on Tuesday night, 52 miles (84km) south-east of the Louisiana port of Venice.

Coast guards spoke of conflicting reports on the number of missing, which ranged from 11 to 15. Seven badly injured workers were airlifted to hospitals.

Workers evacuated the Deepwater Horizon, a semi-submersible rig operated by Swiss-based contractor Transocean, after the blast at around 2200 on Tuesday (0300 GMT Wednesday).

There were 126 workers aboard the rig at the time.

Coast guard spokesman Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry said four helicopters, four coast guard boats and a plane were helping search for the missing workers.

"We're hoping everyone's in a life raft," he added.

The seven injured workers were airlifted to a naval air station near New Orleans, then taken to hospitals. Two were taken to a trauma centre in Mobile, Alabama, which has a burns unit.

Sarkozy to submit bill banning Islamic face veils



NICOLAS Sarkozy said the veil 'hurts the dignity of women'

FRENCH President Nicolas Sarkozy on Wednesday ordered legislation that would ban women from wearing Islamic veils that hide the face in the street and other public places.

In seeking to forbid the garment from public view, Sarkozy defied the advice of experts sought by the government who warned that such a broad ban risked contravening France's constitution.

Such a measure would put France on the same track as Belgium, which is also moving toward a complete ban in a similar reaction as Islamic culture has come in conflict with native European values. Sarkozy has repeatedly said that such clothing oppresses women and is "not welcome" in France.

Government spokesman Luc Chatel said after Wednesday's weekly Cabinet meeting that the president decided the government should submit a bill to parliament in May on an overall ban on burqa-like veils.

"The ban on veils covering the whole face should be general, in every public space, because the dignity of women cannot be put in doubt," Chatel said.

The decision to seek a full ban, rather than a limited ban, came as a surprise. After a Cabinet meeting just a week ago, the government spokesman announced a decision for legislation that bans the veil but

takes into account conclusions on the matter by the Council of State, France's highest administrative office.

The government had sought the council's opinion to ensure a law would pass constitutional muster. The Council of State advised that a full ban would be "legally very fragile." A six-month parliamentary inquiry also concluded that a full ban would raise constitutional issues, as well as enforcement problems.

"It's a transgression, an aggression even, on the level of personal liberty," said Abdellatif Lemsibak, a member of the National Federation of Muslims of France. "The Muslims have the right to an orthodox expression of their religion ... it shocks me."

France is a firmly secular country but has western Europe's largest Muslim population, estimated at some 5 million. France worries about clashes in values as well as about a spread of radical Islam. Authorities widely see the veil in light of gender equality and security issues.

In neighboring Belgium, a similar initiative for a ban on full veils in public places, including in the streets, is expected to become law in July.

Muslim leaders in France say that the face-covering veil is not a religious requirement of Islam but have cautioned against banning the garment.

Protesters seize troops in Thailand

ANTI-GOVERNMENT protesters in Thailand have seized a train carrying about 70 soldiers and military equipment northeast of the capital, Bangkok.

The troops were travelling through the Khon Kaen area, a stronghold of the so-called red shirt protesters, when they were seized on Wednesday.

Hundreds of red shirts stopped the 18-car train from leaving a station 450km from Bangkok.

Al Jazeera's Wayne Hay, reporting from Bangkok, said negotiations between police and red shirts are under way to allow

the train to continue after it was stopped.

"The red shirts say that those soldiers were heading to Bangkok as reinforcement for a potential crackdown on their protests which have been running for five months now," he said.

"The army though says these soldiers were in fact heading towards the troubled southern provinces of Thailand as part of a regular rotation of soldiers."

Earlier on Wednesday, the Thai army said that it would use force to disperse anti-government protesters occupying Bangkok's

main shopping district.

Action would be taken "considering the safety and lives of the people, and only when there is reason to do so, including for self-defence and in extreme cases", the government's Centre for the Resolution of the Emergency Situation said.

The warning came after red-shirt leaders announced they would not march to the city's Silom financial district but instead stay at their main protest camp "indefinitely".

Abhisit Vejjajiva, the prime minister, said on Wednesday that

he is ready to negotiate with protesters but only when they agree to abide by the law.

Panitan Wattanyagorn, a government spokesman, said an attempt to negotiate is being hindered by illegal demonstrations in Bangkok.

For their part, the red shirts say they are willing to hold talks through a third party to avert bloody clashes with troops.

Speaking to Reuters news agency on Wednesday, two of the protest leaders said they would consider offers of dialogue, but not from the government.

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WALE Tinubu

Oando offer oversubscribed

From Kayode Ekundayo, Lagos

OANDO'S Right Issue was oversubscribed by 128 per cent, according to statistics from the floor of the Nigeria Stock Exchange (NSE) yesterday.

Oando had on January 25 this year offered a Rights Issue of 1 for every 3 existing shares to its shareholders at N70 per share in a bid to raise N21 billion for expansion purposes.

Oando said yesterday that the right issue was oversubscribed by 128 per cent

"The issue which opened on January 25 and closed on February 19 and was expected to raise 21 billion Naira, returned 128 per cent subscribed.

"We are extremely pleased with the positive reaction to our rights issue in spite of the seeming apathy to capital market investments. This is an indication of the confidence of investors in our ability to optimise resources to create superior returns. These funds will complement our ongoing strategy of investing in high margin businesses as well as supporting our expansion plans to take maximum advantage of opportunities within Africa's energy landscape," said Oando's Group Chief Executive, Mr. Wale Tinubu.

In 2004, Oando raised N16 billion, the highest at that time by a non-financial institution, through a rights issue and public offering at that time. The funds realised accelerated the company's transformation from a downstream business into one of Nigeria's largest indigenous energy groups.

Oando which has six business divisions namely - Exploration & Production, Energy Services, Gas & Power, Marketing, Supply & Trading, and Refining & Terminals, on April 12, 2010 announced results for the year ending December 31, 2009. Its Pre-Tax profits increased by 21 per cent to N10.1 billion compared to N8.3 billion same period in 2008, while earnings per share increased by 23 per cent. Over the last five years, growth in profitability has averaged 50 per cent year on year.



NDIDI Okereke Onyike

590m shares traded on NSE

A total of 590.13 million shares valued at N5.69 billion were traded in 11,345 deals on the Nigerian Stock Exchange yesterday.

This was against the 624.36 million shares worth N5.35 billion traded in 9,702 deals on Tuesday.

The market indices dropped by 0.41 per cent.

The market capitalisation, which opened at N6.683 trillion, closed at N6.655 trillion, dropping by N28 billion.

The All-Share Index fell by 113.78 points to close at 27,515.02 from the opening index of 27,628.80

The Banking sub-sector was the most active, trading 280.48 million shares worth N3.44 billion in 5,541 deals.

Shares of First Bank accounted for the bulk of transactions in the sub-sector with 51.06 million shares valued at N802.10 million exchanged in 1,539 deals.

Insurance sub-sector followed with 154.23 million shares worth N184.81 million traded in 1,060 deals.

The Continental Reinsurance boosted activities in the sub-sector with 25.03 million of its shares worth N26.50 million traded in 39 deals.

The Food, Beverages and Tobacco sub-sector had N441.85 million invested in 28.51 million shares in 1,108 deals. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that of the 94 equities traded on Wednesday, 52 lost prices while 42 appreciated.

Nigeria Breweries led the price losers' table, depreciating by N2.00 to close at N38.00 per share. AP shares shed N1.42 to close at N42.00 while Dangote Flour fell by N1.29 to close at N24.53 per share. Guinness led the price gainers' chart, appreciating by N3.00 to close at N165.00 per share.

Julius Berger gained N2.94 to close at N61.88 while Conoil appreciated by N2.54 to close at N53.47 per share. (NAN).

Airlines still operate partial flights despite...

From Nahimah Ajikanle Nurudeen, Lagos

TWO days after the re-opening of European air-spaces for flight operations, foreign airlines at the Murtala Muhammad international airport, Ikeja, Lagos are still operating partial services to a few countries in Europe.

A check by Daily Trust to the departure hall of the airport revealed that most airlines have not fully resumed operations as the terminal building was crowded with passengers trying to find their ways out of the country. Most of the airlines operating British Airways, Arik air, KLM, Virgin Atlantic, Lufthansa and Air France were still not able to cope with volume of their passengers as they were still not sure of whether the aircraft to airlift the passengers would arrive.

Passengers were seen around the tickets counters of various airlines at the departure hall of the airport to confirm their check in time as some were already boarding their flights.

As at yesterday, KLM for instance was only conveying flight passengers to Amsterdam, Virgin Atlantic left in the morning through MMIA, Lufthansa was on its way to arrive as the time of filling this report, BA arrival could not be established.

STOCK MARKET INDEX

Date:	Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Index:	27,628.80
Volume:	624,357,880
Cap.:	N6,779,714,732,650.00

TRUST INDEX

Inflation	12.3%
GDP	6.68%
Budget	N4.6tr
Ext. Reserves Acct	\$41.5bn
Excess Crude Acct	\$3.9bn
Poverty Ratio	54.4%
Monetary Policy Rate	6%
Banks	24
Oil Price	\$82 a barrel
Power Supply	2,500MW
Oil output per day	2.6mbd
Broad Money Supply	N10,618,587.9m
Credit to Private Sector	N10,006,236.9m
Inter-Bank Rate	1.1700%
Treasury Bills	2.02%
Deposit Rate	10.98%
Prime Lending Rate	18.28%

CBN EXCHANGE RATES

20/4/2010	Buying (NGN)	Central (NGN)	Selling (NGN)
CFA	0.2851	0.2929	0.3029
DANISH KRONER	0.2829	26.8182	26.9088
EURO	26.7275	199.6638	200.3387
POUNDS STERLING	198.9888	227.6779	228.4173
RIYAL	226.9082	39.4427	39.576
SDR	39.3093	225.2669	226.0281
SWISS FRANC	224.5054	139.1964	139.6669
US DOLLAR	138.7258	147.91	148.11
WAUA	147.41	224.1233	224.8809
YEN	219.3656	1.5923	1.5979

Bureau de Change Rates

BUYING	
Dollar	N151
Euro	N204
Pound	N236
SELLING	
Dollar	N152
Euro	N206
Pound	N236

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



CBN

Star Feature

Dogon Yaro: North's u

While concerted efforts appear to have been channeled into the discovery and eventual exploration of oil and gas in northern Nigeria, a new vista of economic opportunities seems to have been overlooked in the region.

By Nathaniel Jonah

ONE of such huge economic potentials is the Neem tree which is ubiquitous in northern Nigeria. The Neem tree, popularly referred to in the Hausa language as Dogon Yaro, is a tree in the mahogany family with a broad dark brown stem, and widely spread branches. It grows above 15-20m and produces evergreen leaves with white fragrant flowers and fruits. It is also drought resistant.

According to Mustapha Kar-eem who claims to have extensive knowledge of the tree, and

“Local application of neem powder or neem oil has miraculous results.”

has been researching into the economic and medicinal benefits of the tree for over a decade. Neem is known as the tree of India as it is found almost everywhere in India. It is considered as a magic tree, which has properties that not only relieves, but also cures from illness. Neem tree is commonly known as Margosa tree in the English language and *Azadirachta indica* in biological terms. It is part of every Indian home, due to its



NEEM tree: "It is considered as a magic tree, which has properties that not only relieves, but also cures from illness."

great application and hence is considered as a place of worship.

Margosa tree attains a maxi-

mum height of 40 to 50 feet. It is an evergreen tree whose branches spread all over. It is a very densely

crowned tree, which may reach to a diameter of 30 to 40 ft. The trunk is relatively straight. Bark

is thick and rough with whitish to reddish brown in appearance. A fluid, called neera exudes out of

An explored goldmine

“Taking a bath of neem leaves water is very medicinal, because it helps the body to counter mild infections.”



NEEM seeds.

the bark. Leaves are pinnate 12 to 15 inch long with about 20 to 31 green colored leaflets, which are about 3 to 5 cm in length. Flowers are small and white in color that blossom between the months of February to march. Fruits are oval in appearance green in color, when in raw form and turns pale yellow when it ripens. Every fruit contains one seed, which contain oil. Neem tree bears fruit in May to July. Neem has been used as pesticide since the early ages, because of its remarkable property of fighting away with pest and microorganism, which are supposed to be harmful for agricultural and homely purpose and hence makes Neem the most wonderful partner of human in his evolution.

Also speaking to *Daily Trust* on the numerous health implication of the tree, Mallam Bashir Yakubu, a herbal practitioner, explained that “Local application of neem powder or neem oil has miraculous results. As it is a famous anti microbial herb, it renders all the microorganisms inactive, therefore helping in proper healing of wounds without causing any infections and septic conditions. Taking a bath

of neem leaves water, is very medicinal, because it helps the body to counter mild infections, which our body might come in contact with in day-to-day activity. Its tropical application makes us relieved from acne, eczema and even ringworms. In skin related diseases, neem works as the blessing of God on mankind. It has an action on almost every kind of skin disease, thus making its indication in eradicating every kind of itch, rash, infection and allergy. Also, Neem water is extensively used in burn injuries, thus to protect them from any kind of infection, and also promote healing. Neem oil is extensively used in the early greying of hairs with very satisfying results. It also finds its application in dandruff and in lice growth. Its local application on arthritic conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, gout, Osteoarthritis, lower back pain, and muscular skeletal pains, is

highly recommended with good results.”

Findings by this medium reveal that the neem tree is more popular for its ability to ward off erosion, and help stave desertification. The medicinal and economic potentials of the tree has not yet been fully explored. This is especially in view of the fact that the tree is used predominantly for providing shades and controlling desertification.

Bello Ahmad, a pharmacist based in Abuja also explained that there has been a nonchalant attitude of Nigerians towards the neem tree, and the result is that the economic and herbal advantages of the tree, remain relatively unexplored. According to him, “Beyond all the possible pesticides and pharmaceuticals, neem provides many useful and valuable commonplace materials. For instance, oil extracted from the seeds goes into soaps, waxes, and lubricants, as well as into fuels for lighting and heating. The solid residue left after the oil is removed from the kernels, is employed as a fertilizer. In addition, wood from the trees is valued for construction, cabinetry, and fuel. The bark is tapped for gum and extracted for tannins and dental-care products. The leaves are sometimes used for emergency livestock feed. And the profuse flowers are a prized source of honey.”

Of all these products, the neem oil is perhaps the most commercially important. According to Bello,

“In composition, it is much like other vegetable oils, composed primarily of triglycerides of oleic, stearic, linoleic, and palmitic acids.

To obtain neem oil, the seeds are first broken open and the kernels separated. The kernels are then pressed in industrial expellers or in hand- or bullock-operated wooden presses (ghanis). The oil yield is sometimes as high as 50 percent of the weight of the kernel.

This “cold-pressed oil” is mainly used in lamps, soaps, and other nonedible products. It is generally dark, bitter, and smelly. Unlike most vegetable oils, it contains sulfur compounds, whose pungent odor is reminiscent of garlic.”

Giving an insight into the historic uses of the neem plant, Bala Danjuma, an orthodox medical practitioner explained “Neem was earlier used in households for bathing a newly born infant. It protects people from insect bites and also indigenously used to

as saying that the neem tree has a huge potential for industrial use and export purposes.

“The neem tree is a wonderful plant,” Shema said. “It is in abundance in Katsina State. It is a tree that you plant which does not require a lot of water after it has grown up, and it works to reduce desertification.”

According to him, the neem tree has potential for industrial use with great potential for export.

“There is neem oil. There is neem fertilizer that comes from it, and there is neem cake. Also, there are other by-products that you can get out of it,” he said.

He said there was collaboration between the Federal Government and the state government, to establish a pilot plant to process the Neem tree, even before he assumed office as Governor.

According to him, the plant will produce organic fertilizer and neem oil, which can be exported.

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protect a number of plants, as Neem contains insecticidal properties. It was also widely used to cure skin ailments. Furthermore, Neem leaf extract has a fruit like smell, and contains essential fatty acids. This extract finds large scale personal and industrial application. They are used in a number of pesticides and insecticides, high potency extracts are used to manufacture personal products like facial creams, skin creams, cleansers and oral care products.

While lending credence to the numerous views on the diverse benefits of the tree, the Katsina state governor, Alhaji Ibrahim Shema, was quoted by the media

which is being used in the local government areas of the state.

Apart from its abundance in northern Nigeria, the neem tree is also said to be available in other parts of Nigeria. For instance, Kenneth Obi, a civil servant explained “the Dogon Yaro leaves are known to be very medicinal. Back home while growing up in my village in Abia State, my mother usually makes herbal concoctions from the leaves, which are very formidable in curing malaria fever and other diseases.”

But while the neem tree might be useful for a variety of purposes, it is yet to be seen whether the government would take advantage of the huge economic and medicinal advantages of the tree.



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Northern Business

In Jos, tank construction is a cool business

Tank construction is one of the businesses in Jos, Plateau State that is shouldering the responsibilities of keeping teeming youths from idleness.

From Mahmud Lako, Jos

FORTY five year-old Ibrahim Abubakar Bode runs one of the major workshops which have become a beehive of construction activities and solace for youths to be engaged in meaningful endeavours.

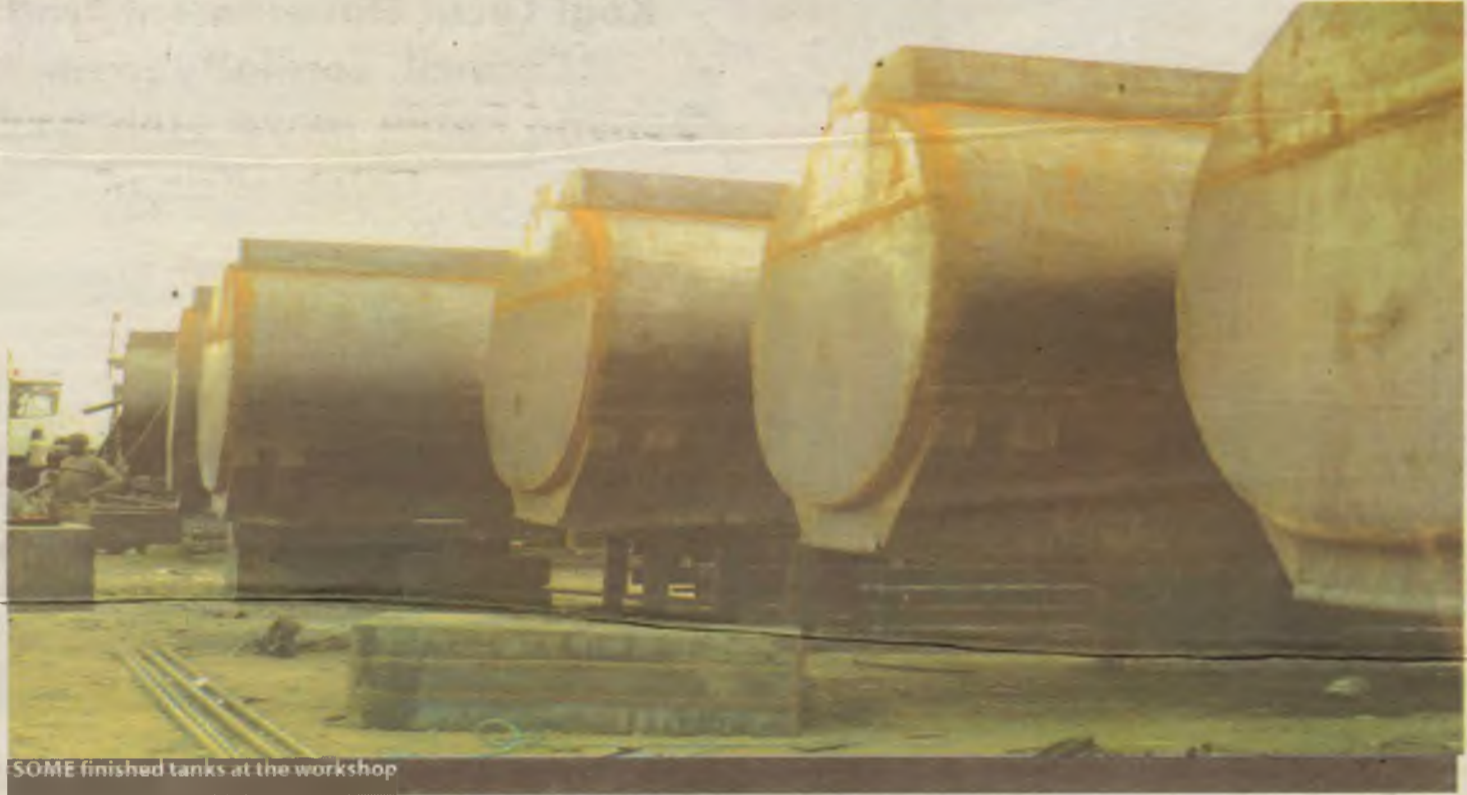
According to Mr. Bode, he started his workshop 18 years ago after learning about tank construction from his master's. He learnt the craft for eight years.

"I have been running this tank construction workshop for the past 18 years after I graduated from my master's shop, he said.

There are different sizes of tanks based on their capacity (litres) which include 33,000, 36,000, 40,000 as well as 45,000. They are usually tailor-made to the taste of customers. They are either used to convey water or petroleum and other related liquid products. They come in trailers, average water tankers etc. This scenario has, according to Bode, provided a means through which a large number of youths are engaged in learning how to construct tanks.

He said: "As I am talking to you now, we have over 20 youths employed on different capacities to learn how to construct tanks. We have the senior cadre which include workers who have spent quite a number of years and the junior cadre which include junior workers who have not been with us for long.

"We have other staff who are not involved directly in the construction work. There are painters, security men, vulcanizers, mechan-



SOME finished tanks at the workshop

ics, and electricians all contributing their own quota in the construction works. Bode was quick to add, "My belief is every person you employ to earn a living in a society; you are reducing idleness which could result to high rate of crime."

Workers at the Jos tank construction works cut across all the ethnic and religious groups within and outside Plateau state, working in harmony. "We have both have Muslims and Christians working here from different ethnic backgrounds; we don't discriminate at any level because we all believe that we are one." It takes like six years for one to learn the job. It also depends on the attitude and intelligence of the person, but within 6 years one is expected to know the major aspect of tanks construction.

Mr. Bode said in the past 18 years of operation has trained three people and each one of them has

employed not less than 15 people.

While elaborating on the stages of constructing tanks, Bode explained that the major requirements need for the work is the plate, tunnel, electric rode, oxygen gas, bending machines among others. "Most of these items are very expensive, that is why most times you will see that someone is due for graduation but because he cannot afford to buy them, he spends more years before he leaves." Our checks showed that most customers to the Plateau tank makers are people that engage in oil businesses such as petroleum. They come from places like Maiduguri, Bauchi, Markudi and Gombe as well as in the Plateau.

With the rising population of unemployed youths, these are areas where government could come in to give loans to such people who are due for graduation so that they can go and set up their own workshops

which will provide more employment opportunities, he said.

Daily Trust observed that one senior staff and two juniors are usually assigned on each project to construct a tank. He said; "It takes like a month before we can construct a single tank due to the epileptic power supply which leaves us with no other option but to use generators. At the end, we operate at a loss, but if there is steady power supply, within three weeks we can finish a whole tank."

Some risks are involved in the business of tank making. These include electricity and petroleum which cause explosion or electrocution. At times when people bring their tanks (petroleum tanks) for repairs, if they are not washed properly before we start working on them it could burst into flames thereby causing serious injury or even death," one of the workers at Mile 7 Jos said. According to him, there was a time one of his employers got electrocuted and died while on duty, saying "We rushed him to the hospital but before we reached there, he passed on. If only there was a hospital near his chances of survival would have been higher.

He added: "But with the help of God, we hardly record any serious injuries from our employers."

The skilled artisans expressed readiness to collaborate with the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). The NYSC could be posting their members there for their primary assignment especially students of Engineering. Moreover, there will be no harm if institution of technologies could also send their students for the Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES). The platform provides opportunity to practice the class room theories.

As a means of self reliance, tank construction to Bode is the only

source of livelihood as he not only provided employment to a number of youths but he was able to cater for his family and relatives and at the same time shoulder the responsibilities of his employees to go to school.

One of my workers is now a polytechnic student. We give an open door to anyone who wants to go to school to do so and in some instances, we do sponsor some of them, he said.

He declined to reveal his average earnings per month. But conservative estimates put it in the millions of naira. When asked on what he prefers his children to do, he said he wanted his kids to combine both formal schooling and learn tank construction, thereafter, "I will be able to know where their interest lies. It is like a talent hunt and I will support them in that regards."

Speaking on the role of the government in helping small and medium scale industries, Plateau state Commissioner for Commerce and Industry Malam Nuhu Gagara said the existence of such industries in a state has enormous advantages. He said it has the possibility to create job opportunities for the teeming youths as well as boost the economy of the state. He added that there are various programme both at the state and federal levels where the government can come in to help the artisans to boost their businesses. Malam Gagara further said there was need for such small and medium scale businessmen to organize themselves into cooperative groups and ensure that they are registered. "When they come in that form, the government will be more than willing to help them," he said.

He however expressed disappointment over poor attitude of such business owners.



TANKER makers

Business/International

Rwanda one of the fastest growing economies, says expert

RWANDA is among the fastest growing economies that have recorded sustained and widespread economic growth on the African Continent, a senior official at the World Bank has said.

In a video press conference held on Monday for journalists from across the continent, Shanta Devarajan, the Chief Economist for Africa at the Bank, referred to Rwanda as one of Africa's success stories due to existence of government accountability and implementation of good policies.

"The important characteristic of the recent growth experience of Africa is that it is quite broad-based that even landlocked countries, resource poor countries, were growing better than 4 percent. When you look at some of our fastest growing countries like Uganda and Rwanda, they are both landlocked and until recently, not very resource rich either," Devarajan said.

The Economist also hailed the government for instituting programs that do not only generate more resources to social sectors such as health and education, but also make those resources more productive.

"Rwanda has this result-based financing programme that actually encourages and creates incentives for doctors to show up and availability of medicines- this can lead to faster progress," he said.

Despite the impact of the global financial crisis, Rwanda maintained a positive economic growth at 5.5 percent last year, according to available information.

He urged other African countries to pursue such initiatives to facilitate them achieve rapid economic growth.

Devarajan also observed that economic growth does not lead to poverty reduction unless it is associated with growth in agriculture, productive jobs and human development.

"We know that 70 percent of the poor earn their living in one or another from Agriculture. And if we want to reduce poverty, we have to make sure that agricultural productivity grows. ... We can achieve poverty reduction with faster economic growth, but we have to pay attention to these areas."

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INDIAN protesters

Thousands march in India's capital over food prices

TENS of thousands of Indians backed by opposition parties denounced steep price rises in one of the biggest marches in years in the capital, demanding the ruling Congress-led government quit over food inflation.

The demonstration underscored how inflation was stoking public anger against the govern-

ment and revitalising the Hindu-nationalist opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) a year after it lost the general election against Congress.

Vehicles crawled on roads in central parts of the capital as protesters bussed in from various states by the BJP walked with saffron flags past festoons, posters

and banners.

The BJP sees rising prices of grains, sugar and lentils as denting Congress's fortunes before eight state elections this year and next.

"I have always voted for the Congress party, but I am very disappointed at the way they have handled price rises. They have left us nowhere, I do not know how I

will support my family," said Mohan Singh, a farmer taking part in the protests.

The Congress's core voters are largely in poor, rural and agrarian India and a shift in loyalties could hurt its fortunes.

Most credit the Congress victory in federal elections in 2009 to welfare schemes aimed at those segments.

US firms to invest in Nigeria

THE United States Department of Commerce will intensify efforts to assist US companies to find new markets in Nigeria, the Deputy Director of the department, Ms Julie Carducci, has said.

Carducci made the pledge in Chicago, Illinois, on Monday at the maiden USA-Nigeria Forum, the first and second phases of which had held in Atlanta, Georgia and Houston, Texas. She said the department would support US companies to export to Nigeria as well as match-make the companies with their Nigerian counterparts, reports a correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

The deputy director, therefore, urged Nigerian companies to work with their US counterparts to export Nigerian goods of American standards to the US. She also called on Nigerian companies to participate

in the trade shows coming up in the US for further penetration into the immense investment opportunities.

According to her, the trade shows will take place in Houston, Las Vegas, Dallas and New Orleans in August.

"We have in the past supported trade missions to Nigeria. We hope to organise more of such missions to further explore investment opportunities in your country," she said.

Mary Roberts, the Deputy Director, Office of Trade and Investment, Chicago, had welcomed the Nigerian delegation, describing Chicago as "the gateway to the rest of the world of commerce for the entire world." She said: "I hope that your time in Chicago mirrors the beneficial time enjoyed by an Illinois delegation that visited Lagos, the economic capital of Nigeria.

NEPC says Nigeria's non-oil exports hit \$1.8 billion

THE Chief Executive of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) Mr David Adulugba has decried the country's low non-oil exports, put at 1.8 billion dollars in 2008.

He was speaking at the maiden U.S.A.-Nigeria Forum in Chicago, Illinois, in a paper entitled "Export Potential: Opportunities and Challenges".

A correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the first and second legs of the forum had earlier taken place in Atlanta, Georgia and Houston, Texas. Adulugba criticised the neglect of the non-oil sector, saying that its contribution to the economy had dropped from 97.4 per cent in 1960 to as low as five per cent in 2007. He said Nigeria, blessed with rich natural resources, needed to

use its natural endowment through exports to create employment.

"It is time for us to use our natural endowment to create wealth and employment," he said. The NEPC chief executive said the greatest problem of exporters was packaging, as most exports had good contents but lacked proper presentation.

"A product must sell itself on the shelf through proper packaging," he said.

Adulugba said the 36 states of the federation were rich in one commodity and solid mineral deposits or the other. All of them are being waste digging for attention from investors," he said.

The NEPC boss said the country had the finest coffee and tea in the world, grown on the Mambilla Plateau in Taraba.

Business/International



STRANDED passengers.

Flight disruptions: Nigerian exports drop by 20 per cent

THE volume of Nigerian exports to Europe has dropped by 20 per cent since the disruption of flights caused by the eruption of volcanic ash last week.

Managing Director of Export Trade Houses in Lagos, Mr Mohammed Abdulsalam, said on Tuesday that the nation lost about 20 per cent of its exports since the disruption of flight around Europe.

He, however, said that he could not give the value of the losses suffered by exporters until they meet after the incident to review the situation.

Abdulsalam, an export facilitator, said exporters were waiting to hear the final analysis of the development from the relevant government agencies like meteorological services.

He said the exportation of flowers from Plateau was being affected by the flight disruptions.

Abdulsalam said that export of shrimps to European countries was also affected.

He said that even before now, the export of perishable items was being impeded by infrequent flights and absence of the right type of aircraft to move the commodities.

Abdulsalam advised airline operators to appreciate that perishable items required special aircraft and not passenger planes.

He said that it was important to address the issues to enable the products to be moved from farm gates to export destinations on time. (NAN)

Airlines lose more than \$1.7b to volcanic ash - IATA

THE International Air Transport Association (IATA) estimates that the crisis caused by a volcanic ash cloud above Europe cost airlines revenues of more than 1.7 billion dollars by Tuesday.

"For an industry that lost 9.4 billion dollars last year and was forecast to lose a further 2.8 billion dollars in 2010, the crisis is devastating," IATA Director-General and Chief Executive Giovanni Bisignani said in a statement yesterday.

Speaking at a news conference in Berlin, Bisignani said it would likely take the airline industry at least three years to recover from the volcano crisis.

Most of Europe's airspace closed on Thursday after a huge ash cloud from an Icelandic volcano spread out, stranding millions of business passengers and holidaymakers and paralysing freight and businesses worldwide.

On the three days from April 17 to April 19, when the air traffic disruptions were the biggest, lost revenues reached 400

million dollars per day, IATA said. At its worst, the crisis affected 29 per cent of global aviation and 1.2 million passengers a day.

Yesterday, most of European airspace was open for business, but with so many planes having been grounded it could take days or weeks to clear the backlog.

While the shut-down led to lost revenues for airlines, it also lowered their operating costs for a short time, Bisignani said. Fuel costs dropped by 110 million dollars a day, for instance.

Bisignani reiterated that the hit by the volcano crisis was bigger than the impact of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, which left airlines grounded for three days. He urged governments to examine ways to compensate airlines for lost revenues.

The U.S. government provided five billion dollars to compensate airlines after the Sept. 11 attacks, and the European Union also provided assistance to carriers.

Lufthansa Chief Executive Wolfgang Mayrhuber, speaking

at the same Berlin news conference, said he would not apply for compensation to offset the soaring burden.

"At the operating level, we estimate that Lufthansa's loss will exceed 100 million euros (134.4 million dollars) and could go as high as 200 million euros if the disruptions to traffic remain substantial until next week," LBBW analyst Per-Ola Hellgren said.

He said the carrier should be able to recover some of the losses as early as next week as passengers who postponed their trips filled seats on Lufthansa aircraft.

Singapore Airlines, the world's second-largest airline by market value said ash-related disruptions had cost it 29 million dollars from cargo and passenger operations. Shares of Lufthansa were up 1.1 per cent at 12.755 euros by 0915 GMT, while the STOXX Europe 600 Travel & Leisure was up 1.5 per cent.

British Airways was up 1.2 per cent at 236.6 pence, and Air France-KLM was 0.9 per cent higher. (Reuters/NAN)

European skies open but airline schedules scrambled

EUROPE'S skies were open for business yesterday but with so many planes having been grounded by the pall of volcanic ash spreading from Iceland it could take days or weeks to clear the backlog.

No less than 75 per cent of flights in Europe operated yesterday, some 21,000 of the 28,000 flights normally scheduled, European air traffic agency Eurocontrol said.

Almost all of European airspace below 20,000 feet (6,000 metres) was available, with restrictions in some areas such as southern Sweden and Helsinki.

"It is anticipated that the restrictions will gradually be lifted throughout the day," Eurocontrol said in a statement.

Britain, a global air hub as well as a busy destination in its own right, reopened its airspace on Tuesday night, giving a huge boost to travellers and air freight.

British Airways said it would operate all its long-haul flights departing from Heathrow and Gatwick airports yesterday, but there would be short-haul cancellations to and from London airports until 1 p.m. (1200 GMT).

Britain's Civil Aviation Authority made clear that scientists and manufacturers had downgraded the risk of flying in areas of relatively low ash concentrations.

"The major barrier to resuming flight has been understanding tolerance levels of aircraft to ash. Manufacturers have now agreed increased tolerance levels in low ash density areas," CAA head Deidre Hutton said.

Air France plans to run all long-haul flights on Wednesday, Poland will reopen its airspace from 0500 GMT, and the Dutch allowed night flights from Tuesday after taking the lead in allowing passenger flights on Monday.

German air traffic control said German airspace would be open by 0900 GMT, a spokesman said, but of 60 flights listed on the Frankfurt airport website on Wednesday, 46 were cancelled.

Flights from Beijing and other Chinese cities to European destinations began to return to normal on Wednesday.

Air China, the country's main carrier, said on its website its "flights to Europe have been fully restored" from Wednesday.

The airline warned, however, that it would keep in contact with European aviation authorities about weather conditions and could alter flight plans if warranted.

Britain had lagged its European neighbours in downgrading the threat to airplanes from the ash, which can potentially scour and even paralyse jet engines. (Reuters/NAN)

International flights resume at Port Harcourt airport

INTERNATIONAL flights to the Port Harcourt Airport at Omagwa, which was disrupted for four days by ash flow from Iceland in Europe, have resumed.

The Assistant General Manager, Public Affairs, Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Port Harcourt Airport, Mr Victor Arisa, said this yesterday.

He said in Port Harcourt that two international flights arrived the airport on April 20.

"Air France and Lufthansa arrived the airport on Tuesday from France and Germany respectively at 7.45 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. respectively. They also departed on schedule same day," Arisa said.

Arisa said several passengers, who booked to travel with the airlines, were stranded due to the inability of the planes to arrive on schedule.

"As you are aware, the flight disruption was caused by ash flow from Iceland in Europe, which forced the cancellation of flights from Europe to other destinations.

"We are also expecting more international flights to the airport today," he said. (NAN)

Business/Finance



Nigerian Stock Exchange
(Source: APT Securities)
Tuesday, April 20, 2010

STOCK Name	Prev Day Close	Open	High	Low	Price	Change	Deals	Volume Traded	Value
ABCTRANS	1.05	1.00	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.00	16	1,642,700	1,698,549.00
AFRIBANK	3.00	2.85	2.94	2.85	2.88	-0.12	95	6,090,262	17,403,212.00
AFROMEDIA	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.03	3	450,000	301,500.00
AGLEVENT	4.19	3.99	3.99	3.99	3.99	-0.20	11	439,589	1,753,960.12
AIICO	1.78	1.78	1.84	1.70	1.70	-0.08	138	22,776,440	38,691,576.00
AIRSERVICE	4.26	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	0.21	25	947,961	4,237,385.50
AP	43.42	42.00	42.31	42.00	42.00	-1.42	123	1,449,753	61,058,860.00
ASHAKACEM	22.61	21.76	22.61	21.48	21.48	-1.13	144	4,878,211	105,477,272.00
BAGCO	3.53	3.53	3.65	3.50	3.50	-0.03	509	4,798,130	17,108,440.00
BECOPETRO	1.67	1.67	1.67	1.59	1.59	-0.08	29	675,738	1,110,843.50
BETAGLAS	15.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.20	0.00	1	2,000	29,080.00
BOCGAS	10.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.22	0.00	8	46,170	468,025.53
CAP	29.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.67	0.00	6	6,197	193,036.55
CILEASING	3.80	3.85	3.97	3.79	3.79	-0.01	42	1,897,640	7,303,491.00
CONTINSURE	1.06	1.05	1.11	1.03	1.11	0.05	39	25,032,137	26,501,642.00
CORNERST						0.04	46	6,520,472	5,307,768.00
COSTAIN	9.52	9.99	9.99	9.05	9.79	0.27	220	16,633,671	159,402,752.00
COURTVILLE	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	3	57,272	28,636.00
CRUSADER	0.98	1.02	1.02	1.00	1.01	0.03	31	2,877,942	2,919,018.25
CUSTODYINS	3.60	3.50				-0.10	195	9,934,581	35,043,160.00
CUTIX	3.59	3.76	3.76	3.76	3.76	0.17	7	397,580	1,494,900.75
DAARCOMM	1.00			1.25	1.25	-0.06	34	277,412	346,765.00
DANGFLOUR	25.82	25.70	25.70	24.53	24.53	-1.29	371	4,222,964	105,805,744.00
DANGSUGAR	19.60	19.67	20.00	18.65	18.97	-0.63	158	5,918,575	112,380,536.00
DEAPCAP	2.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.02	0.00	1	20,000	40,400.00
DIAMONDBNK	8.85	8.85	8.91	8.50	8.50	-0.35	185	12,755,720	110,631,384.00
DNMEYER	3.79	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	0.18	6	171,727	681,756.19
ECOBANK	5.99	5.99	6.01	5.99	6.00	0.01	111	1,566,071	9,391,985.00
EQUITYASUR	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	7	500,841	250,420.50
ETERNAOIL	8.55	8.24	8.24	8.15	8.15	-0.40	52		3,985,961.00
FCMB	9.35	9.30	9.30	8.90	9.00	-0.35	83	6,625,450	59,696,024.00
FIDELITYBK	3.24	3.24	3.24	3.08	3.08	-0.16	176	7,731,836	24,082,076.00
FIDSON	3.44	3.44	3.60	3.44	3.60	0.16	35	753,880	2,665,020.50
FIRSTALUM	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	2	11,800	5,900.00
FIRSTBANK	16.15	15.50	16.15	15.50	15.80	-0.35	1539	51,061,808	802,102,720.00
FIRSTINLND	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.65	0.66	-0.01	73	2,614,944	1,738,715.38
FLOURMILL	72.52	71.00	73.00	71.00	72.00	-0.52	101	936,064	67,520,248.00
FTNCOCOA	1.00	0.95	1.04	0.95	0.99	-0.01	56	8,483,047	8,380,843.50
GLAXOSMITH	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	12	27,559	739,115.00
GNI	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00			4	20,900	10,450.00
GOLDINSURE	0.82	0.86	0.86	0.82	0.86	0.04	35	5,555,150	4,734,241.50
GTASSURE	2.88	2.88	2.95	2.79			44	5,865,870	16,712,638.00
HMARKINS	0.50	0.52	0.52	0.50	0.50	0.00	23	5,497,820	2,763,368.25
HONYFLOUR	8.70	8.72	8.72	8.65	8.65	-0.06	70	1,436,995	12,435,383.00
IBTC	10.64	10.70	10.70	10.20	10.50	-0.14	146	4,137,7644	3,161,972.00
INTENEGINS	0.72	0.75	0.75	0.75			93	26,862,019	19,945,592.00
INTERCONT	2.00	1.95	1.99	1.90	1.90	-0.10	96	1,904,210	3,688,964.75
JAPAUOIL	1.88	1.79	1.79			0.00	123	2,774,403	4,966,181.50
JBERGER	58.94	61.88	61.88	61.88	61.88	2.94	42	1,108,081	68,568,056.00
LAWUNION						0.02	24	3,911,000	2,605,660.00
LINKASSURE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	3	115,788	57,894.00
MOBIL						0.00	33		2,233.00
NEIMETH	2.82	2.96	2.96	2.96	2.96	0.14	19	252,719	748,048.25
NIGERINS							28		1,460,875.00
OANDO	117.21	117.21	117.21	117.21	117.21	0.00	126	1,070,702	125,496,984.00
OASISINS							1		2,000.00
OCEANIC	2.00	1.93	1.99	1.90	1.90	-0.10	138	6,706,059	12,891,065.00
ORIONOIL	21.6				21.62				35,369.88
PLATINUM	1.59	1.59	1.60	1.52	1.52	-0.07	102	7,639,664	11,987,691.00
POLYPROD	3.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.63			600	27,600.00
PREMINTS	13.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.40	0.00	1	600	7,638.00
PRESTIGE	4.60	4.60	4.61	4.60	4.61	0.01	18	1,020,000	4,697,532.50
PZ			8.21	7.45	8.21	0.39	47	1,316,269	10,327,108.00
REDSTAREX	4.27	4.06	4.45	4.06	4.42	0.15	46	2,003,250	8,636,114.00
ROYALEX	0.85	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.04			225,403.19
SKYEBANK	7.93	7.60	7.92	7.54	7.91	-0.02	210	16,148,844	125,739,792.00
SOVRENINS	0.50	0.50	0.50				9	250,700	120.00
SPRINGBANK	1.00	0.95	0.97	0.95	0.97	-0.03	25	285,977	277,547.66
STDINSURE	0.62	0.63	0.63					2,240,685	1,342,787.62
TOTAL	185.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.87	0.00	12	19,323	3,413,905.00
TRANSCORP	0.51	0.51	0.52	0.50	0	0		4,881,807	2,498,980.00
UAC-PROP	25.65	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	-0.65	31	4,203,499	105,078,744.00
UACN	54.37	54.90	56.00					1,218,340	67,199,000.00
UBA	15.70	15.30	16.47	15.30	16.00	0.30	488	26,257,514	417,077,984.00
UBN	6.02	5.90	6.15	5.90	6.02	0.00	178	5,029,312	30,274,434.00
UNIC	0.93	0.97	0.97	0.89	0.89	-0.04	11	505,000	460,750.00
UNITYBANK	1.00	1.00	1.05	1.00	1.05	0.05	30	1,694,068	1,755,471.12
UNITYKAP	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.00	1	3,000	1,710.00
UNIVINSURE	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	4	59,500	29,750.00
UPL	8.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.30	0.00	20	244,736	1,939,543.75
UTC	1.01	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	0.05	5	90,723	96,168.50
WEMABANK	1.09	1.09	1.12	1.04	1.10	0.01	64	1,544,759	1,671,549.38
ZENITHBANK	15.51	15.50	15.75	15.50	15.67	0.16	513	32,125,381	499,451,104.00



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Civil Defence, Immigration and Prisons Service Board.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Civil Defence Immigration and Prisons Services Board (CDIPB) wishes to inform the general public, particularly applicants who participated in the December 2009 Aptitude Test for recruitment into senior position of Deputy Superintendent of Corps (DSC), Assistant Superintendent of Corps I and II and Senior Inspector of Corps (SIP) in the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), that the list of shortlisted applicants from each state is now displayed at the state and zonal command offices of the corps in each state and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

- 2 Shortlisted applicants in each state are to report at the following selected venues in the geo-political zones for the physical and oral interviews scheduled for Monday 26th –Friday 30th April, 2010 as follows-
- (a) South-South Zone (Center –Benin City)
- Monday 26th April 2010-Akwa Ibom/ Bayelsa states
 - Tuesday 27th April, 2010- Cross River/ Delta states
 - Wednesday 28th April, 2010- Edo/Rivers states
 - Thursday 29th –Friday 30th 2010-Mop-Up of remaining applicants
- (b) South East Zone (Centre- Owerri)
- Monday 26th April 2010-Abia /Anambra states
 - Tuesday 27th April, 2010- Ebonyi /Enugu states
 - Wednesday 28th April, 2010- Imo state
 - Thursday 29th –Friday 30th 2010-Mop-Up of remaining applicants
- (c) South West Zone (Centre –Abeokuta)
- Monday 26th April 2010-Ekiti /Lagos states
 - Tuesday 27th April, 2010- Ogun/Ondo states
 - Wednesday 28th April, 2010- Oyo/Osun states
 - Thursday 29th –Friday 30th 2010-Mop-Up of remaining applicants
- (d) North –Central Zone (Centre –Minna)
- Monday 26th April 2010-Benue State/FCT
 - Tuesday 27th April, 2010- Kwara /Kogi states
 - Wednesday 28th April, 2010- Nassarawa /Plateau states
 - Thursday 29th – Niger State
 - Friday 30th 2010-Mop-Up of remaining applicants
- (e) North –East Zone (Centre –Bauchi)
- Monday 26th April 2010-Adamawa/Bauchi states
 - Tuesday 27th April, 2010- Borno/Gombe states
 - Wednesday 28th April, 2010- Yobe/Taraba states
 - Thursday 29th Friday 30th 2010-Mop-Up of remaining applicants
- (f) North –West Zone (Centre –Kaduna)
- Monday 26th April 2010-Kaduna /Jigawa states
 - Tuesday 27th April, 2010- Kano /Katsina states
 - Wednesday 28th April, 2010- Kebbi /Sokoto states
 - Thursday 29th April, 2010 Sokoto state
 - Friday 30th 2010-Mop-Up of remaining applicants
3. Shortlisted applicant are expected to report at the venues with the originals of credentials, evidence of aptitude test examination number, birth certificate or declaration of age and certificate of state /local government of origin. Applicants are also advised to come along with their Shorts and T Shirts and a pair of white canvass for their convenience.
4. Shortlisted applicants will only be interviewed at the designated centres in their geo-political zones of origin and not in their states /zone of residence.
5. Only applicants whose names appear on the list will be interviewed.
6. The exercise commences at 8 am daily.

Director /Secretary
Civil Defence Immigrations and Prisons Services Board.



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS, NIGERIA ROAD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM (RSDT)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DETAILED DESIGN OF REHABILITATION OF THREE ROADS: MOKWA-BIDA, AKURE-ILESHA & GOMBE-BIU

Federal Republic of Nigeria
Federal Roads Development Project
Transport Sector
CONSULTING SERVICES
Project ID No.: PO90135
Expressions of Interest (EOI)

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the preparation of the Federal Roads Development Project (FRDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services.

The objective of the consultancy services is to carry out detailed engineering design of the proposed rehabilitation of the three roads by upgrading the fast track studies and preliminary designs that have been carried out to detailed design status. The assignment will therefore involve the survey of the roads, detailed road inventory data collection, pavement evaluation, materials survey and testing, detailed design of the roads, preparation of detailed working drawings, bidding documents, confidential cost estimates, detailed work programs and complete bills of quantities. The roads in the proposed contracts are:

1. Mokwa-Bida Road (approx. 121 km)
2. Akure-Ilesha Road (approx. 74 km)
3. Gombe-Biu Road (approx. 117 km)

The RSDT, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Works, now invites eligible consulting firms to submit their expressions of interest (EOI) and relevant documents. Interested consultants must submit a Letter of Submission and provide information (consultancy firm details, brochures, description of similar assignments in the past ten years, experience in similar conditions, projects completed with the details of professional staff provided and services rendered, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.), indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. Consulting firms may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (May 2004 edition, Revised Oct 1, 2006). Shortlisted firms will be required to submit technical proposals along with the financial proposals.

A consultant may express interest for only one, or two or the three roads together, and this should be clearly indicated in the submissions.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 08.00 a.m. to 17.00 p.m. or by email to unitmgr.rsdtd@yahoo.co.uk.

The deadline for the submission of the EOI is 1400 hours (local time) on Monday, 10th May, 2010 to the address below:

The Unit Manager,
Road Sector Development Team,
6 Niagara Close, off Erie Crescent, off Nile Street,
Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria
Tel: +234 7034044403
Email: unitmgr.rsdtd@yahoo.co.uk.



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION POST-BASE (STEP-B) PROJECT
Federal Government College, Odi
P.M.B. 57 Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. E-mail: Stepbfgcodi@yahoo.co.uk



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

PROCUREMENT OF SCIENCE EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS, SCIENCE

TEXTBOOKS AND PROJECT VEHICLE

IFB No: STEP – B / FGC /OD/GDS/NCB/01/2010

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in Development Business, issue no.591 of 2nd July, 2007 and 4 National Dailies of the same date.
2. The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Science and Technology Education Post – Basic Project STEP – B Project), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for the procurement of Science equipment and chemicals, science textbooks and Project vehicle.
3. The Science and Technology Education Post – basic Project, (STEP – B Project : FGC ODI), now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the procurement of the following:

LOT	DESCRIPTION	BID SECURITY	QTY	BID VALIDITY	DELIVERY PERIOD
1	Science equipment and chemicals	2.5% of Bid Price	Various	90 Days	60 Days
2	Science textbooks	2.5% of Bid Price	Various	90 Days	60 Days
3	Project Vehicle	2.5% of Bid Price	1	90 Days	60 Days

4. Bidding will be completed through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB), a procedure specified in the World Bank's Guidelines; Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Science and Technology Education Post – Project and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below, between the hours of 8: 00 am and 4:00pm Mondays to Fridays, except on public holidays.
6. A complete set of bidding Documents in English may be purchased by increased bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of ₦5,000.00 (Five thousand Naira only) The method of payment will be Cash or certified Bank Draft in Favour of STEP – B PROJECT FGC ODI. The Bidding Documents will be collected by the representative of the Bidders or courier services on request.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12: 00 noon local time on 20th May, 2010. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives, who choose to attend in person at the address below on 24th of May, 2010 at 12: noon local time. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of at least 3% of bid price in local currency or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.
8. Bidders may bid for one or more complete lots as award will be based on individual lots. Any bid submitted for incomplete lots will be declared non responsive.
9. The address referred to above is :-

The Project Manager,
Science and Technology Education Post Basic,
Project Officer
Federal Government College,
Odi, Bayelsa State,
Nigeria.
Tel: 08069301544
E-mail: stepbfgcodi@yahoo.co.uk



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES,

JIGAWA STATE
OLD SECRETARIAT, DUTSE

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

1. PREAMBLE:

The Jigawa State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Dutse, wishes to pre-qualify reputable, competent and experience contractors who may wish to tender for jobs specified below and apply accordingly. The pre-qualification is for the year 2010 projects.

2. SUPPLY OF:-

- a). NPK 151515
- b). UREA 46% N00

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION:-

Prospective contractors should possess the following documents;

1. Registration with Jigawa State Works' Registration Board
2. Tax clearance certificate and evidence of past remittance for 3 years
3. Audited account for 3 years
4. Certificate of incorporation
5. Evidence of financial capability/bank support
6. Experience and technical qualification of key personnel.
7. VAT registration certificate and evidence of past remittances
8. Name (s) and addresses of Bank (s) including letter of references from the bank; evidence of involvement and experience in similar job contract, stating contract sums and showing evidence of award and duration of completion.
9. After this pre-qualification exercise, tender for contracts and jobs will be accepted only from pre-qualified contractors and the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Jigawa shall not enter into any correspondence with unsuccessful applications.
10. Any other document that will enhance your competency and reliability

4. SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS:

Sales of bid documents will be collected at the office of the Commissioner Ministry of Agriculture, Jigawa, Dutse on payment of a non refundable fee of ₦30,000 (thirty thousand naira only). The method of payment will be in cash or bank draft in favor of Ministry of Agriculture, Jigawa State.

The sales of documents will be closed within two weeks from the date of this publication and every bid and pre-qualification documents must be returned within three weeks from the date of this publication in a sealed envelope and addressed to

The Honorable Commissioner,
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
Block 13 Old Secretariat Complex, Dutse
Jigawa State

Signed:
Alhaji Nasidi Ali
Commissioner Ministry of Agriculture and Natural
Resources, Jigawa State



UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION FUND

7TH FLOOR, NIGERIAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION BUILDING
PLOT 423 AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA - ABUJA

INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIA

The Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF), in its quest to actualize its vision of "ICT Access for all" as well as meet the objectives of the Federal Government on ICT access, hereby invites Stakeholders to the consultation forum scheduled as follows:

ZONE	DATE	VENUE	TIME
NORTH WEST	April 26 - 27, 2010	Royal Tropicana Hotel Niger Street, Kano	8.00 AM
SOUTH SOUTH	April 29 - 30, 2010	Axari Hotel, Murtala Mohammed Highway (Near Zone 6 Roundabout) Calabar, Cross River State	8.00 AM

The Consultations, which shall include capacity building workshop by the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), is planned to hold in the six geo-political zones and the Federal Capital Territory. The Consultation is intended to afford various stakeholders (beneficiaries of USPF projects, financial institutions, ICT Entrepreneurs, Community-based organizations, opinion leaders, network operators and other development partners) opportunities to suggest ways of improving implementation of ICT programmes of USPF.

Pre-Registration: Please note that Pre-registration is required for all participants. To pre-register, kindly call or text the Programme Consultants (Growing Businesses Foundation) on 07025400082, 08034278438 or 08094541624. Only pre-registered representatives of groups shall be allowed to participate in the Forum. Pre-registration closes 48 hours before the Forum begins

Funso Fayomi (Esq)

Director/Secretary, Universal Service Provision Fund



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ORGANISATION

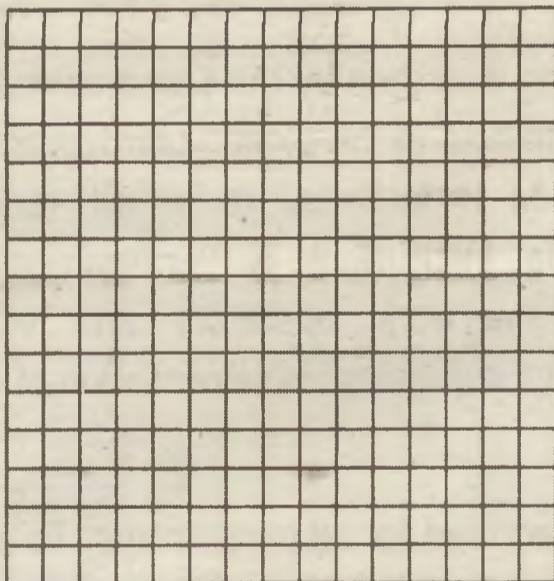
Sign Language



My SHOES or what? I don't have shores
Photo location: Thailand, by Jamie Monk
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DIAGRAMLESS 3

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| ACROSS | 33. Inspired creator | 2. At any time | 28. Social affair |
| 1. Skirt edge | 35. Bed cover | 3. Unpretentious | 29. Wrath |
| 4. Stratford's river | 37. Mr. Disney | 5. Lowest point | 30. Greek letter |
| 6. Loving poem | 41. Fruit stone | 6. A woodwind | 34. High-minded goals |
| 9. Award for valor | 42. Lobed organ | 7. Franklin — Roosevelt | 35. Place to take the waters |
| 11. Genesis brother | 45. Sedan, for one | 8. Building wing | 36. Bowler's target |
| 12. Decorate anew | 46. Some | 10. Folk knowledge | 38. Behaves |
| 13. Toy figurine | 47. Biblical wise men | 11. Commercials | 39. Surgery beam |
| 14. "Annabel Lee" author | 48. Russian autocrat | 14. Money pouch | 40. Go on a trip |
| 17. Knight's title | 50. Margarine | 15. Lode extract | 43. Generations |
| 18. Ocean | 51. Separate | 16. Stop | 44. — de Janeiro |
| 19. Footed vase | 53. Curvy letter | 21. Son of Aphrodite | 47. Bossy Stooge |
| 20. Lumber source | 54. Nevada city | 23. Shore flier | 49. Philosopher |
| 22. Drew closer | 55. Guided | 24. Lime cooler | Descartes |
| 25. Enters (info) | | 26. "Dig in" | 52. Lightning attracter |
| 26. Baked dessert | | 27. Ship's staff | |
| 31. Rowing pole | DOWN | | |
| 32. Once named | 1. Cured meat | | |



SOLUTION TO DIAGRAMLESS



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SUDOKU

The Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9x9 square grid made up of smaller 3x3 square grids (regions). The numbers already present within the puzzle are "given" - these are there to start you off. The aim is to complete the puzzle by filling the empty cells. Every digit from 1-9 needs to fit in each row, column and region of 9 squares. Each row, column and region must contain just one instance of each number, 1-9.

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				4			2	5
9	3						8	
			8		6		7	
		1	3			7		
5					6			4
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	6		9			1		
	2						1	7
8	7			2				

Solution to Sudoku 132

7	8	3	6	5	2	9	1	4
6	2	1	4	9	8	3	7	5
4	5	9	1	7	3	6	8	2
8	3	5	7	6	9	4	2	1
1	6	7	5	2	4	8	3	9
9	4	2	8	3	1	7	5	6
3	1	6	9	8	5	2	4	7
5	7	8	2	4	6	1	9	3
2	9	4	3	1	7	5	6	8

News Extra

Daily Star pulled from airports over volcano ash splash

Paper removed from shops in Gatwick and Manchester airports over computer-generated image of 747 with engines ablaze

Copies of yesterday's *Daily Star* have been removed from airport newsagent shelves yesterday over fears that its splash, headlined "Terror as plane hits ash cloud" with an image of a 747 with engines ablaze, could cause panic among travellers.

Richard Desmond's red top was removed from shops at Gatwick and Manchester airports after yesterday's edition was published, with a front-page story claiming to feature "dramatic pictures as jets get OK to defy volcano".

However, the image used

Manchester Airport confirmed that the paper had also been removed from the shelves of newsagents on its premises

in the splash was taken from a TV reconstruction of an incident 28 years ago in which a BA 747's engines were knocked out by a volcanic ash cloud. The documentary, previously broadcast on the National Geographic channel, was billed to be shown on Channel Five last night.

Gatwick airport's director of communications, Andrew McCallum, said: "We thought it was inappropriate at this point in time after six days of disruption and as people were anxious to get to their holiday destination or to return home to have these sort of computer-generated images on the front page.

"We had a discussion with other airports having seen the *Daily Star's* front page today and decided to remove it. It was in our view not appropriate."

Manchester Airport confirmed that the paper had also been removed from the shelves of newsagents on its premises, but had not commented at the time of publication.



YESTERDAY'S *Daily Star* splash headline. The accompanying picture is taken from a TV reconstruction of an incident 28 years ago.

Gatwick bosses also asked a *Daily Star* reporter and photographer to leave the premises yesterday. The airport said it was unrelated to the paper's front-page story and was part

of its management of media coverage of the travel disruption story.

The *Star* story, which featured four images from the documentary, described how a "stricken British Airways jumbo jet is engulfed by 'flames' after flying into a deadly cloud of volcanic ash".

"The dramatic pictures show the horrifying reason why flights were grounded for five days. The images are part of a gripping TV reconstruction tonight of a near disaster when BA Flight 009 flew into volcanic dust in 1982," the story continued.

"Last night the TV show's

A source at Gatwick airport said the story was "outrageous and irresponsible"

images were given a new relevance. Planes finally got the go-ahead to fly into ALL of Britain's airports from 10pm last night, despite the ash still being present."

A source at Gatwick airport said the story was "outrageous and irresponsible" as the ban on flights was lifted after the volcanic ash cloud was no longer judged to be a danger to air travel.

"There was no explanation on the front that this was a TV mock-up of an incident from 1982," added the source.

"Anyone who saw that front page would have naturally assumed these were images from a flight that had gone through a volcanic cloud after the restrictions were lifted last night. It was clearly designed to sell papers by inducing panic which is the last thing any of us need right now."

The *Daily Star* had not responded to a request for comment at the time of publication.

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News Extra

In UK election, voters in Afghanistan, Ghana and Bangladesh will also have a say



IN the UK election, some UK-registered voters are giving up their votes to people in Afghanistan, Ghana and Bangladesh, who will watch today's leaders' debate on foreign policy before saying who they would vote for.

found implications for the rest of the world.

James Sadri, 30, a former BBC researcher, said he came up with the idea while watching the US presidential debates in 2008 in Syria with Iraqi refugees.

“It was the whole Obama and McCain stand-off, and they were having a discussion about US troops,” he said. “The interesting thing is my [Iraqi friends] had differing views on US troops in Iraq. But the really stark, obvious thing was that they weren't being consulted ... we thought we wanted to raise the profile of the lack of democracy in global issues.”

Atique Chowdhury, 34, who is helping to organise voting in Bangladesh, said climate change would be at the forefront of Bangladeshi voters' minds.

“Developing countries are emitting a huge amount of carbon, so it is time for our people who are displaced by climate change to have a say in

Thousands of Britons are giving up their votes to people in the developing world in the 2010 election

Thousands of people in Afghanistan, Ghana and Bangladesh will be voting in the UK general election under a unique project that enables Britons to donate their vote to foreigners in the developing world.

The initiative, Give Your Vote, will come to prominence on today when the UK's televised leaders' debate on foreign policy is broadcast with subtitles to crowds in the capital cities Kabul, Accra and Dhaka.

Under the scheme foreigners are being offered the chance to use a ballot paper belonging to one of the growing number of UK-registered voters.

Thousands of Britons have already pledged online to “give-up” their vote under the project, according to the group of young volunteers behind the project.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Ghana were chosen by organisers because they are particularly effected by foreign policy decisions made in the UK. Participants there will be able to vote by text message or attend a handful of polling stations on 1 May, five days before the UK election.

On the eve of the election, UK voters will receive an email or text message telling them how the foreign national they have been matched with would like them to vote. For logistical reasons, for-



CITIZENS filling forms before casting their vote.

foreign voters will only be allowed to choose between the three main parties.

Election posters have already begun appearing in the three countries and translated manifestos will be distributed in the coming days. The leaders' debate will be shown in university lecture halls.

The activists behind the scheme have a makeshift office on the fifth floor of the Royal Festival Hall, near parliament, which

offers free WiFi access. They say the vote-swap has never been tried before, and they have been approached by groups seeking to replicate the idea in future elections in the US, France, Germany and Italy.

The group is affiliated to Equality, a global network of volunteers who believe there is a global democratic deficit, with decisions made in the richest countries having pro-

“Developing countries are emitting a huge amount of carbon”

important decisions,” he said.

“This is supposed to be a democratic world and we, as global citizens, have a right to influence decision-making that will affect us.”

Around 800 people have already signed up to the scheme in Kabul, where Reza Kateb, 32, a youth worker, said there is real enthusiasm for the chance to engage in the UK election.

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OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION

COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION, MR. STEPHEN ORONSAYE (CON) AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS OF THE NIGERIA UNION OF PENSIONERS HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION ON THURSDAY 15TH APRIL, 2010

In furtherance of the need to entrench and institutionalize transparency and accountability in the administration of pension, the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Mr. Stephen Oronsaye, on Thursday 15th April, 2010, led a delegation of his officials to a meeting with officials of the Nigeria Union of Pensioners led by its National President, Alhaji Ali Abatcha.

2. The meeting deliberated on many issues that impede prompt and timely monthly releases of pensions and the numerous outstanding arrears owed civilian pensioners who had rendered meritorious service to our dear fatherland.

3. At the end of the meeting, the following resolutions were arrived at:

- i) That the on-going verification exercise of pensioners by the Nigeria Union of Pensioners should be extended for another two (2) weeks. This is to ensure thorough screening and capture of all genuine pensioners' data, including details of those that are dead, sick and infirmed;
- ii) that all civilian pensioners must ensure that they are verified through the exercise now being conducted by the Nigeria Union of Pensioners throughout the Federation on or before Wednesday, 28th April, 2010; and
- iii) that for ease of identification, henceforth all complaints of short-payments or omission on pension matters must be forwarded through the State Chairmen, Nigeria Union of Pensioners where the Pensioner is resident.

4. For the avoidance of doubt, all pensioners, be they Federal or State pensioners with Federal share would be required to adhere strictly to these guidelines.

5. The next joint meeting has been scheduled to hold on Thursday 29th April, 2010 to receive and review the final report and details on the exercise.

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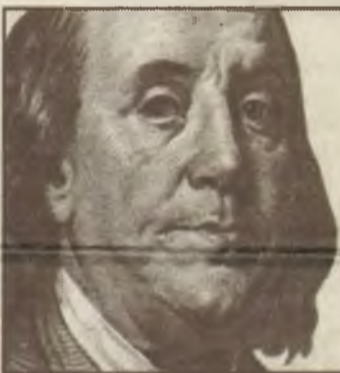
Further to our earlier publication of Friday 16th April 2010 page 53 in this paper and page 17 in Daily Triumph Newspaper of the same date, the Ministry wishes to include the construction of 18 blocks of 3 classroom for the pre-qualification of Contractors. The blocks are grouped into eight lots, which spread over three senatorial districts.

**B. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS,
SUBMISSION OF PRE-QUALIFICATION
DOCUMENTS AND DATE OF CLOSING:**

The prequalification requirements, submission of documents and date of closing remain as contained in the earlier publications quoted above.

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WASTE dumpsite used as thoroughfare in Ochanja market, Onitsha, Anambra State

Toxic container to be sent back - FG

By Mustapha Suleiman

THE recently seized MV Nashville ship conveying toxic waste into the country will be sent back to the port of origin, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel Convention on Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste.

Minister of Environment Mr. John Odey said at a press conference on Tuesday in Abuja that on April 6 the National Environmental Regulations Agency (NESREA), received an alert from Netherlands regarding a

vessel, MV Nashville coming to Nigeria and carrying a container, with registration number UESUA 463595-0.

The minister said on receiving the alert, NESREA immediately sent alert to all relevant security and enforcement Agencies within the country for necessary surveillance.

"When the vessel was detected entering into the Nigeria territorial waters, it was closely monitored and escorted till it berthed at the Tin Can Island Port in Lagos on the 15th of April 2010.

"Physical examination of the container with registration number UESUA 463595-0 was thoroughly carried out on board the Vessel by a joint inspection team led by the Director General of NESREA. The examination confirmed exactly what was indicated in the alert and contrary to the declaration in the Bill of Laden. He said that the container contain used lead Acid Batteries (ULAB, used fridges; used old tyres, old Mazda car with shattered windscreen; old broken down television sets (1970's to 80's model, old radios and used computers."

Kano residents groan under intense heat

INTENSE heat caused by hot weather is causing discomfort and disrupting the social life of Kano residents.

The heat waves emanating from the scorching sun, set in about a week ago and have left many people complaining.

Checks revealed that the inclement weather had adversely affected the sleeping pattern of residents, making many unable to sleep indoors.

Many people now sleep in the open, while others migrate to the outskirts of the town such as Hotoro and Nasarawa quarters which are

not densely populated.

Although power supply has significantly improved, most residents cannot withstand the heat, because of congestion in the ancient city.

One of them, Alhaji Musa Baker, lamented that he had not been sleeping well, due to the hostile weather.

"Most of the time, I sleep outside my house till 12 midnight or 1.00 a.m. because of the heat, and this makes me lose a lot of sleep," Baker, a businessman, said.

Another resident, Alhaji Bala Mohammed,

a civil servant, said that the heat had so far made life "very uncomfortable" for him, saying the city had become inhabitable for him in the night.

"The heat waves strike the old mud houses during the day and these structures begin to discharge the radiant in the night and this causes a lot heat in the city which is also overcrowded with people," Mohammed said.

Since the commencement of the bad weather in the city, temperature has risen from an average of 37 degrees to between 42 and 43 degrees Celsius. (NAN)

Volcano ash could be good for gardens

THE ash cloud that is causing chaos for travellers could be good for gardens, according to horticulturalists.

The ash would not only fertilise plants but help the soil hold water and encourage bacteria.

However volcanoes can also spew out poisonous ash and government officials are keeping an eye on the situation because of the risk to UK agriculture.

Colin Dale, a horticulturalist at Notcutts garden centre, said ash is a good source of nutrients and repellent to pests.

"Although the volcanic ash is causing misery to many British holiday makers, we could be seeing some benefits from the ash cloud - in our gardens," he said. "Volcanic ash can be a great help to your garden in more ways than one.

The ash holds air and the air spaces it creates in soil can insulate plants against temperature change. It can also allow your soil to hold water for longer encouraging both soil bacteria and seed germination, both of which are great for plant growth."

Today is Earth Day

AS we prepare to celebrate Earth Day today April 22, we can add another species, one of widespread ecological and economic importance, to the list of the beleaguered.

From East Coast to West and around the world, global warming and its effects have descended upon shellfish reefs, particularly those formed by the Olympia oyster. More than one-third of the world's human-caused carbon dioxide emissions have entered the oceans, according to Brian Gaylord, a biological oceanographer at the Bodega Marine Laboratory of the University of California at Davis.

"Similar to what happens in carbonated soda," says Gaylord, "increasing carbon dioxide in seawater makes it more acidic."

Even with small changes in acidity, seawater becomes corrosive to the shells of aquatic organisms.

That's not good news for most marine life, especially for oysters.

Swazi gets environment award for poacher murder expose

A Swazi lawyer has won a prestigious environmental award for her work exposing the extra-judicial killings of suspected poachers by game rangers.

Thuli Makama told the BBC she wanted to end the violence and see poachers prosecuted instead.

Under Swazi law, rangers can use force to prevent poaching.

She is one of six winners of the Goldman Environmental Prize - which is sometimes known as the Nobel prize for the environment.

Ms Makama, head of the Swazi environmental group Yonge Nawe, said the problem of rangers "overstepping" their powers occurred mostly in private game

reserves.

Ms Makama said while researching a documentary about local communities, she discovered at least 20 cases of suspected poachers who had been killed or maimed.

Poaching was often nothing more than the odd killing of an antelope or warthog in protected land, she told the Associated Press agency.

"These are just hunters and gatherers who need this to survive," she said.

"People are being killed for hunting a small impala." But some point out that criminal syndicates run well-equipped and heavily armed poaching operations.

Ted Reilly, head of the private Big Game Parks, said his rangers act within Swaziland's anti-poaching laws, often at great personal risk, AP reports.

"Very similar numbers of rangers have been killed in the line of duty by poachers as vice versa," he said.

Ms Makama believes suspected poachers should be arrested and "taken through the due process of law."

"There are many illegal acts that should not mean you are tried, sentenced and executed at the scene," she told the BBC.

Ms Makama will receive her award - and \$150,000 (£98,000) in prize money - in San Francisco on Monday.

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LIGHTNING streaks across the sky as lava flows from a volcano in Eyjafjallajokul, Iceland. It is not clear why bolts of lightning are sometimes seen within erupting volcanoes.

UNIMAID to construct 30 VIP toilets

PROF. Mala Daura, the Vice Chancellor, University of Maiduguri, said on Wednesday that arrangements were in top gear to construct 30 units of VIP toilets in the female hostels. Daura, who disclosed this in an interview in Maiduguri, said the project, when completed, would reduce the problem of inadequate toilets hitherto confronting students in the campus.

He said that the project would also be extended to the male hostels to enable

the students to study and live comfortably in the campus.

The vice chancellor also said that the university authority was working towards the rehabilitation and construction of roads within the university campus.

He gave assurance that he would ensure that every aspect of the development of the institution was given adequate attention to ensure that it produced high quality graduates. (NAN)

'Desert encroachment now 0.6 km per year'

THE Jos zonal director, National environmental Standard Regulation Agency (NESREA), Mr. Samuel Bagudu Joshua, has disclosed that desert is encroaching by 0.6 kilometre per annum in the country.

Joshua made the disclosure shortly after a two-day stakeholder's review of the 13 NESREA draft regulation in Jos, Plateau State capital at the weekend.

According to him, desert encroachment has to do with the anthropo-

genic activities of man, stressing that deforestation, bush burning are activities that aggravate gully erosion in our environment.

He noted that it has been proved scientifically that the desert is encroaching from the Northern parts to other part, of the country, adding that with this development, there is great danger looming.

Joshua also pointed out that it is the responsibility of every Nigerian to engage in practices that will miti-

gate or slow down the rate of desertification so as to protect our environment.

The NESREA boss observed that his agency is coming up with alternative technology like solar stove, wood and saw dust burning stove and other initiatives as alternatives to the people, saying, "You cannot tell somebody not to use the fuel wood without giving him alternative solution.

He then advised Nigerians that if they must cut down a tree, they must also plant ten trees and nurture them to maturity, adding that tree serves as shelter belt, wind brake which in turn beautify our environment.

He stressed that the mandate of NESREA includes carrying out enforcement of government policies and things

that will ensure healthier environment in the country.

"You cannot tell somebody not to use the fuel wood without giving him alternative solution."

Erosion menace worries Gov Obi

GOV Peter Obi said on Tuesday in Abuja that Anambra State was in a precarious condition due to the erosion menace ravaging the area.

Obi said this during a courtesy visit to the Minister of Environment, Mr. John Odey.

He said: "I came to remind the minister about the precarious situation in Anambra in terms of erosion. Anambra is the worst affected state in sub-Saharan Africa."

He, therefore, called on the Federal Government to assist the south east zone and Anambra in particular, to curb the erosion menace.

He said that more needed to be done to ameliorate the precarious situation and stressed the need to commence the rehabilitation of erosion sites before the onset of the rains.

The governor commended the Federal

Government for the integrated waste management project of which the state is a beneficiary, saying that sanitation status of the state had improved compared to what it was in the past.

"Sanitation in Anambra is improving through the integrated waste management project in the state," Obi said.

He noted that the security situation had also improved due to the state government's resolve to combat crime.

Responding, Odey informed Obi that the Federal Government had concluded primary assessment and base line study of erosion sites in the state.

He said that implementation of the rehabilitation would soon commence in line with the Acting President's concern and directive that the exercise "must be handled with utmost urgency" to ensure environmental sustainability. (NAN)

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His Excellency's younger brother, **Alh. Babayo Goje**, which occurred on Monday, 19th April, 2010.

The **Late Babayo Goje** was a successful businessman and entrepreneur who during his life time, contributed in no small measure towards the socio-economic development of our young state. The deceased was urbane and socially-responsive, and touched the lives of most people he came into contact with, with his exemplary generosity of friendship and assistance.

The Late Babayo Goje's manifold legacies, will forever remain indelible in our minds. May Allah (SWT) grant his soul eternal rest in AL-JANNAT-FIRDAUSI, AMEEN.

On behalf of the Government and people of Gombe State, the Secretary to the State Government, Alh. Abubakar Sule Bage, wishes to condole with His Excellency, **Alh. (Dr.) Muhammad Danjuma Goje (Sarkin Yakin Gombe)**, Governor of Gombe State and members of his family over the tragic demise of

Signed:

ALH. ABUBAKAR SULE BAGE

Secretary to the State Government.

In Defence of our Mandate

Sule Lamido

"Our very, very important Guest! To me, you have a number of levels. First, as my very, very senior in Barawa College. So, we have that relation which is very unique. Second is, of course, as the Chairman of the PDP under whose tenure we marched to victory and, therefore, we all here today stand as a testimony of your personal efforts. I take note of your supporting wife who is also a medical doctor. I don't know what you are to your son. Since he is crowned formally as a chief, obviously you are now his subject. So, I would say the chief of my chairman and other very, very distinguished members of your entourage.

It is my singular honour and privilege to welcome my Chairman to Jigawa State who has graciously accepted my invitation to come and commission a project here in the state. It's going to be a brief ceremony here because we stand by the family tradition of the PDP. We brought you here and introduced you formally to your children so that they can really appreciate and honour you for leading the party to victory such that today, they all owe their positions to you, as either Mr. Governor or the speaker, members of the legislative houses, and other operatives and operators of the government and the party. We owe today whatever we are to you, Sir.

And I think that in dignifying you, in appreciating you, we are also re-defining Nigerian political terrain which is a little bit bankrupt because there isn't much in terms of understanding what we can call history of heroes, their roles, their sacrifices. And that is why today in the Nigerian political environment, we have this crisis of legitimacy because people who have no understanding of what is called politics are parading themselves as leaders. And I thought that the way to save Nigeria is to find a way by which we open a new vista whereby political leadership is fully appreciated.

A number of us may have no idea of what you want through in bringing about victory for the PDP and what you and former President Obasanjo did as our leaders, he as the Commander-in-Chief, you as the Garrison Commander, we as your very, very willing infantry, prepared to be led, believing that, in that leadership, we were sure going to safety or victory. And so we were willing to follow you blindfolded because we know what you are, what you can do and today, it is all thanks to you that Nigeria has got a very stable political leadership at all levels-in government houses, for the PDP and at the presidency.

But somehow, somehow, after the victory, the people you vanquished, the opponents we demolished, whom we conquered and who should be, ideally, our own war booty have today found a life wire whereby they make so much noise to the point that, apparently, we, the PDP, we who won the elections, who should be defending the interests of the PDP, defending our victory and our fortunes have been blackmailed into silence. And, therefore, today the raving and ranting of those who lost elections is now defining and influencing Nigeria and Nigerians in terms of what is called legitimacy. And I think this we do not accept.

All those who won election under the PDP must stand up and defend the PDP and defend our fortunes and our victory. It is a victory which certainly no one can question. There is no way anybody in his right mind will tell you that PDP lost. PDP won the elections and there is no better testimony than that, after all the litigations, the elections were endorsed by the Supreme Court as having been fair and reflecting the true wishes of the Nigerian people.

Therefore, the PDP members, those in the National Assembly, in the state houses of assembly, in the various government houses must rise and defend their victory. Those who voted for us are embarrassed by our silence. Those who gave us the mandate feel abandoned as if their mandate was illegitimate. Because those they gave their mandate failed to rise and say, yes, we are proud of your votes, your votes were legitimate, your votes were freely cast and they were cast for the PDP. And we would defend our mandate. From now on, we all have to rise.

And there is certainly, certainly, a new, emerging pattern whereby people keep on ranting and raving on account of trying to attain personal interest via election and where they failed, they make so much noise and this noise has acquired a kind of momentum or crescendo whereby it is even influencing the Nigerians in terms of what went wrong. And, therefore, if those who won those elections will not rise and speak, naturally, those who gave the votes initially will be afraid to give you that magnitude again.

And so Mr Chairman, Sir, I called you so that we can, as from today, announce to Nigerians through you that the very party you led, the victory we won, upheld by the Supreme Court, is legitimate, is legal and it has all the authority required of it to be an effective government at all levels. And it is also a challenge to our opponents, that it is not enough to keep on ranting and raving and screaming. You just have to stand up and fight.

For, like I said, as a political party, we would unleash our awesome powers on our opponents; and we are willing to crush them because in the contest for political power, you do not normally ask your opponent, 'are you comfortable?' You do not say, how do I engage you? The rules of engagement is defined by the Garrison Commander to be implemented by his own infantry. It had been so defined, he gave the order and we were out and we won and we would keep on winning and we would never, ever pray for the delivery of our opponents. We would pray for their electoral demise. We have no apology for that.

In governance and in government houses, we would lead with the fear of God because that is the spirit of our mandate given to us. Therefore, our style of governance will be guided by transparency, accountability and rule of law and we have been doing these for the last three years in Nigeria. But because we are people with political dignity, we have no feeling we should come so low as to begin to respond to our opponents. Somehow, that silence has been perceived as a weakness or cowardice. We don't fear no body! We will defend our mandate. And from today on, Sir, our Garrison Commander, we are proud of you, we cherish you, we respect you because what you did produced this gathering here and in 27 states of Nigeria where your efforts, your work brought victory to the PDP. I only implore those who came after you to no dull moment but continuous engagement.

And so Mr Chairman, Sir, when we go there, you will commission a project, a project completed or done or accomplished by the very government you brought about. So that you can tell Nigerians that electing PDP, either in Jigawa or anywhere

else, there should be no cause for regret because PDP means electing progress, electing performance, electing service delivery, electing security of Nigerians. This is something we should be able to amplify.

We have done a number of things in Jigawa State. We have been able to turn around the fortunes of the people of Jigawa State. I would not be able to go and say this outside because they will say I am blowing my own trumpet but before my own party leader, I think I have the right to give him my report card. And today, with all pride, I give you my own report.

In Jigawa State, every year we have been able to achieve a minimum of 80% of our budget in the last three years. And as you go out, within the state capital, you should be able to see some signs of the emerging PDP's humanism. Because what you see in Jigawa is what you see in Katsina, what you see in Sokoto, what you see in Kebbi, what you see in Kogi, what you see in Benue and in fact, all other PDP controlled states. And that is why Nigerians are yearning for PDP. Where there is no PDP, they are waiting for PDP to also celebrate. They want PDP in Yobe, they want PDP in Borno, in Kano, they are



Alhaji Sule Lamido
Jigawa State Governor

tired, having been waiting for PDP. They want PDP all over Nigeria.

Therefore, Sir, breathe that life into us. Tell us what you did. Announce to Nigerians that the PDP is the only party because there is no alternative. You cannot imagine having Nigeria under a party called CPC, a new invention, an invention of names or itinerants, people who go from party to party looking for ticket to contest. Or AC, the party which fielded a candidate who was earlier an PDP, contested, failed, went to court. After all the allegations, he is now coming back to the very party he took to court. There is no better testimony than this that the PDP was right, is right and won the elections and what we see now is people clamouring to come back into the party. All those who left the party thought they will leave a vacuum and the party would collapse. But you said that as far as you were concerned, you were prepared to lead your infantry of ten people who are strong, committed, resolute and fearless than going to a war with an army of One Million cowards. And those cowards went into other parties and therefore, they lost and lost very, very miserably.

So, Mr Chairman, Sir, we are taking you to Miga, (Local Government Area of Jigawa State) where you will commission a project. Earlier on a year ago, I invited former president, Olusegun Obasanjo and I am not in any way creating contest between leaders. Obasanjo was the president leading PDP, Ahmadu Ali was the party Chairman and to any other person, I will say let him make me win election in 2011 and then I will invite him to commission projects but for this time, the honour, the glory and the celebration is to those who led PDP in 2007 and you have the monopoly, total monopoly. On behalf of the entire victory team, you are welcome home, Sir."

Ahmadu Ali

"My brief visit to Jigawa State has now become a double mission. The invitation was conveyed to me to come and commission a project. But I am also using the opportunity to pay condolence to the Executive Governor on the demise of our brother and astute politician, Alhaji Abubakar Rimi. I will beg the Grand Khadi to please give us some prayers for the repose of his soul in the next world. (Prayers by Grand Khadi Munir Mustapha).

You are lucky to have missed this gem. I mean Alhaji Sule Lamido. He is a graduate and political philosopher of authentic ideology who understands very much the problems of poverty and the poor. And he has gone all round to translate his philosophy practically on the ground. A son that was once our Foreign Affairs Minister, Nigeria's eyes in the entire world came from here, Jigawa State. That is him. You cannot be luckier to have him because there is nothing he has not seen anywhere.

Like I keep saying, democracy is international now but still, every nation has its own appreciation of democracy. The medicine that worked in America or in India may not work in Africa or in Nigeria. So, we have to understand this. I therefore would like to implore you that with a man with vast experience in politics because he didn't start today, he didn't start with the PDP. When I said he belongs to the authentic seed of politicians, you know what that means. Those were the grass rooters. Sometimes when you see him, you won't believe he is the governor. Because he believes power belongs to God and it shouldn't make anyone swollen headed.

I know, from what he has said, that we must at all times, as PDP members, defend our victory. It becomes phyric victory if we do not defend it because we fought for it, we worked for it, we campaigned for it, we suffered for it, we prayed for it. Now, God has given it to us, we must thank God.

PDP is the only party in this country that, for the moment, has the capacity to salvage us. If you remember, in 2007, we produced a manifesto, our intentions were captured in the Irreducible Minimum. This manifesto we are supposed to carry now and then revalidate, re-value and re-invigorate.

Sule Lamido, with the little money he is getting, has performed tremendously. I advise many of you here too to get into the other states and compare the tremendous efforts that his philosophy has injected into the polity here, you would find that those who are heretofore of that philosophy, their performance is not that glorious. 80% of our manifesto has been implemented in Jigawa State.

Jigawa should pass out of its cocoon and open its doors for the rest of Nigeria to see what is happening. They may call it publicity, they may call it campaign, so what?

I was asking about the fantastic that you revitalized the ICT school in Kazaure. It is wonderful. I learnt you have paid its debt of over 600 million, has injected life into that project and the school is now affiliated to the University of Singapore and more is being done there. Please, let the rest of us know because that school is now part of the Galaxy System which is a national project with a lot of FG involvement. Let us know.

I told the National Vice-Chairman (PDP) that at least you should open the doors for the 19 Northern states to bring in students and participate. Don't take it yourself alone. Alhaji Sule, budo kofar, (open the door). Because that (ICT) is the secret of the future, the key of the world ahead, the Information Technology. You call it school of what now? Informatics! It is fantastic.

I think the PDP should be rest assured that from all indications we are doing so well that the so-called developed countries, out of jealousy would like us to derail. We will not.

Because everybody who have kicked us, who have left the bandwagon of the PDP have found themselves returning to the PDP. Now, like the tower of Babel, they have all fallen down from the tower. That party, CPC, I call them party of political vagrants. They are just running from pillar to post, clutching on any straw likely or unlikely. But we welcome them if they mean well for this nation because we all mean well for the nation.

And I would like you all to ensure that we do not lose faces. Don't be distracted. You have a gem, hold on to him, give him all the advises you can, fight him if you like but when he tells you, this is the best way to go, listen very carefully because he is not talking as a Jigawa man now. He is talking as a man who has represented Nigeria all over the world. That is the difference.

For my part, we have played our parts as God ordained us to do at that time. We have left the stage now, we are on the sidelines we are watching, we are advising where possible and especially when asked. As steady as the party is in Jigawa State, I can assure you, coming from Abuja, that is how steady on the ground the party is in Abuja under Jonathan. It is as solid as the rock

of Asa itself. Nigeria has a tendency to go on the brink all the time but God comes and salvages us. Who would have thought that we would get out of our political trap with a Doctrine of Necessity. With that, we are able to march forward again. Jonathan is on the same ticket with Umaru Yar'Adua and we have not changed anything. Don't be distracted by anything. The North-West Zone should stand firm, solid and look for support of your other colleagues in the other Zones. When the time comes, inshallah, we are behind you.

Ladies and gentlemen, I seek the permission of the Chief Judge, the Grand Khadi and the Commissioner of Police to say:

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Enchi, (Freedom in Hausa)

I would like to end my short address with my old slogan:

Aluta continua! Victoria accuta"

Transcript of the statements of the respective speakers when former Chairman of the PDP, Senator, (Dr. Ahmadu Ali) paid a courtesy call on the Jigawa State Governor, Alhaji Sule Lamido on April 20, 2010 at the Government House, Dutse



Senator (Dr.) Ahmadu Ali
Former National Chairman, PDP

labour report

'Government is deliberately killing NITEL to favour private operators'

By Francis Okeke

NEW ministers in the Information ministry have been appointed and they also oversee parastatals including postal and communications agencies. What is your call to them as a union going through difficult times?

First of all, we want to congratulate the ministers that have been appointed to oversee the ministry of information and communication. The minister Professor Dora Akunyili is coming back to a familiar terrain and the minister of state is not new to administration. Somebody who was a commissioner in a state and became a deputy governor and in the communication industry, he happened to be the president of guild of editors before now. I believe that both of them will put hands together to see that the ministry is brought on stream. I want to congratulate them for the privilege of being selected out of over 140 million Nigerians to occupy these positions. But along that line we equally want to inform them that telecommunications industry has a lot of challenges especially as it concerns the work force and I am sure that in due course we will get them to their knowledge as time progresses.

Half of monetisation entitlement to workers was paid last year. What is the situation now?

Right now we want to sincerely believe that the 50% arrears of monetisation has been captured in the 2010 budget. Now that the budget has been passed, we sincerely hope that any moment from now, the government should do all within its power to ensure the arrears are paid. We don't want a situation where what happened last year will take place again; we had to call out workers on strike before 50% was paid. This time around, we want the government to fulfil their promise that by the time the budget is passed, the remaining arrears would be settled. So, we are calling on the government to within a very short period of time

In this interview, President of the National Union of Post and Telecommunications Employees (NUPE) Comrade Sunday Alhassan speaks on the challenges faced by staff of NITEL and how to resolve the issues. He also suggests the best way forward for the new ministers of information and communications.

pay the remaining 50% monetisation arrears so that the matter would be put to rest.

NITEL workers have harped on that they are owed over 24 months' salary arrears. How far have you gone with government on that issue?

We are calling on the new ministers since they oversee this particular organisation to make it one of their priorities to impress on the government that these workers are not allowed to die before their wages are settled. We do know that the government had the belief that NITEL had to be privatised and the proceeds are what they want to use to settle these arrears entitlement of workers. But the government is equally aware of the politics going on in the sale of this organisation. The last time we learnt that the Chinese company bid for \$2.5bn, everybody heaved a sigh of relief that that was going to end the problems of the workers but all of a sudden the turn of events has put us in a bad situation. We don't know what is happening now. In the process, the DG of BPE, the office saddled with the responsibility of the sale of this organisation was indefinitely suspended; we also know that there is leadership problem in the bureau right now. A lot of directors are complaining about junior directors being placed over them. All these have nothing to do with the welfare of the workers. As much as we appreciate the sale of the organisation for it to be well positioned if that is the take of government because we had said that just like the government had released money for the take off of Itakpe and Ajaokuta iron and steel mills, we believe that government can do same in the case of NITEL. We the workers believe that NITEL

can still come on stream and be able to stand at par with any telecommunication company in Nigeria. But if the government belief that selling off the national carrier is what they want, they could go ahead to do that but then let them take care of the welfare of the workers who for over 24 months now have not been paid salary. I wonder how a human being can stay without salary for that period of time. So, we are calling on the acting president who also doubles as the chairman of the National Council on Privatisation to please listen to the yearnings of these workers. A lot of rallies have been held to the National Assembly. We also call on our representatives at the parliament to please pay attention to these people; they are Nigerians, a lot of their marriages are crumbling, their children are out of school. Some of them have committed suicide in the course of this problem. We are calling on these new ministers to make it a point of duty, let it be one of their priorities to see that this issue of NITEL is resolved once and for all.

NITEL has over 4000 workers and some people are saying that the company cannot absorb all of them and that most of their members are out of



COMRADE Sunday Alhassan

date with current realities in the telecommunication world.

I wouldn't know what they mean by our members being out of date. A lot of people you see in the private telecommunications operators (PTOs) companies today are former NITEL staff. A lot of them have been so trained to handle telecoms activities. So, there is nothing that makes them out of date with current realities in the telecommunications industry. What we want is for these people to be put on trial; give them responsibility and anybody who is not able to meet up is the person you can accuse of not being able to cope with the challenges. As far as I am concerned, majority of NITEL staff are up to date in the industry and can still feature even in a privatised

economy; so many of them can still be relevant.

NITEL has undergone various failed attempts to be sold by the Federal Government. What is your call to government for a lasting solution?

We are most concerned about these failed attempts at the sale of NITEL. Like I said, our position as workers has been that we have never consented to the privatisation of the telecom industry in Nigeria especially the national carrier because there is no country in this world where they do not have a public operator. Only Nigeria wants to sale its own. If the government has a mindset of selling off its own, we want to see that this particular process is concluded in good time.

What we are asking the government to do is, there were reserve bidders in these sale processes, if the process with which a preferred bidder was selected was not transparent, what stops them as at now on falling back on the second or the third bidder? That is what we are asking. If there is nothing holding them, we are calling on the government to within a short period of time do whatever they can to conclude this process so that we know where we are going. But we are suspecting that they are doing all these to promote the private telecom industry at the detriment of the public operator; that is just our take on this.

Some industry workers and subscribers have raised misgivings about the serial change of name of a particular private operator. Does it have any effect on your members?

We see this change of management of some of those private operators to a very large extent as detrimental to the workforce because when the management change hands, a lot of policies come into play and these policies go to a large extent in resulting to job losses because the new investor may not want to go along with the workload that the former investor had and because of this, even our participation as a union in these organisations are always having problems because once you come in, the new owner will tell you I am just coming and I am just settling down, I don't know what the labour issues are, give us time to be able to know before you come in to organise your workers.

Within the next two years, another management takes over and this has always made it very difficult for us to organise these workers into a very formidable bargaining authority on their own. It does not mean that if you take over an organisation that the name must change. There are some of these PTOs that have changed management over the years and they have not changed their names.

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Blacklisting culprits, panacea for examination malpractice – Onyechere

Mr Ike Onyechere is the chairman of Exam Ethics International. In this interview with Daily Trust, he spoke on the perennial problem of examinational malpractice in tertiary institutions in the country and the way to put an end to it.

By Abdullahi M. Gulloma

THE issue of examination malpractice has always been a source of worry to many Nigerians, what do you think is responsible for the persistent cases of examination malpractice in the nation's institutions of learning?

Examination malpractice is the number one enemy of Nigeria's education system. The Examination Malpractice Index (EMI) of the country is at an all time high. Examination bodies cancel average of 429,000 results yearly which translates into N21 Billion wastage.

Examination fraud plants seeds of criminal values in the fertile minds of youths. Schools become places for breeding potential fraudsters. Foundation is laid for criminalization of society, for incompetent labour force, for corrupt leadership and for failed polices, failed projects, failed healthcare, failed education, failed banks, failed elections. It is therefore imperative for government at highest level to muster the political will to lead a decisive battle against this monster.

You were once the head of a team set up by the Federal Government to explore ways of putting an end to the issue of examination malpractice. Do you see that as a commitment on the part of government?

Yes, I was one of the education sector reform consultants when Mrs Oby Ezekwesili was the Education Minister, and I led a task team made up of representatives from the Federal Ministry of Education, some state ministries of education, NECO, JAMB, WAEC, NABTEB, ANCO-PSS, NAPTAN and TRC, among others. Our mandate was to evolve and implement policies for eradication of examination malpractice in the Nigerian education system. In line with our mandate, we came up with two Federal Ministry of Education blacklists.

The first was a blacklist of 324 schools identified to be involved in serial examination malpractices. On January 26, 2007, the then Minister of Education endorsed de-recognition of the schools as centres for examinations from 2007 to 2010. Within the period of de-recognition, the schools were barred as examination centres for NECO, WAEC, JAMB, NABTEB and NTI examinations. A good percentage of the blacklisted schools are operated by private proprietors, state governments and communities, including schools operated by religious organizations, the Nigeria Police, the Army and Navy.

The second blacklist was that of 232 individuals involved in aiding

and abetting examination malpractices. The blacklisted individuals included fourteen 14 from Federal Ministry of Education, 10 from NABTEB, 12 from NECO, seven from JAMB, two from NTI and 187 individuals that included staff of state ministries of education as well as examiners, supervisors, invigilators, principals, teachers and school proprietors.

On March 15, 2007, the then Minister of Education endorsed the removal of the blacklisted individuals as examiners, supervisors and invigilators of public examinations. They were to stand suspended indefinitely from administering, in any capacity whatsoever, NECO, WAEC, JAMB, NABTEB and NTI examinations.

The blacklist initiative achieved its initial objective. It sent out the message that government was now ready to deal with the challenge. Sanity was temporarily restored. But we rejoiced too early. As soon as the task team left with Mrs. Ezekwesili in May 2007, the Federal Ministry of Education fell to the pressure from blacklisted schools and individuals. The ministry withdrew its support and suspended the implementation of the contents of the blacklists.

Six out of the 14 individuals blacklisted from Federal Ministry of Education had the case of sexual harassment of students in Unity Colleges as part of the sex-for-marks racket going on in schools. Two of the worst cases happened in Federal Government Girls College, Mungono and Federal Government College, Kwali.

In 2006, a morally debased male teacher of FGGC, Mungono impregnated two sisters in the process of examination malpractice related sexual harassment. The teacher insisted on having sexual intercourse with the girls in order to pass them in his examinations even though the girls were intelligent and did not need to give any inducement to pass. But as it is now the case in many of our schools, randy male teachers see their female students as fringe benefits.

The FGGC Mungono teacher, having the knife and the yam, subjected the two sisters into submission under duress. When the matter was reported to the Federal Ministry of Education, the two pregnant girls were promptly expelled from school. Their parents were devastated. The mother became a psychological wreck. When officials of Exam Ethics International visited the school on Saturday, March 28, 2008, more than one year after we lost the blacklist battle, the teacher was still residing in the college premises and is still in the employ of FGGC, Mungono. The

randy teacher has never been reprimanded or sanctioned in any way.

A teacher in Federal Government College Kwali also had sexual intercourse with his student who became pregnant in 2006. As in the case of FGGC Mungono, nothing has happened to him. At a stage they said case file of the affected teacher was missing. The blacklist was the first attempt to sanction these teachers and their other randy colleagues. But the blacklist battle was lost and the affected teachers survived and are still surviving.

What gives you the impression that the blacklist initiative will address problems of examination malpractice in the country?

Because it is a success story in Ghana, our next door neighbour. The victorious battle of the blacklist in Ghana should be used as a reference in Nigeria. On Friday, September 4, 2009, WAEC Ghana published the names, pictures, examination numbers and schools of candidates involved in examination malpractices in Ghanaian national dailies, particularly the Ghana Daily Graphic Newspaper. Internet news sources also splashed the publication in a number of websites.

Shocked parents and schools linked up to demand a retraction but Ghana WAEC resolutely stood its grounds on the view that it is implementing the decisions of the 67th meeting of the International Examination Committee of WAEC. The parliament of Ghana not only endorsed the action of WAEC but rose in its defence.

In fact, on November 19, 2009, the Education Select Committee of the parliament of Ghana paid a solidarity visit to the Ghanaian WAEC National office. The Federal Government of Ghana also threw its weight behind WAEC. All other categories of stakeholders, including opposition politicians, supported the action of WAEC. Television and Radio stations launched special programmes in support of the blacklist. Education unions and associations threw their weight behind the initiative. Churches rose in support. Newspapers and magazines also ran special editorials and commentaries in support of the blacklist. Ghana, in every practical sense, rose up in arms. Those campaigning for withdrawal of the WAEC blacklist bit a quick retreat. Successful execution of the blacklist campaign in Ghana has now created an education environment in which only really stubborn students have the temerity to try any act of malpractice in any examination. It is only deranged parents who try to help their wards cheat in exams while sensible parents now admonish their children not to tarnish the



MR Ike Onyechere

family's name by being involved in malpractice. It is equally, the really reckless teachers, supervisors, examiners and invigilators who still try to support malpractices.

This shows that the blacklist initiative is an effective instrument for battling examination malpractices.

Therefore, instead of just waiting for the announcement of the next round of statistics of examination malpractice in 2010 May/June and November/December WAEC and NECO examinations, let us take proactive preventive measures. We can deploy the lessons of the blacklist initiative in Ghana to effectively combat malpractices in the 2010 examinations.

In what ways do you think that malpractices can be drastically reduced?

I will recommend nine practical steps. One, in line with the declaration to strengthen the anti-corruption campaign, there should be a presidential investigation on why the 2007 examination malpractice blacklist initiative was not implemented by successive Ministers of Education.

Two, examination bodies like WAEC, NECO, JAMB, NABTEB and NTI should be directed to dig into its databank of hundreds of thousands of examination malpractice cases in 2009 and select 370 worst cases for candidates, 370 worst cases for examiners, invigilators and supervisors and 165 worst cases for schools. They should proceed to publish the names of such candidates, administrators and schools in national Newspapers in line with their various mandates and in line with section 16 of the Examination

Malpractice Act of 1999.

Three, schools involved should be de-recognized as centres for public examinations for five years while the individuals should be suspended indefinitely as examiners, supervisors and invigilators of public examinations in line with section 16 Examination Malpractice Act of 1999.

Four, the employers of blacklisted individuals should take further disciplinary action which should include dismissal. Five, the blacklisted individuals should be reported to anti-corruption agencies including EFCC, ICPC, Code of Conduct Bureau for prosecution in line with various mandates of the agencies.

Six, education associations and regulatory agencies like Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT), Teachers Registration Council (TRC), All Nigeria Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools (ANCO-PSS) and Association of Primary School Head Teachers of Nigeria (APSHON) should openly promote self-regulatory mechanism by removing blacklisted individuals from their membership register.

Seven, examination bodies should conduct a comprehensive review of approvals they granted to schools as examination centres. Eight, examination bodies should co-ordinate their action and all actions should be widely published in national dailies.

Nine, the media has the greatest influence in terms of ensuring the implementation of the blacklist initiative. The management of media organisations should design strategies to sustain focused support for implementation of the blacklist initiative in Nigeria.

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UNILAG to run only post-graduate courses

VICE Chancellor of the University of Lagos Professor Adetokunbo Sofoluwe said the university is being repositioned to become a post-graduate degree awarding institution only.

Sofoluwe, who disclosed this at a workshop organised by the School of Postgraduate Studies, said that the university has been given the mandate to focus more on post-graduate studies.

Sofoluwe said the Governing Council had given the institution the mandate to become a full-fledged post-graduate degree awarding institution as soon as possible.

"The machinery to realise the objective has already been put in place, and we will soon start admitting candidates for higher degrees," he said.

Sofoluwe explained that the workshop was to address problems associated with the PhD programme, which according to him, needs too much time to accomplish.

Speaking at the workshop, the Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies Professor Tolulope Ogun-dipe identified poor thesis writing skill of most PhD candidates as one of the major factors delaying the commencement of the programme.

UNILORIN to penalise 100 students for indecent dressing

From Kassim Mufta'u, UNILORIN

ABOUT 100 students of the University of Ilorin are to be penalised for indecent dressing, Dean of Student Affairs of the university Professor Sulaiman Abdulkareem, has said.

He said the students, includ-

ing two males, were apprehended recently by the university following several complaints from concerned parents and well-wishers over the indecent dressing of some students within and outside the campus.

Abdulkareem explained that the university had earlier introduced a dress code and taken time to coun-

sel its students against imbibing the habit of indecent dressing.

"The university authority is sad that girls who are students of the university can be singled out in town for unnecessary exposure of their bodies and underwear," he said.

Abdulkareem noted that many of the female culprits who were

caught in the act looked more like street women than university students to anyone who might have seen their pictures.

He said the dress code policy would also be extended to staff as part of efforts to instil moral values in members of the university community.



PUPILS performing at the Nigeria Military School Games recently.

BUK student emerges first at Olu Obafemi essay competition

MISS Wahab Zilfat of the Department of Mass Communication of the Bayero University Kano has emerged the overall best essay writer in the maiden edition of the Olu Obafemi Annual National Essay Contest.

At a colourful ceremony held at the Royal Shekinat Hotel, Miss Zilfat went home with a cash prize of N20,000.

Also, Ibidapo Whyte Habib of the Faculty of Law of University of Ilorin and Adebayo Ahmed of the College of Health Sciences of the University of Ilorin took the second and the third prizes of N10,000 and N5,000 respectively.

Other students who fall in the category of the best ten contestants also smiled home with certificates and other consolation prizes at the grand finale.

While expressing satisfaction with the competition, editor of the University Campus Journalists, organisers of the essay contest, Mr. Alabi Mohammed Abdulkareem commended all those that made the programme a success.

COREN donates computers to UNAAB

THE Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN) has donated 10 desktop computers and other accessories to the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (UNAAB).

President of COREN Alhaji Ahmed Gumel, who presented the computers, said the materials are meant for the institution's Department of Civil Engineering.

He said that the donation was

part of the council's efforts at supporting the teaching of engineering programmes in tertiary institutions.

Gumel said he was hopeful that the gesture would spur the university to provide more facilities for the department, adding that the donation was the beginning of other planned supports for the institution.

He called on stakeholders in

education industry to give priority to the faculties of engineering in the universities, saying that "no nation can develop without a deliberate policy to encourage the acquisition of knowledge in engineering."

According to him, the quest for infrastructural development can only be achieved, when a robust indigenous engineering capacity is encouraged.

He commended the Vice Chan-

cellor of the university Professor Olaiya Balogun and other principal officers for a job well done.

Receiving the donation, Professor Balogun reiterated his commitment to nurture the College of Engineering to a model in the country, adding that the computers would be put to the best use to enhance the teaching and learning of engineering in the university.

FUTY may increase school fees next session

From Bonita Bislam, FUTY

THE Vice Chancellor of Federal University of Technology Yola (FUTY) Professor Bashir Haruna Usman has declared a possible increase in school fees as from next session and a short semester for students of the institution.

In a speech at the 2009/2010 matriculation

ceremony of new students, the vice chancellor said there is need for improved funding of the university for effective learning.

"As we are aware the government alone cannot provide the facilities needed for efficient learning. There is need for parents and all stakeholders in the university to consider how they can contribute

to funding the university, probably through increase in school fees," he said.

The vice chancellor also said that the university is interested in the affairs of the Students Union Government (SUG), hence the constitution of a caretaker committee following fears of instability that characterised the last SUG election.

You must know your genotype, SUG tells students

STUDENTS have been called upon to have adequate knowledge of their genotype in order to fight the spread of sickle cell in the country. This was part of the outcome of the sensitisation seminar organised by the Student Union Government (SUG) of the University of Ilorin in conjunction with the Association for the Prevention of Sickle Cell Anaemia (APOSCAN).

The seminar was organised to sensitise the students on the importance of knowing their genotype and its compatibility with others. The guest lecturer at the occasion was Professor

Banji Adewuyi of the Department of Haematology, University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital.

Adewuyi, who is also the president of APOSCAN, delivered a paper on the 'Significance of the Haemoglobin Genotype,' said a sickle cell patient cannot perform certain duties that non-sickle cell patients can perform.

He noted that the best prevention is for anyone with AS or SS genotype to avoid getting married with either a carrier, AS or a patient, SS. HE also noted that genotype testing is also important in paternity and maternity determination.



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Three injured in Kwali accident

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

THREE persons were on Tuesday afternoon seriously injured in a motor accident that occurred at Kwali town, along the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred when a truck with registration number XP 552 ABC that was loaded with bags of onions,

lost control after a burst tyre and crashed by the roadside, leaving three passengers wounded.

"Immediately after the incident, officials of Yangoji unit of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) rushed to the scene to evacuate the victims to Kwali General Hospital," the witness said.

Yangoji FRSC unit Commander, Abdullahi Umar, attrib-

uted the accident cause to a burst tyre, adding that the victims, who are all male adults, are at Kwali General Hospital.

He said the accident caused a serious traffic jam, which blocked the highway, forcing vehicles coming from the opposite directions to divert through bush paths before the dented truck was removed road.

Driver in court over cyclist, passenger's death

By Romoke W. Ahmad

A 25-year-old driver was last Tuesday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly causing the death of a cyclist and his passenger.

Umar Muhammed of Nyanya Tipper Garage was accused of committing the offence on April 15 as well as committing offences contrary to Sections 27 and 29 of the Road Traffic Act. Prosecutor Sanni Seriki told the court that the accused drove a Mercedes tipper

with registration number XS 206 BUU in a dangerous manner along Phase 1, Jikwoyi and hit a cyclist, Lurwani Magaji as well as his passenger Abel Iwegbu, adding that both victims died on the spot.

When the charges were read, the accused pleaded not guilty and asked for bail.

Chief Magistrate Ahmed Shuaib ordered that the accused be remanded in prisons custody pending the formal request for his bail application and adjourned the case to May 5, 2010 for hearing.



PIC: FELIX ONIGBINDE

A man extends his accommodation facility by constructing a wooden extension to a car at the Federal Secretariat, Abuja.

Cattle rearer charged with mischief

By Hussein Yahaya & Ibraheem A. Fatai

A cattle rearer was on Tuesday arraigned before an Abuja magistrate court for allegedly allowing his cattle to destroy yam seedlings in a farm belonging to one Adasu Gbeji.

Bello Musa of Gosa village, Abuja, was accused of committing the offence on April 14.

Prosecutor Paul Anigbo told the court that on April 14, Adasu Gbeji of Gosa village reported at Lugbe Police Station that the accused person's cattle destroyed his yam seedlings.

"The cows entered the complainant's farm and destroyed 49 pieces of yam seedling valued at N80,000, thereby committing an offence punishable under Section 327 of the Penal Code Law," the prosecutor said.

When the charge was read to the accused, he denied them and requested for bail, which was not objected to by the prosecutor.

In his ruling, Magistrate Emmanuel Iyanna granted the accused bail in the sum of N50,000 with a reliable surety in like sum, who must reside within the court's jurisdiction and swear to an affidavit to produce the accused in court on the adjourned date.

The case was adjourned to May 17 for hearing.

Abuja trade fair: Residents complain of ticket collection process

By Ogechi Ohalee

RESIDENTS of Abuja are complaining over the process used by organisers to collect gate fees in the ongoing 5th Abuja International Trade Fair that has more than 350 national and interna-

tional companies in attendance.

A resident lamented that hefty persons, who look like thugs are positioned near the main entrance to collect tickets from people after they must have paid N100 to sales ladies.

"They harass those without

tickets and this is bad for the image of the country as foreigners see what happens at the gate," a resident said.

Another resident, Mrs. Getrude bemoaned that she didn't budget to pay N100 as gate fee and was pushed off from the gate.

Ngozi another lady appealed to government to reduce the gate fee for the benefit of masses.

Our reporter learnt that items and materials are sold at moderate prices compared to what exists in most shops in Abuja.

NGO to install mobile toilets in Abuja

By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

VON Concept International in collaboration with the Abuja Environmental Protection Board (AEPB) has concluded plans to install mobile toilets that have modern facilities at public areas within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The arrangement is under a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) agreement.

Speaking yesterday at a seminar on promotion of public health and environmental sanitation in Abuja, General Manager of VON, Mr. Paul Nwabuzor, said there is the need to install such facilities in order to make Abuja a real modern city as well as improve personal and environmental hygiene of its inhabitants.

He said the present public toilets are not serving the entire residents' demands, adding that peo-

ple litter under bridges with faeces and urine.

Mr. Nwabuzor disclosed that the company will install mobile toilets that are durable as well as serve people's needs, irrespective of their social class and physical structures, stressing that proper maintenances will be put in place.

Speaking earlier, VON's Executive Director, Ezinne Daniel, said they observed at a spot that

within an hour, more than 50 people go to bushes or roadsides to ease themselves in the city, which shows the need to complement the existing public toilets with mobile ones.

In his speech, AEPB's Director, Dr. Abubakar Yabo, harped on indiscriminate defecation and urination, adding that the board would soon build 1000 toilets besides the mobile toilets to be installed by VON.

Corrigendum

In a news story titled 'FCT Customary Court judges elect new executives' that appeared in our Tuesday's publication, we erroneously put Ismaila Ibrahim's name as the newly elected chairman instead of Ismaila Suleiman.

We regret the inconveniences caused by the mistake.



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NIOB JUNE, 2010 PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION

This is to inform all prospective candidates that the June 2010 NIOB Examinations hold from Monday, 7th to Thursday, 10th June, 2010.

CENTRE: ABUJA, LAGOS, GOMBE, ENUGU, AWKA, KADUNA, KANO, EKITI AND ILE-IFE

TIME:
 Morning Paper - 9.00am - 12Noon
 Afternoon Paper - 2.00pm - 5.00pm

LEVELS OF EXAMINATION	QUALIFICATIONS
1. Technician Examination	Student Membership of the Institute
2. Licentiate Examination	ND(Bldg) or HND/B.Sc in Allied professions
3. Associate Examination	B.Ed (Bldg)
4. Graduate Examination	HND (Bldg)
5. Direct Membership Examination	HND (Bldg) with 10years experience
6. Corporate Examination	B.Sc (Bldg) with 3years experience
7. MCS Examination	HND/B.Sc(Bldg) with 15years and 10 years experience respectively.
8. Referred Paper	Candidates referred in subject(s) of previous Examination.

Submission of Examination Forms closes on Friday, 21st May, 2010.

Only applicants who are on the Institute's register are eligible to take the Examinations.

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CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA NIGERIAN TREASURY BILLS

TENDER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Central Bank of Nigeria that the Federal Government of Nigeria Treasury Bills of 91 and 182-day tenors amounting to N10,000,000,000 and N30,799,681,000 respectively would be issued by Dutch auction on Thursday, 29/04/2010.

All Money Market Dealers should submit bids through the CBN TEMENOS INTERNET BANKING between 9.00a.m and 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28/04/2010.

Each bid must be in multiple of N1,000 subject to a minimum of N10,000. Authorized Money Market Dealers are allowed to submit multiple bids. A bid may be for authorized Money Market Dealers own account, Non - Money Market Dealers or interested members of the public. The result of the auction would be announced by 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 28/04/2010. The Bank reserves the right to reject any bid.

Allotment letters would be issued for successful bids on Thursday, 29/04/2010, while payment for the successful bids should be made to your account with Central Bank of Nigeria not later than 11.00am on Thursday, 29/04/2010.

*The Bank reserves the right to vary the amount on offer in line with market realities prevailing as at the period of auction of the Nigerian Treasury bills.

Government Securities Office
Financial Markets Department
Central Bank of Nigeria
Abuja

Job Vacancy



Family Health International is a public health and development organization working to improve the lives of the world's most vulnerable people. Our 2,500 staff work in 55 countries conducting research and implementing programs that advance public health and build local capacity to address development problems. Since 1971, Family Health International has been a global leader in family planning and reproductive health and, since 1986, in the worldwide response to HIV/AIDS. Our research and programs also address malaria, tuberculosis, and other infectious and chronic diseases. Our partners include US and international agencies, governments, foundations, research institutions, and individual donors.

In Nigeria, FHI is currently engaged in providing public health services and undertaking research in HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and reproductive health in partnership with the Government of Nigeria, under funding from the United States aid programs as well as from the Global Fund and private foundations and corporations. To strengthen our operations we are seeking qualified Nigerian candidates for the following position:

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR HEALTH PROMOTION Country Office, Abuja

The Associate Director Health Promotion will be responsible for overseeing activities of the Health Promotion Unit, which include implementing the FHI/GHAIN SBC strategy in line with the health promotion concept.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop new partnerships, assist with grant writing, health communications, program evaluation, implementation of evidence-based interventions, media engagement on SBC, policy development in relation to various disease intervention areas in FHI/GHAIN such as HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria, CVDs, RH, FP, IMNCH and HSS
- In coordination with technical leads, develop an SBC/health promotion strategy and operational plan for FHI
- Design, lead and implement the FHI SBC and health promotion strategy for Nigeria across the continuum of prevention, treatment and care in all disease programs
- Facilitate training courses and workshops in areas such as HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, TB, malaria, CVD, and health systems strengthening
- Use identified training needs arising from strategic and local agendas to develop and deliver appropriate training for stakeholders, e.g. health professionals and volunteers
- Work with zonal managers and technical leads to develop work plans in SBC for all disease programs
- Ensure that work is underpinned by sound up-to-date knowledge of health promotion theory and make sure that projects are based on evidence of effectiveness
- In collaboration with the Senior SBC Advisor, review job descriptions for SBC officers and set targets for achievements and outputs for each zone and for the country office
- Provide technical support for building the capacity of country office and zonal office SBC staff
- Work with technical leads to identify gaps in SBC materials for all disease programs

- Identify SBC materials from organizations in Nigeria or other countries (e.g. South Africa, Thailand, etc) which can be adapted for FHI Nigeria
- Provide regular health promotion/SBC status analysis to GHAIN senior management

Minimum Requirements

- Masters degree with 7-9 years experience or B.Sc. with 9-11 years in any relevant discipline
- MBBS or PhD with 5 years experience will be considered
- Ability to manage external and internal communications in a large, complex health-related project
- Minimum of 5 years working experience in health promotion or similar role
- Ability to travel in Nigeria at least 25% of work time

Method of Application

Interested candidates should forward their suitability statement (application) and resume (CV) as a single MS Word document within 5 days from the date of this publication to:

Commsjobs@ghain.org

Only applications sent electronically (i.e. by e-mail) with the job title and location clearly indicated as the subject of the mail will be considered, and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Please do NOT send more than one application.

Failure to follow these instructions will lead to automatic disqualification.

DISCLAIMER: Family Health International (FHI) does not test/interview candidates for a fee and all our tests/interviews are conducted in the country office Abuja or our zonal offices.



Federal Government of Nigeria Federal Ministry of Aviation

West & Central Africa Air Transport Safety & Security Program (WCAATSSP)
Credit No:4364- UNI
Procurement and Installation of Equipment for Training Centre
IFB Number: WCAA TSSP/NCB/GD/02/2009

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in *Development Business*, issue no. ID 100785 of 4th June 2007, Guardian & Thisday newspapers of 1st June 2007.
- The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a credit from the *International Development Association* toward the cost of **West & Central Africa Air Transport Safety & Security Program (WCAATSSP)**, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for the **Procurement and Installation of Equipment for a Training Centre**.
- The **Project Coordination Unit (PCU)** of the **Federal Ministry of Aviation** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of the following:

Lot	Item	Description of Goods	Delivery Location	Qty	Delivery Period	Bid Security
1	1	Equipment for NCAA Training Centre	NCAA Operational HQ Annex, Lagos	Various	90 Days	Not less than 2% of total bid price

- Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures specified in the *World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Project Coordination Unit (PCU)** of the **Federal Ministry of Aviation** at the address below and inspect the Bidding Documents from **11.00a.m to 4.00p.m. Mondays to Fridays, except on public holidays**.
- Qualifications requirements include:**
 - * Documentary evidence of at least three (3) previous contracts for supply (sale) and delivery of similar Goods and Aviation Equipment proposed, with size equivalent to the lot(s) bided, over the last 5 years.
 - * Audited Financial Statements for the last 3 years to demonstrate the financial capability of the Bidder in terms of Profitability and adequate working capital.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in **English** may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee **N10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Naira) only** or in **80 USD (Eighty US Dollars)**. The method of payment will be cash or bank draft in favour of **West & Central Africa Air Transport Safety & Security Program (WCAATSSP)**. The Bidding Documents will be collected by the representative of the Bidder or by courier services on request.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **12:00noon on 20th May, 2010**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. **Late bids will be rejected**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **12:00noon on 20th May, 2010**. All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of not less than **2% of bid price** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

9. The address referred to above is:

The Project Coordinator,
Project Coordinating Unit
West and Central Africa Air Transport Safety & Security Program
Federal Ministry of Aviation,
No. 1, Sarki Mukhtar Crescent,
Off Abdusalami Abubakar Way,
Apo 1, Durumi District,
Abuja.
Nigeria.
Tel. 2349 781 7734
Email: petavlation2000@yahoo.com

Signed
D .H Mohammed.
Project Coordinator.



LAGOS UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL

PRIVATE MAIL BAG 12003, LAGOS, NIGERIA

SCHOOL OF POST BASIC NURSING COURSES 2010/2011 SESSION

Applications are invited for admission into the underlisted one year Post Basic Nursing Courses which will commence in November 2010.

- Accident & Emergency Nursing
- Paediatric Nursing
- Ophthalmic Nursing
- Peri-operative Nursing
- Nephrology Nursing

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Applicants should possess the RN qualification with or without RM, WAEC/GCE or NECO/GCE 5 credits including credit in English Language and one Science Subject, not more than two sittings with at least two years post qualification experience and current practicing licence issued by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria.

Note: Applicants who qualified in 2006 till date are to possess credit in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in addition to the requirements above.

CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION

Written examination and interview will be conducted at 9.00a.m on the 19th and 21st June 2010 respectively at the School of Post Basic Nursing. (Human Resources Development Centre) Lagos University Teaching Hospital. Please bring along originals of all relevant certificates.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applicants are to pay the sum of N5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira Only). The fee should be paid to the Cash Office LUTH, Lagos between 9.00am - 2.00pm. Photocopy of the receipt must be submitted to the office of the Chief Coordinator, School of Post Basic Nursing, before collection of the form.

CLOSING DATE FOR RETURN OF APPLICATION FORMS

The copies of the completed application forms, 2 recent Passport Photographs, Photocopies of the relevant certificates and one self addressed envelope with stamp should reach the Administrative Office of the School of Post Basic Nursing not later than Friday 31st May, 2010.

Prof. Akin Osibogun
Chief Medical Director



USMANU DANFODIYO UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL, SOKOTO

STAFF VACANCY

A. QUALIFICATION:

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION** in the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto. Candidates must possess good Honours Degrees from recognized Universities in any of the Social Sciences OR Master's Degree or Final Diploma of the Institute of Hospital Administration of U.K and must be a member of the Institute of Health Service Administrators' of Nigeria. Those who are earning below salary CONTISS 14 need not apply for the position.

B. EXPERIENCE:

Candidates must have had not less than 15 (fifteen) years cognate experience in the Service of a Teaching Hospital/Specialist Hospital or similar institutions.

C. SALARY:

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D. CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

These will be as obtained in other Teaching Hospitals or similar institutions in the Federation.

E. REFEREES

Candidates should have three (3) referees and request them to write directly to the Chief Medical Director, Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto, P.M.B. 2370, Sokoto.

F. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applicants should submit Twenty (20) copies of their letters of application with detailed Curriculum Vitae to the Chief Medical Director, Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto within 6 weeks of the publication of this advertisement.

G. Only applications of those short-listed for interview will be acknowledged.

ALHAJI BALAHASSAN
AG. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION.
FOR: CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Inside Politics

Nnamani, Masari, others face PDP today

By Muideen Olaniyi

FORMER Senate President Ken Nnamani, former Speaker of the House of Representatives Aminu Masari and their co-travellers in the PDP Reform Group are due to appear today before the leadership of the Peoples Democratic Party to answer allegations of anti-party activities.

Also expected to appear before PDP National Working Com-

mittee are Chief Onyema Ugochukwu, Chief Tony Ukasanya, Senator Adolphus Wabara, Chief Sunny Iroche, Senator Agboti, Senator Ngele, Senator Ifeanyi-chukwu Ararume, Chief Achike Udenwa, Chief Rochas Okoro-cha, Chief Ekpeyoung and Chief Abiye Sekibo, Awwal Tukur, Prof. Alphonsus Nwosu, Dr. Peter Odili and Kelechi Igwe.

The invitation notice signed by PDP National Publicity Secre-

tary Prof. Rufai Alkali on Tuesday advised them to appear to clear themselves of the charges against them.

"The NWC is in possession of facts linking some respectable members of our party with a scheme to subject our great party to disrepute, contempt and hatred," Alkali said in the letter.

"The said members and others, meeting under the umbrella of PDP Reform Group are reported

to be engaging or to have engaged in conduct likely to cause disaffection among members of the party or likely to disrupt the peaceful, lawful and efficient conduct of the business of the party or otherwise engage in anti-party activities or precipitate faction and belong to a group under the guise of the party by whatever name called, not being one provided for in the constitution of the party.

"In consonance with our com-

mitment to the principles of justice and fair hearing, the National Working Committee of the PDP at its emergency meeting of 20th April, 2010 acting under and by virtue of powers conferred on it in Article 21.4 of our party constitution resolved to invite (them) to appear before it on Thursday 22nd April, 2010 at 12 noon to clear themselves of allegations linking them to these plots," the letter said.



PIC: NAN

Och'Idoma the 4th Elias Obekpa (right) presenting documents on the request for the creation of new Apa State out of Benue State to deputy speaker of the House of Representatives Usman Bayero Nafada at the National Assembly, Abuja, yesterday.

Nnamani group to float new party

By Muideen Olaniyi

SENATOR Ken Nnamani-led Good Governance Group (3G) which also campaigned for a constitutional resolution of the crisis arising from President Umaru Yar'adua's illness said it was planning to float a new political party to wrestle power from the PDP.

A leader in the group Salihu Lukman, who addressed newsmen in Abuja on Tuesday, said, "We have decided to lead Nigerians on a different course; a course that will lead to an end of the nightmare which the ruling PDP and the dominant political class has inflicted on Nigerians.

"We are prepared to champion the formation of a truly democratic and development-oriented political party that will guarantee a new politics that focuses on the welfare of the people and not the pecuniary interests of the elites.

"We have no fixations on whether this new platform will be entirely a fresh party or a sanitised and reformed old party.

But the basic issue is that it will be a party that recognises the colossal failure of the last decade and changes the logic of politics from corruption to governance. The people, not the generals, will be the driving force of such platform."

PDP congress to go on despite Jang's opposition

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE PDP caretaker committee in Plateau State will go ahead and conduct a congress to usher in a new state party executive in spite of reservations expressed by Governor Jonah Jang.

Committee chairman Abu King Shuluwa, who announced this yesterday in Jos at a ceremony to welcome two Action Congress (AC) state legislators into the PDP, said party's structures in the state would be in place before the national secretariat publishes time

table for primary elections.

He said no amount of intimidation would stop his committee from conducting the congress as that was the mandate given them by the national secretariat of the party.

Shuluwa said the congress would hold soon according to the party's guidelines but that the form it would take would be disclosed to party members in due course. He said those who were not interested in participating in the congress should stay away from the activities of the committee and not

try to stand in the way. The caretaker chairman said only those who do not mean well for Plateau would want the crisis in PDP to continue. He said even if those trying to put stumbling blocks on the path of the party were afraid of losing the elections, they should in the interest of the state avoid further crises by participating in the congress.

The two AC members of the state house of assembly who decamped to PDP were Samuel Damlar from Bokkos and Ladan Garkuwa from Mangu North constituency.

Jonathan can't guarantee credible polls—ANPP

By Abbas Jimoh

THERE is no indication that Acting President Goodluck Jonathan could guarantee credible elections in 2011 as he pledged recently while on a visit to America, the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) has said.

National Publicity Secretary of the party, Emma Eneukwu, told journalists yesterday in Abuja that less than a year to the elections, there was nothing tangible yet to show that a better electoral process was coming.

"At the moment, our electoral body

INEC does not have authentic voters' registers on ground even as we have few months to the 2011 general elections.

Anambra State governorship election held last February is a case in point where the authentic voters register that has about 1,900,000 registered voters but on the voting day, INEC brought entirely different voters register carrying fictitious and unfounded names different from the actual names registered. One could have expected that INEC in the face of such blatant mistakes should have

started corrections on time before 2011 polls to avoid a repeat.

"It is also disheartening to know that till now the National Assembly has not finished with the electoral reform recommendations... the very slow manner with which it has been handled does not portray that it will ever be ready for 2011 general elections," Eneukwu said.

He said that Jonathan may likely run in the presidential election, and therefore he is an interested party who may not implement the electoral reform agenda dispassionately.

Uduaghan's re-election campaign takes off

A campaign organisation for the re-election of Delta State Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan in 2011 has been inaugurated in Asaba.

Speaking on the occasion on Tuesday, Deputy Governor Prof. Amos Utuama said the people of Delta should be proud to identify with Uduaghan and return him for a second term because of his pedigree.

He said that the governor had done so much and that his re-election would foster the PDP political fortune while failure to do will be similar to "putting our political fortune at risk" in Delta.

Utuama, who said he was over-whelmed by the calibre of people that turned out for the event, said nobody would regret supporting Uduaghan for another four-year term.

The organisation, which has three members from each of the 25 local government areas of the state is headed by politician Chief James Otobo. Otobo in his speech, urged members of the PDP who left for other parties for whatever reasons to come back to the party and join in electing Uduaghan for a second term. (NAN)

Plateau Assembly begins 4-week recess

THE Plateau House of Assembly yesterday commenced a four-week recess.

A statement yesterday in Jos by chairman of the committee on information Mr Emmanuel Jugul said the recess would end on May 18. (NAN)

SPORT

Former IOC boss,
Samaranch,
dies at 89

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Bosso surprised at Rabi'u exclusion

FORMER Under-20 coach Ladan Bosso says he is surprised that midfielder Rabi'u Ibrahim and two other players from the Flying Eagles team that he coached were not included in Lars Lagerback's list of 44.

Ibrahim has become of the most talked about players in Nigeria, and former coach Shuaibu Amodu was heavily pilloried for not calling up the youngster to his squad.

"There are three players whose names I expected to be included on the Lagerback's list of 44 and they are Rabi'u Ibrahim, Obiora Nwankwo and Edet Ibok.

"Rabi'u is a genius that if encouraged can go on to make name for himself like Jay-Jay Okocha because of his abundant football talent. Also since the exit of Sunday Oliseh in the Super Eagles fold, the only player that could be compare to him skills wise is Obiora Nwankwo of Inter Milan.

"Edet Ibok who excelled in the last Under-20 World Cup in Egypt should have been called up to try out for the central defense role in the team.

"These are young and very hungry players that can help Lagerback achieve success in South Africa, especially Ibok who is strong and fearless," Bosso said.

Meanwhile, President of amateur side, FC Ebedie, Barrister Churchill Oliseh has reviewed names on the Super Eagles provisional list of 44 and noted that it is only a continuation of the Shaibu Amodu regime.

Former Eagles skipper, Sunday Ogorchukwu Oliseh's older brother said in an interview with *brilafm.net* that he does not expect anything good from Nigeria's highly-anticipated campaign at the Mundial.

"From the list that he released, nothing has changed. There is no



RABI'U Ibrahim is a surprise omission from Lars Lagerback's 44-man squad for Super Eagles pre-World Cup training camp.

difference between Amodu and Lagerback.

"From the list Lagerback has released, what we see is a continu-

ation from Amodu. There is nothing new and nothing new is going to come out of his tenure," said the man who exposed Obafemi Akin-

wunmi Martins, Stephen Ayodele Makinwa, Femi Ajilore, Benjamin Chukwuka Onwuachi and Ifeanyi Emeghara.

NFF plans send forth for Eagles

DESPITE media reports that the Super Eagles will storm the 2010 World Cup in South Africa from London, England, further information from The Glasshouse reveals that the team will regroup in Abuja for a send forth party before final departure to Johannesburg.

Nigeria Football Federation spokesman, Ademola Olajire gave this hint in an interview with *brilafm.net* in Abuja, during which he also confirmed the itinerary of international friendlies already lined up for the team.

"After the list of 30 final players, they will gather in Abuja for a special reception which we are planning for May 20.

"It's the traditional send forth we normally give our teams going for major international assignments, after which they will fly to London on May 21.

"The camp will open in London on the 21st, where they expect to play two or three matches before leaving direct to Johannesburg on May 31.

"We have a match against Latvia lined up for May 23 and against Colombia on May 30.

Meanwhile, FC Groningen of Holland midfielder, Ebenezer Oluwafemi Ajilore will be seeking audience with his coach at the Dutch club for permission to arrive at the Super Eagles camp in London on April 27 and April 28.

Ajilore expressed delight at his invitation and promised in a chat with *brilafm.net* to do his best to grab a place in Lars Lagerback's final squad to World Cup 2010.

"It's something I've been looking up to. It's like a dream come true for me. I've been looking forward to this opportunity, but I still have a game to play.

"I will have to discuss with my coach and, if he permits me, I will be there," he promised.

Mum stops Onuoha from Eagles

MORE facts have emerged on why Manchester City's Nigerian-born defender, Nedum Onuoha, refused overtures to join the Super Eagles for the World Cup in South Africa.

NFF's deputy general-secretary, technical, Dr. Ikpeme Emmanuel revealed in a chat with *brilafm.net* that the former

youth international's mother, Dr Antonia Onuoha, was consulted but says she stopped the 23-year-old player from accepting Nigeria's offer.

"Nedum Onuoha was reached and I can personally confirm that I spoke with him. He even had me call his mum, who is also his agent.

"She called me and told that,

based on circumstances with his club, he cannot play for Nigeria. She appreciated the interest we have given him, but says he cannot play for us.

"Nigerians should not attack the NFF that we could not reach Onuoha. I will be wrong to say the NFF could not pull him out to play for Nigeria.

"I am privileged to be head of the technical department of Nigeria Football Federation, but the lad said he does not want to play for Nigeria.

"His mother spoke to me and told me why Onuoha should not play for Nigeria. She called me and explained everything. What do you want NFF to do?" Ikpeme pondered.



ONUOHA



NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION, KADUNA VACANCY FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

1. PREAMBLE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education. The Board is the regulatory agency for technical and vocational education, outside the University sector.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

The NBTE was established by Act 9 of 1977, with the following responsibilities, among others:

- a) To advise the Federal Government on and coordinate all aspects of technical and vocational education falling outside the Universities;
- b) To determine, after consultation with the National Manpower Board, Industrial Training Fund and such other bodies as it considers appropriate, the skilled manpower needs of the country in the industrial, commercial and other relevant fields for the purpose of planning training facilities and in particular to prepare periodic master plans for the balanced and coordinated development of polytechnics.
- c) To inquire into and advise the Federal Government on the financial needs, both recurrent and capital, of Polytechnics and other technical institutions to enable them meet the objectives of producing the trained manpower needs for the country;
- d) To advise on, and take steps to harmonize entry requirements and duration of courses at technical institutions;
- e) To lay down standards of skills to be attained and to continually review such standards as necessitated by technology and national needs.

The National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions Act of 1985 and Amendment Act of 1993 extended the function of the Board to include the establishment and maintenance of minimum standards in Polytechnics and other technical institutions in the Federation, accreditation of academic programmes in all Technical and Vocational Education (TVE) institution for the purpose of award of national certificates and diplomas and other similar awards, and recommendation for the establishment of Private Technical Institutions in Nigeria.

3. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer of the Board, as well as the Secretary of the Governing Board, and shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board and the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Board.

4. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The appointment is for a term of five (5) years in the first instance and renewable, subject to satisfactory performance, for another term of five (5) years and no more.

5. REMUNERATIONS

The salary is consolidated and the appointee shall enjoy benefits of office as applicable to Government Parastatals and as may be approved from time to time by the Federal Government.

6. QUALITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate for the post is expected to possess the following academic, administrative and professional qualifications and personal qualities:

- a) The applicant should demonstrate academic leadership, with a minimum of a Ph.D in disciplines relevant to Polytechnic programmes from a recognized educational institution, plus a minimum of twenty (20) years of cognate experience in teaching, research, industry and administration; at least five of which must have been gained within the tertiary educational sector. These programmes are as follows:

- Agriculture and Related Technology
- Art Design and Related Technology
- Business and Related Studies

- Engineering Technology
- Environmental Design Studies
- Finance and Related Studies
- Health and Related Technology
- Hospitality and Related Technology
- Information Technology Studies
- Science, Computing and Related Technology

- b) Must provide evidence of membership of a recognized professional institution or registration with a regulatory body in Nigeria and evidence of scholarly publications in reputable journals, as well as presentation of papers at educational conferences, seminars and/or workshops;
- c) Must be a person with initiatives and vision for sustaining the accelerated pace of development of TVE in Nigeria;
- d) Must be a fair-minded and dynamic individual with an unimpeachable character and impeccable reputation;
- e) Must enjoy excellent physical and mental health (with evidence from Government Hospital); and
- f) Must be proficient in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

7. METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications should be accompanied with fifteen (15) typewritten copies of candidates' Curriculum Vitae giving the details in the following order:

- a) Full Name with Sumame underlined
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- c) State of Origin/Local Government
- d) Marital Status
- e) Number and Ages of Children
- f) Current Postal Address including telephone number and e-mail
- g) Educational Institutions attended with dates
- h) Academic/Professional qualifications obtained with dates
- i) Membership of Professional Institutions and/or Registration with Regulatory Bodies
- j) Academic/Scholarly Publications and/or Technical Report
- k) Previous Employer (s) and Post (s) held with dates
- l) Present Employment including status and salary
- m) A statement (not more than 1,500 words) of his/her own vision for the Board in the 21st century
- n) Other activities outside current employment, such as community services and entrepreneurial initiatives
- o) Names and addresses of three (3) Referees, one of whom shall be the employer, who are to forward confidential reports on them directly to the Board.

Applicant must be ready to support every claim with documentary evidence (where applicable) and bring the originals of all their credentials if invited for interview.

Applications are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked "POST OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY" on the top left hand corner, addressed to:

**The Acting Secretary to the Board
National Board for Technical Education
Plot B, Bida Road
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And to reach him not later than six weeks from the date of the advert.

The Board reserves the right to extend the closing date if deemed necessary, and/or re-advertise the position should this particular process not yield the desired result.

Signed:

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Arc. Tpl. Ade Ojo Aimola
Ag. Secretary to the Board

Judo: Nigeria returns with 3 bronze from Yaounde

From Adeolu Johnson, Lagos

THE country's judo team returned from the 31st edition of the African Judo championship in Yaounde, Cameroun on Tuesday with three bronze medals.

The tournament which was a world championship qualifier featured 24 countries with competitions in eight categories.

Disclosing this to Daily Trust Sport, the scribe of the Nigeria Judo Federation, Mr. Yemi Usikaye, said the three medals

were won by two ladies and one male.

He said Franka Audu won bronze in the 48 kg, while Adjidat Ayuba won another bronze in the +78 category.

The last bronze medal he disclosed was won in +60 category by Eniafe Alabi who was the only male representative amongst the participants.

Usikaye said Nigeria came sixth in the championship with Tunisia emerging winner with 6gold 4silver and 2bronze medals.

Cameroun the host country came fifth in the event dominated by the North Africans.

He disclosed that another Nigerian, Kemi Omojowo was upgraded to the status of an international referee during the championship. He disclosed that the highpoint of the championship was the congress which harped on the introduction of new rules of the game.

He thanked the leader of delegation Hon. Isa Matori for making the trip possible and called on

corporate bodies and philanthropists to support the sports as the government cannot do it alone.

He said the North Africans are doing well in the sport because they are getting more exposures just as he appealed to Nigerians to rally round the sport.

The judo secretary disclosed the team will be representing the country at the world championship in Cairo, Egypt from May 15 to 19. The championship he added would also serve as the Olympic qualifier.

NFF goes tough on Delta FA boss

THE Disciplinary Committee of the Nigeria Football Federation will today meet in Abuja to give a verdict on the matter of Delta State Football Association Chairman, Mr. Pinnick Amaju, over comments which the football house considered detrimental to its image.

The Committee decided on Thursday last week to give Pinnick, also Chairman of the Delta State Sports Commission, one last chance to appear before it after he failed to turn up for the scheduled date of April 15 in Abeokuta.

In a letter signed by the Assistant General Secretary (Competitions), Dr. Mohammed Sanusi, who is also Secretary of the Committee, the NFF warned that it would be the last opportunity for Pinnick to defend himself against the allegations before it takes a decision.

Amaju Pinnick had been invited by the NFF Disciplinary Committee to make clarifications on statements credited to him and published in some national dailies, in which he accused the Federation of over-bearing in its handling of the issue involving the management of Sharks Football Club of Port Harcourt.

Obuh looks beyond victory in South Africa

By David Ngobua

FLYING Eagles Chief Coach, John Sam Obuh, has said in as much as his wards did very well by winning the four nation invitational tournament in South Africa, he does not see anything so special about it as he said it was nothing more than training sessions for his boys.

Speaking to Trustsports yesterday, the former national U-17 coach said he was happy that his boys began on a winning note but he is not disposed to the idea of making the players feel they have achieved something special.

According to him, there are more serious challenges ahead and the moment the players are

made to feel they have achieved something spectacular, they are bound to become complacent.

Obuh maintained that he had taken time to explain to the players the need to look beyond the victory in South Africa to the challenges ahead of them.

He said: "I am happy that we started on a winning note but I do not see anything so special

about the four nation tournament. I look at it as advanced training for my boys.

We learnt few things and that is it. I don't want the boys to be distracted.

The coach said what is on his mind at the moment is the Africa U-20 Championship which he described at a very tough competition.

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Mikel out for three weeks

SUPER Eagles midfielder John Mikel Obi will be out for at least three weeks after tearing a meniscus in his knee in last weekend's 2-1 loss to Tottenham Hotspur.

Mikel hobbled off with just over half an hour played at White Hart Lane, and he told KickOffNigeria.com that a scan on the knee showed a torn meniscus.

"It's a little tear in the knee meniscus," Mikel told KickOffNigeria.com. "I won't play this weekend, and the doctors say it will take about three weeks to heal, although there will be no surgery."

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Mikel's injury will have both Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti and Nigeria coach Lars Lagerback sweating under the collar.

Ancelotti is without a specialist defensive midfielder Michael Essien with a long term crock, and Lagerback can ill-afford to have one of his most regular players injured so close to the World Cup.

Mikel was named in the Swede's provisional World Cup squad of 44 and said despite undergoing treatment, he intends to pitch up at Nigeria's World Cup training camp.

"I will be in the camp. It is very important for all of us as players to get together, even if there is no match.

"I am always proud to play for my country, and it is an honour to be called up to join the team."



MIKEL will be out for about three weeks due to knee injury.

'We are ready for World Cup shirt battle'

HOME based players included in Lars Lagerback's 44-man list for preparations ahead the South Africa 2010 World Cup finals have declared their readiness to fight for shirts in the World Cup final list.

Captain of the team which won the WAFU Nations Cup in Abeokuta on Sunday, Solomon Okpako said he is excited to be invited to the senior national team which offers him the opportunity to rub shoulders with the likes of Nwankwo Kanu, Mikel Obi and Yakubu Aiyegbeni among others.

"It is a great opportunity for me to be listed among the 44 players that

will begin preparations for the World Cup. It gives me the rare opportunity of playing alongside such great players as Nwankwo Kanu, Mikel Obi, Yakubu Aiyegbeni and others.

"It is an opportunity I have been waiting for and I believe I can work hard enough to ensure that I made the final list."

Goalkeeper, Akpan Bassey expressed joy over his inclusion in the 44-man list. "It's a great feeling to be noticed and appreciated. I feel happy about it and I believe that I can do my best to make the final list.

"I know we have a good col-

lection of goalkeepers in Vincent Enyeama, Austine Ejide, Dele Aiyenugba and Greg Etafia.

But I know it is God who made it possible for me to be noticed at this time and I believe that the same God will make it possible for me to make the final list."

Ahmed Musa told Complete Sports that the news of his inclusion in the senior national team's 44-man list released by coach Lars Lagerback in preparation for the South Africa 2010 World Cup seems to him like he was in a dream and want someone to wake him up.

"I can't believe this. It's like I am dreaming and maybe someone should wake me up," the Kano Pillars petit dazzler said after he was officially informed of his inclusion in the 44-man Lagerback's team after Sunday's final WAFU match.

"Things are happening very fast in my young career and I thank God for everything. I can't imagine myself playing against super star players like Kanu Nwankwo, Taye Taiwo, Mikel Obi, Obafemi Martins and others, it's an unbelievable honour for a young player like me and I will cherish it for long.

Musa sacrifices goals target for Eagles

NIGERIA Premier League top scorer Ahmed Musa has revised his goals target for the season after getting his first senior international call-up.

Musa, who is having a breakout season with Kano Pillars, had originally set a 20-goal target for him-

self this season. That figure would have obliterated the current 17-goal record set by Ishaya Jatau in 1993 and equalled by Akarandut Orok last season. "I wanted to score 20 goals this season, and I believe I would have made it, with the way I am going," Musa, who is officially on 14 goals,

told KickOffNigeria.com. "But now, I don't think I can make it anymore. I will miss some matches when I go to the Super Eagles camp, and the league is almost over so it will be difficult to come back and score the goals to reach 20."

But the 17 year-old is happy to sacrifice his goals target if it gives him a

chance to get in on Lars Lagerback's World Cup squad. "I have confidence in the way I am playing, and I knew I will be invited. So I don't mind if I don't score the 20 goals, because playing for the national team is the dream of every player and I am happy that I got the invitation to come to camp."

Okpako: Siasia made me a better player

KANO Pillars midfielder Solomon Okpako credits his progress from Under-20 reject to Super Eagles invitee to Samson Siasia, who axed him from the Flying Eagles team.

At the time, Okpako was acknowledged as one of the best holding midfielders in the domestic league, but was as shocked as league watchers when Siasia told him he was not good enough to make the squad to Egypt.

"I was surprised, but I was not disappointed because football has its ups and downs for every player and I felt that maybe it was not my time," Okpako told KickOffNigeria.com.

"But when the coach dropped me, he told me the things I was doing wrong. Some of the things he said was that I was not going forward enough and I was not joining up quick enough with the rest of the team when we were attacking.

"So I went back to Kano Pillars and I told them what the coach said and what he asked me to do."

Okpako, who will turn 20 in May, said the change was almost instant.

"The coaches there helped me

Before, I could only play as a defensive midfielder, but now, I can play as an attacking midfielder

to work on it and I started seeing the improvements.

"Before, I could only play as a defensive midfielder, but now, I can play as an attacking midfielder like I did in some games at the WAFU Cup, and I can also play as a support striker.

"Also, I never used to score goals, but I scored three goals at the WAFU Cup, and it is all because of what Siasia told me. I believe I am a better player because of him."

That was not the first time Okpako would suffer rejection. Starting his league career with Bendel United in 2005, Okpako left them when the club were relegated that year. But he was turned away by city rivals Insurance when he attempted to join them for the following season.

With nowhere else to go, the midfielder spent a full season at home before packing his bags and heading up north to join Kano Pillars at the end of the 2006 season.

"I just didn't know what to do where to go after Insurance rejected me. But I always believed that God would make a way for me."

Over the weekend, Okpako was one of six players from the domestic league named by Lars Lagerback in his 44-man provisional World Cup squad, and he says it did not come to him as a surprise, after consistent performances with Pillars.

"From the way I have been playing, I believed that I would be invited," he said.



The Federal Government College Kano Old Students' Association regrets to announce the death of the second Principal of the College Mr. Derrick John Bullock. Mr. Bullock was Principal of F.G.C. Kano between 1973 and 1979. He died in the United Kingdom on the 27th day of December 2009 and will be buried in Nigeria as directed in his will, by the grave side of his beloved wife Mrs. Christine Bullock on Saturday 1st May 2010 as follows:



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The 'Mega Party' humpty-dumpty:
Many chiefs, no Indians

It was probably the most predictable anti-climax of recent Nigerian politics. I am talking about the collapse of the effort to institute what has come to be known as the 'mega-party' by elements of the Nigerian political opposition. Well last week, the leading lights of the multi-sided discussions to build what Osita Okechukwu, secretary of the CNPP, once effusively described as a 'granite coalition', all came out to say the effort had failed. General Buhari spoke through Honourable Farouk Aliyu that the effort had been abandoned given the decision of former vice president Atiku Abubakar to return to his old PDP base, warts and all. Buhari did not announce what his next plan, but is expected to retreat into the laager of the Congress for Progressive Change, literally bloodied, in that grand political sense of needing to begin the painstaking process of building a new political movement. But why did it go so wrong? The seeds of the Humpty-Dumpty-like crumbling of the mega-party idea had always been present.

Atiku Abubakar won the empathy of the Nigerian people in the struggle against the Third Term agenda of Olusegun Obasanjo, with his painstaking use of the courts to deepen the democratic struggle against impunity and tyranny, as he serially defeated Obasanjo's schisms in many landmark court cases. Unfortunately, the fights were bruising, costly and tiring for Atiku Abubakar. He was unable to sustain the prolonged effort which a genuine struggle for democracy demanded and before long, he entered the infamous "dance of witches" secret meeting with Obasanjo.

The disappointment engendered led to his loss of the Action Congress party as Bola Tinubu seized the moment. In real terms, Atiku became a political light weight constantly on the run, despite the motion which the 'mega-party' initiative represented. The effort would have been worthy from Atiku Abubakar's perspective, if the movement was not only formed, but he was guaranteed to emerge as the presidential candidate in the 2011 elections. He would not get such an assurance, and in the end, he felt more comfortable returning to his vomit in the PDP. He still has to fight for space, against the stiff opposition of his opponents in Adamawa state and he is not even sure he will get a look in, when the 2011 candidacy is chosen.

At another level of the mega-party Humpty-Dumpty, is Bola Tinubu, clearly one of the most over-hyped politicians in the country today. Tinubu operates a twin-track policy. In the first place, he seized the AC in order to use it as the platform to attain political hegemony in the Southwest; his main focus is regional. He aspires to become the most important political leader in the region in control through his vassals in the different states of the region. He fancies himself the new Chief Awolowo, and cashing-in on the strong regionalist emotion within the elite of the region, he uses his significant media asset to promote the image of being the "Asiwaju" of Yoruba politics. The second track for Tinubu is not stated, but it is really to ensure that the EFCC is not used by the ruling party in the centre to demystify his years in power in Lagos. Tinubu will blow hot and cold but will go just as far as is possible to keep up the mythology of his ascendant power in Yoruba politics. When push comes to shove, he will not genuinely work for a mega-party or rock the boat nationally because he does not possess the immunity of power to fight the PDP at the centre. His horizon in real terms is not national but regional hegemony.

This is the general context which conditioned the multi-sided manoeuvres which began the mega-party movement and it was ambience which ensured that it was going to be dead-on-arrival! Nigerians truly wanted an alternative platform to the PDP and its do-or-die politics, but it is clear that most of what is the Nigerian opposition lack the vision, conviction and ability to midwife a mass democratic movement. Our opposition is like the proverbial stomach of the African elephant, which contains items of every description: from regionalists like Tinubu; gerontocrats like Chief Anthony Enahoro with absurd ideas of balkanizing Nigeria along ethnic lines; tired radicals like Balarabe Musa to others in the pay of the ruling PDP. It is clear that despite the presence of the objective conditions for the emergence of a mass democratic platform, the subjective factors would conspire to make it impossible to pull it off. By last week, the strange bed fellows had become sufficiently disillusioned with each other that they chose publicly to go their different ways and in the process, blew the hopes of the Nigerian people, for an alternative. They seemed to have done even more; they have smoothed the way for a PDP victory in 2011. It is frightening but that is the brutal truth of the situation.

The effort would have been worthy from Atiku Abubakar's perspective, if the movement was not only formed, but he was guaranteed to emerge as the presidential candidate in the 2011 elections

So like Humpty-Dumpty, the mega-party collapsed and scattered in all directions and of course it cannot be put together again. Politics will be poorer to the extent that the behemoth of the PDP will ram it down the throat of the Nigerian people as it is

went, when 2011 comes. We have on our hands a classic of a political opposition made up of too many chiefs without Indians; conflicting ambitions, most of which have no patriotic content. In my view, the greatest loser is General Muhammadu Buhari, because he is the one most likely to have expanded his national appeal, if the mega-party idea had really taken off. He now has to re-strategize his national political project in the context of the disappointment. The collapse last week exposed the fact that Nigeria needs new political forces based in the working people, middle class, professionals and the poor to rise to the occasion, otherwise, the Nigerian people will face even worse situations into the future. This is the truth of our situation today.

Travel and holiday between California and England

I spent a week in California before coming into England last week. California has the seventh largest economy in the world, but in the midst of an economic crisis now, suggestion of a four-day working week is being discussed. But it is a beautiful part of the United States to visit, with developments in all facets of life: post-modern architecture; very well-run universities, the film industry and the arts in general plus its very friendly people. I arrived in England against the backdrop of the commencement of the campaigns for the forthcoming British General Elections as well as the first live television debate between the three main political leaders which seemed to have animated British politics. There is of course the volcanic ash spewing from Iceland that has disrupted aviation in the whole of Europe (I am scared about being stranded here!). It is instructive how the welfare of people is the central issue of governance in Europe and America. In turn it deepens legitimacy and consent between people and the ruling classes. It is this working of legitimacy and consent that continues to dog Nigeria's ruling class politics.

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JUAN Antonio Samaranch

Former IOC President
Samaranch dies at 89

Juan Antonio Samaranch, a reserved but shrewd dealmaker whose 21-year term as president of the International Olympic Committee was marked by both the unprecedented growth of the games and its biggest ethics scandal, died yesterday at a hospital. He was 89. Samaranch, a courtly former diplomat who served as Spanish ambassador in Moscow, led the

IOC from 1980 to 2001. He was considered one of the defining presidents for building the IOC into a powerful global organization and firmly establishing the Olympics as a world force.

IOC president Jacques Rogge will be among the dignitaries attending a special ceremony this morning before the funeral at Barcelona's cathedral later today.



LORENA Ochoa

Mexican golfer Ochoa retires

Lorena Ochoa is retiring, just as Annika Sorenstam did two years ago, leaving the struggling LPGA Tour without its No. 1 player again and depriving the sport of one of its great ambassadors.

Ochoa, probably the best-known athlete in Mexico who is not a football player, announced her surprise decision Tuesday and will discuss her plans Friday.

The 28-year-old got married last year, setting off speculation she might be putting golf aside to raise a family. She has been No. 1 in the world the last three years and won 27 times over the last six.

